



# CHURCH ARISE!

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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

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Well, no matter how you choose to count your millenium, (2000 or 2001) we now definitely are in the new millenium - the 7<sup>th</sup> since God created the earth. Congratulations for making it through and witnessing what holy men of old so much desired to see; but were not so graced. (Luke 10:24). Indeed, simply being alive at this time makes us special and as well places upon us a great burden of responsibility. For our generation is made available keys to understanding several previously-locked mysteries (Contrast Dan.12:4,9 and Rev.22:10).

A simple illustration. Every one of us alive and reading this piece now knows for sure what to think of prophecies and predictions of a catastrophic meteor/comet impact and subsequent inundation of northern West Africa by floods, that would occur before the year 2000 ended. This placed us 'higher' than many respected figures of past times, such as Mother Shipton, St.Columbkil, Our Lady of Fatima, Nostradamus, etc who made such a prediction. That none of these happened shows clearly the sovereignty of our God, Adonai. J.T. Chicks, the popular Christian publisher/ cartoonist believes groups such as his, exposing the plans of the evil one for the end-times and bringing Christians to understanding of key issues, are often used by God to confound the enemy's time-table and establish His own sovereign plans [Smokescreen, - a must-read book, available at our Library].

What do you think of the anti-Christ and his coming appearance? Like we mentioned earlier (vol 2 no 5), though such famous Christians as Rick Joyner scoff at the idea of a coming anti-Christ, the Bible establishes it as a fact. The Apostle John for instance, wrote: "Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour" (1 John 1:18). Antichrists have come, and the Antichrist is coming! At Church Arise! we believe the Antichrist cannot achieve his full power as long as the Church is around. This is not necessarily based on theology.

Even the adherents of the new age movement openly attest to this much themselves. In fact the → pg 2

**Looking carefully, .... lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright"**  
Heb 12:15-16

## NEWS

### Ongoing Truth Justice And Reconciliation (Oputa) Panel: Shadows Of Things To Come

Did leaders looting the nation's treasury and carrying themselves while in office as omnipotent ever thought they would one day ever be required to give account of their deeds in office? Weeping generals and prostrating top socialites - how have careers and reputations built over the decades crumble overnight! But CA! has far weightier concerns: how many of us, particularly Christians, live our daily lives conscious of the fact that We shall all stand at the judgement seat of Christ (Rom 14:10, 2 Cor 5:10,)? Or that we shall give account for "every idle word" we ever utter? This is not primarily a question of going to heaven or hell. Rather, it is a question of how will you fare in the podium at the coming divine "Oputa Panel" with all the saints in attendance.

### Bola Ige admits membership of AMORC

Speaking at the Bilingual International Convention of the occultic group AMORC, Friday Nov 17, Justice Minister and frontline leader of the Yoruba people, Chief Bola Ige, admitted that he is a proud member of the Rosicrucian AMORC. He further stated that AMORC is "a company that is worthy of responsible people". At the gathering, Chief Ige later "joined in the ritual of building a symbolic pyramid of the ideals of Rosicrucianism, performed as part of the opening ceremony at the Congress hall of the Nicon Hilton Hotel.

Church Arise! considers this a sad development and hopes the Chief sees that there is certainly something called Spiritual Deception. Light and Darkness are not the same thing as various attempts by the Interfaith movement, including the recent Lion King part 2 Disney movie, are trying to convince us.

### In Kenya, Pastors want AIDS disclosures

As a way to further bring the reality of AIDS home in Kenya, some Pastors in that country are suggesting that at the funerals of AIDS victims, disclosures be made that they died of the dreaded syndrome. About 500 people are estimated to be dying of AIDS, **daily**, in Kenya. (Comet, Dec 1, pg 8). It will be recalled that one of the medical doctor brothers of the popular late musician, Fela Anikulapo, caused some stir when he disclosed that the musician died of AIDS.

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coming persecution of Christians and others resisting the New World Order, will only become “a necessary evil” simply because the beliefs and actions of these minority deviants will nevertheless continue to have serious impacts on the ‘progress’ of the rest of the Society. Those familiar with new age principles such as the “Hundredth monkey” or the “quantum jump” theories will appreciate this fact more easily. We believe it is to the ministry of the Church that the Bible refers when it states “He who letteth will let”. (2 Thess. 2:7)). Full-blown antichrist reign **can be possible only** after the Rapture (or decimation/annihilation/ compromising – if you choose not to believe in the Rapture) of the Church.

What then, why bother about the antichrist if we may not be here during his reign? As every physical scientist well understands, real-life situations are usually characterised by smooth transitions from one phase to another. Put another way, situations don’t just happen, they creep in. A dictatorial anti-Christ, as many are expecting, will have to be preceded by a genial accommodating anti-Christ. The one that destroys people in their prosperity (Dan.8:25 NKJV). It is the intransigent minority that would, with time, force his hands. And the impatient majority will applaud as he later wields the big stick!

This is certainly not so difficult to imagine. For instance for how long will anyone be able to refuse taking a micro-chip implant in his/her body (and that is already going on today), in the name of privacy or fear of his mind being taken over (that could lead to eternal damning)? Clearly such a technology promises to deal with several current human problems including: stealing, robbery, ghost workers, election malpractices, terrorism, endless queues for various fundamental social services, etc [The only other alternative is to renew the human mind]. How long will costly alternative provisions be made for such ‘deviants’? How long will the world be able to tolerate such ‘saboteurs’? See, precisely what the Bible predicts is irreversibly set to happen.

It is all a question of time. And the answer has everything to do with keeping watch and staying informed. And that is what Church Arise! is all about. This time when great darkness threatens to engulf the whole earth is also by default, the time of great opportunity for the Church - the Light that shines in the darkness.

**P.S. Hey, how do you like our new look? Write us to tell us.**

## NEWS Continued

### Ritual Killings Not yet abating

In Accra, Ghana, the body of another woman killed for ritual purposes has been discovered. It was the

34<sup>th</sup> in 2 years. All the victims, were found stripped from the waist down, and in some cases, close examinations revealed pin-pricks where some blood had been removed by syringes. The Police still says they have no clue yet. (Comet 29 Nov, pg 11)

In Nigeria the latest in the use of women for rituals was the case of a 58 year old woman and her daughter.(19) whose heads and vital parts were removed after being murdered, apparently in their sleep at Ilisan Remo (Punch 19 Nov, front page). Also in this case, Police says they have no clues complaining that no one in the neighbourhood is volunteering any information.

In South Africa, earlier in the year, bodies of 10 women were found with candles, mirrors, knives and other objects used in black magic lying around.”

According to proponents on inter-faithism, occultists perpetuating crimes such as reported above, are worshipping the same divine being as Christians!

### Cannibalism Update

Remember Clifford Orji? The cannibal and dealer in human parts was in the news about 2 year ago, exactly. (see Vol 2, Nos 2 and 3). At last, he is about to face trials. But those itching to have a replay of Al-Mustaphas or Sergeant Rogers confessions and exposure of the big men at the background may be disappointed. Already, Orji is refuting the allegations and maintaining his innocence. He told Comet reporter in his prison custody that he had picked up the human body-parts found with him on the streets, and was feeding on them since he was hungry and had no other means of survival! (Comet 21/11/00). Medical gurus also are still insisting Orji is mad.

### Human Sacrifice

The Comet on Nov 22 (page 12) reported: A Hindu woman in Bangladesh hacked her 5 year old son and 7 year old daughter to death to please the goddess Kali, Police said yesterday. The woman 35, killed the children at the weekend after she was asked by Kali in a dream to make the “sacrifices”. The woman confessed that she killed her two children to satisfy the Goddess Kali in order to achieve “divine blessings”. Hindus worship many deities, of which Kali is considered the most powerful. According to Pope John Paul II, there is nothing wrong in these religions, and all we are actually worshipping the same God.

### Euthanasia now legalised in the Netherlands

The Netherlands has become the first country in the world to legalise euthanasia – so-called ‘mercy killing’. The bill was carried in the Dutch parliament by a landslide vote of 104 against 40. It is said to give “a freedom of choice at the most emotional

moment of one's life". Apart from the general continuing 'devaluation' of human life another problem of euthanasia is the considerable pressure that would be imposed on the infirm to choose to die rather than constitute a burden to the rest of us. Such pressure could come subtly from relations and friends.

### **Sharia Updates:**

**"Sharia cripples Kano Trade Fair"**, was the headline of a report in the Comet of Nov 19 (pg 33). With visitors (including married couples) being required to be gender-separated at the Fair, it wasn't surprising that the once famous international trade fair was a mere shadow of itself, with the few participants coming mainly from the local governments in Kano State. In compliance with the provisions of Sharia Law, all the female ushers wore veils from top to bottom revealing only their eyes.

On a similar note, the State Directors of Sports in the country voted to change the venue of the recently concluded **12<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival** from Kano state to Bauchi; because of the many rules demanded by Sharia.

### **Women protesters seek husbands in Zamfara**

More than 1,000 divorcees and widows marched round the major streets of Zamfara state town of Bungudu to show their anger and annoyance with men who have less than 2 wives, reported the Comet on 10/11/00 (page 7). The protesters want such men to come to their rescue by marrying them in order to reduce the number of widows and divorcees roaming about in the towns and villages in the state. They warned that the situation "may force them to commit crimes against Sharia law".

### **Islam challenges Christian proselytization**

Comet Nov 22 reported: "Eager to stem the rate at which the Christian community in the Ifako/Ijaiye area of Lagos State was winning over their members as converts, the Moslem community recently turned the first sod of a N100 million Islamic secretariat complex where it hopes to disseminate information about the religion.

### **Boost for Interfaithism: Christmas/Sallah Days coincide**

In another apparent "divine approval" for Interfaithism, the Moslem's Id-el-Fitri festival marking the conclusion of the Ramadan, a major pillar in Islam, coincided in the last year of the last millenium with the Christian's traditional day for Christmas, December 25. Proponents of Interfaithism could hardly miss such an opportunity to make their points. The Catholic Bishop in Jos visited his Moslem counterpart, declaring that they are worshipping the same God. According to reports

from Osun Radio, masquerades were major part of the Christmas celebrations in Nsukka, Enugu state this year!

### **Burning Disasters**

In Austria, 159 skiers were killed in an Alpine tunnel blaze when their mountain railway car was consumed by a massive fire. (Comet 14/11/00, pg 13). The Austrian cable train was packed with weekend skiers.

About the same time In Ile-Ife, Nigeria, a similar figure is cited, for those who lost their lives at an inferno at the Ile-Ife end of the Ibadan-Ile-Ife expressway. Dozens were burnt beyond recognition when a petrol tanker burst into flames consuming everything in its neighbourhood.

### **Air-Crashes**

On Tuesday Oct 31, a Singapore Airlines plane crashed with 65 people reported dead and 75 others still declared missing (Comet 1/11/00). On the same day, an Angolan Autov 26 Plane crashed with all 48 aboard killed.

**Paradox of Prosperity:** This is the title of a 1999 report from the Henley Centre, commissioned by the Salvation Army. According to the report: "The good news is that most people will be better off in the next millennium. The bad news is that we will all be more miserable. Rising prosperity will be accompanied by continued social upheaval: more broken marriages, worsening drug dependency, workplace stress, loneliness and a collapse in faith. The report - found that increased wealth will come at a price. By 2010, overall living standards will rise by 35 per cent but the professional classes in particular will feel the strain of keeping up a 21st century lifestyle..."

### **Nigerian National ID Card is MONDEX card**

In Vol 2 No 3, we dealt extensively on the Mondex Smart card. It is based on a chip that is bio-implantable (i.e. could be 'safely' implanted under the skin of humans); and which can allow several applications, from Identification to electronic money and much more on the single chip. We had mentioned then that by a November 1996 agreement, the company GEMPLUS will be supplying the smart cards for the global implementation of MONDEX. Now thanks to the current Senate hearing on the national ID card project, Chams, local partners of SAGEM S.A. of France is giving some details on the technical specifications of the card. It has now been authoritatively revealed that the cards recommended for the National ID card are GEMPLUS cards. (Comet pg 23, Nov 29). We have always speculated that all the current smartcards in Nigeria are merely preparing the way for MONDEX cards for which they will soon be collapsed. (See Vol 3 No 4 Hello Nigeria, Here comes Mondex Smartcards).

**Meanwhile, efforts to dominate the Nigerian economy with smart cards** and e-commerce continue unabatedly. Comet Nov 29 (pg 19) reported among other developments, the new partnership of 30 firms for e-business in the country. Perhaps, the novelty is the partnership being foisted between Xerox, FSB and UPS under which Xerox will now sell its product in the country via the Internet. Payment to Xerox will be facilitated by Smartcard in conjunction with FSB (prospective buyers will provide their smart card numbers), while UPS will deliver the product. (Comet Nov 15, page 20). For a good review of current developments in this area, see the article Plastic Money is it (Tell, Dec 11, 2000, page 52-53). With stiff 'competition' between Smartcard and Gemcard, other features are quickly being added to the embedded silicon chip the cards carry. For instance access control function is being added to the Valucard, and the article reported that "at the World Bank, Lagos office, a valucard is used to open some doors".

#### **World of Life dedicates Church Building**

The stadium-like worship centre of the Word of Life Bible Church, Warri, was dedicated on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2000. Started in 1992, the Centre is designed to sit 35,000 adults and 17,000 children for service. According to an eye-witness, the grand "Jubilee and Dedication" ceremony was "10 days of heaven on earth". Various men of God from Nigeria and abroad, including Pastor E.A. Adeboye and Dr Morris Cerullo ministered on the theme, IT IS FINISHED. The whole of the construction was done by a strong team of about 300 indigenous engineers, all members of the church pastored by highly respected Pastor Ayo Oritsajefor.

#### **Foursquare marks Convention**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Foursquare Church (Nov 12-19) held last year with the theme, Kingdom 2000. It also marked the first anniversary of Rev. Dr W. A. Badejo as the General Overseer of the Church.

#### **Convocations for Christ**

The end of the year 2000 witnessed a deluge of high-powered Christian convocations in the country. Prominent were the Fire Conference of Reinhard Bonnke, the Bible Conferences of Bishop Oyedepo and that of Rev Paul Adefarasin among others. However the mother of it all was the week-end 14-16 December. Simultaneously, the CAC held its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations/Millennial Revival at Ikeji-Arakeji; Winners Chapel had her week-long Shiloh 2000 celebrations, while the Redeemed Christian Church of God hosted the whole world at her 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Ghost Festival, Open Heavens.

#### **Harvest of Miracles: At Bonnke's Crusades.**

It was a harvest of miracles at the Lagos 2000 Millennial Crusade organized by Christ for all Nations (Nov 9-12). According to a report in Comet newspaper (9/11/00, page 10) several lame and deaf were among those that were physically touched and healed by God at the meeting.. Another Bonnke crusade held in Enugu, Dec 7-12, with identical results (Comet, Dec 10, pg 4).

#### **And At Open Heavens**

The Open Heavens meeting (Holy Ghost Festival 2000) of the RCCG managed to surpass even the already almost oversized expectations for it. Attended by several millions, dozens of ministers drawn from every continent of the world ministered with great power and anointing. Perhaps the most eloquent testimony was the last recorded miracle of the event when a young man, previously on life-support device and brought down to the meeting, got up and jumped around completely hale and hearty (with an incredulous mother standing by). Now the really interesting aspect was that nobody prayed for the chap. In fact, the 1200 strong Mass Choir was already taking the closing hymn for the Festival [The Church is marching on...]. This sovereign demonstration of the Holy Ghost showed clearly Who had been behind the myriad of miracles, including over a dozen lame that had walked away on their feet, earlier, especially on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, during the Festival. The Lord is indeed to be praised!

#### **Meanwhile Jehovah Witness, Catholic Leaders debunk miracles**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> Daluwon Convention of the Jehovah Witnesses, Convention Chairman Mr David F. Hundeyin did not spare words in denouncing miracles being reported in Pentecostal churches. His words, "Forget about all these propaganda people talk about. There is no miracle anywhere, that is the truth. Miracles served their purpose back then; there is no miracle now". (Comet, Nov 24, page 34).

In a similar vein, writing in the prestigious Catholic Independent newspaper (Nov 26, pg 6), Francis Jide Adio launched out bitterly against "Pentecostalism in Nigeria". Accusing the Churches of using wives to "innocently drag their men along" to church, Mr Adio wrote, "As the congregation swells, miracles are stage-managed, prophecies declared and crusades mounted in high density areas..". He further attacked the Pastors whose "unique selling point" is their assuring "their members of becoming millionaires, that childless women will have children, that the sick will receive healing, and the oppressed will be liberated". In closing, he urged that "the Nigeria Police Force must direct its searchlight towards the activities of the new

pentecostal churches". All these, even as the Vatican preaches interfaithism!

Church Arise! does not speak for synagogues of satan masquerading as "Pentecostal Churches". However we see all these attacks as preparing the onslaught against Bible-believing Churches, even at a time when every other religious expression is being lauded and invited into co-operation. Certainly the highly regarded Catholic Independent newspaper would have hesitated before publishing such an article on Islam or any other religious set-up. As for miracles, the opinion expressed by these gentlemen is so clearly different from what the Lord Jesus promised. (See for example, Mark 16:17-18)

**"MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO HE WILL DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE HE WILL DO BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER"**  
John 14:12

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#### **Inbuilt traceable signals in vehicles.**

A recent report in TELL recounts how 3 Jeeps stolen from the United States and resold in Nigeria were easily picked up by the Nigerian police. The wonder was facilitated by tracking devices in-built into the Jeeps from the factory. With satellite technology, any such jeep reported stolen to an Insurance company in the United States, can be easily located anywhere on earth. But wait a minute, what stops a legitimate Jeep owner from being traced should some government agency decides that to be necessary for its cause? How many other cars and equipment will have such devices implanted in the future without the buyers' knowledge?

**Meanwhile, UK's Police and Intelligence services** are seeking right to access records of EVERY TELEPHONE CALL, E-MAIL AND INTERNET CONNECTION made in the United Kingdom. They want all such communications to be logged and the information stored for 7 years in government-run "data warehouses". This request, already sent to the Home Office, was first reported by the Press. The agencies wanted new powers to tackle growing problems of cyber crime, paedophiles use of computers to run child porn rings, terrorism, drug trafficking, etc. (Comet 4/12/00, pg 12).

Readers will recall that the request by Computer chips giant, Intel, to include a processor serial number (PSN) in every one of its new Pentium III chips for on-line merchants to use in identifying and authorizing users for secure Internet commerce was strongly rejected by the public. (see Vol 2 No 2).

#### **Another Mwerinde in the making?**

In our last edition, we referred to a Ministry (not named then) that has been sounding itself hoarse on Osun TV that the Lord Jesus will certainly come in the year 2001. While we may not necessarily be concerned with people claiming to have received special messages from the Lord (perhaps they indeed have heard for Him); we doubt seriously if the Lord will commission people to make such revelations the message to preach. Especially when such a message is one that undermines the Scripture's message of the need to be prepared at all times for the coming of the Lord. Now our bother is the 'valedictory message' of this group, Last Days Deliverance Ministry (Ilesha) on the Osun TV on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000. The Prophetess/Vision-bearer for this ministry suggested the Ministry will be essentially going into a seclusion at the "Ark of Noah" along Gbongan-Ibadan road.

Now Church Arise! genuinely and eagerly expects the coming of the Lord any day from now – as we did throughout last year, and as we shall continue to do till He eventually comes, just in the undeniable eventuality that He chooses to further delay His coming this year. But virtually closing down a Ministry's work, and gathering at weekends at a supposed Ark of Salvation site? Sounds every inch like the Credonia Mwerinde saga in Uganda that led to the largest mass murder in history. (See Vol 3 No 3) What will the prophetess tell her congregation in case the sovereign Lord does not turn up this year? We hope local Christian leaders are paying careful attention to this development.

#### **Coelacanth Find stuns scientists!**

Such was the screaming headline in the current issue of the new scientific on-line journal Science in Africa ([www.scienceinAfrica.co.za/coelacanth.htm](http://www.scienceinAfrica.co.za/coelacanth.htm)). But the writers should have explained that only evolutionists were stunned by the discovery of this "fossil fish". And for good reasons. According to standard teachings in evolution theory, the Coelacanth represents a fish whose fins (with a little imagination) were in the process of evolving into the flippers of an amphibian. Here then was one missing link! The coelacanth had last been seen in the sedimentary rocks which are reckoned to be seventy million years old and was reckoned to have been extinct. Now, in addition to some yet unexplained previous sightings in 1938 and 1952, on Nov 29, 2000, at a depth of 108 m, Peter Venter and his team of divers captured on videos 6 different coelacanth (adult and juvenile) swimming peacefully in the waters off KwaZulu-Natal, in South Africa. Now some hard questions. How long will it take for the coelacanth fins to develop into flippers – after

supposedly 70 million years, the coelacanth hasn't changed one bit. And talking of 70 million years, why has the coelacanth not turned up in the geological record of the earth for that unimaginably big time period? Any unbiased person will easily query how such a time has been arrived at in the first place! But read the next article to see if scientists will dare to tread this path!

### Confessions of an Evolutionist

In a recent *Back to Genesis* short article on the Genetic Code Dr John D. Morris of the Institute for Creation Science reproduced an interview by George Caylor of *The Ledger*, Lynchburg, Virginia with a molecular biologist working on identifying genetic controls for diseases (published on February 17, 2000). This interview was quite revealing of the attitudes, and fears of scientists involved in research where issues of Evolution constantly has to be addressed. After discussing the complexity of the human code the Interviewer asked if the Biologist believed that the information evolved. The response:

**“George, nobody I know in my profession believes it evolved. It was engineered by ‘genius beyond genius,’ and such information could not have been written any other way. the paper and ink did not write the book! Knowing what we know, it is ridiculous to think otherwise.”**

George then asked whether the Biologist has ever stated that much in a public lecture, or in any public writings. The revealing reply was:

**“No, I just say it evolved. To be a molecular biologist requires one to hold on to two insanities at all times. One, it would be insane to believe in evolution when you can see the truth for yourself. Two, it would be insane to say you don't believe in evolution. All government work, research grants, paper, big college lectures – everything would stop. I'd be out of a job, or relegated to the outer fringes where I couldn't earn a decent living”**

[You can order copies of the **Back To Genesis** article (**No 142, October 2000**) from the Institute for Creation Research, P.O. Box 2667, El Cajon Ca 92021, USA. It is only 10 cents for a copy. Also available for photocopying at our Library]

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.” - Romans 13:11-12

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### Accelerated School Of Disciples: 5 Calm

**Members Graduate:** 5 Members of Church Arise! were among the 84 graduants of the Ife-Ibadan zone of the School of Disciples organized by the Christ the Redeemer's Ministries. The graduation ceremony came up on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Under the new Accelerated programme, the 10-year syllabus of the conventional School of Disciples is now completed in one year of intense studies. We expect that the participation of our members in this inter-denominational training will translate into great blessings for both our ministry and our readers.

### Church Arise! for formal dedication

After three years of proving the vision God gave us for the ministries of Church Arise! LivingWater Ministries, the formal dedication and commissioning of the work is being planned. This dedication has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 7. It is expected that Bishop Francis Wale Oke, convener of the 1997 God's End Time Army Conference (GETAC 97) that birthed our vision will lead other seasoned men of God to pronounce apostolic blessings upon us and the work we have received of the Lord.

**In view of the above development, the launching of our debut book, The Time Is Fulfilled, has also been shifted to coincide with the dedication service. We believe all our friends and well-wishers will certainly join us for these events. Please, you are invited.**

Meanwhile, we are glad to say that our Library is now set to serve our users better in the new year. We now have a paid secretary manning our secretariat, while a number of volunteers have also indicated their interest in spending some hours manning the Library on volunteer basis. Some slots are still vacant for those still interested.

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Thanks be to God for this opportunity to write you this letter. I saw your bi-monthly magazine and I am interested in receiving my own copies. Please and please help me to be receiving your magazine and tracts that will help me move forward spiritually.

**Solomon Sunday Kolo**, Doko-Bida, Niger State

[CA!] makes me to be more closer to God in my daily walk with Him. ..I have been reading tracts and newsletters from other Ministries, they are quite revealing but in your case, it is exceptionally special. I always wondered at the volume of time and energy you spent to gather the information together. Just keep with the quality, sir. The Lord is your strength.

**Covenant Dele Oyetade**, Gbongan, Osun State

**Letters continued**

“I have been privileged to come across your materials and I must commend you in Christ that you are doing a marvellous work. Keep it up. It is my prayer that God who has burdened you with this vision for the Church and End-time will provide every resource needed to fully execute this vision at its maximum peak.”

**Raphael A. Ujialele**, Satellite Town, Lagos State

“Alas! I had missed a lot for being not opportuned to read from your past newsletters. Thanks to God Almighty for standing you as one of the barometers for this last age missions. I shall like to read more from your word of exhortation. Indeed perilous time has come. Heaven and Hell are real! And only sound doctrine leads to Heaven – I want it.”

**Owaniyi Peter**, Okeigbo, Ondo State

**TOPICAL ISSUE CONTINUED (Pope says Jesus not necessary for salvation) FROM BACK PAGE**

In a radio message monitored in England early December last year, the Pope preached that without any doubts, there is salvation outside of the Roman Catholic Church. **If a person loves justice**, the Pope said, **then he is bringing the Kingdom of God to earth, and will be saved**. Surprised aides of the supposedly-infallible Pontiff, are left to sort themselves out. It’s either the RC Church had been wrong all along or Pope John Paul II is wrong in this his assertion! One of them explained away this difficulty by saying that “God moves in mysterious ways”, and that the Pope is just recognizing that God is still sovereign outside of the R.C. Church. Of course, similar to the now well-known Interfaith song of the Pope that all religious adherents be encouraged to stick to their own religion (see vol 3 no 4), those who know “absolute truth” (i.e. Roman Catholics, supposedly) are urged to stick to their religion – or whatever is left of it!

Cardinal Ratzinger himself could now later comment “that **the being of the Church as such is a larger identity than the Roman Catholic Church**”. **This is just another way of saying that the Church of Rome does not again represent the whole of Christ’s Church.** (Nigerian Catholic Independent, Nov 26, page 1 – *Cardinal Ratzinger says “Dominus IESUS” unjustly criticised*). All these from the Roman Catholic establishment? No doubts, we

are witnessing the final moves of a master Chess player, or the “Joker-move” of an expert card player!

In the same way as Mikhail Gorbachev sacrificed the Soviet Union in his calculation to gain the whole political world through the occultic New Age movement/One-World Government group of which he is the undisputable leader (he was the chairman and the de-facto convener of the last UN Millenium Summit); it is clear that the Pope does not mind sacrificing the Roman Catholic Church in his bid to gain all other religions and spiritual expressions through the One-World Religion movement. [One speculation was that he will even resign this year!]. If anyone still prefers to see these clear fulfillment of end-time prophecies as speculations or coincidences, we wish such a one good luck in his/her thoughts. To those who understand however, we say, watch-out lest you be check-mated!

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This is a terribly important issue, which the Catholic Church establishment are obviously doing their best to underplay. We challenge you to document your position on this issue by choosing one of the options below:

1. I believe there is definitely an Inter-faith agenda here. The Pope is in my opinion appeasing other religions in order to make them one with a reformed Roman Catholicism. This is a sure precursor to the One World religion Bible predicts the anti-Christ’s False Prophet will bring in.
2. There is nothing to this report. You are too conspiratorial and mischievous.
3. I don’t know. And I don’t care to know. I am enjoying my life as it is. Issues like these only complicate life. If such spiritual violence is required to possess the Kingdom of Heaven, count me out. A peaceful Kingdom of Man will do just fine

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“It is the bounden duty of every Christian to pray against Antichrist; and as to what Antichrist is, no sane man ought to raise a question. If it be not the Popery in the Church of Rome there is nothing in the world that can be called by that name.....”

---**Charles Haddon Spurgeon**, (quoted in A Woman Rides the Beast. by Dave Hunt. pg 412)

## (; +257\$7,21 ☐ The Choice is Yours

The mother was startled to hear her small son cry out ‘Mum, my hand is stuck in the vase.’

To her horror, she discovered that it was true. Not only was his hand stuck, but it was stuck in a most expensive vase, a family heirloom worth at the time about \$50,000.00.

They tried everything – soapy water, vaseline, pulling and tugging, but to no avail.

Finally, the aid of the local policeman was enlisted, and this man took a very direct approach. Firmly grasping a hammer in his right hand, he said gruffly ‘Please look the other way Madam.’

She cried as she heard the shattering of the porcelain, recovered herself for a moment, then burst into tears once more.

Reason: She saw her little boy triumphantly hold up his fist with the words ‘Well, at least I didn’t drop my five cent piece.’

Are you, Sir or Madam, prepared to give up the glories of an eternity of joy and satisfaction in the presence of Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ, for your five cents worth of worldly fun, praise from your earth-bound acquaintances, fear of other’s comments should you submit to God, ambitions to climb higher in this world?

‘For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?’

**Barry R. Smith** from his book *Final Notice*, (page 409) Barry Smith Family Evangelism, 1989.

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### **POPE NOW SAYS SALVATION POSSIBLE OUTSIDE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

In an unprecedented, major re-interpretation of doctrines, the Pope now says that salvation is possible not only outside the Church of Rome, but outside of Christianity altogether. According to the Pope, ‘our confession of Christ as the only Son, through whom we ourselves see the Father’s face (cf Jn 14:8)’ is neither to disdain other religions, nor deny salvation to non Christians”. Carefully crafted words, yet there is no mistaking the point: **Jesus Christ is no longer a necessary factor in the issue of salvation!** This might as well be the last step in the Pope’s passion to bring together all religions and spiritual expressions into a one world religion.

The journey to this earth-shaking, (yet being quietly received) declaration had actually began on Sept 5, when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had issued a document, “*Dominus IESUS*”. This document, among other things, reiterated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council’s teaching that the Catholic Church is necessary for salvation. This of course has been the Catholic Church’s traditional stand through the ages - a stand that has led to the persecution and death of millions of protestant Christians, since the Reformation. According to Cardinal Ratzinger who oversees the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Pope “followed moment by moment with great attention” the writing of the text. This clearly suggested that the Catholic Church expected the great stir the document eventually evoked. The Pope’s subsequent reactions and declarations are then to be understood as well pre-planned.

Apparently responding to those reactions the Pope has now thrown this his bombshell, which is at the same time long-expected as it is unimaginable. Long-expected from a man who since 1986 has been declaring in words and actions, contrary to the clear teachings of the Bible, that all religions are one and lead to the same God; and unimaginable from the head of an organization whose motto is *Semper Eadem* – never changing. According to the Pope, **‘God gives light to all in a way which is accommodated to their spiritual and material situation, granting them salvific grace in ways known to himself’** (See Nigerian Catholic Independent newspaper, 26 November, 2000 :Pg 7: *Pope corrects erroneous reading of “Dominus IESU”* or check the Vatican website). → page 7



