

In view of all these current and coming developments on earth, try finding out a way of escape different from a supernatural intervention by the Almighty! The only realistic way out is what the Bible has promised – the coming of the Lord Jesus, first for His Church, next to destroy all unrighteousness and finally ushering in the Paradise that everyone consciously or unconsciously yearns for. The Good News is, if you would believe, you can really be part of it all. John 3:3 tells the first step. Rom 7../Eph. complete the procedure.

### CALM COMMISSIONED

“I was so blessed. I thank God I could attend”. That was the testimony on the lips of almost all the guests at the Spiritual Commissioning of our Ministry, Church Arise! LivingWater Ministries on April 7. Despite the [pre-Easter] weekend being an extremely busy one with several parallel activities, about 200 guests graced the occasion. Osun State Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor A.A. Haastrup and his wife Mummy Adeola Haastrup, together with the Assistant State Pastor of the Church all came straight from the monthly all-night Holy Ghost Service programme at the Redemption Camp without taking a wink. Bishop Wale Oke, the man of God who led the commissioning attributed his presence at the meeting to a divine miracle. Indeed having already concluded he would not be able to fit us into his very tight schedule, he had to alter his plans yet again when the Lord told him pointedly during prayers that he must be at our modest programme.

What happened at the occasion then was what to expect when precious servants of God go out of their way to honour and obey their Master. It was a truly memorable and refreshing occasion. Bishop Francis Wale Oke, President of the Sword of the Spirit Ministries International, and the Presiding Bishop of the Christ Life Church, recalled his own spiritual commissioning 18 years ago by Pastor E.A. Adeboye. He said with a total attendance of less than 20, no one could have imagined that his Ministry would grow to what we have today – an international multi-dimensional ministry affecting the lives of millions world-wide. He was confident that Church Arise! LivingWater Ministries also cannot but witness similar growth as “there is no failure in our lineage”. Speaking first of Mat. 9:37 he said that despite the huge attendances being recorded at several Churches in Nigeria, the crowd outside the Church in need of God’s salvation easily overwhelms that already inside. He emphasised that what is need in the Kingdom now are true labourers, rather than people who go into ministry full of other motives. He further assured, counselled and prayed for both Church Arise! and the set-man, Dr Joshua Ojo, from Exodus 13:17-22 and Psalms 90:14-17.

In his own speech as the chairperson at the Public Presentation of our debut book *The Time is Fulfilled*, Pastor Wole Haastrup spoke on our Ministry in glowing terms, describing us as specialized and strategic. He also commended us for the high standards and depth of our research efforts. Pastor (Dr) Tale Omole, an associate Professor at the International Relations Department of the Obafemi Awolowo University and President, Hope of Glory Ministries, Ile-Ife was our Book Reviewer. He mentioned how he had been a reader of Church Arise! for over two years and his appreciation of our coverage of international events from an informed spiritual angle. This is an awful amount of commendation coming from a man of the status (spiritual and social) of Dr Omole, a highly gifted and anointed minister of the Gospel in high demands all over the State and beyond.

Also on the High Table were His Royal Majesty, Pastor J.O. Fatanmi, the Olura of Ira, who is the chairman of our Board of Trustees; Mrs E.A. Ayeni and Pastor Emeka Ezebudey. Revd Sam David, General Overseer of the Faith Dunamis Bible Church was the Master of Ceremony at the event. For those who are interested, both audio and video cassettes of the programme are available for circulation at our Library. Once again we thank all who were able to attend and continue to count on your support for our ministry.

To find out more about what our Ministry is all about and what we believe, write today for a free copy of our Brochure.

### Economy and Environment

Do you wish you have all editions of CA!. It could be just for refreshment or spiritual charge-up. It might also be for assistance with preparing your messages/talks or even as a gift for a ‘difficult’ friend/colleague/boss at work you have been trying to reach out to with the Gospel.....

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### Church and Religion

Sharia:

Zamfara students to wear turban

Last edition we reported that the teaching of Islamic Religion Knowledge is now compulsory in all post-primary schools in Zamfara state. In a new development, the Government of Zamfara has concluded a contract with the State’s Tailoring

Association to design new uniform for secondary school students in the State. The new uniform will be a long turban with long sleeve shirt and trouser. However the new uniform is not compulsory for Christians to put on, this time around. (Tribune 11<sup>th</sup> April., 2001 pg 2).

#### [Gombe may shelve Sharia's implementation](#)

Apart from a sustained strong resistance by the Christian community in Gombe state, non-willingness of sponsoring Saudi Arabia in continuing with 'political Sharia' is another reason that may force Gombe government to shelve its Sharia programme. Now that the expected political windfalls from Sharia seems not forthcoming again, due Islamic processes are being followed before grants would be awarded for states desiring to implement Sharia. In the course of this, it has been discovered that in Gombe State, there is no single "Sharia judge that has even a diploma in Sharia, how much more a degree, as specified by the Saudi authority, required for proper implementation of Sharia law" Fumed a disappointed officer in charge of Sharia implementation in the state, "Not even the Gombe State Grand Khadi who is supposed to be the State Chief Judge as soon as Sharia takes off in the State [is competent, by Sharia standards]". This discovery is after the State had already procured 5 million copies of the Sharia Law book from Saudi Arabia, but alas no one is qualified to even open the books! The mellowed Sharia implementation officer concluded: "we collectively resolved to drop the idea because it is obvious that the present agitation for Sharia is more politically inclined than religious"

(The Comet, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2001, page 6).

#### [Gospel Crusade in Sharia Heartland](#)

Meanwhile, the Ibadan-based Sword of the Spirit Ministries International (SOTSMI) took the battle to the enemy's gate with a power-packed x-day crusade held at Sokoto (dates). Apart from the abundant harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God (thousands each night), there were reports of several miracles, signs and wonders, testifying to the power that is released from the simple preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ministers of the Gospel in the State were particularly touched that one of their Southern brothers would offer to come and invest so much in preaching the Gospel in a state that promises little in return, materially-speaking that is.

In a related issue, the President of the SOTSMI gave a brief insight to other aspects of his Gospel Visit to Sokoto state. Speaking at the spiritual commissioning of Church Arise!, he mentioned an encounter he had with Governor Bafarawa of Sokoto state. In the chat, Bishop Oke defended the use of homes for Christian activities, maintaining that the phenomenon is rampant in Sokoto State mainly because the state was making it difficult for Churches to acquire land officially for their activities. The clincher that convinced the honorable governor came when Bishop Oke observed, "Okay, almost every house in Sokoto has a mosque attached to it. Where are the papers for those mosques?" (More reports in Guardian, April 8, 2001, page 36)

#### [CAN budgets N2 billion for Rehabilitation of Churches in Kaduna](#)

In partnership with an NGO, Macedonia Initiative (MI) based in Lagos, Churches affected by the Sharia riots in Kaduna are being rehabilitate. First to benefit was Ibukun Oluwa Baptist Church Abakpa which received an initial sum of N250,000 to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the work. Representative of MI, Mrs Chinyere Musa said "we want to create an environment that will enable people to be free to practice their religion without hindrance" (Guardian March 25, 2001, page 29).

#### [Churches burnt overnight in Gombe, in surprise Islamic raids](#)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of February, without any warning, a group of Islamic fundamentalists, the Shi'ite group, took over the major streets in Gombe, burning down Churches and hotels. According to Amos Adeniran, a member of one of the burnt-down Churches (Calvary Baptist Church), the surprise was total: "we never envisaged that anything was going to happen as we went bed the previous night". Speaking further, he opined that "The plan is to eradicate Christianity here in Gombe but whoever is at it should not forget that more than half the population of Gombe State is Christian". Rev Hassan Kalshingi, chairman of CAN in Gombe Local Government was reported as describing the event "as another provocation of Christians over the controversial issue of Sharia introduction in the state.."

However, moslem spokesman Imam Musa Abdulahhi was reported to have dismissed the claims that the incident was religious. "The Islamic sect (Shi'ite) does not represent the entire muslim ummah in Gombe town, not to talk of Gombe state. The immediate cause of the crisis was reported to be the visit of Israel Ambassador to Nigeria to Gombe State to inaugurate "SHALOM CLUB", a club formed by people who had visited Israel – both Christians and Moslems. The Islamic fundamentalists reportedly saw the visit as an enthronement of Christianity in the State which they said was a Moslem state. (Tribune, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2001, page 28). See another report on pg... under Sharia.

#### [Zamfara Governor prays in Jesus' name](#)

was a front-page news on the Nigerian Tribune (26<sup>th</sup> March). Governor Ahmed Sanni reportedly performed the 'feat' while saying the closing prayer at the recent meeting of 16 state governors from the six geo-political zones of the Country at Asaba.

This development should make Christians cautious about the value of getting "mouth professions" from people. Obviously, the Zamfara Shariaman (up till that point at least) was not considering accepting Jesus as Lord, Saviour and only Mediator between Man and God. It is a sign of what level of concessions even die-hard Moslems might be willing to accept as the Inter-faith agenda gathers more momentum. Mouth confessions must be preceded by heart-believing for the saving power in the name of Jesus to be released. (Rom 10:10, 1 Jhn 5:5)

#### [Sharia Governors warned by Foreign-based Nigerian Moslems](#)

At the Nigerian Muslim Forum, London, participating moslems have cautioned the Sharia governors (Zamfara, Niger and Sokoto states) to tread the path of Sharia softly, and to be rather more concerned with the provision of basic amenities and infrastructure for the people. They were particular about the role of women who they said could be "veritable tools in propagating Sharia in Nigeria when properly educated and enlightened" (Tribune 16<sup>th</sup> April, pg 1-2). In practical terms, this is talking from two sides of the mouth! Hey fellas, you can't have your cake and eat it. Do you really want Sharia or not?

#### [Buddha Bashing in Afghanistan: Internal Religious Affair or World's Cultural Heritage?](#)

This is the big question as the ruling Taliban movement of Afghanistan continues with the massive destruction of statues of Buddhas in the country. Afghanistan was once a stronghold of Buddhism, before the Islamic government came to power. Foreign Minister Mutawaki told the Press after a meeting with UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, that the Moslem movement would smash all statues it regards as idols. "The issue is totally an internal religious matter and had nothing to do with outside bodies or organisations". On the other hands, the UN in particular and Buddhists in general are claiming that the statues are part of World's cultural heritage. In particular contention are the two statues in Bamiyan 53 metres (175 feet) and 38 metres (120 feet) high, hewn out of sandstone cliffs more than 1500 years ago. Annan said he "walked away from the meeting [with Mutawaki] not very encouraged" He then went on to issue a veil threat, "I must say if they do carry through this lamentable decision, they will be doing themselves a great deal of disservice".

The UN is established on a bedrock of Buddhism. In fact the first UN Secretary General U Thant, was a practising Buddhist monk who went ahead to carefully indoctrinate successive officers in the UN into Buddhism. Meanwhile, in response to this perceived Buddha-bashing in the hands of Islamic Afghanistan, Hindu hardliners in Delhi and Punjab (India) are reportedly burning the Koran. Tough time for Inter-faithism.

Another Stinker from the Vatican

The Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church is in the news yet again. This time around the problem is not with doctrines, but base issues such as sex, rape, abortion and other un-mentionables – right among the clergy.

The Church has admitted as true reports of long-standing sex scandals involving its Priests/Missionaries and Nuns. Specifically, the Vatican confirmed that Priests and Missionaries were forcing Nuns to have sex with them and in some cases, committing rape and at other times, forcing the victims to have abortions or take contraceptive pills.

Specific cases were cited in the report originally presented in 1995 by Nun and physician, Maura O'Donohue, AIDS coordinator for the London-based Roman Catholic fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD); and presented to the head of the Vatican's congregation for Holy Orders, Cardinal Martinez Somalo. Particular cases cited included a case of 20 Nuns in one Community being pregnant at the same time, and another, a case of a Mother Superior being relieved of her duties because she complained that Priests in her diocese had made 29 of her Nuns pregnant.

The report indicated a global spread of the phenomenon – 23 countries including Italy, India, Brazil and Africa were cited. (See Editorial of Nigerian Tribune 26<sup>th</sup> March 2001, page 10 for more unbelievable details).

#### [Nigerian Catholic Clergy re-acts](#)

The Conference of Major Superiors (a coalition of heads of major Catholic religious orders in Nigeria), has expressed **serious concern** over the sex scandal story concerning Catholic Priests and Nuns as reported by the American National Catholic Reporter. In a statement signed by Rev Sis. Patricia Egbulem and Rev Fr. Urban Osuji, the President and Vice President of the Conference in Nigeria, the group said that the article was so sweeping that African members of the Clergy and the religious [orders] are made to appear as hypocrites.

Church Arise! sympathises with the few innocent Priests and Nuns so maligned by Vatican's own report. We urge all to put sentiments apart and face the realities of what the Catholic Church establishment is today; and more significantly, the direction it is headed for, with its open endorsement of the Satanic evolution theory and clamouring for a new synthetic One world religion. We believe tenaciously that there are lots of God's own people within the Catholic church establishment. We further believe God is sounding an urgent call to this group. If you sense that you belong, find the message in Revelation 18:4 and 2 Cor 6:17.

#### [More violence in \[on\] Church](#)

Church officials in Sudan say Police have fired tear gas into a cathedral in Khartoum to break up a meeting being held inside. Hundreds of people are said to have fled from the building in panic. The Secretary General of the Sudan Council of Churches, Enock Tombe Stethen, said the meeting was to discuss drafting a letter of protest after Police broke up another religious gathering during the week. The Police had told the organisers not to hold this first meeting so as not to provoke clashes with Muslim groups. Reinhard Bonkke was present at one of the meetings. (Comet April 13, page 10)

## EASTER REPORTS

The Theme was "Prepare to meet the Lord" at this year Easter Retreat of the Deeper Life Bible Church. In a message titled The Believer's Preparation and Readiness for the Rapture, The General Superintendent of the Church, Pastor W.F. Kumuyi called on Christians to prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus. He explained that what believers are expecting now is the Rapture, which he described as a mystery. "It is a mystery many people donot know about. Check in your office, many people don't know about it. Check up in the University, many lecturers do not know about it" The Pastor warned that such also was the situation during the days of Noah, and multitudes were caught napping by the flood.

The Apostolic Faith Choir and Orchestra, the single largest Orchestra in Africa, staged the annual Easter Concert on Easter Sunday at the African HQ of the Church in Anthony Village, Lagos. It lived up to all expectations.

Bishops Wale Oke, Mike Okonkwo, Pastor Kalejaiye and Dr D.K. Olukoya were among the team of highly anointed men of God who joined the General Overseer of the Foursquare Church, Rev Dr M.A. Badejo April 18-22 for at the Foursquare Camp Ajebo for a power-packed time.

## POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

### 2000 Marabouts 'pray' against Obasanjo

So screamed an headline in the Nigerian Tribune (March 11, pg 2). According to the report, "malevolent opponents of President Olusegun Obasanjo have been stopping at nothing to ensure his regime be prematurely terminated owing to their exclusion from the epic centre of national issues and their complete sense of loss in the ongoing political dispensation". The report said that the 200 marabouts from Algiers, Rabat, Tunis, Senegal and some part of the Middle East and Saudi Arabia have been comissioned to do day and night spiritual battle against the government of born-again Olusegun Obasanjo. More matured Christians will not need to hear this kind of report from a secular newspaper to apprehend the spiritual battles going on for Nigeria. Are you praying for Nigeria? (1 Tim 2:1-2)

### Did Obasanjo attend Islamic Summit in February?

IBB right-hand man, Prof Omo Omoruyi is making serious allegation that President Olusegun Obasanjo might be caving in to unrelenting efforts to make him accept Nigeria as an Islamic State! Moreover, the Politcal-stategist professor affirmed that Obasanjo attended (discreetly – "stole to") the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit of the Islamic Group D8 in Egypt on Feb 24, 2001. Prof Omoruyi asked rhetorically, "What was going through President Obasanjo's mind when he took off for Cairo that day? Where did [he] tell Nigerians he was going when he took off for Cairo?" He concluded that "it is obvious that the pressure is too much for President Obasanjo". (Guardian March 16, 2001, page 8)

Although a few issues would need to be clarified in a report as this, CA! feels it further underscores the need for every Christian to intercede for the President and land of Nigeria.

### Update on permanent International Criminal Court (ICC)

Military commanders in Britain are warning that the proposed ICC could lead to troops being prosecuted for war crimes. In the United States, Secretary of State, Colin Powell has said that President Bush would not send the treaty to the Senate for ratification even though it was signed by his predecessor, Bill Clinton (see CA!, Vol 4 No 2). By mid-February, 28 nations had ratified the statutes and another 39 had signed the treaty which is usually signals or intention to ratify. (Guardian 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2001. page 11)

## Society and Ethics

### Church Licenced to operate Heroin Injection Centre

In what has been tagged a "health solution" to the many homeless and disoriented Australians who were endangered by heroin overdose, one of the biggest Churches in that world-under Country, the Uniting Church, has been issued a licence by the state of New South Wales to administer "correct" doses of the illegal drug with clean needles. The big question of how the church will procure the illegal drug was not addressed in the license. However, a suit by the King's Cross Chamber of Commerce challenging the legality and validity of the license has been dismissed by the Australian Supreme Court. (Guardian April 7, 2001, pg 1).

This murky business seems to us the climax of the new social gospel being preached by the Church. The Church truly should be involved socially, but a “spiritual solution” should by far be the main method for the Church to apply (Rom 1: 16).

#### [Netherlands Senate uphold Euthanasia Bill](#)

Despite gallant effort by over 50 groups spearheaded by Protestant groups, the Dutch Senate on April 10 voted to approve the legislation making the Netherlands the first country in the world to allow ‘mercy killings’. Belgium is reportedly preparing to move in the same direction by next year (2002), according to Punch April 12 (pg 48). However, several other countries consider such a development an outrage. Russian Health Minister Yuri Shevchenko was quoted as referring to euthanasia as “a big sin that we must not allow”. The Vatican newspaper L’Osservatore also branded euthanasia as a “criminal act”.

In 1996, Australia’s Northern Territory had legalized medically-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients, but the law was later repealed (Guardian, March 25 pg 6).

#### [FG directs students of Offa Poly to wear ID tags](#)

In a bid to distinguish between genuine students (those who presumably cannot cause riots) and fake students (the scape goats in every student riots), it has been deemed no longer sufficient that students carry their ID cards on them, they now must wear and display them at all times! “According to Prof Borishade [education minister], the name tags were to be given to every student when they resume while the authorities must ensure that every student carries it”

If you think this is an incredible development, at least learn the lesson that desperate “solutions” can always be postulated in the face of perceived “desperate situations”! It wasn’t too long ago when Hitler required Jews to wear mandatory distinguishing marks, a prelude to their decimation at concentration camps. The day is not far off, when all inhabitants of earth will be required to wear their ID chip in their body, as the panacea to turn the earth into Paradise. (The right excuse can always be generated). All dissenters might as well find themselves in concentration camps. The Bible confirms this will happen, some 2,000 years in advance!

#### [Senate bans provocative attires](#)

Management of the National Assembly has banned indecent dressing by its staff, especially women who wear “provocative dresses” to the complex. According to the Clerk of the National Assembly Alhaji Ibrahim Salim, “This recently adopted mode of dressing [to office by the staff] certainly runs contrary to all the treasured norms of dignity, which are the hall mark of Nigerian woman hood. . . . It is definitely an affront to all acceptable ethical office decorum and the morality and sanctity of our dignity and respected womanhood”

However, an NGO called BAOBAB has said the action of the Clerk is a violation of women’s rights. According to Director of BAOBAB, Dr Ayesha Imam, the directive was “a contravention of the provision of the constitution that allowed individuals to dress according to their taste.” In any case, newspaper reports indicate that there has been no noticeable change in attitudes at the National Assembly in response to the Clerk’s directive. (See for example, Tribune March 14, page 5). It will be recalled that at the matriculation of the University of Ibadan, last year, the Vice Chancellor asked some scantily dressed young ladies out of the ceremonies.

CA! warns: Before you rush to take sides on this issue, try using the same yardstick to assess the previous 2 reports above.

#### [Continued Devaluation of Human Life in Nigeria](#)

Satan continues to see to the devaluation of human lives in Nigeria, this time following the introduction of the new N500 notes. As usual, those who use human beings/human parts for money-spinning rituals have the arduous task of renewing their set-ups using this new highest currency in the land. This time around however, the (spiritual?) environment seems not to be as conducive for them as many are being caught and dealt instant jungle justice - public roasting, not by some militia somewhere, but by ordinary Nigerians walking the street. Either way (using humans to produce money) or roasting ‘inhuman’ humans on the street, it is Satan who wins as human life becomes devalued (with the currency?).

According to news reports and police warning (e.g. Tribute, 18<sup>th</sup> March), Kidnappers often go about dressed as tramps picking at dumps, or feigning madness (remember Cliff Orji?). Or even as beggars. In a related event, a beggar who kidnapped the child of another beggar in Abakaliki, Ebonyi state has been nabbed by the Police (Tribune, 16<sup>th</sup> April, page 1). The beggar had sold the 11 month old baby of fellow beggar to a couple in Nnewi, Anambra state for N120,000.

## **FAMILY**

[House to pass bill on who you cannot marry](#)

According to Tribune (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2001), a bill is already before the House of Representatives seeking to empower Marriage registrars to disallow certain individuals from being joined in holy matrimony. Sponsored by the Honorable Lateef Alli (Lagelu/Akinyele Federal Constituency), the bill, titled A bill to amend preliminaries to Marriages as contained in sections 7 and 10 of the Marriage act cap 218 of the Laws of the Federation 1990 and forma “C” and “E” of the act, requires that would-be couples MUST produce to the registrar at the time of giving notice of marriage, a medical certificate, confirming that the couples have undergone a blood test and that at least one of them has Haemoglobin AA genotype. No two people with HbS or C shall be allowed to marry themselves under the act.

The bill which is intended to positively influence the Formation of Marriage “(under the Act)” other than those under Islamic Laws and Customary Marriage is intended to reduce the incidence of Sickle Cell Anaemia in Nigeria. Even if the House passes such a bill, it is clear that such a law can not “work”. More than this however, the Bill is instructive in showing how far government could desire to regulate the life of individual citizens in the interest of the “common good”. The following story from Nigerian Tribune highlights the same point.

### Education and Family

#### NIPOST TO EXPAND ELECTRONIC POSTAL SERVICE

From the initial 13 pilot centres, NIPOST has concluded plans to make e-mail services available in every post office in the country by the end of this year. Nigeria is firmly in the global village.

Are you one of those who have “always wanted to support Church Arise!” financially but have not been able to do so due to “one reason or the other” till now? This information might interest you: *The devil doesn't want you to ever be able to get to doing that, knowing fully well ours is a divinely-commissioned strategic work.* So the ball is in your court. If you'll like to break the snare (Rom 16:6a), please turn to the back page to see how to contact us. Congratulations as you do so!

#### National ID Card Required for Smartcards – Expert

The planned computerised National Identity Card will help in “creating a database which is a (necessary) condition in introducing the credit cards into the country”. Thus saith Mr Tunde Lemo, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Wema Bank plc. Mr Lemo says credit cards may not benefit Nigerians for now due to the absence of data bank that stores the history of bank customers and the dearth of infrastructural support for the banking services. The banking expert is thus predicting a real blow-up in card systems once the National ID card is ready. (Punch March 25, page 29, Guardian April 6, page 21).

Meanwhile, government is showing more commitment to the National ID card project for which N18 billion has been approved. Government has directed that a collaborative programme between the Directorate of National Civic Registration (DNCR), the electoral body INEC and the National Population Commission (NPC) be implemented. According to minister of state for Internal Affairs, Dr Mohammed Shata, government has decided that the ID cards will be used to identify voters (presumably together with the Voters Card) at the polling stations during future elections. Government is apparently aware of the many interest groups who have vowed the project will not see the light of the day. Threatened the minister, “Any person that is identified to be a clog in the wheel of the progress of the (ID Card) project will be promptly shown the way out”. (Tribune 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2001, back page)

#### Nobel Laureate seeks single world Currency

Robert Mundell, the 1999 Nobel Prize winner for Economics and former IMF staff member has joined the ever-increasing cacophony from notable men advocating for a single world currency. Speaking at the IMF memorial lecture in honour of Manuel Gnitian, Mundell suggested that a “group of 3” monetary union comprising the United States, the Euro Area, and Japan could be a prelude to the single world currency.

According to Mundell, a world with a single currency “would be a tremendous inducement to trade and to a great opening up of trade. It would make for transparency. They'd be no currency crises in the world, by definition...” (Comet April 10, pg 25).

Good points. All inevitably leading to the fulfillment of Scriptures that in the end-days, all economy will be controlled by one single authority – the anti-Christ.

#### Earth Summit Coming next year (2002)

The 10 year review of the Summit of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio-de-Janeiro, Brazil in 1992 has been scheduled for Johannesburg, South Africa for June 2002. The Earth Summit

is the major forum being used by openly -practicing occultists for pushing their agenda for global unity under the banner of environmental reforms. At the organizational apex of this forum are the famous three musketeers, deep-rooted in the New Age one-world religion/one world government movement: Mikhail Gorbachev (de facto Convener of last UN Millenium Summit), Maurice Strong (Executive Coordinator, UN Reforms/, (ex?) Director UNCED, etc), and Al Gore (Former US Vice President).

The Rio + 5 Summit (five year review of the 1992 summit) had held earlier in 1997 also at Brazil. The Highlight of that summit was the presentation of the draft of a document known as the Earth Charter which is to regulate every aspect of life on earth, putting 'Mother Earth' first in all respect, as opposed to the Judaeo-Christian values of putting Man first. The final version of the Earth's Charter was concluded March 12-14 last year by the Earth Council, an NGO formed by Maurice Strong (see CA!, Vol 3 No 3 May-June 2000); but the legal muscles to enforce its many requirements still have to be developed. This will no doubt be the major focus of the coming Rio+10 meeting. If the conduct of the past UN summits is anything to go by, we can expect strong and blatant show of occult powers at Jo'burg next year. At the same time that Rio '92 was going on, another convention known as Global Forum '92 was underway in the same city. The Global Forum was declared open by the Dalai Lama, Buddhism's leading master. . Exactly the same situation – a parallel spiritual meeting opened by the Dalai Lama – played itself out at the last 'Millenium Summit in New York last September, (see Vol 3 No 6).

In his book "The New World Religion" (pg 149 – 150) Gary Kah gave some insight into what happen behind the scene at such Forums, referring particularly to the Rio '92 Forum: "To ensure the meeting's success, Mautrice Strong's wife, Hanne, held a three-week vigil with Wisdomkeepers, a group of 'global transformationalists'. This group held the 'energy pattern' through round-the-clock sacred fire, drumbeat, and meditation for the duration of the summit. Lucis Trust [formerly Lucifer Trust see Vol 2 No 3] also contributed to the spiritual energy of this conference"

This coming Rio+10 summit, it is expected that various treaties that would enable international groups and national government agencies to elevate environmental protection to draconian levels such as Convention on Biodiversity and Agenda 21 would be ratified. Church Arise! promises to keep you posted, by the grace of God.

Meanwhile, WorldWatch Institute is calling for stronger enforcement of treaties and International Environmental agreements in existence. This is contained in the yearly "State of the World 2001" report of the Institute. Part of the report states:

"Globalization must go beyond commercial relationships to embrace strengthened political and civil-society ties between diverse nations if we are to avoid a shared catastrophe" (Guardian 12<sup>th</sup> March, page 41, 49).

### Foot and Mouth Disease ravages Britain.

Despite much concerted efforts involving about 1,500 vets, including slaughtering of animals within 24 hours of diagnosis of the highly-infectious Foot and Mouth Disease, the light at the end of the tunnel is yet to appear for the Brits. Prof David King, Chief Scientific adviser says as many as half of Britains 62 million livestock could have to be killed. Scares of similar outbreak have spread all over Europe as Netherlands, France and Ireland have recorded incidents in their animals. In Britain, the disease has been diagnosed in a number of humans! This costly development is generally attributed to the impact of genetic engineering and the clarion call now is “back to the organics!” (

### Computer Virus hits US Corporations

Top US computer firms are howling about new computer viruses that not only deal unprecedented havoc on host's computer systems; but go ahead to attack other computers on computers of people whose addresses are found on the host's computer. The virus are usually attached to documents either with exotic titles as “Naked Wife video”, “I love You”, or they are coated with religious themes as the one titled “It takes guts to say Jesus”.

### Dr Ojo speaks on Creation-Evolution at Graduate Fellowship

We had the honour of being invited to speak at a fellowship meeting of the Graduate Fellowship, Ile-Ife chapter on Sunday April 1. Speaking at the occasion, Dr Ojo showed the theory of evolution as a completely unscientific theory whose fruit is Society is only chaos and destruction. He further counselled that people who believe in special Creation by God go the whole way, by trusting Him with their lives and seeking to fulfil His plans for them. The Graduate Fellowship is a small but highly significant Christian group whose stated objective included affecting Society and policy issues with Christian values. It was a highly refreshing evening for both speaker and audience. Praise the Lord.

### TOPICAL ISSUE: MARK OF THE BEAST – GRADUALLY FITTING THE SPECIFICATIONS

It takes God to specify long in advance what an adversary will do to rope himself in inextricably, and still expect the adversary to go ahead and fulfill it anyway. For instance, Scriptures clearly predicts that the Messiah will be killed on the Cross, and by so doing obtain deliverance for all mankind – why then did the devil go ahead to have Him killed, knowing all these in advance? (Acts ). Now Bible says quite without any ambiguity that at the end times, situations shall be such that “no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev 13:17). Such a mark is to be put at specific parts of the human body: either “on their right hand or on their foreheads”. Can't the anti-Christ devise a means of quietly taking over the world without treading this tell-tale well-exposed pathway?

For a long time, we have been showing in our newsletter that the advent of the computer micro-chip fits in this description in every particular. Today most of the world's fund are managed through the chip, via smart-card technology. For instance the smartcard currently making waves in Nigeria (now available even in bank branches in small towns all over the country) is the Valucard. The computer chip is located at the top left corner of this card. The advantages are obviously numerous, ranging from the security of carrying around huge amount of money without fear of harassment by the notorious armed robbers, to the extreme ease of transactions – speed, accuracy and great convenience. Recently the USAID warned that only NGOs and individuals that carry this chip-based card can do business with her (refs vol, Guardian ...). It later announced her intention to take the card to artisans, marketwomen, etc as soon as possible. (refs). Really, most people would not need to be coerced before they sign in for the card. For instance, if you were to take up a lucrative job at the World Bank office in Lagos, you might certainly have to use the ValuCard, as some of the doors are controlled via the microchip on the Valucard (see Tell , CA! Vol ). In the United States, vehicles fitted with microchips can now zap through toll gates with the appropriate fares being deducted automatically from the owners' bank account. No fuss, no squabbles about change, no delay. Those averse to chip-technology however, of course have the option of joining the queue and being subjected to all manners of ridicule as they constitute economic burden to the rest of Society. Dear Reader, if this technology is applied to petrol stations in Nigeria today, will you prefer to join the queue or rather zap through at the Express Line? Well, there you are!

Frankly speaking we too will prefer to zap through. The problem, as we have been pointing out, is that it is inevitable that the micro-chip will sooner or later be removed from the plastic and inserted right into your body. There are numerous reasons why this is simply the reasonable thing to do, as long as we adopt the current worldly way of thinking. For example, the chip cannot be mishandled, misplaced or stolen, once securely kept inside your body.

Here now is the crux of the matter: many people strangely seem to have difficulties in seeing that this next stage of implantation of the chip in the human body is a matter of fact and inevitable. Logic and speculations apart, the



evidences that things are fast moving in this direction are simply overwhelming. Let's zap through some of them. First, the chip being used is bio-implantable, meaning they have been designed to be inserted and kept in living systems such as your body. They are not designed to remain permanently on the plastic card that presently bear them. Next, they are currently being inserted into large numbers (several millions) of animals under every possible pretext. Indeed in England, it is now compulsory to insert a microchip into every pet for identification, as part of Animal Rights requirements. April 24 1999 was actually declared as a National Microchipping Day for pets in Britain. And finally, microchipping in humans is already going on! It is not merely an issue of conjecture or not. It is a simple undeniable fact. Most of human microchipping is being done for the privileged and super-rich, mainly as protection etc. But Prof Warwick of Reading University in Britain has taken human chip implantation to levels that made it clear to us why Scriptures is vehemently against it. It is now clear that not only can the physical body of any one so micro-chipped be monitored, even the mind and emotion etc can also be monitored and actually controlled. Here comes the ultimate Zombie.

Okay, so all these are pretty well-established. But couldn't the developers of the technology do anything to avoid putting their devices on those specific sites predicted in the Scriptures – forehead and right-hand? Reliable information reaching us has confirmed that indeed the technology will admit the microchip only at these 2 locations, for human beings. Incredible? What are the determining factors?

It's easy to see. The computer microchip and associated electronic circuit are enclosed in soda lime glass, specifically selected for its known biocompatibility. During manufacture, this glass is hermetically sealed so that moisture from the host's body fluids will not reach the electronics inside. According to a write-up by one of the Industry's leader, Electronic ID, Inc, "while glass is biochemically inert, it is also very smooth, which ..could allow the transponder to move around in the animal's body once injected" It is obvious that not only could this conceivably pose health hazard, it might also affect the efficiency of the read-out system. To continue from Electronic ID, "Thereore, small transponders are available withone end sheathed in a polypropylene shell. This coating offers a surface with which fibrous connective tissue begins to bond within 24 hours of the injection ....Numerous studies have been performed on a wide variety of animal species to demonstrate the safety of the transponder. These studies have involved mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles which have shown no adverse reactions to the transponder, either biological or behavioural. Many of these studies have been documented in published papers".

Though we have no documented fact on the standard site for the microchip in man, (we'll be delighted to hear back from readers with any information), the fact is that there are standard sites imposed by the technology. And this makes the predictions of Scriptures extra-ordinarily remarkable. For example, the document we are citing (being written to market micro-chipping in animals) lists some standard sites for some animals. For example, "in dogs and cats, the transponder is injected in a standard site which is in the scruff of the neck between the shoulder blades (scapula). In horses, the standard injection site is on the left side of the animal in the middle third of the neck, just below the long hairs of the mane .. " etc. Interested readers can check the details from the website [www.electronicidinc.com/](http://www.electronicidinc.com/)

Hence, it is quite clear that as the world advances in Science and Technology, it is becoming INEVITABLE that to participate in the economy, each individual must receive a mark inserted at some standard site in the body. Who but omniscient God Almighty could have predicted all these 2000 years ago, when no one could even have imagined a device like the Computer? How foolish then to trifle with the warnings this same loving God gives that the end of all things is at hand! The only power Satan has is to make people too busy to evaluate on-going developments and considering the implications for themselves. When groups such as Church Arise! undertake to do this, the only alternative left for the devil is to somehow get people to scoff at the clear undeniable information. We pray none of our readers will trivialize with the information they have just read on these pages.

#### **EXHORTATION** **Be Instant**

Paul's "charge" to young Timothy, just before the great apostle's martyrdom, was urgently needed by Christians in those early days of persecution and incipient apostasy, and his words are even more appropriate today.

The admonition to "be instant" is worth special note. The Greek word, *ephistemi*, is translated in various ways ("be present," "be at hand," "come upon," etc.). The main idea is simply to be there, doing what needs to be done at the time it is needed. In this particular context it is stressing the Christian's responsibility to be there with the right words from the word of God – words of exhortation, of doctrine, of reproof if needed, yet words given patiently, even when rebuffed by the hearer. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Colossians 4:6).

Furthermore, the charge applies not only to those times when we are officially on duty, so to speak. It applies on Monday, as well as Sunday, on off hours as well as work time. Be instant out-of-season, as well as in-season! The Christian must always be "on call" when God calls.

The apostle could rightly issue such a charge because He himself had set such an example. “I have kept the faith: ...thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience” (II Timothy 4:7; 3:10). It is touching that Paul could then use the same word (*ephistemi*) concerning his own coming death, when he said, “I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is *at hand*” (II Timothy 4:6). He was as ready to die as he had always been to speak, for the Lord!

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