

# CHRISTIAN WATCH

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“And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch”

Mark 13:37

**NEWSLETTER**

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## To all Christian Watch Members

We are pleased to greet you once again in the blessed name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is our mercy and a sure evidence of the Lord's favour that we are spared to communicate with you again. The Lord does not only communicate with us by His Holy Word, whether read or spoken, but also by His dealings with us. We read in Lamentations 3 v 33, "*For He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.*" In other words, there is a voice in the events which occur in our lives. These may be for our correction or instruction, or perhaps to wean us from this evil world, with its many attractions for the natural mind, thus enabling us to truly say, "*I could from all things parted be, but never, never Lord from Thee.*"

The solemn decline in our nation, as in many other countries of the world, rapidly continues, but few people, including those in authority, appear to identify the cause. However, we are thankful there are those who are aware and also concerned at the increasingly solemn state that prevails. We include very relevant extracts from an article published in the REAL TRUTH Magazine under the title, **Seven Signs of a Falling Nation** by *Bruce A. Ritter*. This article clearly identifies that which is progressively taking place, particularly in the United Kingdom, and how solemn it is for a nation that has been so favoured by our God, from the Glorious Reformation in 1688 until now. In effect our rulers have turned their backs upon Him who is the source of all real wisdom, in their deceived determination to follow that which is devil-orientated. May the Lord answer the prayers of those who truly sigh and cry over the abominations done in our midst and plead with Him to have mercy upon us.

An example of the American Government's determination to reject the Scriptural order given by God for the marriage union is given in an article in Newsweek entitled, '**Same-sex marriage' debacle** by *Robert McCurry*, in which it is stated that Barack Obama is America's first Gay President. The USA are obviously following the same pattern of events, relative to homosexuality and marriage, as is currently taking place in the United Kingdom. Our Prime Minister, David Cameron, recently vowed that gay marriage would be legalised by 2015. We have written to him, on behalf of our Members, to express concern at his intentions, pointing out that it is completely contrary to our Lord's order concerning the marriage union.

The enemies of our national Christian establishments are utilising all means at their disposal to undermine that which we have been blessed with for many years. When they observe an opportunity - provided by our laxity in defending what should be esteemed very precious - they are not slow to take advantage. It has been proved many times in the history of the world that if the younger generations can be influenced, particularly without any serious opposition, a nation's values can, in time, be undermined. We are witnessing this process taking place in our schools and educational establishments at the present time with the Muslim fraternity, in particular, receiving favouritism and gaining influence. We include an article entitled **How Political Correctness Is Transforming British Education** by *Soeren Kern* in which many examples are given of the preferential treatment granted to Muslim children attending our schools. Is it right for those of us who value all that the Lord has in much mercy granted to us, to be silent and not to contend for what we believe, and also to allow our children and young people to be influenced by those who have an evil intent?

We have on various occasions in the past referred to the development of a world government, which we believe, when established, will be a sign that we are living in the period of the world prior to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is therefore important that we observe the various developments that are taking place which are relative to this event. We include a report entitled **World Congress of Federalists boost support for global democratisation** which recently took place in Canada and from which it can be observed that

the move continues towards the formation of a world economic and political power. Do we believe that religion will be left out? We read concerning the last times as recorded in 2 Timothy 3:12,13 *“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”* May the Lord give us faith to endure whatever is before us.

On the subject of faith, we include a discourse entitled **Thoughts on the Assurance of Faith** by Augustus Toplady in which he explains the distinction between faith, the assurance of faith, and the full assurance of faith. How good and important it is that we examine ourselves in the light of the truths revealed in such articles as these. If our faith is real it will certainly be tried.

We were pleased to receive a copy of **An Airman’s Prayer** which we include. It was written by a pilot of an RAF aircraft in 1944 before he went on a mission over Poland. What a wonderful example it gives of both the importance of committing ourselves and others to the Lord in prayer and His mercy in answering us, whatever the consequences may be.

Our national economy continues to decline with those of many other countries, and particularly those which are members of the European Union. We in the UK are forced to contribute a very considerable amount of money to support those members of the EU who themselves determined to be members of the euro-zone. We include details of our contributions to the EU in an article entitled, **DID YOU KNOW?** Remember, our payments are to an organisation over which we have virtually no control and a very small percentage of influence. We believe the foolishness of our involvement with the European Union will increasingly manifest itself. There is a petition for all to sign who support Britain’s withdrawal from the EU and this is available at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/356>. Please sign it and forward details to your friends and acquaintances who you consider may support it.

Our campaign, **‘Who is on the Lord’s side?’** continues to progress due to the willingness of some of our Members to support and work with our National Co-ordinator, Michael Hobbis, in forming and developing Local Contact Groups in their areas. The importance of the formation and activity of these Groups we cannot over-emphasise, particularly as we witness the endeavours of the wicked to promote their evil desires and practices. We are thankful for those of our Members who are able and willing to be involved in this project and be assured the Lord will honour such. We include Michael’s latest progress report on this important project.

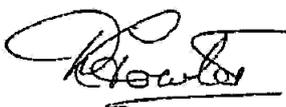
We draw your attention to our new Christian Watch web-site which we trust you will find informative with regard to our various activities. It is available on [www.christianwatch.org.uk](http://www.christianwatch.org.uk).

This year we have arranged our Annual Public Meeting to take place, God willing, at Holywell, Flintshire on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Rev. J. Thackway has agreed to give the address. Further details will be given in our September Newsletter.

Finally, we give a special thank you to all who have so kindly donated towards our financial needs in response to our appeal in our previous Newsletter. Your support is much appreciated.

We wish you *“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.”* Proverbs 10:22.

I remain, yours, in the Lord’s service.



**David Crowter**

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**Seven Signs of a Falling Nation**

By Bruce A. Ritter – with permission

No Government, Kingdom or society lasts forever. Here are seven factors that contributed to ancient Rome's demise—warning signs that exist today within the nations of the British and American peoples.

History reveals that all Governments, Empires and Kingdoms of men, no matter how grand, no matter how powerful, ultimately fall. It happened to ancient Egypt, Assyria and Babylon. Even Rome was not exempt; though it dominated much of Europe, Northern Africa, the Middle East and parts of the Near East, and lasted for 500 years, the Roman Empire ultimately fell.

There is an old and popular saying: "Rome was not built in a day." Likewise, the Roman Empire did not fall in one night; its decline was gradual. Not long after it rose to world dominance, several factors were already at work contributing to the Empire's ultimate demise.

Similarly, these factors are at work among the societies of the British and American peoples—and serve as warning signs of a civilization destined to fall.

**The Family Unit**

Few understand that the family unit is the basic building block of every thriving society. Within the family, young minds are first taught the importance of building character, controlling one's emotions, setting worthwhile goals, striving for excellence—or at least this *should* be the case, as it was generations ago.

At the start of the Roman Empire, fathers took seriously their role in properly instructing, training and educating their sons, and mothers taught their daughters as well. The example of strong and active parents daily ingrained into children the importance of obedience, deference to civic authority and respect for the laws of the land.

But as new generations came of age, the family weakened and fractured. Husbands and wives gave in to the pulls of human nature to engage in widespread adultery, inevitably leading to increasing rates of broken marriages. Divorce for virtually any reason became legal; wives only had to say to their husbands three times in succession, "I divorce you!" to bring it to pass.

Also, parents came to spoil their children, who then grew up to become lazy adults who were irreverent, disobedient to authority and had little respect for the elderly or the "old paths" of social norms and values.

Likewise, the family unit in America, Britain, Australia, Canada and other sister nations of the West is under constant assault. Broken marriages and fractured households are now the norm.

Children are growing up pampered and catered to, never learning to accept and recover from setbacks—never instructed to think of others before themselves. They live in a fantasy world in which they "must" have mobile phones; they "need" their privacy; they "have rights."

As with ancient Rome, the British and American peoples (like their forefathers, the ancient Israelites) ignore God's counsel: "Stand ye in the *ways*, and see, and ask for the *old paths*." (Jer. 6:16).

## **Education**

The Roman Empire began with an educational system that emphasised developing character, morality, patriotism and social values in young lives. The goal was to develop the whole person.

But this was eventually replaced by an emphasis almost exclusively on academics, with no moral or ethical absolutes defining right and wrong. Similarly, character development, patriotism and civic duty are seldom taught in the public schools of the West, where God and the Bible are banished, and morally unchecked “creative expression” is encouraged.

## **Religion**

The Romans were pagan idol worshippers who took the gods of the Greeks and gave them Roman names. Accompanying the assortment of false gods was lascivious religious rituals and customs. Temple prostitution, drunkenness and other vices that appealed to the flesh were common across the Empire. Similar to the Greeks, the Romans worshipped mythological figures who freely gave in to carnal desires—deceiving, stealing, getting drunk and committing fornication, adultery, even rape!

Today, millions of Britons, Americans and others claim to worship only one deity, the God of the Bible—yet their actions scream something quite different!

## **Pleasure-Seeking**

The Romans were masters of extreme pleasure-seeking. They entertained themselves with gladiators (rock stars of the day) and gambled on who would live or die. They enjoyed the sight of Christians, Jews and other enemies of the state being eaten alive by wild animals shipped from exotic regions. Residents were proud of their lavish villas, imported cuisine and fine attire. They thrilled themselves with plays, bathhouses, indoor pools and drunken parties held in the honour of Bacchus, the false god of wine and sensual pleasures.

Similarly, in these modern times, American and Britons entertain themselves, with mindless “reality” television programs driven by deception and gratuitous sex. With super-star athletes who proudly show off their tattoos and pride themselves on their multi-million-dollar contracts – yet are void of prudence, judgment and character.

Advertising, news media and Hollywood promotes materialism and covetousness. A society that loves to emulate the wanton lifestyles portrayed in movies and pursue sports, gambling, theatre, music and other distractions over seeking true values is destined to collapse – as did Rome.

## **The Economy, Government and the Military**

To compensate for inflation, Roman Emperors in the second and third centuries produced more coins, but these were no longer made of silver and gold alloys, which had become scarce. Roman currency dwindled in value.

The citizenry strained under heavy tax burdens, as the Government left no stone unturned in seeking potential revenue sources.

Taxes combined with inflation and a desire to maintain an unrealistic standard of living have driven a growing majority to live on credit and practise the materialistic principle of “live for today, forget about tomorrow.” Consumers survive pay slip to pay slip, partly due to wrong financial priorities and living beyond their means. A new car or home suddenly becomes a “necessity” based on the maximum amount of a “pre-qualified” bank loan, rather than *actual* needs.

British, Canadian, Australian and American consumers are strapped with debt, resulting in a staggering number of defaulted home loans and personal bankruptcies.

As in ancient Rome, strong belief in self-determination and self-reliance has been replaced with an attitude of expecting something for nothing. Government-run systems originally intended to assist those in genuine need are now considered an entitlement.

And just as the Roman army was overstretched and over extended in foreign lands, so is the American military. Roman soldiers, once known for their precision in battle and rigid obedience to authority, eventually became demoralised. The same can be said of U.S. troops.

### **A Kingdom That Will Never Fall**

There *is* a future Government that will be established by a perfect Leader, as foretold in Isaiah 9: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end” (vs. 6-7).

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## **‘Same-sex marriage’ debacle**

*By Robert McCurry*

**There it is for all America and the world to see and read: Newsweek's May 21 issue declares Barack Obama the country's "First Gay President."**

The accompanying cover story was written by Andrew Sullivan, the popular--and openly gay--political blogger. The magazine even gives the Commander-in-Chief a rainbow halo.

Sullivan wrote that Obama's support of gay marriage brought him to tears. “So let me simply say: I think of all the gay kids out there who now know they have their President on their side.”

It is indeed a sad day for America.

**The origin of marriage** is not a product of man's ingenuity. Biblical teaching is unequivocal. Marriage was ordained and established by Jehovah God; He created man, and from his side fashioned his wife. The two were designed to “cleave” to one another (Gen 2:21-25). In a discussion with the Pharisees, Jesus cited this Old Testament evidence, and declared: “What therefore *God hath joined* together, let not man put asunder” (Matt. 19:6).

Since marriage was designed and inaugurated by God the Creator, then *He* has the authority to set the rules. Men and women do not have the right to treat this sacred human relationship in a cavalier, self-directed manner.

In order for a human relationship to be correctly classified as a “marriage,” certain components must be in place.

First, the marriage is a relationship between a *man and a woman*. Increasingly, a degenerate world is pushing for same-sex “marriages.” Who knows what may become “legal” before this mess is over? Whatever happens, Sodomite unions will never be “marriage” in God's sight or have His approval.

The marriage union was intended to be a *lifelong relationship*. Husband and wife are to “cleave” to one another (Gen. 2:24). Jesus emphasised that what God “hath joined together”

man is not to separate (Matt. 19:6), because, ideally, the husband and wife are bound together by God's law until the death of one of these parties (Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:39); though it is the fact in our modern world, husbands and wives do not have the right to change marital partners as easily as they would change a garment.

The word *cleave* means *to glue, to stick, to adhere firmly and closely or loyally and unwaveringly*. The word implies *permanence*.

The word *asunder* means: *all to pieces; one part from the other; to shred*. To put *asunder* is to *tear*. The same Greek word for *asunder* is used in Acts 1:18,: "Now this man [Judas] purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, **he burst asunder** in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out."

It is God that joins together in marriage. The two are one flesh. It is impossible to *separate* one flesh. But it is possible for one flesh to be *torn, cut* and *broken asunder* by divorce.

It is God that commands that marriage not be put asunder--torn, cut, or broken apart.

**The 'same-sex marriage' debacle** is sad and serious and demands a Biblical response. But it is just another in a long series of things that have contributed to the erosion of marriage in America

**Man invented divorce** to circumvent God's clear 'let no man put asunder' marriage command. The Bible declares that 'God hates divorce' (Malachi 2:16).

America's marriage erosion has accelerated since the 1960's when divorce became more accepted and more easily obtained by the "no-fault" divorce laws in all 50 states. It is a fact that an ever-increasing number of people, including Christians, are divorcing. Sadly, some are now divorcing and re-marrying multiple times.

Divorce hurts, but it does more than hurt. It causes anguish, anger, animosity, and bitterness in the spirit and emotions of the spouses, children, extended families, and friends. Divorce is one tragedy that never ends.

The God-designed marriage relationship is the 'cement' that binds society together; it is 'the foundation of society itself'; when marriage and family life unravels, national devastation is certain to follow.

The 'same-sex marriage' debacle and the divorce plague are first and foremost Biblical and spiritual issues—not political and legal issues. God's Word has the solution for both.

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[www.christianwatch.org.uk](http://www.christianwatch.org.uk)**

# **How Political Correctness Is Transforming British Education**

by Soeren Kern

In Cheshire, two students at the Alsager High School were punished by their teacher for refusing to pray to Allah as part of their religious education class.

In Scotland, 30 non-Muslim children from the Parkview Primary School recently were required to visit the Bait ur Rehman Ahmadiyya mosque in the Yorkhill district of Glasgow. At the mosque, the children were instructed to recite the shahada, the Muslim declaration of faith which states: "There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger." Muslims are also demanding that Islamic preachers be sent to every school in Scotland to teach children about Islam, ostensibly in an effort to end negative attitudes about Muslims.

British schools are increasingly dropping the Jewish Holocaust from history lessons to avoid offending Muslim pupils, according to a report entitled, *Teaching Emotive and Controversial History*, commissioned by the Department for Education and Skills.

British teachers are also reluctant to discuss the medieval Crusades, in which Christians fought Muslim armies for control of Jerusalem: lessons often contradict what is taught in local mosques.

In an effort to counter "Islamophobia" in British schools, teachers now are required to teach "key Muslim contributions such as Algebra and the number zero" in maths and science courses, even though the concept of zero originated in India.

In the East London district of Tower Hamlets, four Muslims were recently jailed for attacking a local white teacher who gave religious studies lessons to Muslim girls; and 85 out of 90 schools have implemented "no pork" policies.

Schools across Britain are, in fact, increasingly banning pork from lunch menus to avoid offending Muslim students. Hundreds of schools have adopted a "no pork" policy, according to a recent report by the London-based *Daily Telegraph*. The culinary restrictions join a long list of politically correct changes that gradually are bringing hundreds of British primary and secondary education schools into conformity with Islamic Sharia law.

The London Borough of Haringey, a heavily Muslim district in North London, is the latest school district to switch to a menu that is fully halal (religiously permissible for Muslims). The Haringey Town Council recently issued "best practice" advice to all schools in its area to "ban all pork products in order to cater for the needs of staff and pupils who are not permitted contact with these for religious reasons." Local politicians have criticised the new policy as pandering to Muslims, and local farmers, who have pointed out that all schools in Britain already offer vegetarian options, have accused school administrators of depriving non-Muslim children of a choice. Following an outcry from non-Muslim parents, the town council removed the guidance from its website, although the new policy remains in place.

At the Cypress Junior School, in Croydon, South London, school administrators announced in the school newsletter dated June 1, 2012 that the school has opted for a pork-free menu "as a result of pupil and parental feedback." The announcement states: "Whilst beef, chicken, turkey and fish will all feature, as well as the daily vegetarian and jacket potato or pasta option, the sausages served will now be chicken rather than pork."

In Luton, an industrial city some 30 miles north of London where more than 15% of the population is now Muslim, 23 out of 57 schools have banned pork.

In the City of Bradford, a borough of West Yorkshire in Northern England where there are

now twice as many practising Muslims than there are practising Anglicans, 24 out of 160 schools have eliminated pork from their menus. In Newham (East London), 25 out of 75 schools have banned pork.

Other pork-free schools include Cranford Park Primary School in Hayes (Middlesex) and Dog Kennel Hill Primary in East Dulwich (South London).

The Borough of Harrow in north-west London was among the first in Britain to encourage halal menus. In 2010, Harrow Council announced plans to ban pork in the borough's 52 state primary schools, following a switch by ten secondary schools to offer halal-only menus.

According to the UK-based National Pig Association, which represents commercial pork producers, "It is disappointing that schools cannot be sufficiently organised to give children a choice of meat. Sausages and roast pork are staples of a British diet and children enjoy eating them. If products can be labelled with warnings that they contain nuts and vegetarian dishes can be made and kept separate from meat dishes, [we] don't see why the same can't apply to pork."

Lunch menus are not the only area in which "cultural sensitivity" is escalating in British schools.

In West Yorkshire, the Park Road Junior Infant and Nursery School in Batley has banned stories featuring pigs, including "The Three Little Pigs," in case they offend Muslim children.

In Nottingham, the Greenwood Primary School cancelled a Christmas nativity play; it interfered with the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. In Scarborough, the Yorkshire Coast College removed the words Christmas and Easter from their calendar so as not to offend Muslims.

Also in Cheshire, a 14-year-old Roman Catholic girl who attends Ellesmere Port Catholic High School was branded a truant by teachers for refusing to dress like a Muslim and visit a mosque.

In Stoke-on-Trent, schools have been ordered to re-arrange exams, cancel swimming lessons and stop sex education during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. In Norwich, the Knowland Grove Community First School has axed the traditional Christmas play to "look at some of the other great cultural festivals of the world."

Meanwhile, the politically correct ban on pigs in Britain also extends to toys for children. A toy farm set called HappyLand Goosefeather Farm recently removed pigs in order to avoid offending Muslims.

The pig removal came to public attention after a British mother bought the toy as a present for her daughter's first birthday. Although the set contained a model of a cow, sheep, chicken, horse and dog, there was no pig, despite there being a sty and a button which generated an "oink" sound. After the mother complained, the Early Learning Centre (ELC), which manufactures the toy, responded: "Previously the pig was part of the Goosefeather Farm. However due to customer feedback and religious reasons this is no longer part of the farm." After a public outcry, however, ELC later reversed its decision: "We recognise that pigs are familiar farm animals, especially for our UK customers. We have taken the decision to reinstate the pig and to no longer sell the set in international markets where it might create an issue."

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# **World Congress of Federalists boosts support for global democratisation**

## **Resolution on global democracy adopted**

The 26th World Congress of the World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy (WFM - IGP) that assembled recently in Winnipeg, Canada, has re-affirmed the international movement's support of global democratisation and a resolution was passed unanimously by delegates from over 20 countries. The organisation determined that it should be a "key pillar" of its strategy to facilitate "channelling the social energy into the concrete development of a World Parliament and a democratic global order."

## **Development of a UN Parliamentary Assembly**

As WFM - IGP celebrates its 65th anniversary this year; the Movement debated the details of its longstanding policy of supporting the establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly. The congress determined that "such an Assembly could be established by the General Assembly under Article 22 of the UN Charter and, thus, would require no Charter amendments. It could develop in stages, beginning with Parliamentarians elected either by their respective national legislatures or, if countries are willing to do so, by direct popular elections. It could later be constituted by direct popular elections entirely. The Parliamentary Assembly could, in concert with the UN General Assembly, be accorded gradually increasing legislative competence." In addition, the Movement stated that "democratic transparency and accountability should apply both to existing and future global institutions by way of global democratically representative Parliamentary oversight bodies."

## **Panel discussion**

Speakers at a panel discussion on the subject included Bill Blaikie, former Deputy Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons; former Parliamentarian Warren Allmand, who is President of WFM Canada, and Andreas Bummel, Secretary-General of the Campaign for a UN Parliamentary Assembly. There was broad agreement in the debate that support at the grassroots level needs to be built further. "In history, Parliaments only came about through pressure from the people. When this pressure comes, a World Parliament will become a reality," Mr. Allmand stated. According to Mr. Blaikie, "we already have global governance, whether we like it or not. But it's not democratic." Mr. Bummel recalled a slogan that was already used at popular protests against the World Trade Organisation in Seattle, 1999, "no globalisation without representation." The panel discussion was followed by the presentation of a new study titled the "Creation of a World Parliamentary Assembly: An Evolutionary Journey" - authored by Joseph Schwartzberg.

One of the leading proponents of global democracy and a UN Parliamentary Assembly, former Argentinian Parliamentarian Fernando Iglesias, was elected as new Chairperson of the WFM - IGP's Council, following James Christie in this position. The Movement's President is Lloyd Axworthy, former Canadian foreign minister.

In the last session of the meeting, the World Federalist Movement declared its endorsement of the recently published "Manifesto for a Global Democracy."

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# Thoughts on the Assurance of Faith

Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)

It has long been a settled point with me, that the Scriptures make a wide distinction between faith, the assurance of faith, and the full assurance of faith.

1. **Faith** is the hand by which we embrace or touch, or reach toward, the garment of Christ's righteousness, for our own justification. Such a soul is undoubtedly safe.
2. **Assurance** I consider as the ring which God puts upon faith's finger. Such a soul is not only safe, but also comfortable and happy.

Nevertheless, as a finger may exist without wearing a ring, so faith may be real without the super-added gift of assurance. We must either admit this, or set down the late excellent Mr. Hervey (among a multitude of others) for an unbeliever. No man, perhaps, ever contended more earnestly for the doctrine of assurance than he, and yet I find him expressly declaring as follows: "What I wrote, concerning a firm faith in God's most precious promises, and a humble trust that we are the objects of His tender love, is what I desire to feel, rather than what I actually experience." The truth is, as another good man expresses it, "A weak hand may tie the marriage knot; and a feeble faith may lay hold on a strong Christ."

Moreover, assurance after it has been vouch-safed to the soul may be lost. Peter, no doubt, lost his assurance, and sinned it away, when he denied Christ. He did not, however, lose the principle of faith; for Christ had before-hand prayed, concerning him, that his faith itself might not fail: and Christ could not possibly pray in vain. A wife may lose her wedding-ring. but that does not dissolve her marriage relation. She continues a lawful wife still and yet she is not easy until she finds her ring again.

3. **Full assurance** I consider as the brilliant, or cluster of brilliants, which adorns the ring, and renders it incomparably more beautiful and valuable. Where the diamond of full assurance is thus set in the gold of faith, it diffuses its rays of love, joy, peace, and holiness, with a lustre which leaves no room for doubt or darkness. While these high and unclouded consolations remain, the believer's felicity is only inferior to that of angels, or of saints made perfect above.

After all, I apprehend that the very essence of assurance lies in communion with God. While we feel the sweetness of His inward presence, we cannot doubt of our interest in His tender mercies. So long as the Lord speaks comfortably to our hearts, our affections are on fire, our views are clear, and our faces shine. It is when we come down from the mount, and when we mix with the world again, that we are in danger of losing that precious sense of His love, which is the strength of saints militant, and the joy of souls triumphant.

But let not trembling believers forget that faith, strictly so-called, is neither more nor less than a receiving of Christ, for ourselves in particular, as our only possible propitiation, righteousness, and Saviour: John 1: 12. Hast thou so received Christ? Thou art a believer, to all the purposes of safety. And it deserves special notice that our Lord calls the centurion's faith "great faith;" though it rose no higher than to make him say "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Matt. 8: 8-10.

The case likewise of the Canaanitish woman is full to the present point. Her cry was, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David!" And, a little after, "Lord, help me!" Jesus at first gave her a seeming repulse: but her importunity continued, and she requested only the privilege of a dog, viz., to eat of the crumbs which fell from the Master's table. What was our Saviour's answer and our Saviour's remark? An answer and a remark which ought to make every broken sinner take down his harp from the willows: "O woman, great is thy faith." Matt. 10: 22-28.

The graces which the blessed Spirit implants in our hearts (and the grace of faith among the rest) resemble a sun-dial; which is of little service except when the sun shines upon it. The Holy Ghost must shine upon the graces He has given, or they will leave us at a loss (in point of spiritual comfort), and be unable to tell us whereabouts we are. May He, day by day, rise upon our souls with healing in His beams! Then shall we be filled with all joy and peace in believing, and abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost Rom. 15: 13.

Are there any weak in faith who come under the denomination of bruised reeds and smoking flax? Let them know that God will take care of them. The former will not be broken: the latter shall not be quenched. Bless God for any degree of faith; even though it be as the smallest of all seeds, sooner or later it will surely expand into a large and fruitful tree. However, stop not here; but, as the apostle advises, covet earnestly the best gifts: and the gift of assurance, yea, of fullest assurance among the rest. The stronger you are in faith, the more glory you will give to God, both in lip and life. Lord, increase our faith!

Amen.

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## **An Airman's Prayer**

Written by Eric Impey on the day his Liberator was shot down over Warsaw  
on 16/17<sup>th</sup> August 1944 – there were no survivors

My God, this night I have to fly,  
And ere I leave the ground,  
I come with reverence to Thy Throne  
Where perfect peace is found.

I thank Thee for the life I've had,  
For home and all its love,  
I thank Thee for the faith I have  
That cometh from above.

Come with me now into the air,  
Be with me as I fly,  
Guide Thou each move that I shall make  
Way up there - in the sky.

Be with me at the target, Lord,  
When danger's at its height  
Be with me as I drop my load  
And on the homeward flight.

And should it be my time to die,  
Be with me to the end,  
Help me to die a Christian's death,  
On thee, God, I depend.

Then as I leave this mortal frame  
From human ties set free,  
Receive my soul, O God of Love,  
I humbly come to THEE.

**He was ready to die.**

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

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1. Britain pays into the EU Budget £48 million every day equivalent to £17.5 billion a year gross (£8.3 billion net). This should be used instead to protect and retain public services and pensions. This payment to the EU Budget will rise again next year.
2. Britain was forced to contribute £8 billion to bail out the Greek economy under article 122 of the Lisbon Treaty even though we are not part of the euro-zone. This money could be lost if Greece defaults on the loan. We have also lent a similar amount to Southern Ireland. That is another large sum which could instead be used to offset the debt.
3. The EU's European Court of Justice (ECJ) over-rides the Parliament, Government and courts in Britain. This court has made judgements on trade union rights, collective bargaining and right to strike.
4. EU Directives are the direct cause of the privatisation of the railways and postal services. Since 1972 there have been 17,000 directives and regulations.
5. The Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) has been an unmitigated environmental disaster.
6. The Common Agricultural Policy gobbles up most of the EU Budget and is a transfer from our pockets into rich farmers' bank accounts.
7. Most laws are made in Brussels, not Westminster. Neither are these laws made by the so-called virtually powerless European Parliament in which we have only 10% of the votes anyway.
8. 90% of those making laws for us are not accountable to the Electorate in Britain. Britain has less than 10% of the votes in the Council of Ministers and 0% in the unelected Commission – Commissioners are banned from representing their national electorates.
9. The very costly Private Finance Initiative (PFI) was imposed by the previous Labour government and now the ConDem. Coalition is to keep Government borrowing off the books because of EU imposed limits on Government borrowing.
10. The 3% of GDP deficit rule and the 60% of GDP debt rule are imposed by the EU's Growth and Stability Pact. When the NHS was introduced, Britain's debt was in the order of 230% of GDP!

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## **'Who is on the Lord's side?'**

Campaign Report

There was a good response to the work of Christian Watch in Liverpool and Chester and I would like to thank Pastor David Carson and his Church, Zion Chapel, Chester for their kindness to us at the meeting held there. A brother has provisionally agreed to lead a Local Contact Group for the Liverpool area. I do have to explain the implications of this to him in detail and arrange a Members meeting for Liverpool soon.

The witness on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Liverpool homosexual parade went very well, if a little wet, as it poured down with rain for most of the time. The Word was preached with amplification to the accompaniment of screamed blasphemies from a group of women and several men. I did have the opportunity to speak with one of the men who was the most vocal and, after taking him aside, we had a reasonable conversation about the Gospel and also the wickedness which was being enacted in the streets of Liverpool. He went away quieter and surprisingly amicable but, even better, the police officers guarding us nearby also heard the conversation too. Dear Wesley and Whitfield had no such guards when they preached the Gospel!

Devon and Cornwall were visited again! The Word was preached in three churches at Barnstaple, Penzance and Newquay. I was especially blessed at the Newquay Reformed Baptist Church. I had prepared a message for the meeting but, on the day, had decided to change it to the subject of 'A Return to the Old Paths'. A sister at the church approached me afterwards and said that the message had been just what they all needed at the time due to various concerns at the church. She said she had prayed earnestly that I would change my message to another, if the one I was bringing was not quite appropriate. Well, I did, in the kind mercy of God, and we were all blessed. Of those present at Newquay, many expressed an interest in the work and took away Membership application forms - with several speaking about forming a Contact Group there. They will need much encouragement to this end. Even spiritual zeal cools after a time.

As to the meetings in Penzance and Barnstaple, I was very well received in love and with hospitality at both the Whiddon Valley Evangelical Church in Barnstaple and the Penzance Baptist Church. However, while they much appreciated the messages which many said had stirred and encouraged them, in Barnstaple they felt that as they were isolated as a faithful Reformed church in their area and very active in identical work to Christian Watch, then a Local Contact Group would be a duplication of the work already performed for the Lord. There were, however, those who expressed a wish to join with us in Membership.

Sadly, this is a reaction which prevails in other places too. In many areas, there is a need for a concerted joint effort among diverse small congregations: but such is the apostasy of the New Evangelicalism throughout the country that many faithful isolated Reformed congregations have no other believers outside of the church that they are happy to work with in an area Contact Group. Nevertheless, I trust that a vibrant work for the Lord can be consolidated in Liverpool, and hopefully in Newquay and Penzance as well.

There is abroad today an attitude among many Christians which bewails the state of the Church and Nation, with the increasing homosexuality and such-like evils - and even protests against them. This attitude, however, has very little mourning in it for the shame which belongs to the Church; or sorrow for our own complicity in the deadly spiritual plague which is endemic in our midst; or for the dishonour being done to God's Holy Word. I know I have been very remiss in these things, and do seek God for that sincere 'heart-rending' - which only He can give - for the moral and spiritual collapse amongst us. This lack of true heartfelt concern really amounts to apathy.

I believe this should be the substance of the message to the Churches of Jesus Christ our Lord in our meetings and societies; for prayer that prevails with God for personal, Church and national concerns is heart-rending affected prayer. Certainly John Owen called for such things in his day, and if this call was necessary to the Puritans, when truth prospered in the earth, how much more so for us.

The action required by the Churches/believers today is not only a separated walk, and a dismay and concern for the sin around us: but how does it affect our hearts? Is there a love of the truth? And what shall we then do?

Whether we consider the times of Moses, Nehemiah, Elijah, Josiah, Hezekiah or Luther and the 16<sup>th</sup> century martyrs, the holy cry went up amongst the people of God: "Let us rise up and build." "My sons, be thou not negligent." "Who among you is there that fears the Lord?" "Let us behave ourselves valiantly for our God." "Here I stand. I can do no other."

Days of apostasy require action. To do nothing in evil times, as a wise man once said; is to be complicit in sin. Join with us in this work for the Lord.

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**Date for your Diary!**

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to be held, God willing, at

**Holywell Evangelical Church**

Halkyn Road, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 7TX

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**Speaker: Rev. John Thackway**

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