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"And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch"

Mark 13:37

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To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

Another month has passed into eternity, bringing us each nearer to the moment when we shall enter into the same. How vitally important it is that we have our priorities in their right order and therefore live in obedience to the Lord's commandment, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness"* (Matt 6: 33). The Word of God in Mark's Gospel chapter 13, clearly warns us of various events which will occur prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world, and do we not observe some of these taking place now? The Lord said, *"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is"* (Mark 1: 33). There is at the present time an evident withholding of the work and blessing of the Holy Spirit, but does it grieve us and cause us to pray? The late William Cowper expressed his feelings in the verses he wrote:

Return, O holy Dove! return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

We are told by our merciful God to search the scriptures (John : 39), but how we have to prove a lack of zeal and fervency in doing so, when we become pre-occupied with the many concerns of this life.

We include an important and instructive article entitled, **THE TRUTH AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE** by Edward S. Teiffel and published by the Bible and Gospel Trust. It deals with a number of important points which are particularly relevant to the present times, when the Word of God is being completely disregarded by the majority, at all levels of society.

The most important point in Scripture to a person convinced of sin, and consequently feeling to be heading towards an eternity in hell, is the revelation of the one and only way of escape. That is, through the saving merits of the Lord Jesus Christ procured by His sufferings and death upon the cross at Calvary. This is beautifully detailed in one of the daily devotionals which we include, by the late **J. C. Philpot**, under the text, *"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood"* (Romans : 24&25).

We have on occasions given details about the school for orphaned children in Nigeria which is run by the Christian Watch Local Group there. We asked them to prepare a report on this important project to update us on the current situation. We include the response we have received under the title, **REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN WATCH – NIGERIA**. Because of the very difficult financial situation they experience, money has been kindly sent to support the work and in particular to assist in the payment of teachers salaries. You will notice at the end of the report they express their need for financial contributions.

The solemn state of our nation continues to cry out for the Lord's judgements to be further upon us. Our rulers continue to assure us all will be well if they are given time to implement their plans, but they appear to be ignorant that there is One who has all circumstances and events at His control. It is said that history is a great teacher and we should indeed learn from past experiences. We include a part of a sermon under the title, **GOD'S SWORD**, preached by the late William Dyer at the time of the London Great Plague during 1665/66. As noted by the Editor, soon after the Plague came the Great Fire of London that devastated large areas of that City. We wonder what is before us nationally as we continue to conduct our affairs with a determination to pursue and promote various evils so clearly condemned in Scripture. The Lord has said, *"They will not see, but they shall see"* (Isaiah 26:11). We shall not escape the further judgements of God unless we turn from our wickedness and repent.

We have regularly given information and warnings with regard to the ~~Muslim~~ Islamic religion. An interesting report was recently sent to us, in which an account is described by a man attending his annual training session in London for security clearance in the Prison Service. We include it under the heading, **The Uncomfortable Definition of an Infidel** by John Harrison MBE, MIDSc. The complete intolerance of Muslims to any other religion is clearly confirmed, and should be a warning to us with regard to the persecution we may experience, if they eventually are able to form a British government, which is their ambition within the next twenty years.

The foregoing situation is confirmed by a former Islamic extremist, Ed Husain, which we include under the title, **We've given in to the Fanatics**, recently reported by the Daily Mail newspaper. We cannot over emphasise the seriousness of the situation which this ex Islamic Muslim identifies. May the Lord give us each, and all who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, a gracious willingness and a determination to do all we can to contend against this satanic evil that will dominate religious belief in our beloved Country, and destroy our dearly won Protestant Constitution and heritage. In such circumstances, it is only the Lord who can sustain His people and for our comfort and encouragement, we include a short passage from C. H. Spurgeon's Faith's Checkbook based upon the text, *"He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"* (Hebrews 1: 5).

Few people in the United Kingdom appear to realise the most solemn consequences for our nation if the Lisbon Treaty is finally ratified by all twenty seven member countries of the European Union. We have produced a brief summary of some of these, which we include under the title, **THE LISBON TREATY**. Please pray that the Lord will intervene and frustrate the designs of Satan and overthrow the endeavours of his agents to bring our nation to ruin.

We are reminded that what is happening in the United Kingdom is also taking place in some other nations who have experienced the favour and blessings of the Lord in past years. When the Lord grants some material prosperity, it so often results in the blessed realities of real religion being replaced - firstly by formalities and then a progressive departure from the ways of the Lord. This situation is clearly identified in an article sent to us by Pastor Ken Kemble of Texas, USA, which we include under the title, **America's Sin in Forgetting God** by J. T. Larson. The past and present situations are identified. A solemn warning is given with regard to the future **and** unless there is a real God given Christian revival brought about by the Lord once again blessing His Word as it is preached and proclaimed by His servants and those who are faithful in the fulfilment of their God given responsibilities.

We include the **Christian Watch Notice Board** by our National Campaign Manager, Andy Clarke. You will see as you read it that Andy has had a very busy time, but his report on the various projects he has undertaken illustrate what can be done by a positive commitment and endeavour, with the Lord's help. We encourage all who have a little time and physical ability to contact Andy to establish what can be done to assist him in this important work. Time is short, so please do not delay in doing all you can to stay the tide of evil and lengthen out our days of religious liberty.

Finally, we include information on a project we are presently involved with under the title of **The Christian Heritage Centre**. We consider this would be a wonderful provision, if the Lord's will, to promote and proclaim the precious truths of the Gospel to many people who are totally ignorant of it at the present time. A free DVD is on offer which gives a detailed explanation of what we trust can be achieved, with the Lord's help and guidance.

We thank you for your support and trust you will continue to remember us in your prayers. In these trying and perplexing times how good it is if we have faith to believe, "*The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms*" (Deuteronomy 33: 27).

Yours in the Lord's service,



David Crowter

PS. Please make note of our Annual Public Meeting. Details are on Page 18

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THE TRUTH AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

By Edward S Teiffel

The Bible is no ordinary book. It is a book provided by God for man. It is the absolute, infallible, inspired Word of God. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God"* (2 Timothy 3:16). It is not a mere history book, or just a religious document. It is a moral book concerning *"the only true God"* (John 17:3) and *"Holy is His Name"* (Luke 1:49).

For centuries its truths (e.g. the creation of man, sin, the flood, the Deity of Christ, the resurrection) have been doubted, questioned, criticised, ridiculed, scorned, blatantly attacked, openly rejected and publicly banned. Yet it remains the most purchased book worldwide.

Those who believe and assert its teaching are called fundamentalists, creationists, etc. Yet thousands have died the cruellest deaths rather than surrender their faith in God's Holy Word.

Many of the supposedly learned search for scientific proof of its contents. They use an ever self-conflicting mass of argument to try and disprove it. To try to understand Scripture this way is futile. The scriptures themselves plainly state *"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him"* (1 Cor. 2:14). *They that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also to other scriptures unto their own destruction* (2 Peter 3:16)

The understanding of Scripture requires God's gifts of faith and the Holy Spirit. To those who have received God's gift of faith (Eph.2:8) and whose understandings have been divinely opened (Luke 24:45) they are a source of comfort (Rom.15:4) and *"profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* (2 Tim. 3:16). Scripture is the final authority in every matter. Paul reasoned *"out of the scriptures"* (Acts 17:2).

From the scriptures we learn that God is a Holy God, *"of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity"* (Hab.1:13). We learn that His standards never change. *"I am the Lord, I change not"* (Mal.3:6), and He is a *"God of judgment"* (Mal.2:17).

We also learn that God is not mocked. *"For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption"* (Gal.6:7-8), and *"whoremongers and adulterers God will judge"* (Heb.13 :4).

How accurately then is God's judgement foretold on the wickedness of this present age, *"God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:.... men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet"* (Rom.1:24,27). Could AIDS be more accurately described? *"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness"* (Rom.1:28-29).

The giving up of God and His truth, the declining moral standards, legalising of wickedness (e.g. homosexuality, de facto relationships) has provoked God's judgement in this alarming disease, *"God is angry with the wicked every day"* (Psalm 7:11).

How many tragedies God allows to happen, trying to remind us that in this world His Beloved Son was taken, and by wicked hands was crucified and slain (Acts 2:23). The Napoleonic wars followed by the two world wars of this century (in these latter over fifty million killed) attest His judgements on the rejection of His Holy Testimony from the Reformation until now.

Yet we also learn that He is rich in mercy (Eph.2:4), *"not willing that any should perish"* (2 Pet.3:9), *"Commandeth all men every where to repent"* (Acts 17:30). We learn that *"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all"* (1 Tim.2:5-6) and that *"the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7) and that furthermore God gives the Holy Spirit to them who obey Him (Acts 5:32). The call to every Christian is plainly stated, *"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord"* (2 Cor.6:17), to *"depart from iniquity"* and *"follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart"* (2 Tim.2:19,22). *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ"* (Titus 2:13).

Do you think the Scripture speaks in vain? (James 4:5).

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood.” (Romans 3. 24&25)

Before we can have faith in Christ's atoning blood, we must see the glory of the Person of the Lord of life. *“We beheld his glory,”* said John, speaking of himself and the other favoured disciples, *“we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”* May I ask you a question, you who profess to know these things? Were your eyes ever anointed to behold the glory of Jesus? Did faith ever contemplate, did hope ever anchor in, did love ever flow forth to the glorious Person of Immanuel? Was he ever precious to your souls? ever *“altogether lovely”* in your eyes? so that you could say, *“Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth I desire beside thee?”*

Now, if you have seen his Person by the eye of faith, you have had faith flowing out of your soul to his atoning blood; for his atoning blood derives all its value, all its validity, and all its efficacy from its being the blood of that glorious Person. Upon that atoning blood we then view infinite dignity stamped. We then view it as the blood of the Person of Him who was God-man; and we then see the dignity, immensity, and glory of the Godhead of Jesus, stamped upon the sufferings and blood that flowed from his pure manhood. When we see *that* by the eye of faith, what a rich stream does it become! What value is stamped upon it to purge and cleanse a guilty conscience!

Now, when this is known and felt, the soul is justified. Justification passes over from the mind of God into the bosom of the sinner. He never really was, in the mind of God, in an unjustified state; but he was in his own conscience, and he was as touching the law, and he was as regards his standing as a sinner before the eyes of a holy Jehovah. But the moment he is enabled, by living faith, to touch and take hold of the atoning blood of the Lamb of God, justification passes over into his soul, and he becomes freely justified, pardoned and accepted, through the blood of sprinkling upon his conscience; and he stands before God whiter and brighter than snow, for *“the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.”*

J.C. Philpot

From - ‘Through Baca’s Vale’ (See page 13 for details of daily emails of this series)

REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN WATCH – NIGERIA

Meetings and Evangelism

We arrange general meetings for our Members (five per annum) to keep them informed of our work. In addition, we arrange regular management meetings for our Executive Committee. All our meetings are opened with prayer and closed with a hymn and an address based upon a passage of scripture, selected by the speaker for the occasion.

We now have 45 members, including eleven families.

Visits are made to various churches, schools, hospitals, prisons and homes for elderly and needy people. We use every opportunity available to proclaim the Word of God and the way of salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, we evangelise in the rural areas of our State. An example of this is reported by Mr. Basse who was one of four members of our Committee who went to Akon village, about 12 kilometres from Ikot Udoetor village. Akon is a small village in which most people living there are unbelievers.

The day we went we felt we should enter into a compound on the side of the road leading into the village. We met there a man with a boy about 9 years old. We also saw three women preparing palm oil. Without delay, we introduced ourselves and showed them our identity cards and told them where we were from and explained about Christian Watch. After praying, we informed them of the good news concerning Jesus Christ. One woman told us she was preparing palm oil to earn a living and to feed her children, because of the difficult situation in the area. She emphasised her need for money and would not listen to us. We told her that she should first seek the kingdom of God and then all other things would be added for her. She responded by asking if that statement we had made was in the 'so called' Bible? We replied, "What you call, 'so called' are the words of God". We referred her to the book of Matthew 6:33, *"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"*. At the end of our discussion the woman apologised. The second woman, who had been listening, received us and brought chairs for us to sit on.

We then opened the book of Philippians and read from chapter 1 verse 21, using her local language. We told her and the other women that the theme is that "Spiritual life begins with Christ". We explained that St. Paul the Apostle was telling the Philippians that a person who lives in Christ can be really happy. It is by Him a person becomes wise unto salvation and it is alone by Him that we are cleansed from every sin.

We explained that the Apostle Paul personally experienced this. Before he was spiritually reborn, he was selfish and unkind, but when Jesus entered his heart, he no longer thanked God that he was not like other people, but saw himself a sinner and preached Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. We told them that they must pray to be united with Christ and born again of the Holy Spirit. At the end of our message Mrs. Justina gave them N5,000. They were exceedingly happy and asked to visit us and to become members of Christian Watch. We closed the meeting with prayer and went on our way to another compound to spread the gospel message.

That day we visited and preached in six compounds in which the Word of God was received with gladness. We went home feeling thankful for the goodness of the Lord in enabling us to proclaim the Gospel to needy sinners.

Our Prayer Group meets each morning at 5.00am for scripture reading, prayers and hymns. We have also recently been reading together the daily devotional passages by J. C. Philpot, sent to us each day by Christian Watch - UK. Sunday services are held at 10.30 each Lord's Day morning and again in the evening. Various other meetings are arranged for fellowship, prayer and fasting.

We have lost a total of 5 members by death since we started and are thankful that CW/Nigeria has been able to provide coffins for the burial of each one.

Christian Watch School & Seminary

Staff members of the School send greetings to all Christian Watch Members in the Name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The School opened in September 2004 with a few local orphaned children attending. By 2006 the number had increased to 60 and now is 90. We are aware of other children that would like to attend, but owing to our limited finances, we cannot afford the necessary facilities or additional teaching staff. We are extremely grateful to those members of CW/UK who have provided the money to pay our teachers salaries and whilst we were led to believe that these salaries would be paid by a local source for 2009 onwards, we are again dependent upon the kindness and generosity of our supporters in the UK to assist us at least for the remainder of this year. May God reward them abundantly.

The School Management Committee meets regularly to encourage children and teachers with their work. The Chairman of Christian Watch Nigeria, Mr. Friday Isaiah Udobia, has provided the School with teachers tables, chairs, school books, black boards, clothes, sandals, socks and some outdoor equipment.

Teaching in the restricted rooms we have available is very difficult and we urgently need a six classroom block and two offices to allow us to function efficiently. The Lord knows our needs and we pray for His help in this and all matters of concern.

We are concerned for the health of the children and we daily examine them for health and general cleanliness. If any are unwell we take them to a local clinic for treatment.

With reference to children's books and writing materials, the little we have are supplied by Mr. Friday Udobia, but we urgently need more to enable efficient tuition.

The children have to be at school at 7.30am and lessons commence at 8am. The day begins with prayer and a study of the Scriptures. It is then followed by tuition in maths, English, hand writing, social studies, science, health and physical education, computer studies, craft and music.

Financial Support

Any financial contributions towards the operating costs of our Christian Watch School in Nigeria will be much appreciated and enable us to do more for the poor deprived children in the area we are situated. All gifts should be sent to Christian Watch in the United Kingdom and be clearly marked for the School in Nigeria. We also thank those who have kindly sent financial support in the past.

We wish you all the Lord's blessing and we value your prayerful support for our work.

Esseme A.A.

Christian Watch – Nigeria

God's Sword!

By William Dyer

(William Dyer, "Christ's Voice to London." Preached in London during the time of the 'Great Plague' of 1665-1666. The 'Great Plague' was a massive outbreak of disease, which killed an estimated 100,000 people, 20% of London's population.)

Listen! The Lord is calling to the city – "*Hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it*" Micah 6:9.

Oh, London, London! God speaks to you His judgements! Because you would not *hear* the voice of His *Word* – He has made you to *feel* the stroke of His *rod*! Oh, great city! how has the plague broken in upon you, because of your abominations! "*Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.*" Psalm 106:29. Oh! How is the wrath of God kindled against you, that such multitudes of thousands have died within your borders, by **this severe plague - God's sword!**

London! how are your *streets* thinned, your *widows* increased, and your *cemeteries* filled, your *inhabitants* fled, your *trade* decayed! Oh! therefore lay to heart all these things, and turn from your wicked ways, that the cry of your *prayers* - may outcry the cry of your *sins*! Be like the city of Nineveh, who believed Jonah's message from God, and humbled themselves, and fasted and cried mightily unto the Lord. Oh, Did *Nineveh* repent and turn from their wicked ways - and shall not *London*?

Perhaps you think that all is now well, and that God is pleased with you, because the plague is abating. I say, blessed be God for this! But "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*" Galatians 6:7. To whomsoever God bestows great **mercies**, if they abound in great **wickedness**, He will inflict great **punishments** upon them! Alas! beloved, the *plague* abates - but your *sins* increase! There is no turning from sin - nor turning to God! There is no reformation and amendment of life among you! If this is so - then God is not done afflicting you!

If you remain...

as *profane* as before,
as *superstitious* as before,
as *carnal* as before,
as *lukewarm* as before,
as *hard-hearted* as before,
as *proud* and *vain* as before,
as *worldly* as before;

I say, if it is thus with you, God is not yet done with London - but has other judgements to pour out upon you, though He now causes the plague to cease.

(Note: Shortly after the writing of the above, in September of 1666, the '*Great Fire of London*' gutted the city, and consumed 13,200 houses. The social and economic problems created by this disaster were overwhelming.)

The Uncomfortable Definition of an Infidel....

By John Harrison MBE. MIDSc

I attended, in London, my annual training session for maintaining my security clearance in the prison service.

There was a presentation by three speakers from the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Muslim faiths, who explained their beliefs.

I was particularly interested in what the Islamic Imam had to say about the basics of Islam, complete with video.

After the presentations, question time. I directed by question to the Imam and asked: 'Correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand that most Imams and clerics of Islam have declared a Holy War against the infidels of the world and, that by killing an infidel, (which is a command to all Muslims) they are assured of a place in heaven. If that's the case, can you give me the definition of an infidel?'

There was no disagreement with my statement and, without hesitation, he replied, 'Non-believers!'

I responded, 'So, let me make sure I have this straight. All followers of Allah have been commanded to kill everyone who is not a follower of Allah, so they can have a place in heaven. Is that correct?'

The expression on his face changed from one of authority to that of 'a little boy who had just been caught with his hand in the biscuit tin.'

He sheepishly replied, 'Yes.'

I then stated, 'Well, I have a real problem trying to imagine Pope Benedict commanding all Catholics to kill Muslims, or the Archbishop of Canterbury ordering all Protestants to do the same in order to guarantee them a place in heaven!'

The Imam was speechless!

I continued, 'I also have a problem with being your 'friend' when you and your brother clerics are telling your followers to kill me! Let me ask you a question. 'Would you rather have your Allah, who tells you to kill me in order for you to go to heaven, or my Jesus who tells me to love you because He will take me to heaven and He wants you to be there with me?'

You could have heard a pin drop as the Imam remained speechless.

Needless to say, the organisers of the Diversification' seminar were not happy with this way of exposing the truth about the Muslims' beliefs.

FACT: Islam is the fastest growing religion in the UK.

Within twenty years, ie. 2029, there will be enough Muslim voters in the UK to elect a government of their choice, complete with Sharia law.

Everyone in the U.K. should be required to read this, but with the current political paralysis, tolerant justice system, liberal media and p.c. madness, there is no way this will be widely publicised.

Please pass this on to all your contacts.

WE'VE GIVEN IN TO THE FANATICS

Commentary by Ed Husain – Former Islamic extremist

Like many young British Muslims, I was 'radicalised' at college. Just as the three British-born men who were found guilty this week of plotting to blow aircraft out of the sky were recruited at school, I encountered extreme Muslims at the age of 16 and was slowly converted to their ranks.

At my East London college, the Islamic society was run by the extremist group Hizb ut Tahrir, which believes in setting up an Islamic state, destroying Israel, and denounces Western values.

At first, I, too, was convinced by their rhetoric. However one awful violent moment changed me forever. A young African man was knifed to death by the Muslim contingent at the college, simply for being a non-believer. After a petty row over the use of the snooker table, the Muslim group issued a call of jihad against the young man and summoned their Hizb ut Tahrir contacts for 'outside backup'.

An operative arrived and plunged a dagger into the boy's heart. The victim's name was Ayotunde Obundabi and I saw him lying dead. To Hizb ut Tahrir his life was worthless because he was not a Muslim.

At that moment I understood the consequences of the rhetoric of radicalism.

The murder, in 1996, compelled me to walk away from extremism. Now I believe I have to speak out about what I see happening in Britain before a terrible act of terrorism claims yet more lives.

Although one fanatical Muslim cell has been caught, this is no time for complacency. Make no mistake, terrorism is flourishing in our country as never before.

Why? Because a toxic combination of politically correct policy, denial and fear have opened the way for hate to grow in our midst.

Unwilling or unable to recognise the scale and cause of the danger we are all facing, our leaders have turned a blind eye to what is going on.

There are now tens of thousands of Muslims living in Britain, physically present in our country, but psychologically attached to Muslim-dominated countries. Large parts of our cities have become Muslim ghettos, where you can wake up in the morning and go to bed at night without seeing a non-Muslim face.

They might as well be in Pakistan or Afghanistan for all the contact they have with ordinary Britain. They can send their children to Muslim state schools, go to Muslim NHS doctors, and do business at the Islamic bank.

Not only this, but we, the taxpayers, fund many of these Muslim ghettos. When immigrants arrive in this country to claim free housing from the Government, they are given a choice of Muslim areas to settle in. Why do we allow this? Why not offer these new arrivals housing where they can integrate with the British people and learn about our nation's culture?

Meanwhile, our prisons have become recruiting centres for radical imams, or Islamic priests. Around 10,000 ordinary Muslims are in our prison system, sharing space with convicted terrorists and extremists, putting them at risk of brainwashing. But instead of protecting them from this, our system actually directs them towards these forces. So when a young Asian drug dealer from Bradford's streets goes down, he is designated a practising Muslim, whether he was previously religious or not.

He is issued with a prayer mat and a copy of the Koran and is handed over to the prison Imams, many of whom come from the same Islamic school of thought that produced the Taliban. Time and time again, I have seen Muslims go into prison as young Asian men, and return to their communities as something very different.

Then there are the satellite television stations that freely transmit the radical Islamic message straight into British homes. Thousands of UK Muslims watch the Islam channel for their news instead of the BBC or ITN.

The tragedy is that it doesn't have to be like this. There are four million Muslims living in America, and yet they are not producing 'home-grown' bombers like ours, despite America leading the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that are so often cited by extremists as the root cause of their grievance.

Because of their stronger national identity, the Americans encourage immigrants to join their culture and newcomers are expected to be loyal to the U.S.

For us, it is not too late. We can reverse the damaging policies that have made Britain a seedbed for terrorists. But if we fail to do so, I fear we will see further carnage unleashed on our streets.

Daily Mail – 9 September 2009

“He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

Hebrews 13:5

Several times in the Scriptures the Lord hath said this. He has often repeated it to make our assurance doubly sure. Let us never harbour a doubt about it. In itself the promise is specially emphatic. In the Greek it has five negatives, each one definitely shutting out the possibility of the Lord's ever leaving one of His people so that he can justly feel forsaken of his God. This priceless Scripture does not promise us exemption from trouble, but it does secure us against desertion. We may be called to traverse strange ways, but we shall always have our Lord's company, assistance, and provision. We need not covet money, for we shall always have our God, and God is better than gold; His favour is better than fortune.

We ought surely to be content with such things as we have, for he who has God has more than all the world besides. What can we have beyond the Infinite? What more can we desire than almighty Goodness.

Come, my heart; if God says He will never leave thee nor forsake thee, be thou much in prayer for grace that thou mayest never leave thy Lord, nor even for a moment forsake His ways.

From: Faith's Checkbook by C. H. Spurgeon

THE LISBON TREATY

As member countries of the European Union confirm their acceptance of the Lisbon Treaty, the inevitable consequences of its implementation are becoming increasingly clear. The recent 'Yes' vote in the Irish referendum – which reversed their previous decision - was enforced upon them by the European Commission based in Brussels. The Commission is responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the Union's treaties and the general day- to- day management of the Union. There is one Commissioner appointed by each of the 27 Member States. They are not elected and therefore the voting population of the country they represent do not have a democratic say in their appointment.

The terms of the Lisbon Treaty state that it cannot be ratified unless each Member State has confirmed their agreement by signing the Treaty. The only Member now withholding it's signature is the Czech Republic, whose President, Vaclav Klaus, says he wants his country to be allowed an exemption on specific points. No doubt the EU Commissioners will determine a compromise that will permit them to ratify this Treaty.

Supporters of the Lisbon Treaty claim it will allow more democracy, because it gives more powers to the EU Parliament, but in practice this is not correct. Unlike virtually any other assembly in the world, the parliamentarians are not allowed to initiate legislation. They cannot, for example, introduce a Private Members Bill which could become law, as is permitted in the British Parliament. It is only the unelected EU Commission who can prepare legislation. In practice the Lisbon Treaty transfers a very considerable number of additional powers to the Commission and consequently if it is ratified, virtually all national democracy will cease to exist. We shall be dictated to by bureaucrats who are answerable only to themselves and who cannot be removed from office by us, although we pay their salaries and the considerable expenses they incur.

In effect the National Parliaments of EU members will cease to exist in any important decision- making capacity. They will only be responsible for implementing the laws and decisions made by unelected Commissioners based in Brussels. The European Union will cease to be an association of nation states who are joined together by a number of Treaties, and will become in effect, the Federal State of Europe. The foregoing process is taking place without the consent of the population of the United Kingdom, in spite of the British Government promising to hold a referendum, whilst regular opinion polls show a very large percentage of the population in favour of completely severing the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union.

Other possible consequences include:

- Loss of national sovereignty and the abolition of Britain as a nation state.
- The loss of Habeas Corpus (Trial by Jury).
- Criticism of the European Union becomes a criminal offence.
- EU Commission able to make international agreements and treaties on behalf of Members.
- A Police State that is only answerable to itself.

Comment by Christian Watch:

We believe the foregoing is a clear evidence of the Lord's controversy with us. If the Treaty is implemented, it opens the door for progressive religious persecution, particularly as the EU Commissions main religious influence is the Church of Rome.

America's Sin In Forgetting God

By Evangelist Joseph T. Larson
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America's greatest sin and the real cause of the present depression is forgetting God. That means failure to obey God, to listen to His Word, and to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Godlessness leads to disregard for law, corruption in politics, fraud in educational and state life, and hypocrisy in the Church.

America has forgotten God! Its parents, youth and citizens as whole - these have forgotten God. Even ministers, educators and church officials have forgotten God. True, millions of Christians have not yet forgotten God, but the whole tendency in state life, school life, commercial life, and even in religious circles, is to forget God.

Though there are fifty million church members in the nation and many more Christians who are not church members, yet there are about seventy million outside the churches, living as if there were no God or hereafter.

AMERICA'S HISTORY HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL

From the first our forefathers came to America seeking religious liberty. In godly worship they settled our eastern shores, then moved westward, until they had settled almost three million square miles of territory. They built cities, made marvellous inventions, improved everything possible, and now support hundreds of millions of people! For our entire national history, God has been the God of this nation, piloting us safely through the pioneer periods, and wars, and as a culmination, the people following the recent period of prosperity, have turned largely away from God! Then came the events which brought a general depression!

HOW DOES AMERICA FORGET GOD?

By largely banishing the Bible from schools and by misinterpreting it in universities, criticising it in theological seminaries and colleges, and scoffing at it among the infidels and atheists of the nation. False cults numbering nearly ten million are sweeping the land with propaganda of denial, deceit and devilish doctrines. Atheists, modernists and communists have formed a deadly alliance against God, Christ, the Church, and the Bible. *"But he that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh, the Lord shalt have them in derision."*

Pleasure, newspapers, magazines, business and society have largely taken the pre-eminent place that God and Christian living ought to take. Crime gets the eye, not Christ! Society not salvation, business and not betterment of souls, money and not missions, earth and not Heaven is foremost in thinking. True, there are a few million Christians in America who still adore, worship and serve Him; but they are like salt in a rotting nation.

JUDGEMENT IS COMING

Ancient Babylon, Greece, Rome, Medo-Persia, Assyria, and other empires all forgot God, and have been ruined and forgotten; but only until the judgement!

Oh, citizens of America! Will you ever learn a lesson from past history, from experienced adversity, from former judgements on the nations, that forgetting God does not pay? Can the professing Church of today continue to exist if she joins the world, praises the communists and denies God's divine rulership?

Macaulay, the English historian, writing in the nineteenth century, said of America, "She will be pillaged and looted in the twentieth century by vandals, and forces within her will cause her destruction." Macaulay was right, and unless something can be done by godly people the tide of lawlessness, communism, modernism and immorality, she will go the way of the ancient nations. Will Christians, will governmental leaders, will its citizens awaken in time or too late?

WHAT WILL CAUSE AMERICA TO RETURN TO GOD?

Only a nation- wide revival of Christian teaching, the preaching of a crucified Christ, the return to the Bible, banishing communism, deposing false cult-teachings, barring worldly and sinful amusements, and all dangerous teachings in our public schools. God must find His rightful place in human hearts, the family altars must be restored, and the Church must cease pandering to worldly aspirations.

The prodigal son "*came to himself*," and America must come to herself. God's voice calls upon her to repent, confess her sins and return to the God of love and life, Mercy pleads with justice, grace pleads against judgement, truth opposes falsity, and wisdom foresees coming disaster, unless there is a change through national revival.

May God's faithful ones keep crying to God for a revival and "*give him no rest*" until He hear from Heaven and with a mighty power as of old. Let us pray unceasingly, "*Wilt thou not revive us again: that they people may rejoice in thee?*" (Psalm85:6).

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Introduction

This has proved a most encouraging month. I have seen what appears to be the first signs of an awakening of SOME of the Lords people. I have seen many more attend our meetings than anticipated with new members, gifts for the work, promises of prayer and even some immediate action.

I have also been greatly humbled by the zeal and efforts of many in the Lords cause. I have seen people take days leave, travel great distances, rearrange previous engagements, come to multiple witnesses in one day and late into the night. I met a man with a large family educated at home, with a church to manage, as well as a full time job, this man after completing a twelve hour shift through the night, jumped straight onto a train to come and witness outside the Conservative Party Conference.

How thankful I am to the Lord for all those precious saints I have met and worked with whose zeal for the Lord and generosity and hospitality to me has proved such an encouragement and example to my weak and faithless heart.

I would like to give special thanks to William McAulay, John Smart and Pastor David Carson (and those who helped them of course) for all their recent help and hospitality.

Oh how these encouragements are needed because we live in dark days and when so many professing 'Christians' remain unconcerned and inactive seemingly taken up with worldly pursuits and who appear to worship a Jesus unrecognisable from the scriptures. A Jesus who they claim 'loves everyone' and is never 'judgemental' of others regardless of their sin and rebellion against Him. This 'Love Gospel' they proclaim seems to be a widespread disease filling the 'Church' with false brethren and saints unequipped to walk this life as pilgrims and strangers.

How great is the need of labourers for the harvest of souls and warriors for the battle for the truth of God's word. Please pray for our work and all those faithful 'witnesses' and 'contenders' in the nation because if these 'green shoots' of awakening are true we can expect renewed and sustained attacks from the devil and his minions.

Activities

Glasgow

I spoke on the 21st September, in Glasgow of "The Christians Role in a Hostile World". There were approximately fifty five people gathered for the address – *almost twice as many as we had anticipated!*

This proved a fruitful meeting. So much so I will be back in Glasgow to establish a Glasgow Christian Watch Group in November (see 'Forthcoming Events' below) and we have already started on a Glasgow based campaign (see below).

First Glasgow Campaign

The first local group action is also already being organised against the blasphemous and highly offensive play "Queen of Heaven" being staged at the Tron Theatre, Glasgow from the 3rd to 7th November. In this play a transsexual acts the part of Jesus who himself is portrayed as a transsexual. **We need ALL the support we can get** to have this monstrosity closed down. We have all sorts of work that people can do without even leaving home. So for those in Scotland, please *be sure to contact me* (details below) or William McAulay on 0787 4008046 or will.mcaulay@btinternet.com if you are interested in helping with this campaign.

Edinburgh

Rev. James Gracie kindly hosted this informal meeting in his home. The meeting was very encouraging and after much discussion of the challenges and needs in the area, it was decided to arrange a Public meeting in November with a follow up meeting the next day (see 'Forthcoming Events' below) to establish a Local Christian Watch Group and structure.

In fact God's hand was seen at work the very next day when my host and I missed our train into Edinburgh by seconds and had to catch a bus. Whilst on the bus we were discussing what best to do to celebrate the anniversary of the Scottish Reformation in 2010 when a lady approached us having overheard our conversation. She happened to have studied the Reformation in Edinburgh University and promised to send details of many of the academic experts in this field in the University. How many bus passengers do you know who have *any* knowledge of the Scottish Reformation, never mind having spent two years in study on the subject? Amazing!

Chester

This was a meeting promoted for Christian Watch members only and again the Lord drew in many more than ~~my faithless heart~~ anticipated with approximately thirty in attendance. Once again the Lord encouraged me with a fruitful meeting and with some people new to Christian Watch even joining together with us for the first time at the witness outside the Conservative Party Conference a few days later.

Conservative Party Conference

This ran from Monday 5th October to the afternoon of Thursday 8th October. There were five of us from Christian Watch, The Protestant Truth Society and the Church Society manning the stall and attending the various 'fringe' meetings.

Our aims were to present the Biblical answer to "Broken Britain" in the form of a booklet called *'Why Broken Britain Needs Christian Values'* and also in our discussions and campaigning within the conference.

There was some opposition as expected but overall the response was favourable with many in agreement with our stance. ~~Of course there was some opposition and~~ Most noticeable were the number of Roman Catholics who often seemed in agreement with our views whilst some professing 'Evangelical' Christians felt we were 'unloving' and even confrontational with respect to our views on the Roman Catholic Church and Islam in particular! In fact it seemed we had more considered and reasonable discussions with openly homosexual Tories such as Margot James than with some 'evangelicals'.

Almost every member of the Shadow Cabinet and many of the 'big players' in the media received our booklet with almost *two thousand copies of the booklet distributed* altogether.

In addition we attended approximately twenty fringe meetings. These provided good opportunities to meet and engage with the main speakers and 'players' in the respective fields and I pray the Lord will bless these encounters for His glory in the future.

Conservative Pride 'Witness'

The Lord overruled greatly with regard to the weather. It had rained most of the day and only minutes before I arrived it had been pouring with rain again. However, when I arrived we had to deal with no more than a few spots of rain – and minutes after we left, the rain started again!

We gathered at the main entrance to the Conservative Party's first so called 'Pride' event with Bible text banners, homosexual literature and Gospel Tracts for those attending the event, and for 'revellers' in all the other bars and clubs in what is called the 'Gay Village'.

A number of other events at the same time highlighted well the folly of the Conservative Party's 'gay friendly' policy.

Firstly, Ben Summerskill of the homosexual lobby group Stonewall, who was the main guest speaker at the 'pride' event, withdrew from the meeting after the Tories met with some of their allegedly 'homophobic' European Allies in the European Conservatives and Reformists Group at the conference.

Secondly the Poptastic club in the 'Gay Village' held a protest night called 'Tory Shame'.

Finally there was also a group of about thirty protestors against the event with banners such as 'Queers against Tories'. This was all so richly ironic as the Conservatives in their endeavour to appease the sodomite lobby seemed to have done nothing but alienate and anger them!

It is also interesting to note that we counted less than thirty Tory delegates going into the party suggesting there is still, thankfully, a considerable number of Conservative Party members uneasy about the direction the Party has taken with regard to special 'homosexual rights'.

Whilst our protest against the Tories policy proved encouraging, our witness to homosexuals clearly revealed the fruit of acceptance of this so called 'gay culture'. People as young as fourteen drinking alcohol openly in front of the Police and full of 'pride' in having been sexually active for years! A Vicar's daughter crying out in anger at our witness questioning why we were so 'hateful' whilst her father 'lovingly' accepted her and all gay people 'for what they are'. This so called 'Love Gospel' was in evidence everywhere and like the Church of Rome is a counterfeit 'gospel' condemning great multitudes deceived by its false message.

Forthcoming Events

Local Group Setup and Planning - Glasgow - 7:30pm, Monday, 16th November 2009
David Lloyd Centre, 242 Netherton Road, Anniesland, Glasgow, G13 1BJ.

Local Group Setup and Planning - Edinburgh - 7:30pm, Wednesday, 18th November 2009
Magdalen Chapel, 41 Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1JR

These Scottish meetings are NOT public meetings but rather meetings to set up a Local Group Structure in Glasgow and Edinburgh and develop a plan of action for the future. ALL are welcome as we need a wide variety of 'labourers' for prayer, watchfulness and action. So please don't feel you are unable to help - EVERYONE can help in some shape or form.

'The Christian's Role in a Hostile World' – Edinburgh - 7:30pm Tuesday, 17th November 2009. Magdalen Chapel, 41 Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1JR. This will be a Public meeting with the address given by me.

Christian Watch Annual Public Meeting – 6th November 2009, 7:30pm
Ramada Hotel, Three Bridges, Crawley, East Sussex. RH10 8XH.

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****NEWS FLASH****

Just prior to publication we received news that the outrage and protest at the defacing of a Bible in the Glasgow Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) seems to have borne some fruit. Bridget McConnell the chief executive of Culture and Sport Glasgow (CSGG) who funded this event has promised a 'shake up' so as to not cause further public outrage. Be warned however, as it may just be a smoke screen to deflect criticism, so we will keep pressing to have 'Queen of Heaven' (also funded by CSGG) closed and to campaign to receive funding from the CSGG to help promote the Anniversary of the Scottish reformation in 2010.

A CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

The United Kingdom has been historically favoured with many of the Lord's ministering servants going forth into the world to proclaim the sacred truths of the Gospel of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In addition, the fruits of the Reformation included a high regard for the Word of God by the majority of the population, many of whom attended a church or chapel for worship on the Lord's day. The benefits of this religious influence in our nation was coveted by many other nations throughout the world. HRH Queen Victoria was once asked by a foreign prince what she considered to be the reason for Britain's greatness, she just pointed to her Bible which was on a table beside her. How right she was in identifying her nations respect and regard for the commandments and exhortations of God's Holy Word, as the reason for our national greatness. We can now observe the consequences in our nation which are a direct result of our departures and rejection of God's Word and His commandments. We believe there is only one way whereby our nation will be restored to its former favoured position, and that is to return to a Scriptural standard in all aspects of our national laws, government and conduct.

In a remarkable way the possibility of having a Centre to promote the Word of God by a variety of means has occurred in the Midlands. An ideal property located adjacent to parkland and just two miles from the centre of England, has been offered for sale. Its location provides a huge visitor potential, being situated adjacent to the large populations of Birmingham and other Midlands towns and cities. In addition, being positioned on the edge of a public park, which has over ten thousand visitors annually, provides a very considerable opportunity for making a personal contact with many of these visitors, if the Centre was promoted as a historic place of interest.

The property that we refer to is named Castle Bromwich Hall, and was originally built in the later years of the sixteenth century and extended further in 1672, when it was purchased by Sir John Bridgeman. The Hall is famous for having twelve front windows, said to represent each of the Apostles and four dormer windows above, for each evangelist. There are three floors which provide very considerable scope and opportunity for promoting and conveying the Word of God to a visiting public. For example, the ground floor could be used to explain and convey by various means the importance and blessing of the Protestant Reformation and consequent history and benefit to our nation. The first floor could be used for conferences, meetings, lectures, etc. and the top floor is ideally suited to provide overnight accommodation. The property must be seen to fully appreciate its potential. We trust, if it is the Lord's will for this important project to proceed, a way will be made for the purchase of the property and for its conversion as necessary, to enable it to be used for the honour and glory of our Lord God and for the benefit of our nation.

The asking price for the property has been considerably reduced to one million, one hundred thousand pounds. We are thankful that offers for a substantial amount towards this have been already received, but considerably more money will be required to complete the purchase and cover the cost of the internal work necessary to enable it to be put into service.

For anyone interested in learning more about this property and the opportunities it would provide, we have a DVD available which conveys the challenging possibilities of this project.

The DVD is free of cost, but a small donation is requested to cover packaging and postage.

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to be held, God willing, at

**The Ramada Hotel, Three Bridges, Crawley, W. Sussex
Friday, 6th November at 7.30pm**

SPEAKERS:

Andrea Minichiello Williams
(Christian Concern for our Nation)

'The Role of Christians in 21st Century Britain'

and

Rev. John Thackway
(Editor Bible League Quarterly)

'The Origin and Purpose of Civil Government'

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39 St John's Wood Road, London NW8 8QX
Nearest underground stations at Warwick Avenue and St. John's Wood.

Saturday 7th November 2009

ADDRESSES:

1pm: Calvin and the Law

3pm: Calvin and Grace

SPEAKER:

Pastor James R Hamilton
(Fole Reformed Evangelical Chapel
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