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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,

Greetings in the blessed name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The fact that our lives are spared and all our providential needs are supplied, is a wonderful favour, but how much greater is the blessing if we are favoured to know the Lord personally as our Saviour and Redeemer. We cannot have a greater and closer friend than the Lord God Almighty, in whom we are told to put our trust (Psalm 118:8,9) and in Him *“that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think”* (Eph.3:20). We are told in John 15:7 *“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you”*. How important it is therefore, particularly in this evil day when the devil is very active, for us to be prayerful and watchful in seeking a close and intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The current events in the United Kingdom and in many other countries of the world are an indication that we have already entered those *‘perilous times’* to which the scriptures refer in 2 Timothy 3:1. In reading further verses in this chapter, it clearly identifies so many of the events now taking place, but it also exhorts those who are true Christians to continue in the things they have learned and been assured of. May the Lord enable us to prayerfully follow this exhortation.

Most of our Members will be aware, through media publicity, of the pastor of a church in the USA who threatened to burn copies of the Koran, on the 11th September - the anniversary of the Muslim terrorist attack in the USA. Whilst we can, and do, sympathise with those who suffered so terribly as a result of this evil event, we cannot endorse the action proposed by Pastor Terry Jones. Thankfully this did not materialise. Our good friend, Pastor Shaun Willcock, from South Africa has written an excellent article on the event, which we include under the title, **International Burn a Koran Day, The Christian Response**.

The endeavours of Satan and his followers continue in their endeavour to deny the existence of the Lord God. They attempt to prove by scientific arguments, that the world and all it contains was not formed by the command of an almighty Creator in the heavens. Most recently, Stephen Hawking has been promoting his ‘Big Bang’ theory. This has been comprehensibly disputed by Professor John Lennox in an article in the Daily Mail newspaper, which we include under the title, **Stephen Hawking’s BIG BANG theory is wrong**.

The homosexual organisation Stonewall held its annual conference in July. This was infiltrated by one of our Christian Watch Members for the purpose of discovering their future policy and plans to promote their evil ways. They intend to increasingly target children in particular as a means of progressively indoctrinating and influencing the rising generation. We include an abbreviated version of this report under the title, **Brief Report on Stonewall’s Annual Conference**. The conclusion at the end of this report should be carefully and prayerfully studied to determine what we should be doing to oppose the work of Satan in this matter.

We are encouraged to learn in a report, published by Christian Soldiers – UKIP, of the existence of **The Christian Police Association**, details of the report are included in this Newsletter. It is known as the CPA and it is important for us to make contact with them on a local level - where they have a Branch - and to give them all the support we can. This is particularly important in the light of the opposition they increasingly experience from the Gay Police Association. The CPA was originally formed in 1883 by Catherine Gurney OBE, who also helped in setting up Police Convalescent Homes around the UK. There are branches of the CPA in the majority of Police Forces throughout the United Kingdom, their headquarters being in Bedford.

We include a **Newsletter** from our good friend, the Lord’s servant in Russia, whose name we do not give to preserve his personal security. O that we might have the same devotion and concern for the spiritual benefit of others and for the honour and glory of our God as he manifests. He travels thousands of miles under adverse conditions, often to preach to just a few people, in one of their homes. It is not an easy warfare he endures, and he asks us to remember him in our prayers.

You will recall the article we included in our May 2010 Newsletter, which detailed the massacre of 500 Christians in Jos, Nigeria. We have received a further report from our colleagues in CW Nigeria, which we include under its title, **“We won’t dump Jos Crisis Report, says Nigerian President Jonathan”**. Those of us who are favoured to live in a comparatively peaceful country should not only value the Lord’s mercy to us, but also prayerfully concern ourselves for the peace and spiritual prosperity of those who are not so favoured.

Our **NOTICE BOARD** on this occasion consists of a report on the protests and Gospel witnesses that we, together with other Protestant organisations, participated in during the Pope’s recent visit to the United

Kingdom. It is a sad and solemn fact that so few people were willing to support these endeavours, particularly when we consider what many of our forefathers willingly endured. Some gave their lives that we might have the religious liberty and the Protestant heritage we are still favoured with in our generation.

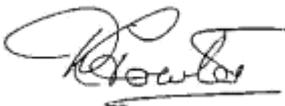
Our final article is entitled, **NOAH ENTERING THE ARK** by Dr. Robert Hawker, who was a Church of England Vicar in Plymouth, over 200 years ago. If both Noah's and Dr Hawker's God is ours during our pilgrimage here on earth, it will be a wonderful and blessed occasion when we depart to join them and all the redeemed saints around the throne of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in glory.

Please make note of the **Christian Watch Annual Meeting** to be held, God willing, in Luton on the evening of **Friday 29th October**, when an address entitled, **'The Antichrist: the Present and Future Threat'**, will be given by **Rev. David Blunt**. Rev Blunt is Pastor of the Free Church on the Isle of North Uist, Scotland.

Finally, we desire to thank all our Members for their prayerful support and also we would acknowledge with gratitude the financial contributions we have received in support of the costs incurred in preparing and printing leaflets for distribution during the Pope's visit to the UK.

We wish you the Lord's blessing and may He supply your spiritual and material needs.

Yours, in the Lord's service,



David Crowter

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“International Burn a Koran Day”

The Christian Response

by Shaun Willcock – Bible Based Ministries, South Africa.

“And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” (Acts 19:18-20)

An international outcry occurred after Terry Jones, the pastor of a church in the United States, the Dove World Outreach Center, said he planned to burn copies of the Koran, the Muslim holy book, on September 11, 2010, the ninth anniversary of the Muslim terrorist attack on the United States, as a protest against Islam. He called this date “International Burn a Koran Day.” Supporters mailed him copies of the Koran for the burning. He was probably not expecting the furious worldwide reaction to his plan. Everyone from Islamic leaders, to the mainstream media, to actresses like Angelina Jolie, to the Vatican, to various Protestant ministers, to Jewish rabbis, to social network sites, condemned him for this planned action.

But what is the correct Christian response to all of this? The Word of God shows us.

In the city of Ephesus, Paul preached the Gospel for a period of two years; *“so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks”* (Acts 19:10). And a large number of people believed the Gospel, trusted in Christ, and were saved from their sins, becoming Christians.

Now Ephesus was a centre of heathen and occult worship. This is what is meant by them using “curious arts”, in the text above: such things as magic, astrology, divination, soothsaying, necromancy, witchcraft, incantations, etc. Paul’s ministry among them had been the instrumental means (as is the ministry of all faithful ministers of Christ) *“to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God”* (Acts 26:18). Large numbers attended to the Gospel preached by Paul, and were saved from their sins by faith in Christ. And then they brought their false “holy books” and books of magic and tossed them onto the bonfire, as a demonstration of their total renunciation and repudiation of their former way of life, when they had been part of Satan’s kingdom and served him by means of these black arts. By throwing those occult books onto the bonfire, they were publicly declaring that God “hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Col. 1:13).

It is very likely that Terry Jones had this very text in mind when he called for the burning of Korans on September 11. But in truth, his call was foolish, misguided, and futile. Here’s why:

Those who brought their books to be burned in Ephesus that day were *ex-heathens who were now Christians*, and we have seen what their motive was. It was a noble motive, and indeed, even today Christians could do the same thing. If, for example, in a particular place, by the preaching of the Gospel, many Muslims are converted – or Hindus, Mormons, Satanists, witches, Papists, or anyone else for that matter – they could bring together the “holy books” of the false religions they previously followed, and burn them in an act of public renunciation of their former ways as servants in the devil’s kingdom. They could burn their own copies of the Koran, or the Hindu scriptures, or the Book of Mormon, or the occult books of Satanism and witchcraft, or the books of devotion to Mary or the saints. In doing so, they would be testifying to the world that they no longer believed or followed those false religions, and wanted nothing more to do with them and their false teachings.

But what is the difference between emulating the believers of Acts 19:18-20, and what this pastor called for? The difference is this: he did not call for ex-Muslims, now converted to Christ, to burn their own copies of the Koran to show that they had renounced Islam, but for people everywhere to obtain copies of the Koran for burning to protest the Muslim terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. His Koran-burning call was a protest against Islamic terrorism, particularly against America. And as such it was foolish, misguided, and futile.

It was foolish and misguided, firstly, because there are no biblical grounds for such a protest, and secondly, because it entirely misses the point of Acts 19. And it was futile; because in no way whatsoever would such Koran-burning prevent the spread of Islam. No matter how many copies of the Koran are burned, it is a mere drop in the ocean: there are multiplied millions of copies of the Koran in circulation worldwide. Even if thousands of churches around the world were misguided enough to hold Koran-burning bonfires for the reason this man wanted it done, it would make no difference whatsoever to the global spread of Islam or to Islamic terrorism. It was an utterly futile and foolish call that could not, by any stretch of the imagination, accomplish anything worthwhile.

But that being said, let us examine the argument that something should not be done “because Muslims will be offended.” Christians must be very wise here. We are not to deliberately give *unnecessary* offence to anyone, it is true; because this shuts the door to opportunities for witnessing and preaching to the lost: *“Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking*

mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved" (1 Cor. 10:32,33). And just gathering up Korans willy-nilly and setting them alight is an act of *unnecessary* offence. It serves no good purpose.

However, when it comes to preaching the Gospel, and standing for Christ, this must be done boldly, without compromise, without watering down the message, without yielding an inch to the enemies of the truth; and if this causes offence to any, then so be it. And if ex-Muslims, converted to Christ, burn their own copies of the Koran as a witness of renunciation of Islam, in the way described in Acts 19, this is something Christians *can* support – *even though* it offends Muslims.

The Koran is a holy book to Muslims, but it is not a holy book to Christians, and in fact we hold it to have been born out of the smoke of the bottomless pit (Rev. 9:2). Islam is a hellish delusion, as all false religions are, and no Christian has any respect for it, nor for its so-called "holy book." Christians believe in religious *toleration*, and will never harm someone who follows a false religion; but that is a far cry from *respecting* Satan's religions. We have no respect for them at all, and we long for men and women to be set free from bondage to them. For this reason we preach to the adherents of false religions, that they may repent of their sins, including the great sin of worshipping false gods, and be saved from their sins by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Doubtless the practitioners of the "curious arts" were furious at the burning of their "holy books" by the new converts to Christ in Ephesus. But that did not deter the Christians from doing so! It was highly offensive to the Ephesian silversmiths who made shrines to the heathen goddess Diana that Paul "persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands" (Acts 19:26); but that did not deter Paul from preaching precisely that. We are not to water down the Gospel because followers of false religions find it "offensive".

If, like the politically-correct, liberal, leftist, spineless 'Christians' who swarm everywhere these days, those who are the Lord's true servants will only say or do something if it doesn't "offend" someone, our hands will be tied so that we cannot serve our Lord. Our mouths will be gagged so that we cannot preach His Word. And worse yet, the gags and bonds will be *self-applied* – through *fear!* Imagine that – being so afraid of the devil's servants that we voluntarily gag our mouths and tie our hands behind our backs, to avoid offending any of them!

There is such fear in the world today over Islamic violence that people react in horror to anything that might "offend Muslims." The attitude seems to be, "Whatever you do, don't get them riled up!" But for the true Christian, this should never be a consideration, because once we start using this argument it is a small step from there to saying we had better not even *preach* to Muslims, for fear they will be "offended." Every Christian should have this fact settled in his heart and mind: the Gospel *is* offensive to the world. It always has been and always will be. Any reading of the book of Acts will show just how deeply many people were offended when the apostles went out preaching. Frequently their preaching resulted in riots breaking out!

When the disciples once said to Jesus, after he had been preaching, "*Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?*" how did He react? He did not issue a public apology for offending them; instead He said, "*Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch*" (Matt. 15:12-14). Let us *never* take the approach that we should "be careful what we say", because it will "offend." If it is the truth of the Gospel, then it must be proclaimed, whether it causes offence or not. Otherwise we are not following the Lord Jesus Christ, nor the example of the apostles. Give no offence to anyone in matters of an indifferent nature, or by committing sin; but if people are offended by the plain preaching of the Gospel of Christ, then so be it.

Furthermore, notwithstanding the foolish and misguided call for an "International Burn the Koran Day," let none be in any doubt of the fact that Islam *is* aggressively advancing throughout the world, and it *must* be resisted. Not by such futile actions as gathering up Korans and tossing them onto a bonfire, but by exposing what Islam is all about, refuting its teachings, and opposing Islamic expansionism, warning people of its plots and *modus operandi*.

Like Roman Catholicism, Islam seeks world domination, and it is using four tactics to attempt to achieve this. Firstly, by active, zealous Islamic evangelisation; secondly, by massive Muslim immigration into non-Muslim countries; thirdly, by a high birth rate among Muslims in non-Muslim countries; and fourthly, once the Islamic presence in a country is large enough, by demanding special privileges, even Islamic law to be enforced. Then holding violent protests if Muslims do not get their way, and threatening even more violence in the future unless western countries bow to Islamic demands.

The first tactic is the least effective of all, at least in the West, because most western people are repulsed by Islam's violence and its religious practices, and are not persuaded to voluntarily convert. But the other three tactics are proving to be extremely effective, and unless non-Islamic governments act now, and act decisively, it will soon be too late for many of them. It is vital for non-Islamic governments, particularly western governments (for Islam is particularly targeting western nations), to introduce legislation to severely curb immigration from Muslim countries into their own countries – they need to realise that this is nothing less than the creation of Muslim "fifth columns" which are operating to undermine their societies and eventually take control of them. And it is just as vital to immediately take steps to rein in the aggressive, violent Muslim populations already within their countries.

Muslim people in western countries need to be told, in no uncertain terms, that unless they *accept* and *obey* the laws of the country in which they have been granted the privilege of citizenship, and integrate into society instead of holding onto the brutal laws and customs of seventh-century Arabia, they will be imprisoned or deported. Unless western countries take such steps, many of them will be conquered within a couple of decades at most. That is the reality. It is happening already, in various European countries. But alas, the West appears unlikely, at this stage, to take such measures. Most western governments are leftist, Socialist, and so committed to the doctrine of “political correctness” that they will sit back and do nothing. And Islam knows it.

Seen in this light, then, U.S. General David Petraeus’ warning that “images of the burning of a Quran would undoubtedly be used by extremists in Afghanistan – and around the world – to inflame public opinion and incite violence”, is entirely the wrong response. It reveals great ignorance about the very nature of Islam. The West is constantly seeking to pacify the Islamic world, instead of standing up to its threats and intimidation. The fact is that Muslims will commit violence against non-Muslims *even if the non-Muslims do nothing*. Yes, they will use something like a Koran-burning spectacle as an excuse to justify their acts of terror against innocent people, but even if no one ever again said or did anything “offensive” to Muslims, they would *still* commit acts of terror against innocent people.

Islam seeks world domination by violence. It doesn’t attack people just because they burn Korans; it attacks them *because they are not Muslims*. If no one burned another Koran as long as the world lasts, Muslims would still use violence and terror against those who are not Muslims, because *this is how Islam advances*. Its Koran commands war and bloodshed against non-Muslims. It is not an innocent, peaceful religion provoked into violent retaliation because of the actions of others – that is what it wants the world to believe, but it’s a lie. It has declared perpetual war on the non-Islamic world until the whole world submits to Allah, *regardless* of whether or not non-Muslims do anything “offensive” to Muslims! So forget this idea that burning Korans will provoke Muslims to violent anger. They don’t need provocation to be violent; violence is what the Islamic religion is by its very nature.

As long as the rest of the world continues to walk on eggshells for fear of “offending” and “inflaming” Muslims, one concession after another will be made to this violent religion by fearful politicians. Like a schoolyard bully, everyone tiptoes around Islam because they are too afraid to stand up to it. Until someone has the courage to stand up to the bully, he will continue to get his way. Islamic madmen *know* that they can get the West to back down merely by threatening violence. But a line has to be drawn in the sand. The Muslim aggressors have to be told, in no uncertain terms, that they will *not* be treated with kid gloves by western governments when their citizens are threatened or attacked by Muslims; and that the West will *not* cave in to Islamic threats and intimidation. And if the Islamic world doesn’t like it, well then, as they say: too bad.

And note this as well: although there has been an international outcry, from leaders of various religions as well as various politicians, against this pastor’s call for Koran-burning, where are the similar cries of outrage against the ongoing, widespread, vicious persecution of Christians in one Muslim country after another? There is a deafening silence. The world screams when one misguided man calls for Korans to be burned, yet says nothing when Muslims massacre Christians in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Egypt, Sudan, and other Islamic lands. It is happening every week, every month, every year – and the world says and does nothing. There is no true religious freedom in any Islamic country. Islam demands that non-Muslims respect its book and allow it every freedom in non-Islamic countries, and yet denies Christians in Islamic countries the same treatment it self-righteously demands for itself!

Christians! Be very aware of this monstrous religion’s mission, and of how it operates. If you are citizens of a non-Islamic country, by all means use such legal avenues as you have to resist the encroachment of this insidious religio-political system. And above all, preach the Gospel of the grace of God to the Muslim people! It is advancing, day by day, year by year, throughout the world. Mohammed was a man of war, but Christ is the Prince of peace. Mohammed’s fanatical followers are very willing to use the physical sword to advance their religion, but Christ’s true followers make use of the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Pray, witness; preach; and live a life that is glorifying to the Lord in this world of sin and darkness.

In February 2008 a police community support officer (PCSO) told two church workers who were handing out Christian tracts in Birmingham, UK, “You can’t preach here: this is a Muslim area.” The PCSO’s told Arthur Cunningham and Joseph Abraham that they were committing a hate crime by attempting to convert Muslims to Christianity and threatened to take them to the police station. The pair later made a formal complaint to West Midlands Police, but no formal apology was given.

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“Stephen Hawking’s BIG BANG theory is wrong” says Professor John Lennox

(Professor of Mathematics at Green Templeton College, Oxford)

There’s no denying that Stephen Hawking is intellectually bold as well as physically heroic. And in his latest book, the renowned physicist mounts an audacious challenge to the traditional religious belief in the divine creation of the universe.

According to Hawking, the laws of physics, not the will of God, prove the real explanation as to how life on Earth came into being. The Big Bang, he argues, was the inevitable consequence of these laws, ‘because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing.’

Unfortunately, while Hawking’s argument is being hailed as controversial and groundbreaking, it is hardly new. For years, other scientists have made similar claims, maintaining that the awesome, sophisticated creativity of the world around us can be interpreted solely by reference to physical laws such as gravity. It is a simplistic approach, yet in our secular age it is one that seems to have resonance with a sceptical public.

But, as both a scientist and a Christian, I would say that Hawking’s claim is misguided. He asks us to choose between God and the laws of physics, as if they were necessarily in mutual conflict.

But contrary to what Hawking claims, physical laws can never provide a complete explanation of the universe. Laws themselves do not create anything; they are merely a description of what happens under certain conditions.

What Hawking appears to have done is to confuse law with agency. His call on us to choose between God and physics is a bit like someone demanding that we choose between aeronautical engineer Sir Frank Whittle and the laws of physics to explain the jet engine,

That is a confusion of category. The laws of physics can explain how the jet engine works, but someone had to build the thing, put in the fuel and start it up. The jet could not have been created without the laws of physics on their own – but the task of development and creation needed the genius of Whittle as its agent. Similarly, the laws of physics could never have actually *built* the universe. Some agency must have been involved.

To use a simple analogy, Isaac Newton’s laws of motion in themselves never sent a snooker ball racing across the green baize. That can only be done by people using a snooker cue and the actions of their own arms.

Hawking’s argument appears to me even more illogical when he says the existence of gravity means the creation of the universe was inevitable. But how did gravity exist in the first place? Who put it there? And what was the creative force behind its birth?

Conflict

Similarly, when Hawking argues, in support of his theory of spontaneous creation, that it was only necessary for ‘the blue touch paper’ to be lit to ‘set the universe going’, the question must be: where did this blue touch paper come from? And who lit it, if not God?

Much of the rationale behind Hawking’s argument lies in the idea that there is a deep-seated conflict between science and religion. But this is not a discord I recognise. For me, as a Christian believer, the beauty of the scientific laws only reinforces my faith in an intelligent, divine creative force at work. The more I understand science, the more I believe in God because of my wonder at the breadth, sophistication and integrity of his creation.

The very reason science flourished so vigorously in the 16th and 17th centuries was precisely because of the belief that the laws of nature which were then being discovered and defined reflected the influence of a divine law-giver. One of the fundamental themes of Christianity is that the universe was built according to a rational, intelligent design. Far from being at odds with science, the Christian faith, actually makes perfect scientific sense.

Some years ago, the scientist Joseph Needham made an epic study of technological development in China. He wanted to find out why China, for all its early gifts of innovation, has fallen so far behind Europe in the advancement of science. He reluctantly came to the conclusion that European science had been spurred on by the widespread belief in a rational creative force, known as God, which made all scientific laws comprehensible.

Truth

Despite this, Hawking, like so many other critics of religion, wants us to believe we are nothing but a random collection of molecules, the end product of a mindless process. If true this would undermine the very rationality we need to study science. If the brain were really the result of an unguided process, then there is no reason to believe in its capacity to tell us the truth.

We live in an information age. When we see a few letters of the alphabet spelling our name in the sand, our immediate response is to recognise the work of an intelligent agent. How much more likely, then, is an intelligent creator behind the human DNA, the colossal biological database that contains no fewer than 3.5 billion 'letters'?

It is fascinating that Hawking, in attacking religion, feels compelled to put so much emphasis on the Big Bang theory. Because, even if the non-believers don't like it, the Big Bang fits in exactly with the Christian narrative of creation. That is why, before the Big Bang gained currency, so many scientists were keen to dismiss it, since it seemed to support the Bible story. Some clung to Aristotle's view of the 'eternal universe' without beginning or end; but this theory, and later variants of it, are now deeply discredited.

But support for the existence of God moves far beyond the realm of science. Within the Christian faith, there is also the powerful evidence that God revealed himself to mankind through Jesus Christ two millennia ago. This is well documented not just in the scriptures and other testimony but also in a wealth of archaeological findings.

Moreover, the religious experiences of millions of believers cannot lightly be dismissed. I myself and my own family can testify to the uplifting influence faith has had on our lives, something which defies the idea we are nothing more than a random collection of molecules. Just as strong is the obvious reality that we are moral beings, capable of understanding the difference between right and wrong. There is no scientific route to such ethics. Physics cannot inspire our concern for others, or the spirit of altruism that has existed in human societies since the dawn of time.

Unique

The existence of a common pool of moral values points to the existence of transcendent force beyond mere scientific laws. Indeed, the message of atheism has always been a curiously depressing one, portraying us as selfish creatures bent on nothing more than survival and self-gratification.

Hawking also thinks that the potential existence of other life forms in the universe undermines the traditional religious conviction that we are living on a unique, God-created planet. But there is no proof that other lifeforms are out there, and Hawking certainly does not present any!

It always amuses me that atheists often argue for the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligence beyond earth. Yet they are only too eager to denounce the possibility that we already have a vast, intelligent being out there: God.

Hawking's new fusillade cannot shake the foundations of a faith that is based on evidence.

From Daily Mail, 3 September 2010

Brief Report on Stonewall's Annual Conference

By a Christian Watch Member

Stonewall held its 5th Annual conference *Education For All* on Friday 2nd July 2010 in the British Library, London. Its agenda was 'to raise up champions of diversity who will combat homophobic bullying and equip them in making schools conform to gay legislation'

This is to be done mainly by inducing mantras of tolerance, equality, inclusion, non-discrimination and diversity, words designed to short circuit any thought and debate. The objective is to convince the public that homosexuality is an innocuous and immutable state of being. They are determined to convince us that homosexuals are an oppressed and victimised minority group, rather than occupying the most powerful positions in government and public life. They are poised to enforce gay ideology with oppressive legislation, which will sweep away our precious freedoms. The West is locked in a life and death struggle with forces that threaten to destroy it from within, whilst other forces wait from without and watch until their time is right.

Ben Summerskill – Chief Executive, Stonewall (Key Note Address)

Ben Summerskill spoke of the homophobia motivated murder of homosexual Ian Baynham, apparently kicked to death late at night in Trafalgar Square. He quoted one such witness to the murder, who said that he had not reported the incident because such homophobic incidences were now commonplace in Britain. In the event the trial proved nothing beyond a drunken affray in which Mr Baynham tragically struck his head on the pavement and died from a brain haemorrhage. But what the witness may have been saying is that violent scenes in general have become part and parcel of life in Britain to such an extent that we no longer notice them.

For the Chief Executive to suggest that homosexuals are being disproportionately targeted, ignores the fact that some of the most violent crimes take place within the so called gay community. Indeed homosexuality itself is violence against the natural order. I would suggest that the disorder and increased levels of violence that we experience in Britain are due to the kind of nihilism and deconstruction of morals being advanced by Stonewall and the *Department of Children, Schools and Families*. Homosexuality is the catalyst for unravelling the bonds such as marriage and the traditional family that keep society secure, stable and cohesive. Only denial, deception, distraction and delusion blind us to the fact that Britain is in the advanced stages of meltdown.

Children with Gay Parents - Derek Munn (Stonewall)

Derek Munn spoke about the report on children with lesbian and gay parents published by the *Centre for Family Research Cambridge* on behalf of Stonewall. He claimed that the children experienced or registered no difference between their parents and that of others. They only noticed innocuous characteristics, such as parents being shorter or taller for example. However, the Centre had not asked the view of the majority of parents as to whether they think that it is good for children to be raised in a homosexual environment, or whether they would be happy if their own son or daughter were to become homosexual. The centre had also not asked the opinions of the children who have been abused - not only by heterosexual but also homosexual predators - whilst in care.

Both Jack Straw and Teresa May have said publically that they do not believe that the homosexual environment is the right place to raise children. Children have become not just trophies of the gay lobby but human shields. Both speakers repeated the homophobia and the 'born like it' myth. But we are not programmed, we do have choice and free will. It is this which gives us dignity and sets us over the animal kingdom.

Managing Resistance (Session One) Sara Hassell, Luke Tryl (Stonewall)

The session was designed to enable those in education to manage homophobic parents and the bullying of their children through the listening process and negotiation. The strategy was to avoid confrontation and get them to be in touch with their feelings and needs, which is the reason for their homophobic attitude.

But parents exercising discretion with regard to sexual practises being taught to their children are not motivated by homophobia, but by a God-given and legitimate expression of parental instinct. Someone suggested that the real culprits most likely to present the most dangerous and extreme homophobia were the religious. It is these fundamental Christians whose irrational and medieval superstitions – mere cultural eccentricities – should have no place in a modern successful 21st century society such as Britain.

Stonewall awards bigot of the year awards – sheer public humiliation – but public humiliation is only the first stage of persecution to come. Fines, losses of jobs and businesses, prison, and even the threat of actual physical violence or even death could follow. The fact remains that as soon as one identifies oneself as heterosexual, this

validates someone claiming to be homosexual. There are in fact no such creatures, just men and women.

The Public Duty – What the New Law Means for Schools (Session Two)

In this session we moved from the morning negotiation to compulsion and oppression. The government has no choice but to make gay the norm and to embark on a far reaching, compulsory diversity training for all – from the child in the nursery to the elderly in the nursing home. The government's preferred tool is bullying and fear.

We fear whether what we say will land us in court, or even prison. Therefore we the public have become complacent and silent. There are now statutory obligations on the part of schools to fulfil the requirements of the Public Section of the Single Equality Act 2010. (Sections 149-157). The session dealt with ideas as to how a school might advance, promote and enforce homosexual ideology. Ideas included such things as the use of propaganda posters, by persuading parents, staff and children to write their own anti homophobic policies, and more diverse training in teacher training colleges.

Inquisition - Ofsted Nada Trikić (Keynote Address)

This address gave the distinct impression that Ofsted would become the instrument of inquisition.

Question and Answer Session

Those present at the conference became irritated about the concentration on the sexual side of homosexuality, rather wanting us to concentrate on feelings and that the relationship is committed. Project leaders at the conference set themselves a goal to 'create primary classrooms where queer sexualities are affirmed and celebrated'. Some leading homosexual 'Christians' even pervert and corrupt biblical relationships by claiming that they were actually homosexual.

In conclusion, after attending this conference I realised how flimsy and vulnerable our everyday freedoms are, unless by a supreme effort we can waken people to the danger that they and their children are in. Do not suppose that this is the end, this is only the beginning of the bitter cup that will be proffered to us year by year unless by a supreme recovery of moral health and martial vigour we arise again and take our stand for freedom as in olden times.

The Christian Police Association

So many Christians have been appalled by the sight of off-duty policemen and women in uniform parading as part of the Gay marches. However, there are many Christians working in the police service that are standing up for Christ and His teachings. The following information appears on their web site:

The Christian Police Association has been serving those in the police service for over 125 years and continually seeks to be relevant and active in its role.

During the last year we have welcomed over 140 new members and yet there are still areas of the UK where we do not have a branch of CPA. Our ongoing challenge is to improve that situation.

We need everyone's help to raise the profile of the Association and aid us in our mission of supporting and encouraging Christians in the police service and building bridges with the Christian Community. It is my prayer that you will want to join us in this mission."

Don Axcel wrote, "The challenges of today's Police Service are evident as you read newspapers, watch television or listen to the radio. We believe that the Christian Police Association has a relevant, vibrant and active ministry for the Police Service which we strive to maintain."

The row between the Gay Police Association and the Christian Police Association has been simmering for a while. The ad featured a Bible next to a pool of blood under the heading "in the name of the father", and claimed that religion was the sole or primary motivation behind most of the homophobic incidents logged by the GPA's staff helpline.

Minister, Reverend George Hargreaves, complained about the advert and said its claim was nonsense. He also called the Gay Police Association "Christianophobic", prompting a Met Police Investigation into whether the advert constituted a faith crime.

But far from backing down, members of the Gay Police Association say their colleagues in the Christian Police Association are themselves guilty of breaking police equal opportunities rules which outlaw discrimination on the grounds of sexuality.

The GPA's national coordinator Vic Codling told BBC News they are in dispute with the Christian Police Association after a gay, Christian police officer was refused membership of the CPA unless he agreed to become celibate.

'Christian Soldiers' congratulates the Christian Police Association for standing up for Christ and His teachings. The Police Service was once one of our finest, upstanding national institutions, one which was proud to serve our Christian monarch and the people of our Christian nation – but in recent decades secular politicians have attempted to turn it into a reflection of the satanic, ungodly, politically correct society they are attempting to create.

Taken from 'Christian Soldiers – UKIP'

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." *Matt 5:11*

Newsletter from a Russian Pastor, who is also a Christian Watch member

(Name withheld to avoid threat of persecution)

"The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him." Ezra 8:22

Our hearts are filled with praise and a glorification to the Great God-almighty! We through Jesus Christ glorify the Heavenly Father. The Holy Ghost directs our minds and souls to reverent adoration of the Almighty! We enjoy God, we admire His greatness and glory! To him be praise and glory for all eternity!

We remember you in our prayers, each time when we come to the throne of grace. We especially give thanks to you, for your prayers for us and about our service in the name of God. Every day we need the Grace of the Christ. We cannot do anything for the glory of God, or do His work, without help from Him. We absolutely depend on the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

Pseudo Conversions

The Lord, these days, has especially directed my attention to the major subject of the Bible: **Regeneration**. Jesus answered, *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."* John 3:5. Without the birth from above, any person will not be in the Kingdom of the Christ. All of us see more and more, how different churches are filled with the pseudo-converted. When preached, the modern gospel is for life in the flesh and to please the person instead of God. Churches are filled with "carnal Christians". In Russia it is an especial problem because of Orthodoxy. It is a dead religion carrying away many people to hell.

We have a big spiritual war. All the powers of darkness are in a great rage against the true Gospel. We are participants of spiritual abuse, but by the grace of God, we have the possibility to attack all enemy forces - by the gospel of Jesus Christ!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:10-13.

More Open Doors

The Lord has blessed us again to visit Ust-Udinsky area. We preached the grace Gospel in the settlement of New Uda. There lives sister Tatyana. We invited her neighbours to listen to a sermon about the Christ. Then we went into the settlement and preached about the Lord and distributed books and DVDs.

The Lord has allowed us to be again in village Chichkova. There sister Zoe has accepted us in her house, and her neighbours have come to listen to the grace Gospel. We have presented them with the Bible and DVDs. They have invited us to preach to them again a sermon on Christ and if possible, to come more often.

We have endured a special struggle about the settlement Average Muja. Last time we were there they accepted a message about the Sovereign God with pleasure. But in our absence, there came so called Christians believing in - Legalism. They have strongly confused the hearts of the people to whom we had preached about the Glory of the Christ. A spiritual struggle has begun there! We ask you to pray for them.

We continue ministering and distributing the Word of God through SMS Radio. For the present, the law has not forbidden us to preach the Gospel. Already, through SMS, 90,000 persons across the Irkutsk region know that there is a God, and that He is the Judge of trespassers, and there is a way of rescue through belief in the Christ. Some people have responded to SMS, and we visit them and preach to them about the Christ. We are glad for the blessings of God that He, through this ministering, allows us to find those people, in whose hearts the Holy Ghost works.

In the town Zalary, there lives woman Oksana and her husband Dima. She heard a sermon on Christ when she was 10 years old. In 1990, we often visited different villages in the area Zalari, and there she then heard about Christ. God has not left her; she bought a Bible and began to pray to God. And here through SMS we have found her. She is happy that she now has dialogue with Christians. She has told us how Jehovah's Witnesses, tried to convert her to their sect. She read the Bible, and through the Word and work of the Holy Ghost in her heart, has seen their false religion. Praise to the Christ! We visit her now and we strengthen her in the Word, and we hope that her husband Dima too will confess. Pray for them!

In Irkutsk, the Lord has given the possibility to us to open two stands in populous shops where we can offer booklets and DVDs about the Christ. Those people, who are frightened by the propagation of an Orthodox church and are afraid of Baptists, do not take literature from us and avoid talking to us. But here through such stands, we are reaching people by our literature, and audio-video sermons.

There is a BIG spiritual warfare! Loved by God, we ask your prayers for us!

We continue to petition for you and about your spiritual strengthening in the Christ. Both we, and you, need guidance by the Holy Ghost. We cannot make progress without the grace of God.

It is our prayer before a throne of grace:

Quicken thou me according to thy word. Strengthen thou me according unto thy word. Ps.119:25,28

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us. Ps.123:1-3

We praise God for the great mercy shown to us in the Christ Jesus!

(Slightly edited)

Further to our article in our May newsletter entitled ‘**Massacre of 500 Christians at Jos, Nigeria**’, we include a report from *Christian Watch*, Nigeria.

“We won’t dump Jos Crisis Report, says Nigerian President Jonathan”

President Goodluck Jonathan on 24 August 2010 received the report of the Presidential Advisory Committee (PAC) on the Jos Crisis, promising to implement its recommendations. The report, which was in three volumes, ruled out religion as the cause of the crisis and recommended punishment for the perpetrators. However, the Committee failed to identify culprits, stating it was not part of its mandate. The report’s recommendation was that issues relating to indigenous people should be treated in line with constitutional provisions.

The Federal Government set up the Committee following the incessant religious crisis that rocked the State. Hundreds were killed and properties worth billions of Nigerian Naira were destroyed last year.

The President said:

“I assure you that Government is going to look at it (the report) thoroughly. I hope the recommendations are not only going to be a model to resolve the Jos crisis, but will also help to resolve similar crises in other parts of the country”, adding, “Definitely, the government is not going to dump this.”

He also expressed worries that despite efforts to ensure peace in the State, crises persisted. “*The Jos crises are very worrying because it has become cyclic; after a number of years it will come back*” he said. PAC Chairman and former Governor of Plateau State, Chief Solomon Lar, said the Committee identified the causes of the crises in Jos and the other part of the Plateau State.

“The Committee has identified political, economic, social and religious dimensions of the crises and recommendations were made to ameliorate their effects on peace and harmony.

“We have carefully examined these issues and amicably came to a consensus on all of them without exception.

“We only hope and pray that the far-reaching recommendations, which are contained in the report, will go a long way to justify the confidence reposed in us to assist in finding enduring solution that would restore Jos and Plateau State to their glorious days once again” Lar added.

Esseme A. A. (Christian Watch, Nigeria)

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Papal Visit

The various Papal Visit protests and Gospel witnesses we have had the privilege of being involved with have now passed. It has proved a time of very mixed emotions for me. A time of great rejoicing that God has His faithful remnant still prepared to stand against the Pope and his counterfeit church. Likewise a heart weeping for those multitudes deceived by that masterful counterfeit - the Roman Church. Weeping also that so few are left prepared to contend against error and witness for the truth. Weeping at the compromised and apostate state Church and all those professing Christians who are prepared to yoke themselves together with pagan Romanism.

It was also a very humbling experience to have people, literally all over the world, sending messages of support and offers of prayer. Humbling to see people leave their sick beds and some travel great distances (by UK standards anyway!) to come and join together with us.

It was humbling to see the many instances of Gods guiding and providential hand. I have many personal stories already of those attending and how they saw and felt the Lord's guiding and overruling hand.

We thank the Lord for the opportunities given to Duncan Boyd (Christian Watch Committee member) to contend for the truth in debates on the papal visit on Revelation TV and Premier Christian radio and for the interview Jeremy Brooks of the Protestant Truth Society (PTS) had on BBC radio on the day of the Protest in Westminster.

Summary of the Events

Scottish Witnesses

Edinburgh had approximately twenty five people turn up to witness to the crowds and one Glasgow Church also had an impromptu protest within feet of the Pope driving past.

The same number attended the Glasgow Mass at Bellahouston Park – mostly those who had earlier been in Edinburgh. There was a little hindrance from the Police but initial estimates are that 17,000 tracts and other items of literature were distributed to the crowds in Scotland. Donald Morrison (one of the organisers) has told me that he has already had one very fruitful communication after the witness.

London Witnesses

I went to London on Thursday 16th and met with a few helpers at Westminster Baptist Church to fold the 8,000 gospel tracts I had photocopied all the week before.

Friday morning (17th Sep) we met at Westminster Baptist Church for a time of prayer and organisation before going to offer tracts to the crowds going to see the Pope. When I arrived at the designated protest area I notice some protestors were there already but there was no enclosure as promised by the Police. Whilst this was not what we planned, it did create a more vibrant and open atmosphere to engender discussion with those opposing our views and therefore providing opportunities to share the Gospel and to hand out tracts to all those passing through.

Despite a few militant Roman Catholics I can recall only one incident of concern when a placard was snatched and trampled upon. Otherwise there were few problems and very few discarded or torn up tracts.

On Saturday we first went to the Westminster Cathedral in the morning and then on to the Hyde Park Mass in the afternoon and evening. It was a little more disorganised than I had planned but again in the providence of God this worked out well. We were also joined by other 'contenders', who had the same literature as we had, and together we estimate 30,000 tracts were distributed over the two days in London.

Birmingham Witness

We only had a space allocated by the Police the night before so I was nervous of what would develop. However, the Lord overruled all day. We arrived in perfect time despite some being late to the meeting point and also having to drive to catch a train to the witness. The witness was located only a few hundred yards from the train station and directly in the path of all returning, so called 'pilgrims'. The Police were excellent and even though it threatened to rain all day – there were only a few spots. Just eight people handed out about 3,000 tracts in nearly three hours and we had a few good conversations.

Videos, commentaries, interviews (including the Christian Watch Chairman) of the events are available online.

Stats

Altogether we estimate approximately 48,000 tracts and pieces of literature were distributed at all the events and hundreds of conversations pointing to Christ alone. Sadly the attendance was not what it should have been. Edinburgh – 25; Glasgow – 25; London Westminster – 100; Westminster Cathedral – 5; Hyde Park – 12; Birmingham – 8. As many people went to multiple events, it amounts to no more than about 100 people in total!

What Now

Whilst many felt God's help and guidance before, during and after the Papal visit events, we must not look at this visit as anything other than a judgment of Almighty God. We cannot afford to be self-congratulatory in any way because of the providences and blessings we saw and witnessed. Rather we should treat this Papal visit as a national warning from the Lord and our need to change our ways and repent of our lukewarm, apathetic and complacent faith and lives. I can see no other reason to account for the shameful situation that only one hundred of the Lord's people took part in the Protests and gospel witness events, in a country of sixty million souls? This accounts for 0.001666% (less than two thousandth of one percent) of the population of which 72% claimed to be Christian in census of 2001!

I trust this visit has revealed just how far we have plunged into darkness as a nation and will stir people up to prayerful action. The Pope has now gone, but the eternal Word is still here. So, I trust the co-operation between the various Protestant Societies and Groups and the fellowship with other brethren at the events will invigorate and inspire us all to a new zeal for God's glory.

What we need now is Pastors who are not afraid to proclaim the whole council of God and lead from the front. Likewise, we need faithful believers furnished with their spiritual armour and ready to go to the uttermost parts of the world (whether or not welcomed or invited) teaching and preaching of the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

There are untold opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel in *every* community - on the street, in our homes, schools, universities, prisons, old people's homes, in our work - if we will only 'go' in faith. So, let us separate our hearts and minds from the attractions of this world and seek only Christ and His glory. Please don't hesitate to call me if you'd like help in proclaiming the Word of God in your area – even if you are alone.

Every blessing in the Lord.

Andy Clarke.

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NOAH ENTERING THE ARK

By **Dr. Robert Hawker** (1753-1827)

(Church of England Vicar of Charles Church, Plymouth)

What a gracious invitation the Lord here gives to His chosen servant, in confirmation of the grace which the patriarch had found in the Lord's eyes: "*Come thou, and all thy house into the ark!*" As a kind father, who foreseeing a storm approaching, doth not think it enough to call his children from the field, but takes them by the hand, and brings them home to himself: so the Lord does to His family the church. He not only provides an ark, even Christ, as an "*hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest!*"; but by the love-calls of His grace, and the allurements in the inclining of the heart to embrace Christ, "*makes them willing in the day of His power.*" And I pray the reader to observe, the invitation is not **Go thou**, and all thy house into the ark; but **Come thou**; plainly testifying that the ark was a type of Himself, to which the Lord calls His people to be saved.

And I cannot forbear the observation that this love-call of the Lord evidently includes the whole Trinity of Persons; for the Scripture hath given us several instances in proof. God the Father is represented in a most endearing manner to this effect (Isaiah 26: 20,21), God the Son (Isaiah 48: 16,17), and again (Matt.11: 28-30), and God the Holy Ghost (Rev.22:17). And wherefore should it be thought incredible (mysterious as the whole dispensation of grace is) that in the accomplishment of the Lord's purposes, the Lord Himself should make known the personal acts of each glorious Person in the one undivided essence of the Godhead? Surely it is a gracious condescension in Jehovah, when in the love shown by each to the persons of the Lord's people chosen in Christ, the redeemed and regenerated child of God is enabled to discover, and by

lively actings of faith to live in the enjoyment of that discovery, on the love of God the Father, the grace of God the Son, and the communion of God the Holy Ghost.

In attending to the grace contained in the bosom of this sweet Scripture, the Lord's invitation to Noah, let not that part of it be overlooked in which the Lord saith to the patriarch: "*for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.*" Yes; most blessed it is when the child of God knows that as he is chosen in Christ, so is he accepted in Christ, and beheld righteous in Christ's righteousness. Hence the church is commanded to call her Head and Husband by this very name: The Lord our Righteousness. And it is the joy of the whole church of God that the church is in Christ, "*who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*"

There is somewhat very interesting thus to behold the church of God as represented in the person of Noah, the father of the new world as Adam was of the old, with his family entering the ark. And when we connect with it the everlasting events involved in this salvation, the subject rises to the highest point of sublimity. How blessedly does it realise what one of the prophets expressed, and all the prophets ministered to, in their successive generations! "*Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses, and thy chariots of salvation?*" Here is the answer: "*Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people; even for salvation with thine anointed.*"

But what a blessed close in this passage the Holy Ghost hath made to the account of the patriarch and his family entering the ark: "*The Lord shut him in.*" Yes; had not the Lord shut him in, Noah could not have closed the ark upon himself, neither have preserved himself in it. Here indeed is contained the glorious doctrine of discriminating grace. Here is the freedom and sovereignty of that grace. For the same Almighty power which shut him *in*, shut the rest *out*.

And what tends to endear this precious doctrine still more is that it is all of God Himself. To run back to the original idea of what is said in the opening of Noah's history: "*Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*" Here was, and is, the sole cause of all the blessings wherewith the Lord blesses His church in Christ. All that follows are but as so many effects. And the same holds good in all ages. For as no man quickeneth, so no man keepeth alive his own soul. And they, who like Noah, are in the ark, Christ Jesus, "*are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*"

And not to stop here. This blessed assurance arises to another most delightful consideration; namely, in distinguishing the Lord's people from the world. The shutting the Lord's people in, while the ungodly were shut out, decidedly marks the difference of the "*precious from the vile.*" Not all that went into the ark with Noah were alike partakers of grace. So in the present hour, numbers have a profession, a name to live, while yet they are virtually dead before God. There was a Ham in the ark, one of Noah's children after the flesh, but not of the spiritual seed of Christ. And there was a Judas among the disciples of Christ. "*For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel.*" Also the children of the bondwoman cannot be heir with the son of the free. O what incalculable blessings are folded up in that one divine assurance of the Lord, which He gave to Noah, and is alike given by the Lord in effect to all His seed: "*Thou hast found grace in my sight!*"

One word more on this part of Noah's history. Amidst all the corruptions of the world, and all the judgments of God, which follow those corruptions, we here learn how the Lord watches over His own people. Before the Lord brings a deluge to destroy the world by water, an ark is provided for housing the people of God. Before the Lord rains fire and brimstone from heaven to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah by fire, Lot shall be sent out of the overthrow. And before the final destruction of the ungodly, at the Day of Judgment, the Lord Jesus will gather up His jewels, "*When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.*" "*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!*" "*Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*"

I cannot dismiss this view of the subject until that I have called upon the Noah's of the present day to pause over the contemplation, and consider their mercies. Shut in with Christ, made one with Christ, and everlastingly preserved and considered holy in Christ! O! the distinguishing grace of God! **This** is to find grace in the eyes of the Lord.

In Christ, his Ark, he safely rides,
Not wrecked by death or sin,
How is it he so safe abides?
The Lord has shut him in.

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