

The background image is a photograph of a dry, arid landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water, possibly a reservoir or a dry lake bed, with some rocky islands and a small waterfall or dam structure. The water is a murky greenish-brown color. The middle ground shows a sandy, brownish hillside with some sparse vegetation and a few small buildings or structures. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a clear blue sky.

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'And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.'

Mark 13:37

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View from the shore of the Dead Sea with the cliffs above Ein Gedi in the background. (News Item - Page 19)

Dear Friends,

As we continue to watch political developments with regard to Brexit, it has now been announced that official talks will commence with reference to Britain's withdrawal from the European Union in March, 2017. However, please continue in prayer for our nation as, although Prime Minister Theresa May has pledged that 'Brexit means Brexit', there are those in the House of Commons who believe that the will of the British people should be over-ruled and that MPs should have the last word. Having voted in Parliament to hold an 'in or out' referendum, democracy is now under threat because the people have apparently not voted the right way.

In Ephesians 6 v 18, the Apostle Paul challenges his readers to be watchful and to persevere – and to pray fervently for God's people. My observation is that all too often we tend to only pray for one another when someone is ill or going through a crisis. This ought not to be. We must pray for one another even when we are passing through ordinary times. Some examples of things we could include in our prayers are that we would grow in faith; that we would be obedient to God at all times; that we would overcome temptations; that God would fill us with His Holy Spirit; that our love for others would increase; that we would become more like the Lord Jesus; that we could see the good in one another; that God would give us His peace; that we would forgive one another; that we would have thankful hearts toward God. May God help us so to pray.

In our current Newsletter, we have continued the series by Shaun Willcock (Bible-based Ministries in South Africa) concerning **Roman Catholicism and Islam**. Interestingly enough, Pope Francis has recently likened our precious Saviour to Isis and says that Muslims must breed with Europeans to counter declining birth rates. This alarming statement simply confirms the assessment of the great Reformer – John Calvin (1509-1564) – who affirmed that the Pope and Mohammed were the twin horns of anti-Christ. The worst possible concoction for humanity is Popery and Islam and, indeed, at His return, the Lord Jesus Christ will destroy them both (2 Thessalonians 1-2). In the meantime, He

exhorts our sleep-walking generation to wake up and watch and pray (see Mark 13 v 32-37). Christians – unlike the cowardly Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who said that ‘Christians should not share their faith uninvited’ - must be vocal, otherwise they will be silenced by the growing satanic tsunami.

Other articles include **Why the Peaceful Majority is Irrelevant** and **Needful Warnings** by J.K. Popham. **Are you a Saint?** – or do you have to die first? According to the Scriptures a saint is a sinner saved by grace, ‘set apart’ for the service and worship of God. Read what Dr. Alan Clifford of Norwich has to say on the subject. **News & Current Affairs** highlight how Pope Francis and Archbishop Welby are working together; the Belgian euthanasia development concerning children; the plight of Christians in North Korea and the text of a 1700 year old scroll discovered in an ancient Israeli ark. **Looking to the Lord** by Edmund Carr encourages us to keep our eyes on the Lord and upon His Word.

Please remember the forthcoming meetings in your prayers and, if possible, support them both with your presence. On Saturday, **5th November, 2016** in St. John’s Wood Road Baptist Church, the **United Protestant Council** are holding their Autumn Conference with guest speaker Rev. Dafydd Morris preaching on Biblical Revival* and on Friday, **11th November, 2016** at the Christian Heritage Centre in the West Midlands, the **Christian Watch Public Meeting** will be held with Pastor Roland Burrows preaching on ‘Who is on the Lord’s side?’ (See Page 24 for more details). We look forward to renewing fellowship with you on these occasions.

May God continue to have mercy on us as a nation.

Yours in His service,

Ian R. Henderson
(Vice-Chairman)

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Why is Francis *Encouraging* Muslim Immigration into Europe?

By Shaun Willcock

PART 2

In Part 1, it was explained that encouraging Muslim immigration was part of a well-planned PR exercise as part of the Roman Catholic Church's long-term underlying strategy to eventually achieve a single one world religion with the Pope as its Head. They are playing a vast game, on a global scale, and taking a huge gamble as well. In the light of what is happening in Europe at present, there are three likely possible scenarios which may be played out. Part 2 shows the first of these options.

Scenario One: Chaos Leading to a New Order (What Francis Hopes For)

The first possible scenario, *and the one which Francis is actually working for*, is that the nations of Europe will be so disrupted by this Islamic flood, they will suffer so much chaos and bloodshed because of it, that they will beg their Governments to act, being willing even to surrender what remains of their freedoms and to grant dictatorial powers to their Governments, in exchange for safety and security from the Islamic threat.

This is the outcome that Francis is actually hoping for! As unbelievable as this may be to those who are ignorant of Roman Catholicism and its plans for Europe and the world, this is what he is hoping to achieve by encouraging this massive Islamic tide to sweep over Europe! Yes, it is a huge gamble; but it is one which he, and the Vatican, are willing to take, because if they gamble and win, the prize will be massive.

Right now, millions of Muslims are pouring into Europe in the greatest human tide since World War Two. Many of them are genuine refugees from war-torn Islamic Middle Eastern lands; but many of them are not refugees; they are in fact Islamic terrorists bent on the destruction of the West, who have been presented with a golden opportunity to infiltrate European countries, as the human tide rolls on through the continent.

But, as bad as things already are, and although millions of Muslims have already entered Europe legally and illegally, the tipping point has not yet been reached. The population of Europe still predominantly consists of native-born Europeans. They are

still the majority. It is changing rapidly and, before too many more years have passed, many European nations will have reached the point of no return; but they are not there yet. It is very, very late in the day, but there is still time to act and roll back the tide.

And this is where it gets interesting. The shadowy personages and organisations working for a “New World Order” believe firmly that “out of chaos comes order”. They believe that to weaken Europe, the United States and the rest of the West, they must *destabilise* these places, create civil unrest, etc.; for when there is societal chaos, this makes such places ripe for accepting a new order. A *dictatorial* order!



Europe

Communists and leftists have used these tactics successfully through the years. They created chaos in pre-revolutionary Russia, which enabled the Bolsheviks to come to power. They destabilised, and created chaos in, the conservative, non-Communist countries of southern Africa (Mozambique, Zambia, Rhodesia, South West Africa and South Africa), which led to a new order as the Communist revolutionaries swept to power in these countries.¹ They are at present creating massive societal chaos and destabilisation in the United States, via a massive illegal influx of Roman Catholics from Central and South America² and a massive illegal influx of Muslims as well - and by still further destabilisation and chaos caused by the deliberate stirring up of the black population in the U. S. to riot and destroy. *And they are doing the same in Europe.*

And just as the human tide of Muslim refugees pouring into Europe is seen as a golden opportunity for Muslim terrorists to slip into Europe undetected so as to cause chaos, death and destruction, so too this human tide is seen as a golden opportunity *by the western one-worlders*, the western globalists who desire to create a new world order, a one-world dictatorship! They *need* chaos and instability in Europe, which will drive the European peoples to beg for stronger Governments, more dictatorial Governments – *anything* as long as it means their lives and

properties are secured! And the globalist elite have seen that *Islam* is the perfect instrument to use to create the kind of chaos they desire, to create widespread fear and panic in the populations of European countries. When people feel that their lives or properties are threatened, they will do anything – even things they should never give up – to feel safe and secure again.

Enter Pope Francis I. This man is an ardent one-worlder, a globalist, as his Jesuit Order always has been. He desires a one-world Government, with himself at the head of it. He therefore subscribes to the strategy that chaos should be created, which will lead to a new order, with more powers in the hands of Governments and, ultimately, in the hands of the Pope. The Jesuits, throughout their history, have subscribed to this theory. They have started wars, assassinated leaders, stirred and agitated behind the scenes time and time again in history, because they know that out of chaos a new order can be created. It has worked for them, over and over again, and now they are hoping it will work for them in Europe, via the chaos and destruction and lawlessness being created throughout Europe by Muslims.

Francis knows that he cannot, today, do what the Papacy would have done in centuries gone by. He cannot rally hundreds of thousands of fanatical Roman Catholic troops to invade other countries, to rampage through such countries and give people the ultimatum: “Convert to Romanism or die!” This would not be acceptable in the modern world.

But he knows that Islam is prepared to do such things! Not only prepared to do them, it *is* doing them. It is doing the very things Roman Catholicism has used to such devastating effect in the past (even the recent past): wars, massacres, tortures, killings, etc. Once, not long ago, the Pope would have simply unleashed his own Papal storm troopers across Europe to force its various countries to toe the Papal line. Today, he will back *Islam* to do precisely the same thing!

So Far, the Jesuit/Francis Plan is Right On Track

Francis’ plan (and thus the Jesuits’ plan) is to encourage this massive Islamic invasion of Europe, which will result in destabilisation, chaos, fear and panic. For he is gambling on the fact that the inevitable result of this kind of continent-wide chaos will be that the people start crying out for help. They will become so afraid, confused, troubled, that they will reach a point where they will be prepared to give up their own freedoms, if only it will

mean their safety! They will actually beg for more Government control, not less; for *greater* totalitarianism; for *increased* surveillance over every aspect of their lives; for *less* freedom of movement, freedom of expression, freedom of religion; and yes – for *world Government*. They will be willing to accept all this, if only the authorities will “do something” to stop the threat to their lives and properties. And the Jesuit Pope will be only too happy to oblige!

For what Islam is fighting for is precisely what Roman Catholicism has always desired. Islam hates freedom of expression; so does Rome. Islam hates freedom of religion; so does Rome. Islam loves totalitarianism; so does Rome. Islam loves absolute compliance from its people, with no dissent; so does Rome. So if, in the end, European countries pass laws which limit their freedoms and increase Government control over every aspect of their lives because Islam demands it, Rome will be smiling. And if the citizens of Europe start crying out for greater Government control to ensure their safety, Rome will be right behind that call.

And it is happening already! All across Europe, Governments are eroding their countries’ freedoms. Freedom of religion is being curtailed, so as not to offend Muslims, but Islam itself is becoming a privileged religion in Europe. Freedom of speech is disappearing, as any criticism of Islam is becoming a punishable offence. Freedom of movement has ceased to exist in many cities, as there are places where not even the police will dare to enter, let alone non-Muslim citizens. Massive surveillance, by European Governments, of their own people is now a way of life, an Orwellian nightmare that is already here. And the European people are becoming increasingly afraid for their lives, and are starting to beg their Governments to act to protect them, even though this means greater powers being given to their Governments than ever before.

This is why Francis is working very closely with the leftist leaders of Europe. These men and women do not want Europe to become ‘Eurabia’; but they do want to make use of the sword of Islam to frighten their subjects into entrusting increasingly dictatorial powers to their Governments! And so it was that, just before receiving the Charlemagne Prize in May, 2016, “in appreciation of his distinguished service on behalf of peace, understanding and mercy in a European society of values”,³ Francis met with three representatives of the major European

institutions: the presidents of European Parliament, the European Council and the European Commission. And then, just minutes after meeting them in the Vatican, he met with the powerful German Chancellor, Angela Merkel.⁴ Merkel is one of Europe's leading advocates of Islamic immigration, and is in the process of creating deliberate chaos and fear in Germany via the huge influx of Muslims into her country.

Now would these powerful European politicians want to give this prize to Francis, if he was not working for the same goals as they are, and using the same tactics? Certainly not. They are all working together.



Angela Merkel

Francis Is Using the Islamic Tide – But Only Temporarily

Of course, he has no intention for this Islamic tide to wash over Europe forever. Right now it serves his purposes and he is encouraging it. But he knows, all too well, that Islam has always desired to conquer Europe (and has tried again and again through the centuries) – and he does not want a predominantly Islamic Europe. He wants a Roman Catholic Europe. He and his European allies (the leftist rulers of European countries) well know that they can stop this Islamic tide any time they choose! It is in their power to do so. It is not uncontrollable. There are ways and means to end it immediately, if they want to. And when the time is right, they will stop it. Francis has already indicated as much when he said in his speech on the island of Lesbos that eventually the refugees must be sent home.

Eventually...but not yet. For now, the Vatican is hoping for great things by encouraging the influx of Muslims into Europe, where they are causing the native-born citizens to panic, and to demand action, as rapes, thefts and murders rise to unprecedented levels, cities become war zones, Europe's priceless heritage is threatened by rampaging mobs and the way of life that Europeans have enjoyed for so long is threatened by the Muslim mayhem being unleashed everywhere.

And when this Muslim invasion has served its purpose and Francis and his Government cronies cause the human tide of refugees (both real refugees and the fake ones) to dry up, he and the entire Vatican hierarchy will look very good in the eyes of the world! His prestige, and that of the religious system of which he is the Head, will be greatly enhanced. For they will look like great benefactors, compassionate, caring and concerned, who were willing to speak out on behalf of the people of another, often-hostile religion, working tirelessly for Europe to welcome the Muslims pouring across European borders and even setting an example by taking in and harbouring some Muslims in the Vatican itself!

There is even a strong likelihood that this papal attitude will encourage many Muslims in Europe to convert to Roman Catholicism. Compared with their own merciless religion, the religion of Rome will look like a compassionate, caring, loving one. They will have no idea of the real motives for all that is going on.

Out of chaos, a new order. This is what the Pope is hoping for. This is the outcome he desires for Europe, and this is why he is encouraging the Muslim invasion of Europe. For now.

(To be continued in the next Newsletter, GW)

¹ See book, *"Holy War" Against South Africa*, by Shaun Willcock. Bible Based Ministries, third edition 2011. Available for ordering online at: www.biblebasedministries.co.uk.

² See article, *America's Alien Invasion: the United States is Becoming Roman Catholic*, by Shaun Willcock, Bible Based Ministries, 2006. Available free on www.biblebasedministries.co.uk.

³ *Pope Receives Charlemagne Prize and Calls for a More Humane Europe*, May 6, 2016. Rome Reports, www.romereports.com.

⁴ *Pope Francis Meets with Merkel Before Receiving the Charlemagne Prize*. May 5, 2016. Rome Reports, www.romereports.com.

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True religion is a very simple thing. Simplicity is stamped upon all the works of God and especially upon the work of grace. The more genuine, therefore, our religion is, the more simple it will be.

J. C. Philpot

Why the Peaceful Majority is Irrelevant

By a CW Member

This is a wake-up call to the UK!

I am amazed at the complacency and ignorance of our leaders, politicians, Church leaders and the average man in the street, who are blind to what is going on in our beloved nation and – what is worse – do not seem to care! They appear to have forgotten the fact that millions of British people lost their lives in two world wars to defend the freedoms and fundamental British values that we all enjoy. They don't seem to understand that another enemy is preparing an army right under our very noses to destroy the freedoms that we enjoy and so readily take for granted.

Thousands of Muslim terrorists are establishing themselves in the UK under the guise of 'peace-loving Muslims'.

I came across the following article on the internet and, although there is uncertainty over the authorship,* I think it is one of the best explanations of the Muslim terrorist situation I have ever read. The references to past history are accurate and clear. Not long, easy to understand, and well worth the read:

In Germany, before the start of World War II in 1939, very few people were true Nazis, but many enjoyed the return of German pride and many more were too busy to care. So, the majority just sat back and let it happen. Then, before they knew it, they owned them and they had lost control and the end of their world had come.

We are told again and again by 'experts' and 'talking heads' that Islam is a religion of peace and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace.

Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff meant to make us feel better and meant to somehow diminish the spectre of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam.

The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history. It is the fanatics who march. It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide.

It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave. It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder or honour-kill. It is the fanatics who take over mosque after

mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. It is the fanatics who teach their young to kill and to become suicide bombers.

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

Communist Russia was comprised of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant.

China's huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

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

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

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt. Yet for all our powers of reason, we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points: peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence. Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up. They will awaken one day and find that the fanatics own them and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs, Afgans, Iraquis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

Now Islamic prayers have been introduced in Toronto and other public schools in Ontario and, yes, in Ottawa too, while the Lord's Prayer was removed (due to being so offensive?). The Islamic way may be peaceful for the time being in our country until the fanatics move in.

In Australia and, indeed, in many countries around the world, many of the most commonly consumed food items have the halal emblem on them. Just look at the back of some of the most popular chocolate bars and at other food items in your local supermarket. Food on aircraft have the halal emblem just to appease the privileged minority who are now rapidly expanding with the nation's shores.

In the UK, the Muslim communities refuse to integrate and there are now dozens of 'no-go' zones with major cities across the country that the police force dare not intrude upon. Sharia law prevails there, because the Muslim community in those areas refuse to acknowledge British law.'

As for us who watch it all unfold, we must pay attention to the only group that counts – the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

You say, 'What can I do?'

Firstly, pray and ask God to forgive us as a back-slidden nation, church and individuals. Ask Him to grant us repentance and revival in the Church. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14.

Secondly, pray for those in authority, that God would give them eyes to see what is happening to our nation; wisdom to deal with the situation; and boldness to put it into action. 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Thirdly, pray that God would give repentance to all that are deceived by deceiving, religious spirits. 2 Peter 3:9.

* Attributed to Dr. Emanuel Tanay but more likely to have been by a Canadian, Paul Marek.

NEEDFUL WARNINGS

Extract from: "A Word for the Present Day" by J. K. Popham

One evil that is most eminent and universal is *the restraining of prayer*. We speak to churches and all who fear God. Not the utter neglect of the form of prayer, but a perverting of the pure and spiritual worship of God into an asking for self-ends. "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." One self-end is to satisfy conscience. Prayer being, as it were, the vital breath of a Christian, it is not restrained but by the deadly opposition of the flesh in some form; and when restrained, a declension is begun and who knows the issue thereof? The soul cannot be unemployed. If we go through the form of prayer and do not worship God, we are but in a chamber of imagery: vanity and idolatry fill the thoughts and affection; the world usurps and exercises lordship. Devils are cast out only by prayer and fasting (Mark 9:28,29). When there are prevailing

lusts, barrenness, worldliness, shameful defeats, a nursing of or conniving at hard and envious thoughts against some of our brethren; when the Scriptures are dry and the services we attend dull; if we will but honestly look at our secret lives, we shall doubtless see the beginnings of these evils there. Prayer has been neglected; indwelling sin has not been mortified and therefore has prevailed.

We sorrowfully say that there is apparently much time and labour (beyond that of one's calling) spent in making "provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof," and in many cases none in making provision



Search the Scriptures

for the spirit *by a close searching of the Scriptures.*

The customary, cursory reading of chapters morning and evening goes on, of course. But coming to the divine Word with a case, hungering for bread, thirsting for water, desiring to look by faith into the deep mysteries it contains, to feel its power, live under its authority, bathe in its sunlight, walk in its pure doctrine and obey its holy precepts – such reading of the Scriptures it is to be feared is not common among us. Instead of this nourishing provision for the new man (2 Tim. 3:16,17; I Peter 2:2), the “wills of the flesh and of the mind” are entertained, provided for and, gaining strength and nourishment, unframe the soul for better things – the things of the Spirit and communion with God in His Word. And if this evil prevails, can we wonder at our looseness? How can we fight without “the sword of the Spirit”, “run the race set before us” with the loose, flowing garments of our worldliness entangling our feet? O, brethren, seek to read the Scriptures with a sanctified intelligence. By them the Holy Ghost usually gives life, light, understanding and power.

The Christian, when fullest of divine communications, is but a glass without a foot – he cannot stand, or hold what he has received, any longer than God holds him in His strong hand.

William Gurnall

REAL PRAYER

From Bogatsky's "Golden Treasury"

"Pour out your heart before Him (God)." (Psa. 62:8)

What a different view does this lively text give of praying when opposed to the usual expression of "saying our prayers"; saying what our books and our parents teach us; saying what we have been long used to say, perhaps of our own composing, in a formal and customary manner! To pour out our hearts is like emptying a vessel of all its contents so that nothing remains; and O! what a pleasing, awful, important thing must this be! Whatever is in my heart, my guilt or fears, my sins or sorrows, my cares and crosses, my wants, my dangers, my weaknesses, temptations, darkness and ignorance, my doubts and anxieties respecting both body and soul, myself and others, the church and the world, every thought that arises relating either to past, present or future, I have leave to empty myself of, to pour out by drops, or in a more copious stream, till not one burden remains. And this, not by myself, or before men (for what help can I get from either?) but before God, who is a prayer-hearing God, both able and willing to relieve and who will not turn away from His creatures who pour out their hearts before Him and empty themselves by prayer, but will fill them with His consolations, which are neither few nor small.

He can send a Hannah away no longer sad; can say, "Son, or daughter, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee"; and send an instructor to an enquiring Cornelius to inform him what he must do. No wonder, then, that real prayer is so much unknown, or is such a cordial when it is made before Him who is a refuge for us.

Away then forever with the prayer of the formalist. May I learn fervency of devotion from my Heavenly Master, who in His agony prayed until drops of blood fell down; and in all my sorrows and distresses, spiritual and temporal, in life and in death, like Him may I be heard of my Heavenly Father in the things that I fear. To a suffering Jesus I look for pardon and cleansing. O let me be accepted in the Beloved, and purged daily from my defilements, and so become a vessel to honour, sanctified for the Master's use for ever. Amen.

ARE YOU A SAINT?

By Dr. Alan C. Clifford

Well, she's finally made it. Mother Teresa of Calcutta is a saint at last. As reported by the BBC (4 September, 2016), this famous lady has been canonised during a special ceremony at the Vatican by Pope Francis. While secularists have little interest in God and saints, St. Teresa seems a notable exception, not least because of the controversy surrounding her caring missionary methods. More may be said.

It is astonishing how anyone reading the New Testament could recognise any similarity between the religion of Rome and the plain teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles. According to the Scriptures, 'a saint is a sinner saved by grace', one 'set apart' for the service and worship of God. 'Saint' is a common term for 'Christian'

(see *Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:1, Philipians 4:21-2* etc). Translated from the Greek *hagios*, it indicates a transforming holiness enjoyed by true believers in Christ, without which one cannot be a Christian. It is something started in this life, not just a perfect attainment at death. ***So, if one doesn't live and die as a saint, no God-approved, Church-initiated after-life process exists to start what never began on earth!***

One sometimes hears the honest confession, "I'm no saint." If it simply means, "I'm not perfect", then no mere mortal deserves the title. However, while growth in personal holiness is a necessary feature of the Christian life, perfection is never attained in this life. It is never taught in the New Testament that 'saints' are perfect believers. Our saintliness is defined in terms of being righteous and holy 'in Christ Jesus' (see *Ephesians 1:1-4*) and being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. In short, a 'saint' is one who is 'justified' and 'sanctified'.

This is where the religion of Rome and the Reformed Faith part company at a fundamental level. Justification is not through baptism but by faith in Christ alone (see *Romans 5:1-9*) with direct



Mother Teresa

access to Him (not Mary) as sole Mediator (see *Matthew 11:28*; *1 Timothy 2:5*). The idea that the merits of the faithful are a necessary contribution to their salvation undermines the all-sufficiency of Christ's merit. Rome's traditional mistake in making sanctification a part of justification arises from her reliance on the Latin *justificare* instead of the Greek *dikaioo*. While the former verb means 'to make righteous', the latter means 'to declare righteous' by the remission of sins through faith in the blood of Christ (see *Romans 4:5-8*; *5:1*, *9*).

While good works are a necessary and certain fruit of saving faith (see *Galatians 5:6*; *Ephesians 2:8-10*), their imperfection rules them out from justifying us. Our persons and our performances alike always require pardon. ***That said, Christian sainthood is the present status of true though imperfect believers*** (see *Ephesians 1:1-2*) ***not that of dead believers canonised by the Church of Rome.***

It all boils down to a question of definition. We either follow God's infallible Word or Rome's false tradition, as a great (though grossly neglected) English Reformed churchman, Dr. Edmund Calamy (1671-1732) makes clear:

If the Scriptures are divinely inspired, the whole foundation of the Popish religion is rotten. Our [Protestant] religion is bottomed upon the Scriptures, which having been given by inspiration of God, cannot deceive us. The Scriptures, which came from God, and were drawn up under His conduct and influence, as a directory to His Church and people in all ages, are with us a thousand times more venerable, and unspeakably more sacred, and of greater authority, than the doctrines, or sentiments, of any creatures whatsoever.

One little sentence of those divine books; that sentence in particular which declares that ***God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*** [*John 3:16*], with us deserves incomparably more respect and regard than all the definitions or determinations, resolutions or decrees, of princes or doctors, Popes or Councils, men or angels.

We keep so close to those Scriptures, being satisfied of their Heavenly origin, that our Pastors and teachers can safely join in with the great Apostle and say, ***Though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed*** [*Galatians 1:8*]. And this is our glory. Herein lies the peculiar firmness of our religion, and

that which distinguishes it from all others, that it came entirely from those Scriptures that were divinely inspired.

(Edmund Calamy, DD, ***The Inspiration of the Holy Writings of the Old and New Testament*** (London: 1710), 313-15.)

So, let us 'glory' in that Grace of God that makes us saints, in 'the here and now'! Let our assured faith be in Christ alone, our reliance on the Holy Spirit alone, our convictions based on the Bible alone!

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The wretched and forlorn,
Are welcome to the feast of grace,
Though goodness they have none.

No goodness He expects;
He came to save the poor;
Poor helpless souls He ne'er neglects,
Nor sends them from His door.

His tender, loving heart
The vilest will embrace;
And freely to them will impart
The riches of His grace.

William Gadsby

R.C. & Anglican Bishops pair up to work and worship together - British Church Newspaper 30 Sept., 2016

Thirty-six Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops will meet in Canterbury and Rome for a summit in October of this year. They will represent 19 different regions where Anglicans and Roman Catholics live side by side in significant numbers.

The Bishops will be following Pope Francis call that we should walk together as if we were one.

They will first meet in Canterbury to take part in the services of the Cathedral and make a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Thomas A Becket. The Bishops will then move to Rome. They will visit the tombs of the Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul and participate in the vespers celebrated by Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby at San Gregorio al Celio.

The central piece of the service will be the blessing and sending out of pairs of Bishops, Anglican and Roman.

Both Welby and Francis will preach and a joint declaration will be read out.

The service will combine elements of Anglican Evensong and Roman Catholic Vespers and will see the choir of Canterbury Cathedral join the Sistine Chapel Choir for common worship.

On the same day the Bishops will also attend an academic symposium at the Gregorian University.

The meeting is under the auspices of IARCCUM, The "International Anglican and Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission". The purpose of the meeting will be to discover new ways by which Roman Catholics and Anglicans can witness to their "common faith" on the basis of the agreed statements of



Justin Welby and Pope Francis

ARCIC and particularly how they can co-operate in mission to the world. *Abbreviated*

First Child Dies After Belgium Approves Measures Allowing Doctors to Euthanise Children – Steven Ertelt, International, 19 September, 2016

The first child has died under a new law in Belgium allowing doctors to euthanise children.

In 2014, Belgium voted to extend euthanasia to children with disabilities, in a move pro-life advocates worldwide had been fearing could come and expand an already much abused euthanasia law even further. The law allows minors to seek euthanasia under certain conditions and the measure also would extend the right to request euthanasia to adults with dementia. No age limit would be set, but the children who are euthanised would have “to possess the capacity of discernment.”



Euthanasia

Euthanasia has been legal in Belgium since 2002 but has, since its enactment, been prohibited for patients under 18. While euthanasia is legal in a handful of countries in Europe, Belgium is the first country in the world to lift all age restrictions on the practice.

Now the first child has been killed. A terminally ill minor has been helped to die in Belgium for the first time since the country did away with age restrictions on euthanasia two years ago, according to the Senator who wrote the law.

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Christians ‘Hung On A Cross Over Fire’, Steam-rolled and Crushed to Death in North Korea – Carey Lodge, Christian Today Journalist, 23 September, 2016

Christians in North Korea face rape, torture, enslavement and being killed for their faith, a damning new report from Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) has warned.



Kim Jong-Un

CSW, a UK-based religious freedom charity, said in the report, *Total Denial: Violations of Freedom of Religion or Belief in North Korea*, that freedom of religion or belief “is largely non-existent” under dictator Kim Jong-Un’s leadership.

“Religious beliefs are seen as a threat to the loyalty demanded by the Supreme Leader, so anyone holding these beliefs is severely persecuted,” the report says. “Christians suffer significantly because of the anti-revolutionary and imperialist labels attached to them by the country’s leadership.”

Among the documented incidents against Christians are “being hung on a cross over a fire, crushed under a steam-roller, herded off bridges and trampled underfoot.” Other crimes include “extra-judicial killing, extermination, enslavement/forced labour, forcible transfer of population, arbitrary imprisonment, torture, persecution, enforced disappearance, rape and sexual violence and other inhumane acts.”

Although the regime officially says there are just 13,000 Christians in North Korea, the true figure is believed to be much higher. Cornerstone Ministries International, which works with North Korean Christians in the country as well as in China, estimates that there are between 200-300,000 in total.

Believers are forced to practise their faith in secret and, if caught, get sent to North Korea’s notorious hard labour camps. One escapee told CSW that while he was detained, he met a prisoner who was sent to the camp simply because he had spent a month in China studying the Bible.

“A policy of guilt by association applies, meaning that relatives of Christians are also detained regardless of whether they share the Christian belief,” the report says.

CSW has urged the international community to support the referral of North Korea to the International Criminal Court for its violations of human rights.

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Text of Leviticus Found on 1,700 year old Scroll inside Ancient Israeli Ark – By Heather Clark, Christian News Network, 25 Sept., 2016

Researchers in Israel expressed excitement recently after successfully using technology to decipher a 1,700 year old scroll that was discovered in an ark inside a Jewish synagogue.

The parchment had been discovered in 1970 among the remains of the ancient Ein Gedi synagogue, located on the shore

of the Dead Sea. David had once sought refuge in the caves of Ein Gedi when he was being hunted by King Saul.

In approximately 600AD, the synagogue was destroyed by fire and the scrolls, found over 40 years ago, were discovered in the holy ark. They were “completely burned and crushed, [and] had turned into chunks of charcoal that continued to disintegrate every time they were touched,” researchers said. Nonetheless, the chunks were retrieved and placed in storage for preservation and



examination.

Part of the Dead Sea Scrolls

At the time, forensics could not decipher script on the scroll but, last year, through the use of micro-CT scanner technology, it was believed that the parchment contained the first eight verses of the second chapter of the Book of Leviticus.

Researchers continued to study the parchment via “virtual unwrapping” – a digital scanning technique used at the University of Kentucky – and located an extra column of text containing the first chapter of Leviticus as well.

Inspection of the text found it to be exactly the same as the Masoretic text, which is still used in today’s Bibles. The congruity pleased researchers.

Researchers are likewise amazed at the success of the virtual unwrapping technology, which may now be used to help read other ancient and Biblical artifacts, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Abbreviated

All the peace and favour of the world cannot calm a troubled heart; but where this peace is which Christ gives, all the trouble and disquiet of the world cannot disturb it.

(Gospel Standard January 2001)

LOOKING TO THE LORD

By Edward Carr

“But our eyes are upon Thee” (2 Chronicles 20:12)

In respect to our spiritual state, in the midst of conflict, perplexity and fear, a great deal depends upon which way we are looking. Some are much afflicted with an inveterate propensity to look *downwards* to the path. It appears very dark, rough, thorny and crooked. There is no comfort *there!* Some of us are very apt to look *within* and what do we see? Nothing but sin, folly, weakness and misery. There is no comfort *there!* Then, in times of perplexity and trouble, some are very prone to look *around* to creatures; and the result again is failure in finding help and a wounded spirit. There is no comfort *there!* Indeed, dear reader, we have to learn by such experiences very much as Israel did. Not until we have, in our measure, learned the lesson can we come to any real establishment in the things and ways of God, as faith steadfastly looks to Him and humbly tells the Lord, “Our eyes are upon Thee.” The language is simple, striking and seasonable. It is in the present tense. Now, Israel came into this experience of looking to the Lord by sanctified trouble.

We will try to describe, first, Israel’s perplexity; second, the upward look.

1. Israel’s perplexity. Was there not a cause? When any special trouble comes, the very first thing to work in the conscience is the enquiry - Have I procured this unto myself? Spiritual men are persuaded that “the Lord for nothing would not chide.” There was a cause for Israel’s perplexity; and it was deep-seated and a considerable way back. The Lord chastised Israel for her sin and folly in looking to an arm of flesh for help. Jehoshaphat had “joined affinity with Ahab.” At first God seemed to take no notice; for we read in the 19th chapter that “Jehoshaphat returned to his house in peace.” All seemed well! But the day of reckoning came. As men sow they have to reap. At last a message from God Himself was conveyed by Jehu: “Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord.” We must here mark the distinction between God’s wrath against His children’s sin and God’s wrath against their persons. His anger against their *sins* is the cause of

all chastening administered by their Father to His children out of love to them. The hand of the Lord was against Israel for their folly and sin. In that hand there was an instrument and, as usual in our experience, it was a very unexpected instrument.

After the peace – a false peace – “there came a great company against Israel.” The calamity arose very suddenly and the Lord was using this “great company” as a scourge to correct His people for having looked away from Him to the arm of flesh. Brought to her senses at length, Israel, looking up to her God, committed the judgment of her case, her enemies and her circumstances, entirely into His hands: “O God, wilt Thou not judge them?! A most important lesson this! – for are we not far too ready to rely upon our own judgment of our enemies, our case and our circumstances? Now, it was not the outward trial, the enemies approaching, which was the greatest cause of her perplexity. Her internal state was the worst part of her trouble. It is expressed very plainly: “We have no might, neither know we what to do.” Utter *weakness*, joined to complete *ignorance*! Ah, yes! – the “great company” comes against the weak, who do not know what to do. Circumstances, foes, trials and changes in our temporal concerns, families and churches often cause very great perplexity; for “we have no might, neither know we what to do.” Remember, dear reader, it is good thus to be emptied and stripped of our strength and wisdom; and this will teach us, out of sheer necessity, to look to the Lord, and we have to say to Him: “our eyes are upon Thee,” which brings us to:

2. The upward look. The singular description of the upward look contained in the words at the commencement of this paper are significant of many things. Even Jonah in the belly of the great fish looked in the right direction – “towards God’s holy temple.” Israel’s eyes were upon God; which shows they had learned where their help must come from. To know this is the secret of all true prayer. Looking upwards, we do not regard with the same dismay and fear the distresses we are passing through, or the destruction which otherwise seems close at hand. Prayer is

*“The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.”*

True prayer is the lifting up the eyes to the hills, from whence cometh our help; our help cometh from the Lord. A gracious experience is recorded in Psalm 123:2: “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." And *He will*. The oath and promise of our God are sure. He will have mercy upon all whose eyes are upon Him, watching for the help that may be delayed, but cannot be denied. Wait on, dear reader, look up! "Although the vision tarry," the Lord will appear – all shall be well (Hab. 2:3).

There is another point which is comforting to those tried and exercised in their minds because they feel, though professing to be disciples of Jesus, that they follow Him so imperfectly and are so little like Him. The writer has often been ready to give up all hope on this ground. Still, our eyes are upon Him; and, in thus looking to God, we have fellowship with Jesus, because He often "lifted up His eyes" to Heaven. In this matter we are truly following our great Example. Then we remember that the holiness of His upward look covers the unholiness of ours; for all is mixed with sin in us. If our eyes are upon the Lord, they will be upon His Word for instruction, consolation and everything. But how little we seem to gain! We see the vast treasures, but how little we get! This very experience helps to make those who truly fear the Lord more diligent in searching the Scriptures.

Further, as His servants, are not our eyes upon His hand? Many of our readers have been watching the Lord's hand for a long time, and not in vain. No, not in vain! Only as our eyes are upon His hand for guidance and help can we be right.

Our eyes are upon the Lord's hand for protection. "We have no might, neither know we what to do." Who can preserve us from harm but our God? We *must* look to Him for provision also and the supply of all our needs.

Again, if rightly taught, our eyes are upon God's people. We have been long looking upon God's dear people, with the result that we feel exactly as we did when first our eyes were directed towards them, thus:

*"With them numbered may I be,
Now and to eternity."*

Well, dear reader, if your eyes are upon God's people with this desire in your heart, it is a real token for good. By this "we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." Indeed our eyes, in this case, are upon the body of Christ, for they are all members of His mystical body.

To return to the narrative. Israel's eyes were upon the Lord to make a way for them out of the incredible, unexpected and

impossible difficulties by which they were surrounded. At their "wits' end" they looked to the Lord. A friend was talking to the writer one day and made this remark: "The truth is, I don't know what to do, and I don't know what *not* to do." Here is a case for Jesus. Happy are those who can "tell all their hard cases to Jesus the Lord." He knows what we should *not* do, as well as what we should do. Such will surely find His kind hand rightly directing them. Further, "our eyes are upon Thee," desiring to know more of Thee, of Thy grace, power and love. We shall not look in vain to Him. "Seek the Lord and His strength," and "ye shall find" full deliverance from all foes.

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