

# THE BRITISH PROTESTANT



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## WAKE UP BRITAIN

Britain despite many faults was called Great Britain. It was a decent place to wake up to in the morning somewhere you could sleep in peace. True the recent terrible war has left its scars, and the moral problems that resulted, there was nevertheless sense of decency and security to be found, as our laws were generally based on sound moral foundations.

Sadly, that nation no longer exists, over the past sixty-five years it has become a corrupt unhealthy, immoral, ungodly place. The 1960s is where we begin, as this was a revolutionary decade sex, drugs and rock and roll were dominant, an example:

**The Abortion Act 1967**, The contraceptive Pill was free on the NHS whilst the Abortion Act became active. However, an amendment was made 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025, when 379 MPs voted in favour of decriminalising abortion, 137 opposed it. Women no longer face prosecution for aborting their pregnancies at any point even up to the moment of birth. this exposes society's disregard for the sanctity of human life.

The death penalty for murder was abolished in 1965 but this Act two years later said it was acceptable to kill unborn babies. Over 690 abortions take place daily in British hospitals, bringing total to more than 10,256,000 unborn children murdered since 1967, considerably more that in the Nazi Death Camps.

**1990: The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act.** Modified in 2001, legalising the creation and storage of embryos for laboratory research.

In 2008: this Act recognised same-sex couples as legal parents of children conceived using donated sperm, eggs, or embryos, replacing reference of "a father" with "supportive parenting." It

also legalised the creation of animal-human hybrid embryos for research, the days of Frankenstein are here.

**2013: The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act** allowing same gender couples to get legally marriage. To their credit, some Middle Eastern countries still identify homosexuality (sodomy to give it its correct name) as unlawful.

**2019: The Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education** this leads young into immorality, as under the Children and Social Work Act of 2017 primary schools are encouraged to cover LGBT content in their curriculum, with no parental opt-out.

**The Assisted Dying Bill** twentieth June 2025, 314 MPs voted to accept it with 291 against. this Bill is an abomination. It is discrimination and prejudice against people with disabilities. It is the belief that normal capabilities are superior, and that disabled people are incapable or less worthy than non-disabled people.

There is a major take over bid by the Trinity of Evil, namely Satan described as the god of this world, Anti-Christ and the False Prophet. The question is “what is the Christian Church doing about it?”

### Looking Over And Above

IT is said that John Wesley was once walking with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were at that moment passing a stone fence to a meadow, over which a cow was looking. “Do you know,” asked Wesley, “why that cow looks over the wall?” “No,” replied the one in trouble. “I will tell you,” said Wesley; “because she cannot look through it, and that is what you must do with your troubles, look over and above them.”

From *The Springing Well or Waters that Fail Not*

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HERETIC AND A FALSE PROPHET

This short article is necessary and many Christians confuse the two, seeing them as one of the same. Now whilst they maybe seen a cousin, they are very different.

**Heretics:** the words "heretic" comes from the word and refers to a person who indorses and encourages false teachings or divisions within the church, with the intention of troublemaking or spreading damaging ideas. The term, originates from a Greek word meaning "able to choose" or "schismatic," appears in the New Testament and describes those who hold beliefs contrary to established Biblical doctrine, this is hostile the faith once delivered unto then saints and unity of believers.

Heretical teachings often involve a distortion of the true gospel of Jesus Christ, presenting a different or harmful version of the message.

Galatians 1:6-7 here Paul speaks of "another gospel" that troubles the church, which would be considered a heresy “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.”

The biblical concept of a heretic is not merely someone who holds different opinions, but someone who actively promotes false teachings that cause division and threaten the fundamental truths of the Christian faith, and sadly there are many of them about today.

heresy can be understood as a lie from a religious perspective, specifically as a doctrine or belief that contradicts established religious truths and is considered a fundamental error or deviation from what is considered true by that religion. The term

"heresy" can also refer to opinions, ideas, or practices that go against generally accepted beliefs or standards in a broader sense.

On the other hand, we have the false prophets, in the Bible, a false prophet is an individual who claims to speak for God or to have divine inspiration but delivers messages or teachings that are contrary to God's established truth, leading people astray.

Speaking to a group of Jews, Jesus says, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies" John 8:44,

Satan is the "father of lies" in that he is the original liar. He is the "father" of lies in the same way that Martin Luther is the "father" of the Reformation and Robert Goddard is the "father" of modern rocketry. Satan told the first lie in recorded history to Eve, in the Garden of Eden. After planting seeds of doubt in Eve's mind with a question (Genesis 3:1), he directly contradicts God's Word by telling her, "You will not certainly die" (Genesis 3:4). With that lie, Satan led Eve to her death; Adam followed,

Lying is Satan's primary weapon against God's children. He uses the tactic of deceit to separate people from their heavenly Father. Some of his more common lies are "there is no God," "God does not care about you," "the Bible cannot be trusted," and "your good works will get you into heaven." The apostle Paul tells us that Satan masquerades as an angel of light "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14, so that what he says and does sounds good and seems reasonable. But it is nothing more than a false appearance.

**False prophets** have been around since the very beginning. You could say that the first false prophet appeared in the Garden of Eden with the serpent's lie to Adam and Eve. The truth of the

matter is, they were there at the beginning and they will be around until the end.

In Jeremiah 14:14 we read "Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

The false prophet will often prophesy from their own imagination. However, because they know how to do it so well, if you are not careful you can fall victim to them. Without discernment that is the ability to choose between what is true and right and what is false and wrong. To discern something is to recognize its true worth or validity, many times you cannot tell the difference.

There is today a multiplicity of false prophets, these are little more than play things compared with the daddy of them all "The False Prophet."

## HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds,  
In a believers ear,  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fears.*

John Newton

There was a time in John Newton's past when he had lived a godless life and blasphemed the name of Jesus. But by God's amazing grace, the blasphemer became a believer, as this hymn makes plain.

He begins by extolling the Saviour's name in purely general terms (verses 1 and 2); but he is not content with that. He cannot think of Jesus in a detached manner. So the remaining verses become personal as he testifies to what Jesus means to him.

*Originally submitted by Janet Gadsden to another magazine*

## DOES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OR INDEED KING CHARLES 11 KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO BRITAIN?

*“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward/ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and petrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.”* Isaiah 1:6

If ever a few verses of Scripture defined the state of our nation these verses do, the question is, and it is a very important question, does the Government that sits in the Houses of Parliament and the King that sits on the Throne aware of what is happening in the UK under their very noses?

If they are aware of it, why are they not doing something about it, rather than sitting on their hands or turning a blind eye to the abominations that are taking place and, in some cases, supporting and encouraging them things that are destroying our once great nation, these people are *“Blind leaders of the blind,”* Matthew 15:14.

Take the Law for example, is it not the overriding principle of Britain that there is one law for all and that no man is above the law and everyone, whatever his condition or rank they may hold, is subject to the ordinary/common laws of the land? All individu-

als, including residents who are not British citizens, are subject to British law when they are physically present in the UK or in areas under UK jurisdiction, there are no exceptions apart from those exempted by diplomatic immunity

The English legal system has a rich Christian heritage, a tradition is embodied, among other things, in the laws of King Alfred the Great, and then in the expanded system of royal justice that emerged in the late 1100s and the norms it upheld came to be called the ‘Common Law,’ which at first meant simply the law that was the same, or ‘common’ throughout the country, as opposed to the diversity of regional or local law.

The rule of law is one of the longest established common law principles of the authority of the United Kingdom culminating in the Magna Carta of 1215 and the Principle of equal rights. Despite this Britain has a long and terrible history of unequal rights some being more equal than others, today the abuse is even greater as there is an underground government devising and applying laws of their own.

I refer primarily to the foreign government/nation of Islam and the threat of Sharia Law in which is a major threat to the British Law and order.

A report by “One Law for All” has found Sharia Councils and Muslim Arbitration Tribunals to be in violation of UK law, public policy, and human rights

Sharia law’s civil code is arbitrary and discriminatory, and practiced in Britain primarily by Sharia Councils and Muslims Arbitration Tribunals. Both operate on religious principles and are harmful to women,

With the rise in the acceptance of Sharia courts, discrimination is



being further institutionalised with some UK law firms offering clients advice on Sharia law and the use of cooperative law.

Sharia legal processes ignore both common law and due process, far less human rights, and provide little protection and safety for women in violent situations.

The principles of Sharia law are contrary to British law and public policy, and would in theory be unlikely to be upheld in a British court but the arbitration facility over comes that problem. There are more than 80 Sharia courts operating alongside British law.

According to Maryam Namazie, spokesperson of the **One Law for All Campaign** states that, *“The existence of a parallel legal system that is denying a large section of the British population their fundamental human rights is scandalous. Our findings show that it is essential to abolish all religious courts in the UK. Their very existence and legitimisation puts pressure on vulnerable women not to assert their civil rights in a British court. As long as Sharia Councils and Tribunals are allowed to continue to make rulings on issues of family law, women will be pressured into accepting decisions which are prejudicial to them and their children.”*

The report recommends that Sharia courts be closed on the grounds that they work against rather than for equality, and are incompatible with human rights.

All who come to Britain and take up residency or citizenship no matter what religion or political persuasion should in fact be subject to British law.

Mosques are multiplying, Sharia courts are expanding, and political leadership is shifting. Over 1800 mosques now exist across England, The Muslim population is set to double in just two dec-

ades, reshaping the cultural and political landscape.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Starmer hosts historic Iftars, that is the is the fast-breaking evening meal of Muslims in Ramadan. Even more serious is the fact that King Charles is allowing Islamists to use State Rooms at Windsor Castle for the same thing. In so doing at best confirms his affection and sympathetic support for this unholy religion, at worse it gives an element of credence to the rumour that he has converted to that religion.

Charles’s near Orientalist fascination with Islam is not a new story. There were even rumours in the mid-1990s, circulated by the grand mufti of Cyprus no less, that the then prince had secretly converted to Islam during a trip to Turkey The Palace promptly dismissed the rumours as ‘nonsense’ to the extent to which Charles was cleaving ever closer to Islam.. Ctions speaklouder than words

The question remains are the UK authorities losing control of nations future? Former Home Secretary Suella Braverman seems to think so as she did no hold back in an op-ed, that is an article opposite an editorial newspaper page in February 2024: *“The truth is that the Islamists, the extremists and the anti-Semites are in charge now. They have bullied the Labour Party, they have bullied our institutions, and now they have bullied our country into submission.”*

*“This is a crisis. And the fightback must start now, with urgency, if we are to preserve the liberties we cherish and the privileges this country affords us all. If we are to have any chance of saving our country from the mob.”*

Was Suella Braverman right?

As I write this brief statement, I have to say very clearly, that have nothing against Muslims, as there are many, or so they ap-

pear, very nice, warm and compassionate individuals, but when push comes to shove and the saying goes, where will they stand? What I am against is the doctrine and practices of the Islamic religion, as it is far removed from the Word of God the Holy Bible and the basic governing principles of the UK.

What should our response be as Christians

### **How can the Church respond?**

I would like to outline five points of response to Islam.

**First**, prayer. Islam is a spiritual/political body, and as Christians we are engaged in a spiritual battle, Ephesians 6:12 *“we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness.”* This verse describes very clearly the religion of Islam. The Bible also tells us to *“Pray without ceasing”* 1Thessalonian 5:17 All of our interactions and responses to Islam and indeed any other such religion must be grounded in prayer.

**Second**, love. Jesus said that we are to love our enemies Matthew 5:44 now here is a fact I have already alluded to, Muslims are not our enemies, the enemy the religion of Islam. Our responses to Muslims must be motivated with love: We are not responding to in any other way.

**Third**, we need to contend for the faith and that means confrontation, sadly many see this as unloving. Yet this is exactly what Jesus and Paul did Islam sets itself up against the knowledge of God. These claims need to be confronted, and that for the sake of the precious souls within that religion. We are to lovingly confront Muslims with the truth of Christianity and pray that they should experience the love of Christ.

**Fourth**, expose. Paul said: *“have no fellowship with the unfruit-*

*ful works of darkness, but rather reprove them,”* Ephesians 5:11. There are things in this religion that need to be exposed, as Islam is an intolerant religion, that is the religion not the people. It discriminates against both women and non-Muslims. It advocates violence and cruel punishments. It seeks political power. These things need to be exposed. Christians need to shine the light of truth on these things to expose their true nature and objective.

**Fifth**, counterattack. The influence of Islam in our society needs to be resisted in law and in politics. Christians need to be actively involved in this kind of resistance. Amos said: *“Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph,”* Amos 5:15. That principle has never been rescinded and holds good today.

Islam is bold and unashamed in its approach and can put to shame those Christians who shy away from talking about their faith or proclaiming its relevance to society.

The only effective response to radical Islam is radical Christianity, to do as we are told in Jude to *“Contend for the faith once delivered.”* If more of us were contenders bold and unashamed about our faith, confident in confrontation and challenging Islam’s claims, then many more Muslims would be challenged and would turn to Christ and from the false prophet. The question is are we up to this call?

## PREMILLENNIAL-DISPENSATIONALISM

Most 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians have been indoctrinated with an “Old Wives Fable” called premillennial-dispensationalism. The writer of this tract was no exception, although his indoctrination took place back in the 1950’s, although there was always in the back of the mind, a deep-rooted doubt as to the biblical authenticity of this doctrine. It was however, a long and often painful path to the Truth.

It was only after a serious wake up call, and the serious study of God’s Word that the original doubts were confirmed, and I came to understand the truth and realise the dangers that are inherent in this doctrine. What possible dangers can there be in this popular and seemingly harmless teaching? Although very popular, it is, however, untrue to describe it as harmless.

Jude tells us that we are to “*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints,*” Jude v.3. He also warns about the “*certain men that crept in unawares,*” v.4. Premillennial-dispensationalism is not the faith once delivered unto the saints, it is a man-made doctrine, part of which is just over 400 years old and was of Jesuit origins, The second part under 200 years old, and was invented by a disgruntled Anglican and delivered by certain men with the objective of deceiving the Lord’s people.

Whilst there are many dangers associated with this doctrine, not least amongst them is its divisiveness. Its rabid division of Church and Israel, has led to many of the political problems faced in the Middle East today, and the subversion of Scripture, to try and prove point. Let me mention just seven deadly dangers.

The first danger in this “Old Wives Fable,” is that of speculation. There is an inherent speculative character because it is not based on a sound method of interpretation of God’s Word. Rather, it is, being reliant upon a manmade system that is imposed upon the Word, twisting the Word to substantiate pre-conceived ideas, rather than allowing the Word to speak for itself. Therefore, such interpretation is open to the vagaries of human imagination, of which this “Old Wives Fable” is overflowing.

The speculative aspect of these doctrines is seen in the fanciful

explanation of 1 Thessalonians 4:17, “*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord.*” This verse has given rise to Rapture speculation, with aircraft crashing, because their Christian pilots have suddenly been taken away, trains and cars without drivers, resulting in mayhem. Another highly speculative idea is that the “New Jerusalem” is hovering like a giant space craft, above earth ready to descend. None of which have any biblical warranty. Tragically, gullible minds lap up such fantasies.

Premillennial-dispensationalism rejects the Sovereignty of God and Omniscience of God. This of course they deny, but the facts speak for themselves. This doctrine teaches that the rejection of the Messiah by the Jews was unexpected, not being part of God’s original plan. It is taught that the prophets predicted the re-establishment of David’s earthly kingdom, and that Christ intended to bring this about. However, because the Jews rejected Him and crucified Him, they effectively sabotaged God’s purposes, the result being their Christ postponed the establishment of His kingdom until the Jews are ready for Him. When they are ready, He will then return and set up His Kingdom. This doctrine makes He who is Lord of Lords, subservient to man.

So, the question is, is it possible that a few miserable men in Jerusalem could sabotage the eternal plan of Almighty God? Is it possible that these men, with their measly power, schemes and ambitions, were more powerful and influential than the combined power of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, along with the Heavenly Host? Is it possible that God, who is all-seeing, all-knowing, all powerful did not see or know what the Jews were going to do? Can Almighty God be manipulated and thwarted by man? I think not.

As the result of the Jewish sabotage, this doctrine teaches that Christ had established a temporary, stop-gap, measure until He could come back and establish His kingdom. This temporary measure is the Church, an institution that was born on the Day of Pentecost, out of His initial failure. The implication of this stop-gap theory is that the Church and the Cross were hardly, if at all, foreseen in the Old Testament. If the Jews had not rejected Christ, then He would have instituted a Jewish earthly kingdom and there would have been no



Cross, no salvation for the world and no Church. The advocates of this doctrine rarely, if ever, preach on the Sovereignty of God, for to do so would be a denial of all they teach and believe.

Furthermore, this “Old Wives Fable” debases Christ even further, making Him as best a second-rate prophet, a deceiver, a person who could never become our Saviour, as by His actions, He would Himself be a sinner, as He would have been a false witness. As we know the Bible says; *“Thou shalt not bear false witness,”* Exodus 20:16. Besides this it makes His teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven, otherwise called the *“Kingdom of God,”* shambolic, and makes Him a false prophet. In Matthew 3:2, Jesus taught that *“Kingdom of God was at hand.”* Also in Matthew 10:7 He commanded the disciples to go and preach that *“The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* But He failed to deliver according to premillennial-dispensationalism.

Therefore, according to His own Word, He is a false prophet. The Bible says that *“when a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD if the thing follow not nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath NOT spoken, but the prophet hath spoken presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him”*, Deuteronomy 18:22. Did the Lord Jesus speak *presumptuously*, was He confused, had He mistaken God’s plan, was He preaching a false message, was He a sham, and was His Kingdom theology a sham? This makes the Gospel a second-rate message and the Church a second-rate institution, both of which have no more value than the vain godless religions of the world.

This has serious implications for every believer, as it impacts on a believer’s security, in that, if Christ was mistaken about His mission, if He was unable to keep His Word, if mere men were able to sabotage His mission, what confidence can we have in Him in respect of our salvation and eternal security? This doctrine makes Christ impotent. The Bible says, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”* If God changed His plan when Christ was here on earth, because man forced Him to do so, even if we accept Christ, what stops Him changing His plan today in respect of our salvation?

How can we know *“peace with God”* if the Lord’s integrity is in any doubt? He said *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,”* John 14:27. How can we be sure of this, if He has failed once before?

So, the question is this, is your God, your Saviour, a failure? This is a very serious question, and is asked out of deep concern for the spiritual and eternal well-being of your soul.

This doctrine, degrades the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

It degrades the Father because He did not see all this coming.

It degrades the Son because He failed in His mission.

It degrades the Holy Spirit because He came at the wrong time, Joel 2 says that He was to come in the last days.

It degrades Peter because in Acts 2:17 he openly proclaimed that Joel was being fulfilled right there on the Day of Pentecost.

Finally, there are those, even in well-known semi-Reformed and even Reformed churches, who claim that this is not a salvation matter, that this doctrine does not impact salvation. Such souls stand in very grave danger as the God who they trust, and the Christ they claim as Saviour, are not All Powerful or All Mighty, as they cannot accomplish what they set out to do. Furthermore, their promises cannot be trusted, because they are able to be thwarted by the schemes of cunning men, thus making their claim of salvation questionable and very insecure.

In addition, by following this “Old Wives Fable” doctrine to its conclusion, the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, has been removed and replaced by another Christ. Why do I say this? Because this is what the advocates of this doctrine teach, as they designate the wonderful work of Christ, as given in the prophecy of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, in Daniel chapter 9, to the anti-Christ. The following is a quotation of their belief in respect of v.27 of Daniel 9

“We learn from Daniel Chapter 9 that the antichrist will stop the sacrifices that will be offered again during the tribulation exactly midway or three and one-half years into the tribulation. "And he (antichrist) shall confirm the covenant any (peace treaty with Israel and Arab nations) for one week (week of years or seven years): and in the midst of the week (half way through the seven year week) he (the antichrist) shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease (he will stop the sacrifices which are resumed), and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate, Daniel 9:27.”

To ascribe the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the anti-Christ, not only impacts salvation, as the doctrine is pointing to salvation in the wrong person. Furthermore, it is a great blasphemy, *“turning the truth of God into a lie.”*

The God we know and love, the Saviour we love and seek to serve, is Almighty, all knowing, All Powerful and His Word is True and the Amen, and is in perfect control of all things. No mere man, no matter how clever and cunning they may be can surprise Him, or cause Him to fail. His purposes are all-inclusive and never thwarted. Isaiah 46:11 states, *“yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.”* Nothing takes Him by surprise. Like all “Old Wives Fables” the doctrine of premillennial-dispensationalism is a dangerous lie, one of the many products of seducing spirits and doctrines of devils that have infected the Church over the past 200 years.

### MUCH MORE

Matthew 7:11

The son of a wealthy man expected to receive a sports car for his graduation. Instead his Dad called him into his study, told him how much he loved him and handed him a box. When he opened it, he found in it a leather-bound Bible with his name inscribed inside. Angrily he said, “With all your money, you give me a Bible!” and stormed out. They never spoke again.

Years later, he got a call to say his dad had died leaving everything to him. Going through his father’s things he found the Bible, still in its box. Tearfully, he noticed that his dad had underlined Matthew 7:11 *“... how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.”* As he read it, a car key fell from inside. It had a tag with the dealers name on it – for the sports car he’d wanted years earlier! On the tag beside his graduation date were the words, “Paid in full – love Dad.”

Our heavenly Father knows what we need, when we are ready for it and how to get it to us.

## THE BIBLE AND ITS INITIAL IMPACT ON BRITAIN

Some time ago a man said to me that Christianity over the last 1000 years had hindered National progress and development. My response to this statement was “Nonsense absolute nonsense.” This man had clearly been reading anti-Christian literature. Another man, this time an Anglican Clergy man, on receiving a piece of literature depicting a forth coming Bible Exhibition in the area, declared that he would not give the material house room as it was not historically correct. He was a man of the liberal school, a man who was either completely ignorant of the history of the nation, or who had like so many of today’s clutch of clerics, been very selective in what they wanted to learn.

Ee are living in days of appalling ignorance of our past and of what the Bible has done and is indeed capable of doing for us both at a personal and national level, however the “we do not do God” brigade will do everything within there power to denigrate the power of God’s Word and its influence upon our nation, and furthermore, if it were not for the Word of God, many of these anti-god protagonists would not have what they have or the power that they enjoy.

### THE BIBLE IN BRITAIN

When the Bible arrived in Britain we cannot say, but Christianity arrived in the country very early on in the Christian era. There is evidence suggesting as early as 156AD, at a National Council held at Winchester, King Lucius, declared that Britain was officially a Christian Nation. It is recorded in the Welsh Triads that *“King Lucius was the first on the Isle of Britain who bestowed the privilege of country and nation and judgement and validity of oath upon those who should be of the faith of Christ.”* It is also claimed that this same King established the archbishoprics of London, York, and Caerleon on Usk.

It is hardly likely that a Christian Church would be devoid of the scriptures, so it may be assumed that Britain possessed if not the complete canon of scripture, certainly part of the New Testament writings and almost certainly some of the Old Testament if not all. This British Church, was often referred to as the Culdee Church, the name Culdee has reference to strangers arriving from distant lands. The association with this idea and the name given to the British church is simply that

of association, the British church being associated with the strangers who brought the Gospel to Britain, as such it is a title that became associated with the true faith as opposed to a heretical church.

It was after the Roman legions left Britain in about 400 AD that the British or Culdee Church faced persecution from the invading hordes of pagans from Europe these pushed the church into the western extremities of the land. However, the Gospel light was not extinguished, the Culdee church was never obliterated by the advances of Roman Catholicism, brought into the country by Augustine in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Indeed, when the Gregorian mission arrived in Britain the British church stated *"We have nothing to do with the Church of Rome, we know nothing of the Bishop of Rome in his new character of the Pope. We are the British Church, the archbishop of which is accountable To God alone, having no superior on earth."* The response was *"if you will not receive the brethren who bring peace, you shall receive enemies that bring war."*

Of the Culdee Church the Venerable Bede wrote *"The Culdees followed uncertain rules in the observance of the Easter, practising only such works of piety and chastity as they could learn from the prophetic, evangelical and apostolic writings."* This indicates two things:

Firstly, that the British Church possessed some if not all the scriptures.

Secondly that they were Bible men.

This same church in 705 AD was declared to be outside of the Catholic Church, that is the Roman Catholic Church, Adhelm wrote *"The precepts of your bishops are not in accord with Catholic faith, we adjure you not to persevere in your arrogant contempt of the degrees of St Peter and the traditions of the Roman Church by your proud and tyrannical attachment to the statutes of your ancestors."* So, the true British church, a Bible church, was a very distinctive body from the Roman Church that continued to make great inroads in the land. It is on record that ministers of the Culdee church officiated at St Peter's in York.

**ALFRED THE GREAT:** Of all the monarchs that have ruled England, only Alfred has been universally designated the title Great. His

greatness however was not because of the number of victories he gained over his enemies. He did wish to be remembered for his victories but to *"to leave the men after, a remembrance of him in good works"* he lived for the good of his people, and put aside all personal ambition to devote himself to the welfare of his people.

He was a Christian, of the Culdee Church, he wrote *"I wish you to know that it often occurs to my mind to consider what manner of wise men there were formerly in the British nation, both spiritual and temporal; I consider how earnest God's ministers then were about preaching as about learning in this land."* Although Saxon, he had respect for not only the truth, but also for the great British heritage, both temporal and spiritual, he was deeply concerned with the illiteracy of his day, and translated many books into the vernacular, establishing Oxford as a centre of educational excellence.

His Christian witness is reflected by the fact that believing the Bible to be God's Word, he established the laws of England on it, placing at the beginning of his statute book the Ten Commandments, showing how they should be understood, that is "By the love and compassion of the Lord Jesus." He believed in honesty, loyalty, and the value of life. Furthermore, he made it illegal to break the Sabbath day, and personally took control of the English Church. For people to read the Bible which was then hand written in Latin, he learned to language and then began translating part into Anglo-Saxon, the language of the English people of his day, he had almost complete the translation of the Psalms when he was called to higher service. The doctrines of the Culdee church, survived and by the time of: -

**JOHN WYCLIFE:** they were still extant, so moving on, from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. His ancestors were Norman Barons, and had received a share of land from the conquest, John was born around the 1320 and at the age of about 15, was sent to Oxford University where in 1361 he was made Master of Balliol, then in 1365, he was made Warden of Canterbury Hall, only to be expelled in 1366 by Archbishop Laugham. The expulsion was made on the political grounds, that Canterbury Hall, had been founded by archbishop Islip of Canterbury, therefore only monks, should be permitted to that privileged position,

Wickliffe was merely a secular priest.

As a direct result of this he left Oxford and involved himself in the politics of the day. He joined the National political party, led by John of Gaunt, the Duke of Lancaster, the third son of the King. It was at this time that Pope Urban V renewed an old demand that tribute be paid by the realm. In 1366, this claim was laid by King Edward, before Parliament, which declared that *"No Italian priest should tithe or toil in their domain."* Wickliffe used his time profitably by exposing and condemning the sins and vices of the activities of the friars and monks in the monasteries. Wycliffe observed the situation in the nation and declared *"The chief cause beyond doubt, of the existing state of things, is our lack of faith in the Holy Scripture"*

In 1375 he became Rector of Lutterworth, he spent much of his time writing articles against the doctrines and practices of the Roman Church. These works were readily accepted by his adherents; some attached themselves to him for training. These men he sent out to propagate the gospel, and the poor preachers were born, (Lollards). These men, using the Bible translated by Wycliffe into English, were in today's terminology lay preachers, they imitated the monks and friars, by travelling barefooted and wearing distinctive clothing. The monks fearing for their own jobs accused Wickliffe of heresy. This resulted in his appearance in St Paul's with the Duke of Lancaster and Lord H Percy as his Protectors, before Bishop Courtenay, 1377.

In 1378, Wickliffe became a committed Reformer. At Oxford in 1381 he presented Twelve Theses against Transubstantiation. He was silenced by the University of Oxford, in 1381. Wycliffe was a biblical theologian: Who taught and upheld the following doctrines: -

The supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures.

Salvation by Divine Grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The true Church consists of the elect and holy.

Spiritual worship is alone acceptable to God.

The body of Christ is spiritually received in the Lord's Supper.

As a reformer of doctrine: he protested the following errors of the Roman Church.

The elevation of observances to the rank of the two Divinely instituted sacraments.

The doctrine of Transubstantiation.

The enforced celibacy of clergy.

The worship of Images and saints.

The pretend absolution of sin by the payment of money.

The authority of the Pope over the Church of Christ

During the last few years of his life, he published a great number of Tracts on scriptural; some in Latin addressed to the scholars, others in plain English, for the instruction of all classes, he died in 1384, and was buried at Lutterworth however in 1428 his bones dug up, burnt and thrown into the river. The battles for the truth fought by Wickliffe, the work he began, continued through to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and the Reformation.

He finished Translating the New Testament from the Latin Vulgate into English 1382. A Revision of his Version of the whole Bible completed in 1388. When Wickliffe died in 1384, of natural causes, he left behind a legacy of fearless gospel preachers, the Lollards.

#### PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Please don't find fault with the man who limps and stumbles in the road.  
Unless you've worn the shoes he wears, or struggled beneath his load.  
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt, though hidden away from view.  
And the burden he wears, placed on your back, might make you stumble to?  
Don't be harsh with the man who sins, or pelts with word or stone,  
Unless you are sure, aye doubly sure, that you have no sins of your own.  
Who knows, perhaps the tempter's voice should speak so softly to you?  
As it did to him when he went astray, it would cause you to stagger, too.  
Don't sneer at the man, who's down today unless you felt the blow that  
caused his fall, or felt the shame, that only the fallen can know.  
You may be strong, but still the blows that were his if dealt to you in the  
same self way, at the self same time.

Might cause you to falter, too.



## WHY DO WE HAVE LAWS?

This may seem to be a silly question, but in the light of the current scandal of illegal immigrants, it seems the answer is to flout them, to allow those who offend them to get away scot free.

We have laws to control the speed we drive our cars, and rightly so, as to drive beyond the limit places lives in danger, and if caught speeding we expect to face the consequences of a fine, a ban or even imprisonment if a persistent offender. But can it not be argued that this law is a violation of our human rights? Do we not have laws that forbid us taking that which is not ours? But surely, to stop us taking something that is not ours, is also a violation of our human rights, as we need the things we have stolen. No man in his right mind would argue with this or would they?

We have laws that are designed to control who enters the country, and to protect the indigenous population from alien invasion. Yet these laws are being flouted every day, under the guise of human rights, in respect of people coming into the country illegally. There is no problem with people from other countries entering Britain legally, but we do have very serious problems with those who enter illegally and the authorities, if they can be called such do nothing about it.

In Britain we have our own laws, customs, culture and history, some good some bad, this is all being undermined by the influx of illegal as well as legal immigrants. It has been claimed that America is being taken over by the Roman Catholic Church, the main movers in this being the millions of Roman Catholic illegal immigrants that enter from Mexico. One cannot help but wonder if a similar thing is not taking place in Britain, not only in respect of the Roman Church, but also in respect of Islam and other pagan religions. It is true that people have the questionable right to follow their own faith, but they should not expect the host nation to submit to their demands, when contrary to its laws and customs.

Everyone who enters this country is in effect a guest of Britain, and should be treated as such and act as such. The old saying "When in Rome, do as the Romans" is a principle these people should respect. If they are not happy with the status quo, why do they not leave and return to their own home land?

Christian principles that once had a major influence on this country are being undermined in order to placate the whims and fancies of those who follow ideologies alien to this once great nation. Our heritage, and indeed our children's inheritance is being lost because the authorities fail to follow these principles. Politicians of all hues bend over backwards to accommodate the requirements of those following false religions, whilst suppressing the Christian faith. We are living in a land where an anti-Christian mentality, political correctness and human rights legislation has got out of control and is causing long term harm to all.

Oh that the Lord would wake up His people! However it seems He has given us the leaders we deserve because of Christian unfaithfulness.

## POLITICAL CORRECTNESS OR POLITICAL MADNESS?

What is Political Correctness? Basically it is the practice to outlaw, ideas, expressions, traditions and behaviour which were once legal, and the violators of this new ideological regime will be punished. It is an evil that affects every area of life, from birth and parental responsibility through to death; it is in short nothing more than "Social Dementia"

Political correctness is not just about the use of language; it is a serious attempt by the Governments to control the thinking and behaviour of its citizens. In the past forty or so years Great Britain has been taken over by the same evil force that took over Russia and China in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, an ideology that has caused enormous damage to their heritage and is doing the same to ours.

Political correctness is nothing other than "Cultural Marxism," in fact Cultural Marxism should be the correct name for this evil. Cultural Marxism, or Political Correctness, is Marxism transformed from its economic structure into a cultural one, in other words an overt attempt to cultivate the principles and practices of practical atheism. In a new book published by the Maxim Institute it is shown that political correctness had its origins in Russia in the early 1920's, when Lenin was trying to consolidate the Communist Party's control over the new Soviet state.

The similarities between "Cultural Marxism," Political Correctness, and its classic sister economic Marxism are very evident as they both share the idea of a "classless society," that is a society not merely of equal opportunity but of equal condition, a foolish concept since the idea contradicts human nature itself. People are all very different, and they will always end up unequal no matter what the starting line is. The lineage of Political correctness is traceable right back to Karl Marx: Political Correctness is the New Communism.

The logic of this tyranny is to prevent people being offended by compelling everyone to avoid using words or behaviour that may cause another to be upset. You must not upset sodomites, or women, or etc. etc. This reveals not only its absurdity, but its motivation. The set of values that are detested are those held by the previous generations.

The fact is, however, Political Correctness, or Culture Marxism, is

always one-way traffic. Those who advocate the Marxist evil are all very tolerant of the sinful ways of man: they will support the Sodomites in their vile activities, children as young as five could be taught about gay families and divorce under proposed new Government guidelines, but will the voice of reason be heard by these Marxist pawns, oh no, they are far too blind to reason, will they heed the words of the Lord Jesus Christ when He says *“whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea,”* not on your life, they would rather lead a child into depravity than respect the words of Christ!

Women are no longer ladies and older people are never senior citizens, according to the politically correct officials at Hull City Council. Council workers were stunned, and many offended, when they received an email warning them to mind their language. In a list of unacceptable terms, girls, elderly, pet, and love appeared next to words already widely recognised as being, in their view, offensive, racist, or homophobic. The point is, if decent, educated, sensible people dare even oppose these foolish people then they are in some way or another ostracised. Christian medical doctors will, if new legislation goes through, be faced with prison if they do not follow the Politically Correct procedures regarding abortion and other major issues of conscience.

Whether as Christians we like or dislike the many symbols associated with Christianity, the fact is the Politically Correct demented souls do all within their power to remove them from public gaze. Crosses are removed from public places so as not to offend those of other faiths, what nonsense, when the Crescent Moon on the growing number of Mosques is an offence to me. Would these foolish people even contemplate a request to have such an offending thing removed, of course not. Lambeth council in south London had insisted on renaming its Christmas lighting displays as “winter” or “celebrity” lights.

It is very clear that Political Correctness is totally incompatible with Christianity. Take as an example Homosexuality. Genesis 19 relates how the city of Sodom, with its largely homosexual population, was destroyed by God with fire and brimstone. Jesus in Matthew 5:17-18 reaffirmed the Old Testament condemnation of homosexuality *“Think*

*not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”*

Although there is no direct reference to the events of Sodom, it is clear earlier laws banning homosexuality are embraced in these words, and as such applies to Christians as well as Jews. But Jesus holds out some hope for homosexuals and other deviates: *“For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother’s womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men; and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heavens sake”* (Matthew 19:12). *“Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.”* (Matthew 18:8).

It cannot be any clearer, the Lord Jesus is saying that homosexuals should cut off the offending member, and become a eunuch for the kingdom of heaven's sake, to avoid everlasting fire. If Jesus thought that homosexuality was only a minor sin why would there be such a drastic remedy as castration? Obviously the position of Jesus is that homosexuality is completely unacceptable. The truth is the Politically Correct brigade have fulfilled *“Thus have you made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition”* Matthew 15:6.

## THE CHRISTIANS IDENTITY

I am a child of God (John 1:12).  
 I am Jesus' chosen friend (John 15:15).  
 I am holy and acceptable to God (Romans 5:1).  
 I have been bought with a price and belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).  
 I am a saint, a holy one (Ephesians 1:1).  
 I am complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10).  
 I am free from all condemnation (Romans 8:31).  
 I cannot be separated from God's love (Romans 8:35).  
 I am born of God; the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).  
 I am a Spirit-empowered witness of Christ (Acts 1:8).  
 I am a temple where the Holy Spirit lives (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19).  
 I am able to do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

## THE GOD OF ISLAM AND YAHWEH THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

### “Are Allah and the of the Bible the same?”

Islam teaches that the true God is a being called Allah, and that all other views of God are false. The Koran emphasizes of Allah stating “There is no God but he, the Living, the everlasting.”

But who is Allah? Is he anything like YAHWEH God of the Bible? The answer is an emphatic No. Allah lacks all attributes associated with almighty God, such as holiness, grace, and love. If we compare the Muslim God Allah with the YAHWEH the God of the Bible, we can see that Islam and Christianity not only have very different views of God but also are diametrically opposed.

**First**, Allah is a distant god, remote god, cold god, with whom no one can have a personal relationship with. But the God of the Bible desires men and women to have a personal relationship with Him, John 1:1,11-14; 15:9-15; 16:27; 17:20-26.

**Second**, the Muslim god has a different nature and character from the biblical God. For example, Allah is not ultimately a god of love, but the Bible teaches, “*God is love*” 1 John. 4:16.

Throughout the Koran it is stressed that Allah only “loves” that is merciful to, those who do good, but that he is not merciful to those who are bad. Allah repeatedly emphasizes that he does not love the sinner. Thus the “love” of Allah is not the love of the God of the Bible. The God of the Bible loves the sinner; in fact, so much so, He sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners John 3:16; Romans 5:1-10.

**Third**, Allah is considered the author of evil, and the way many of the followers of this religion act we can see why. But the biblical God is not the author of evil; He is infinitely holy and righteous 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 77:13; 99:9; Revelation 15:4. So holy and pure is Almighty God that His “*eyes are too pure to look on evil*” Habakkuk 1:13.

**Fourth**, Islam denies the Triune nature of God as revealed in the Bible. The Koran emphasizes that Christians are unbelievers and infidels because they believe in the historic Christian doctrine of the trinity. The Koran distorts the orthodox view of the Trinity as tritheism that is three gods. But the Bible tells us that God has revealed Himself as a Triune Being, as one God eternally existing in three Persons, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit John 1:1,14; Acts 5:3,4.

What does all this mean? It means that the Islamic God and the biblical YAHWEH constitute two distinct and opposing concepts of deity. Because Islam teaches that Allah alone is the one true God, they claim that Christians worship a false god, a pagan idol. It is however very clear that Muslims have either forgotten or maybe they have never been taught that “Allah” was originally and very much still is a pagan god.

Scholars agree that before Muhammad came on to the scene, “Allah” was merely one of the pagan deities of the pre-Islamic Arabic collection of gods, in fact the ancient ‘moon god’ still symbolised in the crescent moon can be seen on the mosques, and as if to add insult to injury, this Allah was not even the central deity. It was Muhammad who transformed and elevated this pagan deity into the supreme god of Islam.

Do not be deceived by the spin-doctors of Islam or politicians into accepting the lie that the YAHWEH the Almighty God of the Bible is the god of Islam, they are not.

Ever wondered about the abbreviation A.S.A.P? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There’s work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You’ve got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry-  
A.S.A.P- Always Say a Prayer.

In the midst of family chaos,  
“Quality time” is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest-  
A.S.A.P- Always Say a Prayer

may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather  
A.S.A.P- Always Say a Prayer.

God knows how stressful life is;  
He wants to ease our cares,  
And He’ll respond to all your needs  
A.S.A.P- Always Say a Prayer.

*(Author Unknown)*



## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRAYER MEETING

The prayer meeting was once known as the power house of the Church. Today however, many churches have abandoned the prayer meeting because of lack of attendance placing it in danger of becoming extinct and the greater the extinction the greater the growth of evil in our land. The church ought to be a “house of prayer.” where battles are fought on our knees. But when did this last happen?

**THE BIBLICAL PURPOSE FOR PRAYER MEETINGS:** The prayer meeting upholds all the activities and plans of the local church as well as upholding and encouraging each other. The prayer meeting should be the spiritual catalyst for the church, its ministries and on a wider field the needs of the nations. Let us notice seven things:

The Bible clearly states the importance of prayer. Jesus said, “*Men ought always to pray, and not to faint,*” Luke 18:1. Paul explained in Romans 8:26 that, “*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*” This shows us how the Holy Spirit helps in our prayer life. He helps us pray when we do not know what to pray, and the Holy Spirit provides guidance for us.

In Ephesians 6:18 we read, “*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*” This is a very pertinent point when it comes to Prayer meetings because we often are in prayer for those whom we do not know, or have only a casual contact and a vague appreciation of their situation. In Hebrews 4:16 we have this exhortation, “*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*”

According to the Bible prayer was practiced both individually and corporately this is essential because Jesus promised His special presence for groups who gather in His name Matthew 18:20 “*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*” This nurtures unity and mutual encouragement within the community 1Thessalonians 5:11, “*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do,*” This was a foundational practice of the early church, as seen in the Book of Acts. These verses

highlight that when believers pray together, they experience spiritual power, and grow in their dependence on God and each other, and participate in God's larger mission

The pattern for praying was established in the early church in Acts 2:42, “*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*” Acts 4:31 states further, “*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*”

In Acts 12:5 we see an example of a praying church, notice the frequency of prayer, “*Peter, therefore, was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing by the church unto God for him,*” and they continued praying for him late into the evening. The early church continually prayed and so should we, “*Pray without ceasing*” 1Thessalonians 5:17.

James explained the fervency of prayer, “*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,*” James 5:16. Two of the major components of prayer in the first century church was its frequency and fervency. When we examine further the church at Jerusalem, we see that they practiced corporate prayer, “*And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying,*” Acts 12:5 and 12. Paul in Romans 12:12 encourages us, “*Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation, continuing diligently in prayer.*” From these Scriptures we see the early saints uniting in prayer and remember the adage, “a church that prays together stays together.”





## TRUE PROTESTANTISM IS BIBLICAL

A true Christian is a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, one who has by the grace and mercy of God been born from above by the Holy Spirit. It is these blessed souls that comprise the church that Jesus came to save.

To His church the Lord Jesus gave the great commission, *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."* A commission given to the disciples, and it has never been rescinded.

This commission was given shortly before the Lord's ascension into heaven; Luke tells us that Jesus said *"Ye shall be my witnesses."* The same thing, with Matthew giving a little more detail. So, what we have here is this, a church, that is built on the declaration that Jesus is *"the Christ the son of the living God."*

Furthermore, this church is to be a witnessing church, a church witnessing to one truth that *Jesus Christ is, the Son of the living God*. When the Lord said to the disciples just before His ascension, *Ye shall be my witnesses*" had He been speaking in Latin He could have equally said *"Ye shall be my Protestants"* for that is the very essence of the statement.

There is a serious misconception today and that is the idea that the biblical term "born again" describes a spiritual even and is separated from "Protestant" claiming that the term protestant describes a broad religious category, whilst that may be true from a secularist perception, in terms of the great commission it has a far deeper and important meaning.

These men and subsequently the church throughout the ages, were to be witnesses for Christ, His ambassadors, and that is the meaning of the word Protestant. The word is made up of two words *"Pro"* and *"Testari,"* the word *"Pro"* simply means *"For"* and *"testari"* means *"Testimony."* So, first and foremost the true born-again soul is *"For"* something and that something is a *Testimony*, and that *testimony* is that of *Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God*.

The first Christians were true protestants as they were for the truth bearing testimony to it, as indeed the Christian of today are or should be protesting, the things of Christ. The result was the church *"turned the world upside down."* The early Church proclaimed the things of Christ faithfully, determinedly, powerfully, fearlessly, and consistently, the Church of the first century, was a Protestant Church.

## THE PROGRAMME OF PRAISE PART TWO

### THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT PRAISE:

**If ever there was a Psalm that exhorted the Lord's people to Praise Him it is Psalm 150. *"Let everything that hath breath praise the lord."*** The only reason that the Christian has for not praising- the Lord is that *"they have no breath."* Which brings us to the question "Who should Praise the Lord?"

THE SERAPHIM and the angels praise God. Psalm 148:2 ***"praise ye him all his angels, praise ye him all his hosts."*** the Angels are instruments of Praise before His Throne. It is interesting to learn from the Scriptures how they Praise the Lord. Turn to Isaiah ch.6:1-3 *"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim's: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim's unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:"*

Notice the reverence these Holy Creatures had before God with Praise, they come covering themselves, there is no arrogance, not insincerity, but humbleness, reverencing God for whom and what He is. Their faces and feet are covered. The covering of one's face was a natural expression of reverence, as was the covering of one's feet or body. Now if the pure and holy seraphim, should display such reverence as this as they drew near to the Throne of God's Majesty and Grace, what profound awe and veneration should we sinful creatures have, as we presume to draw near and worship Him. The seraphim's attitude, ought to reprove us of any presumptions that Christians have as often they rush in thoughtlessly and irreverently, doing their own thing. These holy creatures hid themselves in token of their nothingness and unworthiness in the presence of God. The Angels of heaven worship God, giving us an example of how we should draw close to Him.

2; ALL NATIONS ARE TO PRAISE GOD. Psalm 117:1 *"O praise the Lord all ye nations."* This praising of God is not limited to just a few people, but all Nations should Praise God.

3: YOUNG AND OLD ARE TO PRAISE THE LORD: Psalm 148:12-13 *"both young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the lord."* From the cradle to coffin there is to be a chorus of praise. even the smallest child is called upon to add to the great chorus of Praise. I like watching an orchestra at work playing some great piece of music, I find it fascinating to watch each player perform, and sometimes you will see a musician playing an instrument that seems hardly to make a sound and you have to strain hard to hear it, but without it the piece of music would not be complete, the sound is small but it makes an essential contribution to the final performance of that music. So, it is with child like Praise, it needs to mingle with the voices of the Angels and the saints, to make the final output pleasing and acceptable to God.

The Praise of Youth is also so essential, a soul loses out if in youth if the heart is not filled with Praise. Do you ever look at faces, I mean really look at them, they tell a story, Look at the faces of many of our young people. I was watching two teenagers on T.V. the other day, their eyes were empty, their faces expressionless, there was nothing behind the eyes but emptiness, it was like looking into a large dark bottomless pit. So it is with youthful lives that are taken up with those things that do not bring Praise and Glory to our God, and eventually their lives suffer.

As age begins to overtake us the Psalmist call us, on us as the weakening process begins to take hold, as that is no excuse not to Praise God, physical strength may diminish, we may not be able to do the things of our youth, but the strength to Praise God should grow and deepen, so young and old join their voice in this great choir of Praise, Praise the excellent Name of our God.,

THE SMALL AND THE GREAT SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD: Revelation 19:5, *"and a voice came out of the throne saying, praise our god, all ye servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great."* No matter what one's class may be in society, we are to Praise God. Simply our social position does not relieve us of the solemn duty of Praising our God. The Praise coming from the heart of a poor man, is just as precious in God's eyes as that coming from a great man.

Was it not the small gift from the widow that found more acceptance with Jesus than the large gifts of the rich and famous. The small and in-

significant are to Praise God and by so doing they lose that smallness and insignificance as they launch out into the vastness of that which is eternal.

ALL CREATION IS CALLED TO PRAISE HIM. Psalm 150:6 *"let everything that has breath praise the lord"* this is a Universal call for the Universe that has been created to Praise the Lord. The Universe that was brought forth by the Word of God, is commanded to Praise God.

Let the whole of God's creation, let all creatures great and small, all the angelic host, the seraphim, the cherubim, all the arch angels, all men and women boy and girls, unite their voices in one great anthem of Praise, in the one immense hallelujah, in the swelling Hosanna, to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, let that hosanna, reverberate around the universe, let it reach the lofty vaults of Heaven, reaching into the lofty dwelling place of God, *"let everything that hath breathe praise the lord."*

ALL MEN SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD: Psalm 107:8 *"O, that men would praise the lord for his goodness and wonderful works,"* all men are to Praise the Lord, because all are partakers of God's goodness and mercy. It is the Grace of God and the Grace of God alone, that prevents the curse of sin falling upon them, giving them a span of life, to prepare for the eternity that awaits them.

How good is God in His great providence,  
How good is God in His gracious care, and His tender mercies.  
How good is God in His wonderful works to all the children of men, in His infinite compassion. Oh, that the children of men should have their eyes opened with heavenly eye salves, so that they might see, the glorious providential works of God, and so direct their thoughts, Thanksgivings and Praise to God.

THE SAINTS: Psalm 30:4 *"Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holy Name."* If there is one group above all others that should give Praise unto God, it is the saints, those He has called out of darkness into His marvellous light. Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb.

We have much to Praise the Lord for, Praise should forever be swelling up in our hearts and be heard on our lips.

We have something to sing and rejoice about, and all Praise be unto Him who has Loved us and who gave Himself for us.

Saints are to sing Praises to the Almighty Covenant keeping God, and each song of Praise is to be salted with thanksgiving, reaching the highest note of gratitude, that can be brought forth from a grateful soul.

Let every song we sing, be girded with Thanksgiving and Praise, for we of all people have much to Praise the Lord For, He is our God, we are His people, He is our Shepherd, we are the Sheep of His Pasture. He is our Redeemer we are His Redeemed, He is Our Father we are His Children in Jesus Christ. So let all that hath breath Praise the Lord. *Praise ye the Lord.*



## FINAL THOUGHT

### BRITAIN IS A GREAT COUNTRY

True the climatic conditions often produce problems, but it is these conditions that are instrumental in producing the wonderful country side that we enjoy. Britain is a beautiful place to live in fact I would want to life in no other. In fact, we could claim that this is the oldest Christian country in the world.

At the National Council at Winchester in AD 156, King Lucius, by solemn declaration, declared to the world that Britain was officially a Christian nation. Referring to the Welsh Triads, this act is described as follows: "*King Lucius was the first on the Isle of Britain who bestowed the privilege of country and nation and judgement and validity of oath upon those who should be of the faith of Christ*".

He was followed by Alfred the Great (849–899 AD), It was the king's hope and prayer that Christianity would begin to capture the imagination of the ordinary people. Known for his reverence for Scripture, Alfred "adopted the Ten Commandments and other selections from the Pentateuch, together with the Golden Rule as the foundation of the early laws of England." Sadly, not only is this being forgotten it is being ignored, hence the decline of Great Britain.

Britain has never been perfect country, it always has had many major faults, but has been controlled to a greater extent by the Christian truth. However, over the past century we have experienced a very serious moral and spiritual decline that is out of control. C H Surgeon the 19th century preacher warned of this downgrade, and the departure from Reformed, Evangelical and Protestant truth. He saw the foundation of both spiritual and national security and welfare being squandered away, one of his quotes was "*A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats.*"

Britain is Great and it has been mightily by God over the centuries, so we have much to praise God for, but we need to work and pray that in His grace and mercy, He will restore the wonderful truth of the Gospel so men are turned from darkness to light. There is a need, a radical need for the church to return to its biblical roots as were restored at the Protestant Reformation

