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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,

As another year draws to a close we are reminded of the brevity of time and the importance of being prepared for eternity, which is fast approaching for each and every one of us. We prove that many distracting thoughts soon entice our minds away from those vital issues concerning our never dying souls. We have to prove the truth expressed by the Apostle Paul, "**when I would do good, evil is present with me**" *Rom.7:21*. He continued in verse 24, "**O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**" It is an infinite mercy if we have been led by the Holy Spirit to know personally the only One who can deliver, even the dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Charles Wesley expressed in his hymn where his hope for deliverance and safety was placed, in the words,

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

We are extremely concerned for our future freedom and liberty to proclaim the Word of God in the United Kingdom. The reason for this concern is because of the progress being made by the Muslim fraternity, in their stated ambition to achieve world domination. In order to emphasise the importance of doing all we can to make our fellow countrymen aware of the consequences of inaction, we include a report entitled, **A Holocaust Survivor's View on Islam** which explains what took place in Germany in the 1930s that allowed the Nazis to take control. It also explains that by a similar pattern of events, the Communists took control of Russia and China. Finally, it warns us with regard to the same pattern of events, which are currently occurring in many nations where there is an increasing Muslim population. In the United Kingdom they are actively planning the destruction of Christian democracy and are presently claiming that Islam and Shariah are reaching new heights, resulting in a culture and system that is not only superior to the British way of life, but they claim, is also a shining example of what true subservience to Almighty God can bring to a society which is currently drowning in unbelief.

The need for us to be both vigilant and active in defence of our present liberty is confirmed by the additional information we include concerning the Islamic strategy to achieve control of the United Kingdom. The following two articles are reproduced from the militant Islamic website, www.Islam4UK.com and are entitled **THE MUSLIM PLAN FOR BUCKINGHAM PALACE UNDER THE SHARIAH** and **THE BIG DEBATE – Jesus4Shariah**. By going onto this website a considerable quantity of additional material is available that openly reveals what these particular Muslims are actively targeting at the present time. In an attempt to indoctrinate others they plan to launch a campaign in the run up to Christmas, which will challenge both Christians and Jews to an open debate on the true message of Jesus Christ.

As a further warning and illustration of the urgent need for us to defend our present rights and privileges, we include an article entitled, **Salute the Danish Flag – it's a Symbol to Western Freedom** which details the pattern of events in Denmark and the possible consequences if they are opposed by government legislation.

The solemn decline continues in our National Anglican Church. Many places that were once well attended are no longer holding services on the Lord's Day, because of the decline in numbers attending. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, modern services have mainly replaced those ordained in the Book of Common Prayer and many of the thirty-nine Articles of Faith are ignored. Secondly, many have opposed the ordination of women to the priesthood and consequently have felt constrained to worship elsewhere.

The Pope of Rome has not missed the opportunity to encourage church leaders and others to join the Catholic fold. We include a brief report on this under the title, **POPE ENTICING CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PRIOR TO HIS PLANNED VISIT 2010**.

We again include the **Christian Watch Notice Board**, which details the recent endeavours of our National Campaign Manager, Andy Clarke. We trust the successful results from some of the events recorded will motivate others to consider what they can do in the Lord's service.

The prosperity or adversity of every nation is controlled by the Lord, and we have no right to question or criticize that which He determines. We read in Ecclesiastes 8:4 "*Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?*" The consequence of the rejection of God's laws and commandments, particularly when nations have been favoured recipients of the Lord's Word and have been blessed with God fearing rulers, will inevitably result in His judgments. We include an address by the late J. C. Philpot entitled, **SPIRITUAL DECLENSION**

which is particularly relevant to the situation prevailing for the most part in the churches and chapels throughout the United Kingdom.

One of our esteemed Members in Russia has sent us a request which we include under the title, **A CHRISTIAN WATCH MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR PRAYER**. Because of the increasing endeavours of Satan and his agents to silence the preaching of the gospel, the Russian Government are planning to pass a law which will prohibit religious missionary work and make it illegal to distribute Bibles and other spiritual literature to the public. For security reasons, we cannot publish the Pastor's name. We must never underestimate either the privilege or **THE POWER OF PRAYER**. We include an article under this title by the late William Gurnall, which emphasises its importance in every circumstance and gives examples of what it has achieved.

You will be aware from our previous announcements that our Annual Public Meeting was held at Crawley in Sussex on the 8th November. We include details of this meeting under the heading, **REPORT ON CHRISTIAN WATCH ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**. It was well attended and the addresses by both Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams and Rev. John Thackway contained important messages concerning the solemn state of the nation and the responsibility of all Christians to stand firm for the Word of God. Regrettably, the quality of the recording of the two addresses was not satisfactory owing to background interference.

The costs involved in preparing, and mailing our Newsletters have increased over the year and to help offset this, we regret it is necessary to increase the renewal fee to £10. A **Membership Renewal Form** for the year 2010 is enclosed in this Newsletter. To enable us, as an organisation, to be increasingly active in defending the Word of God, extra funds are also necessary to cover the employment of additional staff with its resulting operating costs. We acknowledge with thankfulness the donations we have received in the past year and we value our Member's prayerful and financial support for the coming year.

We would record the Lord's goodness and mercy to us through another year and pray that He may continue to enable us to fulfil his commandment to '*contend earnestly for the faith once delivered*' and more particularly as our religious freedoms are increasingly threatened. We wish you the Lord's blessing for the coming year.

Yours in the Lord's service,



David Crowter

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A Holocaust Survivor's View on Islam

A man, whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War II, owned a number of large industries and estates. When asked how many German people were true Nazis, the answer he gave can guide our attitude towards fanaticism. 'Very few people were true Nazis,' he said, 'but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories.'

We are told again and again by 'experts' and 'talking heads' that Islam is the religion of peace and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace. Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the spectre of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam.

The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history. It is the fanatics who march... It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide. It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic Wave. It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or honour-kill. It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. It is the fanatics who teach their young to kill and to become suicide bombers.

The hard, quantifiable fact is that the peaceful majority, the 'silent majority,' is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia was comprised of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. China's huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

The average Japanese individual prior to World War II was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel, and bayonet.

And who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were 'peace loving'?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason, we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points:

Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence.

Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up, because like my friend from Germany, they will awaken one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late. As for us who watch it all unfold, we must pay attention to the only group that counts—the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

Lastly, anyone who doubts that the issue is serious and just ignores this information, without passing it on, is contributing to the passiveness that allows the problems to expand. So, extend yourself a bit and send this to others. Let us hope that thousands, world-wide, read this and think about it, and send it on – before it's too late.

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**THE FOLLOWING
2 ARTICLES ARE REPRODUCED FROM
www.islam4uk.com WEBSITE:**

**THE MUSLIM PLAN FOR BUCKINGHAM PALACE
UNDER THE SHARIAH**

INTRODUCTION

Approximately 85 years ago, on 3rd March 1924 a calamity had befallen mankind like no other; on this tumultuous day the precious nest of Islam, which had encased its citizens, Muslim and non-Muslim with justice and serenity, was dismantled by those at war with Allah (SWT) and His Messenger Muhammad (saw).

This State of Tawheed or Islamic State had governed countries and continents with an extraordinary execution unlike any other political system, and for over 1300 years provided solutions to sacrio-economic problems that had plagued mankind for centuries. Places such as Andalusia (Spain) flourished under this divine legislature to such an extent, that its rich history still manages to captivate the minds of contemporary authors, compelling them to disseminate volumes of books dedicated to the enchanting nature of this golden era.

But alas, for nearly a century we find that those golden years have been lost and that the era of darkness and servitude to man has prolonged – the sound of oppression has become deafening as the tyrants continue to speak.

However, there is a spark that has ignited and its flame has become unstoppable; in recent years the world has witnessed an Islamic resurgence which continues to gain in strength and formidability, and whose objective of the domination of Islam worldwide cannot be swayed.

This victorious group, hold rigidly to the divine text i.e. Qur'an and Sunnah, knowing full well that its prophecies must be fulfilled; and so we find ourselves in the year 2009, waiting for Rome to fall, waiting for the White House to fall and indeed waiting for Buckingham Palace to fall.

In light of this, we at Islam4UK felt it necessary to discuss this very important area, particularly given the current political climate as it is. We furthermore hope that by divulging some of these unspoken of details that it will educate the British public about the superiority of the Shari'ah over democracy and man-made law, and hopefully entice them to implement it here in Britain sooner rather than later

HISTORY

Between 500 – 1600, the area surrounding what is now known as Buckingham Palace was part of a larger area known as Eia or Manor of Ebury, a marshy ground, irrigated by the river Tyburn. Ownership of this land changed several times and included notable individuals such as Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, James I and Mary Davies.

It was not until 1703 that a townhouse was built on this ground for the Duke of Buckingham, this building was thence known as Buckingham House; on the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837, it was finally transformed into what is now famously known as Buckingham Palace, thus making Queen Victoria the first monarch to reside in this building.

Today, Buckingham Palace is the official London residence of the British monarch and since 6th February 1962 (sic) has been in the possession of the current Queen of the United Kingdom, Elizabeth II.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE UNDER SHARIAH

Indeed, Buckingham Palace is not a stranger to architectural change, in fact in 1913 Aston Webb, a renowned English architect seemed dissatisfied with its design and proceeded to introduce structural

improvements, which he deemed more appropriate. Subsequently, in light of this, the following are further possible modifications that we envisage could occur for Buckingham Palace once the Shari'ah is fully implemented here in Britain.

BUCKINGHAM MASJID

It has authentically been reported by Uthman bin Affan (ra) that the Final Messenger Muhammed (saw) said, "He who builds a masjid for the sake of Allah, seeking the pleasure of Allah, will be rewarded by Allah with a dwelling in Paradise."

One very real possibility that we envisage could occur in Britain when it succumbs to Islamic rule is for Buckingham Palace to be converted into beautiful mosque. (*CW Note! Buckingham Palace is portrayed as having a golden dome and a minaret.*)

However, with that said, the mosque in question would possess a very different role to that of contemporary mosques found dotted all over the United Kingdom, which unfortunately do very little to reflect the real responsibility of this central building in Islam.

During the lifetime of the Final Messenger Muhammad (saw) and the dawn of the first Islamic State in Madinah, the mosque or masjid, was the starting point to the expansion of Islamic conquests which engulfed large parts of the world.

Buckingham Masjid, would indeed incorporate this as well as other important features including departments and divisions such as:

1. **HEADQUARTER OF THE SUPREME LEADERSHIP.**
It is well known that the Final Messenger Muhammad (saw) would meet envoys, sign agreements, judge between disputing parties and so on in the mosque.
2. **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION**
The mosque is regarded as an important centre for Islamic information, since it is the scene of political, social, cultural and ritual life. All important news relating to vital issues will be conveyed in the mosque.
3. **JUDICIARY COURT**
Judges would regularly settle disputes and arguments and this is well recorded.
4. **UNIVERSITY OF LEARNING AND TEACHING**
Courses will be dictated by a syllabus grounded in the Qur'an and Sunnah and moreover be open to men, women, Muslims and non-Muslims, free of charge.
5. **PLATFORM FOR ORATORY ELOQUENCE**
It is authentically recorded that companions of the Messenger Muhammad (saw) would regularly take to the pulpit of the mosque and engage in exquisite poetry. Topics that would be encouraged could include the belittlement of democracy as well as the fallacies of man-made law.
6. **DETENTION CENTRE FOR PRISONERS**
Imam Bukhari records that a man by the name of Thumama bin Uthal from the tribe Banu Hanifah was taken as a prisoner of war during the lifetime of the Messenger Muhammad (saw). Muhammad (saw) later ordered his release from captivity, and he embraced Islam.
7. **AN EATING PLACE FOR THE HUNGRY AND POOR**
Ibn Majah reported that the Abdullah ibn al Haarith (ra) said, "We used to eat bread and meat in the mosque during the lifetime of the Messenger of Allah (saw)."
8. **A PLACE FOR SOCIALISING**
Bukhari and Muslim narrated that Aisha (ra) said, "The Messenger of Allah was once covering me while I was watching the Abyssinians play with their spears in the mosque."
9. **A PLACE FOR RELAXATION**
Ahmed, Nisaa'i, Abu Dawood report that Abdullah ibn Umar (ra) said, "During the lifetime of Muhammad (saw) we used to sleep in the mosque and have siesta there when we were young."

At present, Buckingham Palace is nothing more than a hollow building exploited by the rich and withheld from any real use, under the Shari'ah this would never happen, rather the British community would see it converted into a flourishing mosque which would be of a great benefit, not only for those residing in London but also the country as a whole.

BRITISH CROWN JEWELS

Although the crown jewels are currently situated in the Tower of London, due to their prominent association to the British monarch, we felt it necessary to make mention of their likely change of circumstances under the Shari'ah.

It is quite amazing to see that while Britain is struggling to cope with the impact of a crippling recession, that the divide between the rich and poor is still so large and furthermore does not motivate the British establishment to channel valuable resources for the welfare of its less well-off citizens.

One possibility that we foresee could occur under the Shari'ah would be the melting of the crown jewels into more appealing jewellery free from idolatrous engravings or symbols such as crosses and human beings.

On completion, we envisage making a unique offer for the benefit of single (Muslim) women in Britain who happen to be widows or divorcees; a declaration could be made to all (Muslim) men in Britain, that if any of them chose to marry a widowed or divorced woman, with her approval, that the dowry liable to her, as her divine right, would be afforded by the government from these re-designed crown jewels. Indeed, this would incline many men to look after women who are unfortunate enough to be isolated in society with very little hope of a meaningful companionship.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, with the dawn of a new era very close, Britain's future under the Shari'ah appears to be very bright. We furthermore would like to take this opportunity to say that if any member of the Muslim community have any ideas on what other alterations could occur to Britain Under the Shari'ah, that we would welcome them in your comments.

THE BIG DEBATE - Jesus4Shariah

Jesus (Eesa (as)) was the penultimate Prophet sent by God (Allah) to bring mankind out of the darkness and hegemony of man-made law, into the perfection and beauty of divine law. Sadly, his character is one of the most controversial in the world today, with Jews rejecting him and Christians elevating him to the blasphemous status of son of God or even God Himself; Muslims on the other hand venerate him as one of the most important Messengers of God, who will return one day, break the cross and prove to the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) the truth of Islam.

In the light of this, Islam4UK, a platform for Al-Muhajiroun, have decided to launch a unique campaign in the run up to Christmas, challenging Jews and in particular Christians to an open debate on the true message of Jesus.

The event has been booked for 18th December 2009, precisely one week before Christmas Day and we hereby call out to all Christian leaders in the UK to come forward and defend their claim to Jesus on this special day, if they sincerely believe they are on the truth.

If you or anyone you know are interested in participating in the debate and would like to know more about arrangements for the day please contact Abu Yahya on 07961577221.

You will also witness several articles as a precursor to this event, outlining the life of Jesus (peace be upon him) and his mission, in light of the Qur'an and Sunnah. Indeed, as Muslims we believe that Jesus was a Muslim, and moreover that if he were alive today, that he would reject the evil bureaucracy of man-made law and wholeheartedly embrace the divine law (Shari'ah) of the Final Messenger sent to the whole of mankind,

(CW Note! Access to the Islam4Uk website has now been denied)

LEGACIES

In order for Christian Watch to further the Lord's work in these solemn times, additional funds will be required. We would ask Members to prayerfully consider leaving a legacy to us in their wills.

Salute the Danish Flag – it's a Symbol of Western Freedom

by Susan MacAllen

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In 1978-9 I was living and studying in Denmark. But in 1978 – even in Copenhagen, one didn't see Muslim immigrants.

The Danish population embraced visitors, celebrated the exotic, went out of its way to protect each of its citizens. It was proud of its new brand of socialist liberalism which had been in development since the conservatives had lost power in 1929 – a system where no worker had to struggle to survive, where one ultimately could count upon the state as in, perhaps, no other western nation at the time.

The rest of Europe saw the Scandinavians as free-thinking, progressive and infinitely generous in their welfare policies. Denmark boasted low crime rates, devotion to the environment, a superior educational system and a history of humanitarianism.

Denmark was also most generous in its immigration policies – it offered the best welcome in Europe to the new immigrant: generous welfare payments from first arrival plus additional perks in transportation, housing and education. It was determined to set a world example for inclusiveness and multiculturalism. How could it have predicted that one day in 2005 a series of political cartoons in a newspaper would spark violence that would leave dozens dead in the streets – or that its commitment to multiculturalism would come back to bite?

By the 1990's the growing urban Muslim population was obvious – and its unwillingness to integrate into Danish society was obvious. For years immigrants had settled into Muslim-exclusive enclaves. As the Muslim leadership became more vocal about what they considered the decadence of Denmark's liberal way of life, the Danes – once so welcoming – began to feel slighted. Many Danes had begun to see Islam as incompatible with their long-standing values: belief in personal liberty and free speech, in equality for women, in tolerance for other ethnic groups, and a deep pride in Danish heritage and history.

In an article by Daniel Pipes and Lars Hedegaard, they accurately forecasted, that the growing immigrant problem in Denmark would explode. In the article they reported:

'Muslim immigrants constitute 5 percent of the population but consume upwards of 40 percent of the welfare spending. Muslims are only 4 percent of Denmark's 5.4 million people but make up a majority of the country's convicted rapists, an especially combustible issue given that practically all the female victims are non-Muslim. Similar, if lesser, disproportions are found in other crimes.'

'Over time, as Muslim immigrants increase in numbers, they wish to mix less with the indigenous population. A recent survey finds that only 5 percent of young Muslim immigrants would readily marry a Dane.'

'Forced marriages – promising a newborn daughter in Denmark to a male cousin in the home country, then compelling her to marry him, sometimes on pain of death – are one problem.'

'Muslim leaders openly declare their goal of introducing Islamic law once Denmark's Muslim population grows large enough – a not-that-remote prospect. If present trends persists, one sociologist estimates, every third inhabitant of Denmark in 40 years will be Muslim.'

It is easy to understand why a growing number of Danes would feel that Muslim immigrants show little respect for Danish values and laws. An example is the phenomenon common to other European countries and Canada: some Muslims in Denmark who opted to leave the Muslim faith have been murdered in the name of Islam, while others hide in fear for their lives. Jews are also threatened and harassed openly by Muslim leaders in Denmark, a country where once Christian citizens worked to smuggle out nearly all of their 7,000 Jews by night to Sweden – before the Nazis could invade. I think of my Danish friend Elsa – who, as a teenager, had dreaded crossing the street to the bakery every morning under the eyes of occupying Nazi soldiers – and I wonder what she would say today.

In 2001, Denmark elected the most conservative government in some 70 years – one that had some decidedly non-generous ideas about liberal unfettered immigration. Today Denmark has the strictest immigration policies in Europe. (Its effort to protect itself has been met with accusations of *'racism'* by liberal media across Europe – even as other governments struggle to right the social problems wrought by years of too-lax immigration).

- ✓ If you wish to become Danish, you must attend three years of language classes.
- ✓ You must pass a test on Denmark's history, culture, and a Danish language test.
- ✓ You must live in Denmark for 7 years before applying for citizenship.
- ✓ You must demonstrate an intent to work, and have a job waiting.
- ✓ If you wish to bring a spouse into Denmark, you must both be over 24 years of age, and you won't find it so easy anymore to move your friends and family to Denmark with you.

You will not be allowed to build a mosque in Copenhagen. Although your children have a choice of some 30 Arabic culture and language schools in Denmark, they will be strongly encouraged to assimilate to Danish society in ways that past immigrants weren't.

In 2006, the Danish minister for employment, Claus Hjort Frederiksen, spoke publicly of the burden of Muslim immigrants on the Danish welfare system, and it was horrifying: the Government's welfare committee had calculated that if immigration from Third World countries were blocked, 75 percent of the cuts needed to sustain the huge welfare system in coming decades would be unnecessary. In other words, the welfare system, as it existed, was being exploited by immigrants to the point of eventually bankrupting the government. 'We are simply forced to adopt a new policy on immigration.'

'The calculations of the welfare committee are terrifying and show how unsuccessful the integration of immigrants has been up to now,' he said.

A large thorn in the side of Denmark's imams is the Minister of Immigration and Integration, Rikke Hvilshoj. She makes no bones about the new policy toward immigration, *'The number of foreigners coming to the country makes a difference,'* Hvilshoj says, *'There is an inverse correlation between how many come here and how well we can receive the foreigners that come.'* And on Muslim immigrants needing to demonstrate a willingness to blend in, *'In my view, Denmark should be a country with room for different cultures and religions. Some values, however, are more important than others. We refuse to question democracy, equal rights, and freedom of speech.'*

Hvilshoj has paid a price for her show of backbone. Perhaps to test her resolve, the leading radical imam in Denmark, Ahmed Abdel Rahman Abu Laban, demanded that the government pay blood money to the family of a Muslim who was murdered in a suburb of Copenhagen, stating that the family's thirst for revenge could be thwarted for money. When Hvilshoj dismissed his demand, he argued that in Muslim culture the payment of retribution money was common, to which Hvilshoj replied that what is done in a Muslim country is not necessarily what is done in Denmark.

The Muslim reply came soon after: **her house was torched while she, her husband and children slept.** All managed to escape unharmed, but she and her family were moved to a secret location and she and other ministers were assigned bodyguards for the first time – in a country where such murderous violence was once so scarce.

Her government has slid to the right, and her borders have tightened. Many believe that what happens in the next decade will determine whether Denmark survives as a bastion of good living, humane thinking and social responsibility, or whether it becomes a nation at civil war with supporters of Sharia law.

And meanwhile, Canadians clamour for stricter immigration policies, and demand an end to state welfare programs that allow many immigrants to live on the public dole. As we in Canada look at the enclaves of Muslims amongst us, and see those who enter our shores too easily, dare live on our taxes, yet refuse to embrace our culture, respect our traditions, participate in our legal system, obey our laws, speak our language, appreciate our history we would do well to look to Denmark, and say a prayer for her future and for our own.

POPE ENTICING CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY PRIOR TO HIS PLANNED VISIT 2010

Some Anglican clergy have said they are ready to accept an offer to join the Roman Catholic Church at a meeting of about 600 conservative priests.

Many Members of the Forward in Faith group discussed the Pope's invitation to Anglicans to convert to Catholicism but keep many of their existing practices.

Many who are considering conversion are unhappy at women bishops being introduced into the Church of England. Others at the meeting, in Westminster, urged their colleagues to stay in the Church and fight for a compromise that would allow them to live in harmony with women bishops.

Under the terms of the invitation offered by the Vatican, those who convert could keep many of their Anglican conditions in their own special section of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Vatican said it was responding to pleas for help from Anglicans and some leading Anglicans have criticised the Vatican over their invitation.

Extract from: BBC News Website - 24 October 2009

Christian Watch Notice Board

'For we are labourers together with God:' (1Cor 3:9)

Introduction

When recently asked to summarize my thoughts about the state of the church and nation I was hesitant to answer at first, because the truth, in my view, is an unpalatable one. It appears to me that Christians, mainly, do a lot of moaning and complaining about the miserable state of the 'church' and nation – with little or no corresponding prayerful action. Again, please forgive my bluntness especially as I am more guilty than most, but I feel we have to contend for the truth before we can have any hope of rectifying our miserable current condition.

What's the solution you may ask?

Firstly I believe we must not fall for the devil's lie that *'little old me'* could never be used of God. Remember David was a humble shepherd boy who God raised up to be King of Israel. The Apostles Peter and John were mere fisherman. Indeed, look at the man with an *'unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs;'* (Mark 5:2,3). A man so tormented he was night and day *'in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones'* (Mark 5:5). Yet when touched by the Lord we read of him *'sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind:'* (Luke 8:35) and Jesus instructing him to *'Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him'* (Luke 8:39). From being demon possessed - to the New Testament's first recorded evangelist – **with God ALL things are possible!**

Secondly, I believe there must be **fearless Gospel preaching and contending** in the 'highways and byways' of our nation. This is what God has so often used to bring reformation and revival, even to nations sunk in their sin and wickedness like modern Britain. We have seen it before in our nation and may the Lord in His mercy raise up men for the task again.

Thirdly, we **must ALL act** and not allow fear of the growing tide of evil cause us to be silent and inactive. Rather, let us seek the Lord's enablement with *fervent prayer* that we may be found faithful like this madman and *'return to thine house'* and publish the great things Jesus has done for us in *'the whole city'* in which we live. A town of 4,000 homes could be covered with gospel tracts (or Christian Watch literature) every six months by ONE PERSON on just 1½ hours per week. Imagine if ten people got together in one town – it would be done EVERY 2 ½ weeks!

In fact if only two hundred thousand of those millions who profess Christ in Britain did the same! That would be THREE MILLION HOMES A WEEK and every home in Britain covered in less than two months, with gospel literature!

We don't need to be preachers to contend and stand for the truth. We can pray, write emails and letters and keep others close to us informed without even leaving the house. With the Lord's help and a little honest endeavour we can have tables in public places to give away literature, Gospels and Bibles. We can place tracts in public places, add scripture texts to the end of every email we send (using signatures), leave Christian Watch articles or leaflets in the local libraries, doctors or dentists. With no more than a few Bible texts and some gospel literature we can witness outside abortion clinics, at markets, fetes, gay pride marches, football matches and many other public events. **There is so much more we can do even whilst going about our everyday business** - if we simply commit to make the Lord's business our priority.

In Britain we STILL have untold advantages, means and opportunities to serve the Lord right where we are. As we approach the start of another year let me exhort and encourage you to join me in praying for help and guidance from the Lord for our individual and particular part in His divine plan this coming year and that the accusation of a lack of prayerful action may never be laid at our feet in 2010 and beyond.

Activities

Jesus Queen of Heaven Protests



This blasphemous play had Jesus as a transsexual and as someone who accepts all, regardless of their sin. Christian Watch along with some churches in Glasgow organised seven protests outside the theatre itself and the offices of Glasgow City Council and Culture and Sport Glasgow who provided public funding for these deliberate and calculated attacks on the person of Christ, His Holy Word and all decent and right thinking people.

These protests proved very successful with widespread national media coverage and the truth heard and read by millions in person, over the radio, in the local and national newspapers and online. The campaign to stop the ungodly funding of such grossly offensive events and programmes is continuing (see below).

Glasgow Group Setup and Planning

On 16th November twenty one people gathered to discuss forming a local Christian Watch Group in Glasgow and to plan for the witness in that famous city.

After much discussion we decided to start immediately and concentrate on a single campaign before the end of the year. It was decided to continue the campaign against Culture and Sport Glasgow and it's Chief Executive Bridget McConnell's concerted campaign against Christ and His people. We are running a complete campaign in the media, producing literature, a website and petition (online and offline) as well as organising protests.

More details may be obtained for the campaign website www.csgwatch.com

Edinburgh Public Meeting and Group Setup and Planning

Whilst the turnout was disappointing to both meetings we still met with faithful and zealous supporters to develop a plan for a Gospel witness in Edinburgh. In addition we attended a very fruitful meeting with the 'diversity' unit in the Edinburgh Police service.

Coming Campaigns

Over the next year we will, God willing, be concentrating on a number of campaigns. You can see from my introduction that if we all do something – great things can be done. These campaigns will include:

- Sex Education
- The European Union and the Lisbon Treaty
- Liberty and Freedom of Speech
- Homosexual issues and Gay Pride Marches
- Why we oppose the Church of Rome
- The Pope's visit

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided me with such generous hospitality in my travels as well as those of you who have attended and supported our meetings and who continue to uphold us in prayer and with financial support. We have much to do and all involved in the work here at Christian Watch ask for your fervent prayers that we will be enabled for what the Lord would have us to do.

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SPIRITUAL DECLENSION

Solemn words by J. C. Philpot in 1853 - based upon Joel 1

Where in our day, with all this material prosperity, is real religion and vital godliness, which are the evidence of grace? Does it flourish? Is the church, the Lamb's wife, growing in grace and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ? Do ministers preach with power and savour? Is God deeply feared, are His promises firmly believed, are His precepts carefully obeyed and His ordinances highly prized. Is His Word dearly loved, His honour and glory earnestly sought? Are those who profess the truth humble, prayerful, watchful and spiritually minded? Are they walking as living witnesses for God and testifying to an ungodly world that they are children and servants of the Most High? Is the line of separation between the church and the world clear and distinct? And does she shine forth, "*fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners*"(S of S 6:10)?

Who can say it is so? Who can say of the church that she is flourishing and that her prosperity runs parallel with that of the world? We may rather take up Joel's lament in verses 10 – 12 of the chapter we read, "*The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl O ye vine dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree even all the trees of the field are withered*".

No one who knows what grace is and what grace does, can help seeing that Zion's sky is much beclouded at the present time, that the life of God is at a low ebb and that the blessings and consolations of the Holy Spirit are much restrained. Go where you will, the same complaints reach our ears. Churches are much rent and divided, a party spirit widely prevails, spiritual coldness and deadness benumb those who once seemed full of life and feeling. When the children of God meet there is little real spiritual conversation. Worldly subjects, the mere trifles of the day, be it the weather, the markets, the crops, politics and gossip, all thrust out the things God. When religion is talked of it is often at a distance; spiritual experience is lost in a cloud of generalities.

Where is love and union amidst the strife of tongues? What are the feelings of the tender hearted, the meek and quiet ones, those newly called by grace, the young members of our churches, the exercised part of the flock, the doubting and fearing ones, I say, what are their feelings when they see those, who by their age and experience, should be fathers and mothers in Israel, spiritually cold and dead in conversation and buried in carnality. When Churches are made up of discordant materials, strife and disunion will usually exist. How can the stormy petrel and the timid dove dwell in the same nest? The dove cannot scream on the crest of the boiling wave, as does the petrel, and gather up its fishy prey from between the heaving billows, revelling in wind and storm. Nor can the petrel lodge in the calm nest of the dove, cooing out its lamentations, because of the absence of its beloved. Let us examine ourselves. Amen.

A CHRISTIAN WATCH MEMBERS' REQUEST FOR PRAYER

by The Pastor of a Christian Church in Russia

"And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,..... But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 4:24,29; 20:24

May Grace and Peace from the Almighty be upon you each and every day, for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you to pray for us and for our proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. In Russia we have very hard times threatening us again. The Ministry of Justice has prepared a bill which would prohibit religious missionary work in Russia. In November the Russian State Government will decide upon its introduction.

If it becomes law, the penalty for any person who speaks publicly about Christ and salvation by him is from \$80 to \$200. The law requires me to expel young men from the Church and if someone from our Church speaks to others about Christ, it is me as the pastor who will be prosecuted with a fine of \$200. The same applies if members of our Church distribute bibles or any other items that promote the Word of God to the public. The law is more terrible than that we experienced under the USSR.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are not afraid of persecution, but trust the words of the Lord, *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me" (John 15:18 – 21).*

We ask you therefore to pray that, subject to the Lord's will, this Bill may not be implemented. If it is the Lord's will to permit the Bill to be passed, may God give us grace and submission to His will and to accept

whatever sufferings and persecutions for His name's sake and for the sake of the gospel. May all prove to be for the honour and glory of God and the work of Satan be overthrown.

We pray for you and ask God to bless you in all your service for Him.

Note: The Pastor's name is withheld for his own security.

**“The force of their united cries
No power can long withstand.”**

Part of Gadsby

hymn 966

THE POWER OF PRAYER

From William Gurnall

The Christian should join prayer to all other means because of **the great prevalency that prayer hath with God**. He will do no great matter for a saint without prayer, and nothing is too great for Him to do at his request.

Prayer, like Jonathan's bow, when duly qualified as to the person and act, never returns empty. Never was faithful prayer lost at sea. No merchant trades with such certainty as the praying saint. Some prayers indeed have a longer voyage than other; but then they come with the richer lading at last into the port. In trading, he gets most by his commodity that can forebear his money longest. So does the Christian that can with most patience stay for a return of his prayer. Such a soul shall never be ashamed of his waiting. The promise is as an assuring office to secure him his adventure (1 John 3:22). O who can express the powerful oratory of a believer's prayer! "This little word, 'Father', lisped forth in prayer by a child of God, exceeds the eloquence of Demosthenes, Cicero, and all other so famed orators in the world" (Luther).

We read of taking heaven "*by force*" (Matt. 11:12). If ever this may be said to be done it is in prayer. Saith Tertullian, "We knock at heaven, and the merciful heart of God flies open, which we bring away with us." And in the same apology he speaks of Christians, how they went to pray, as an army doth to besiege a town, and take it by storm. And then he adds, "This holy violence we offer to God in prayer is very pleasing to Him." Surely, if it were not, He would neither help the Christian so in the work, nor reward him for it when it is done. Whereas He doth both.

He helped Jacob to overcome: "*By his strength he had power with God*" (Hos. 12:3). That is, not by his own, but by the strength he had from God. And then He puts honour upon him for the victory, "*Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince thou hast power with God and with men, and hast prevailed*" (Gen 32:28).

It were easy here to expatiate into a large history of the great exploits which prayer is renowned for in holy writ. See Jas. 5:17; Isa. 37; Dan. 2:18; 2 Sam 15:31; Est. 4:16; Acts 12:5; John 9:41; Jonah 2:2; Jos. 10:12,14; 2 Kings 20:10; Psa. 106:23; Ezek. 22:30. This is the key that hath opened and again shut heaven. It hath vanquished mighty armies, and unlocked such secrets as passed the skill of the very devil himself to find out. It hath strangled desperate plots in the very womb wherein they were conceived, and made those engines of cruelty prepared against the saints recoil upon the inventors of them; so that they have inherited the gallows which they did set up for others. At the knock of prayer, prison doors have opened, the grave hath delivered up its dead; and the sea's leviathan, not able to digest his prey, hath been made to vomit it up again. It hath stopped the sun's chariot in the heavens, yea made it to go back. And that which surpasseth all, it hath taken hold of the Almighty, when on His full march against persons and people, and hath put Him to a merciful retreat. Indeed, by the power prayer hath with God, it comes to prevail over all the rest.

He that hath a key to God's heart cannot be shut out or stopped at the creature's door. Now prayer moves God and overcomes Him, not by causing any change in the divine will and making God to take up new thoughts of doing that for His people which He did not before intend. No, God is immutable, and what good He doth in time for His people He purposed before any time was. But prayer is said to more than

overcome God; because He then gives what from eternity He purposed to give upon their praying to Him. For when God decreed what He would do for His saints, He also purposed that they should pray for the same. *"I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them"* (Ezek. 36:37). Prayer's midwifery shall be used to deliver the mercies God purposeth and promiseth. Hezekiah understood this when he calls the prophet to the church's labour, and bids, because *"the children"* – that is deliverance – is stuck in her birth, that he should therefore *"lift up a prayer"* (Isa.37:3,4). And when Daniel had found the full reckoning of the promise – how long it had to go with the deliverance promised for their return from captivity – perceiving it hastened, he therefore falls hard to prayer, knowing God's purpose to give doth not discharge us from our duty to ask (Dan. 9:3).

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN WATCH ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Meeting was held at the Ramada Hotel in Crawley, Sussex, on Friday 6 November. The meeting was well attended, with approximately 95 in attendance, and many well-known Protestant Ministries were present with literature tables.

The Meeting was opened by Pastor Joseph Rutt with Scripture reading from Jeremiah 5: 1-19, followed by prayer.

CW Chairman, David Crowter, welcomed those present and then introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Andrea Minichiello Williams, the well-known barrister and Director of Christian Concern for Our Nation and the Christian Lawyers Centre. She spoke on **'The Role of Christians in the 21st Century'**.

Mrs. Minichiello Williams opened by thanking Mr. Crowter for his welcome. She lamented that she often felt like Jeremiah – in that, seldom a day passed when she did not weep for the fallen state of Britain. The overriding theme of Mrs. Williams' address was the importance of maintaining Biblical principles in the laws of our nation, such as the sanctity of life, the role and structure of families, crime and punishment etc.

Referring to the laws concerning abortion, she highlighted how once the principle of sanctity of life had been breached, not only did it lead to the unrestrained slaughter of the unborn – often for reasons as trivial as club feet – but also to many other damaging consequences. Only 40 years after the Abortion Act was instituted, she said, the law now allowed for the creation and destruction of embryos, cloning, human and animal hybrids, child selection and many more practices, which would have been unthinkable and indeed unenforceable if the original principle of the sanctity of life had been maintained.

Of special poignancy was the fact that Mrs. Minichiello Williams could herself have been 'terminated' under current laws, as she had recently been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer – a condition now screened for in embryos.

Mrs. Minichiello Williams further supported her theme by highlighting the same process of accelerated decline and decay with regard to the role and structure of the family, sexual ethics, liberty and much more. She emphasised the urgent need for prayer and also the responsibility of Christians to actively oppose that which is contrary to the Word of God by any lawful means.

The second address was given by Rev John Thackway, Pastor of Holywell Evangelical Church and editor of the Bible League Quarterly magazine. Rev Thackway spoke on **'The Origin and Purpose of Civil Government'** and opened his address with a reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

Mr. Thackway first focused on the fact that civil government was not created by man but was an ordinance of God – created to be a civil 'sword' of justice for man's good alongside the Word of God.

After quoting from Romans chapter 13, Rev Thackway commented that scripture commanded all Christians to obey 'every ordinance of man' as Governments were ordained by God. Politicians, and those in authority, had therefore a duty and an accountability to God.

He also reminded the meeting of the blessings that Britain enjoys in having a parliamentary and judicial system that had been based on scriptural truth from as far back as King Alfred the Great in the 10th

Century. He contended that the three chief purposes of government were to make law, administer justice and to honour well doers. Using recent examples he laid out clearly just how far our current rulers and judiciary had departed from the requirement for all laws to reflect these divine purposes in law.

Rev Thackway stated that there was one instance where Christians were permitted to break the law and that was when civil authorities required Christians to break the divine law. He contended that Christians must resist such laws and never stay silent in these circumstances – regardless of the consequences. Rev Thackway closed by highlighting that it could soon be the case that even this address would fall foul of the law and encouraged all present to make a stand for Biblical truth whilst the liberty to do so remains.

Regrettably the recordings taken of the addresses at the meeting are not of sufficient quality to allow us to offer them for sale. They are, however, available as a free download on our website www.parliamentneedschristianity.com/audio.html

***** VERY IMPORTANT PROTEST *****

After 17 years of service as a Homelessness Prevention Officer with Wandsworth Council a man has been suspended from work for encouraging a homeless woman with an incurable medical condition to look to God for help, after doctors told her they could do no more for her.

The Christian Legal Centre quoted in their latest email that *'we all believe, that this is one of the most appalling, if not the most appalling, case we have ever seen.'* The council even said that to say 'God bless' at work was 'inadvisable'.

This case has extraordinary ramifications for Christians in Britain. If this man loses his job it effectively means that Christianity is now a private affair and cannot even be mentioned at work!

Prayer Vigil –15th December, 4-7pm

outside Wandsworth Town Hall, High Street, London, SW18 2PU

More details available from the campaign website.

www.justiceforduke.com

J. C. Philpot - from 'Ears from Harvested Sheaves'

"All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Peter 1:24, 25

All flesh, and everything that springs from the flesh, and is connected with the flesh, is as grass, which, for a time, looks green and flourishing, but touched with the mower's scythe, or scorched by the midday sun, soon withers and fades away. Such is all flesh, without exception, from the highest to the lowest. As in nature, some grass grows thicker and longer than other, and makes, for a while, a brighter show, yet the scythe makes no distinction between the light crop and the heavy, so the scythe of death mows down with equal sweep the rich and the poor, and lays in one common grave all the children of men. You have seen sometimes in the early spring the grass in flower, and you have noticed those little yellowish "anthers," as they are termed, which tremble at every breeze. This is "the flower of grass;" and though so inconspicuous as almost to escape observation, yet as much its flower as the tulip or the rose is the flower of the plant which bears each. Now, as the grass withereth, so the flower thereof falleth away. It never had, at its best state, much permanency or strength of endurance, for it hung as by a thread, and it required but a little gust of wind to blow it away, and make it as though it never had been. Such is all the pride of the flesh, and all the glory of man.

But is there nothing that endures amidst all that thus withers and falls away? Yes, the word of the Lord. *"And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."* Now, the same gospel, which was preached by the Apostles, is preached unto us in the word of truth which we have in our hands; and if we have received that gospel into a believing heart, we have received for ourselves that word of the Lord which endureth for ever. And thus, though all our own flesh is as grass, and all in which we might naturally glory is but as the flower of grass, and though this grass must wither in death, and the flower thereof shall fall away, when the place which now knoweth us shall know us no more, yet we have an enduring substance in the gospel of the grace of God, and, so far as we have received that gospel, and known it to be the power of God unto salvation, when our

earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

A timely reminder of the shortness of life, and the goodness of God by Isaac Watts

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| 1 Time! what an empty vapour 'tis!
And days how swift they are!
Swift as an Indian arrow flies,
Or like a shooting star. | 4 Yet, mighty God, our fleeting days
Thy lasting favours share,
Yet with the bounties of thy grace
Thou load'st the rolling year. |
| 2 The present moments just appear,
Then slide away in haste,
That we can never say, "They're here,"
But only say, "They're past." | 5 While grace stands pointing out the road
That leads our souls above.
His goodness runs an endless round;
All glory to the Lord: |
| 3 Our life is ever on the wing,
And death is ever nigh;
The moment when our lives begin
We all begin to die. | 6 'Tis sovereign mercy finds us food,
And we are clothed with love;
His mercy never knows a bound,
And be his Name ador'd! |
- 7 Thus we begin the lasting song,
And when we close our eyes,
Let the next age thy praise prolong
Till time and nature dies.

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