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NEWS

Pastor Adeboye counsels OBJ on way forward

“Pin-drop silence”. That was the expression that kept recurring when observers described the situation after Pastor E.A. Adeboye concluded his message at the service marking the 2nd year of democracy at Aso Rock Chapel. Pastor Adeboye’s message could be summarized by the following extract: “When the heat was on us, we were holy. Now, victory has come, we relax; we have room for impurities and sins.” He closed by openly thanking God for giving him the “courage to speak the truth”. (Redemption Light, June 2001, pg 6).

School Curriculum for Review

As part of the efforts to meet up with what it calls “new challenges” of globalization, the Nigeria Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) will soon release a reviewed educational curriculum for the nation’s primary and secondary schools. According to the Executive Secretary of the Council, Prof. Ebele Maduemesi, the world has been turned into a global village and “there are so many things happening today which have to be highlighted in the new school curriculum for the benefit of our children”. Topping the list of the “issues” was “environmental pollution”. Please keep in mind our warning in last edition on how the Environmental Agenda is about to be used to attack several Judeo-Christian values currently upheld by Society, and the fact that children are the main target for raising these new values. (Punch, May). We urge our readers to please try to follow up this important development!

Corruption: Methodist Bishops tackle

Lawmakers: The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church in Nigeria, has urged the Federal Government to investigate allegations of corrupt practices leveled against some members of the national and state assemblies in the spirit of fighting corruption. (Punch May 4, page 3)

Royal Tragedy in Nepal

Crowned prince Dipendra (29) at a family royal banquet on Friday June 1, shot dead his parents, King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya of Nepal, together with 9 other royalties before turning the rifle on himself. He was drunk, and reportedly had been having a dispute with his mother concerning his choice of bride. Barbers in the country made brisk business as Nepalis shaved their heads (Civil servants were specifically ordered to do so) in mourning the king, according to the dictates of Hindu religion .

“Therefore He says, AWAKE, YOU WHO SLEEP, ARISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL GIVE YOU LIGHT” - Ephesians 5:14

CAC Church in Ghana attacked for ignoring Animist Council’s Orders

Youths from Ghana’s Ga ethnic group attacked a Church during a worship service on Sunday May 13, for defying a one-month ban on loud music and drums imposed by elders of the animist community. About 2,000 people were worshipping in the Christ Apostolic Church Accra when the incident occurred. Acting Chairman of the Church, Revd Annor Yeboah said some of the Church’s members were injured, several windows were broken and about 5 cars smashed. A council of Ga elders comprising priests, priestesses and chieftains had outlawed “the beating of drums” and other loud music for a month to mark their main annual festival, Homowo. Unlike in previous years, they are asking for strict enforcement of silence this year. The police have stepped into the matter. (Punch May 14, page 13)

CAN directs Churches to mobilize members for 2003 elections: General Secretary of Christian Association of Nigeria, Charles Obasola Williams has said that Christians must be mobilized for registration and voting in the year 2003 elections to ensure that “God-fearing people, with the right vision, are duly elected to govern our nation”. (Guardian June 6, pg 5). The Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN) had earlier flagged the mobilization drive among its membership (Punch May 6, pg 38) urging Christians to both participate in party politics as well as vote in elections according to their convictions.

Probably in response to this mobilization of Christians, former military Head of State, Mohammed Buhari has reportedly issued a call that Moslems should not vote for Christians in the 2003 polls, as that would hinder Nigeria’s becoming an Islamic state. (Guardian June 11, page 3)

Ooni of Ife repudiates Orisha worship, embraces Christianity.....

The Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuade is sick of the local deities, especially of their enslaving demands and failure to deliver! And as the chief custodian of all the deities (Orisha) of Yorubaland, he should know what he is saying! He maintained that only “death, losses and bloodshed” and unending wars has the city to show for its strict devotion to these deities. To the chagrin of a

number of hard-core traditionalists who are issuing as much threats as they dared, but to the joy of several indigenes of the ancient city, a branch of the Christ Apostolic Church, CAC Royal Chapel, has been established at the Palace. The revered traditional king has also ordered Christians in the city to hold crusades at the City Hall (the Ogun Shrine) every month. (See *Bojuri* newspaper, Vol 1 No 5, June 2001 for details)

.....Even as Orisa Festival planned for Ile-Ife

With peace gradually being re-established in Ile-Ife and environs, after series of intermittent voodoo-driven fratricidal wars, and perhaps in reaction to the massive repudiation of the local traditional deities by an increasing number of people (including the Ooni, see previous article); a group of traditional religion practitioners feel it is time to invite the entire world to help work for a renaissance of Orisa worship in the city. Scheduled for mid-August this year, the festival is expected to attract worshippers from all over the world in a kind of mini-Festac. Probably in connection with the Festival, a piece of land has been given by the University, for the construction of an Orisha Temple. This takes the current planned festival steps higher than the first festival organized by Prof Wande Abimbola years back. Christians have the options of either folding their hands and observing the resurrection of local deities already judged in the establishment of the current peaceful co-existence in the city - with predictable results: or once and for all exercising their spiritual authority to disallow any thing that would return things to the satanic status quo.

Open Heavens Alheri Prayer Camp opens

The Alheri Prayer Village of the Harpadzo Ministries was recently commissioned on May 23rd. Located at Km 31 along the Kaduna-Abuja Expressway, the dedication of the Camp was performed by Pastor E.A. Adeboye. The commissioning was preceded by a Ministers Conference and Festival of Miracles (May 21-22) hosted by President of the Ministries, Revd Joe Olaiya.

Politics or Child Trafficking?

Few issues can rouse the emotion of any normal human being as child-abuse. The devil being the ultimate interest behind child abuse is all out confusing the issues. Is Mrs Dan Musa really a child-trafficker or a saint who picks abandoned children from the streets to improve their lot? This is one of the cases causing ripples in Nigeria at the moment and is already in court. A similar case was the front page story of the Guardian on June 2 about a Child Trafficking syndicate, being organized by a Local Government Council in Idemili, Anambra State

However, the said Council has countered that the report was a deliberate set-up by the Anambra State Government to politically victimize the Council; and that the Umuoji Motherless Babies Home was a

properly registered charity.(Guardian June 5 page 6). It's only the devil who can play politics with the lives of children. In the unfolding new world order, watch out for increase in child abuse world-wide (organized by Satanists), which will then be the excuse to enact stringent 'children protection policies' to be used to reach out to Christian children.

School Violence Japan....

In a private school in Ikeda, a suburb of Osaka, Japan a former janitor with a history of mental illness calmly walked through the open front gates, entered the classrooms and started stabbing children. (Guardian June 11 pg 13) 7 girls and 1 boy were slain while 13 other students and 2 teachers were also wounded in the mid-morning madness. The 'suspect', Maromu Takuma, 37 year old Buddhist, admitted to the crime. "I thought I will be sentenced to die if I kill children of the elite and intelligent", he was quoted as saying.

....And yet again in the United States, Evolution theory the root cause

Two incidents of school violence occurred 3 weeks after the other in the same locality in California in April. At Santana High School a student suddenly went on rampage shooting dead two of his classmates and wounding 13 others. Next was the incident at Granite Hills High School. Both schools were located in the neighbourhood of the Institute for Creation Research, El Cajon (our mentors on Creation-evolution matters). In a discussion of the events, ICR's John Morris showed that it is not just that there are "too many guns" and other traditional excuses usually proffered, but rather that "a completely secular, yea, an anti-Christian worldview has now been aggressively taught in our schools ever since the cultural revolution of the sixties. ... [Students and teachers] have been led to think that man is only a highly evolved animal, that personal pleasure outweighs consideration for others, that human life has no destiny. From this sewage of wrong thinking has come the outbreak of wrong behavior...Not every evolutionist commits vile acts, but as society adopts this wrong worldview, we can expect abundant wrong behavior."

"Suggestive" Aids-Prevention Condom jingles

banned: The National Broadcasting Commission has banned all broadcast of the AIDS prevention condom commercials as packaged by the Society for Family Health (SFH). Former health Minister and member of the board of the SFH, Prof. Olikoye Ransome-Kuti condemned the ban, arguing that the nation's youths are thoroughly exposed to indiscriminate sex anyway.

Many people did not share Prof. Kuti's logic. The Punch in an editorial on May 4, (pg 10) wrote: "we share the NBC's view that the [SFH's] radio adverts on condom use as an AIDS preventive are embarrassingly suggestive and capable of exerting

a corruptive influence on youthful members of the Society”. The Punch continued, “Having listened to the jingle several occasions, we are constrained to conclude that the advert has the tendency to lure innocent youths into uncontrolled sexual activities”

Child hangs self after watching Video Game

The Punch on May 9 (pg 3) quoting the Egyptian newspaper *Al-Wafd* of May 8 reported: “An 11-year old boy hanged himself while trying to imitate a scene he had watched on a video game”. Mahmoud Mostafa Abdallah, who had a “strong passion” for video games, was reported to have waited until his parents had gone out before attempting to play one of his favourite games (not named). It involved tying one end of a rope around the neck and the other to a fixed object.

Breast-temptress thieves arrested in Columbia

Three young Colombian women preyed on men by striking seductive poses, and luring the victim into licking their breast, already smeared with a powerful drug. Thereafter, such men “lost all will-power” and are sent into some sort of stupor. They came to their senses hours later to find they had lost their wallets, and cars but with no memory of what had happened. (Guardian June 3, page 6). Microchip implanted in a person can be made to produce the same “loss of will-power” effect. (see pg 5)

Archbishop takes a Bride, Excommunicated

The Roman Catholic Archbishop in Lusaka, Zambia 71 year old Emmanuel Milingo has renounced the Church’s celibacy oath and taken a bride. According to a statement by Catholic Bishops in Zambia (Guardian June 3 pg 27), they, as well as the Pope himself, tried to reach out to Archbishop Milingo “but he decided to go on with his plan to marry, thereby turning his back on the Catholic Church”. Last edition, we reported on a Vatican report that admitted that unspeakable sexual atrocities were going on among her priests and nuns. By catholic tradition however, these were not enough reasons to excommunicate any of the offenders—but marriage among the clergy is clearly anathema. The said Archbishop has since been excommunicated and “damned to hell”. So much for the Pope’s inter-faith message.

Baptist Church to demand AIDS Certificate from Couples:

In a communiqué issued at the end of its annual convention in Ilorin on April 30, the Baptist Church announced that its ministers “shall demand a certificate of HIV/AIDs test from would-be couples before they are joined in holy matrimony”. When pressed in a telephone interview to comment, CAN Chairman, Dr Mbang said he doesn’t think that was such a good idea. “Churches should encourage intending couples, privately, during pre-marriage counseling sessions to go for HIV/AIDS test but Church shouldn’t make it an official policy as it could lead to

discriminations” (Punch page 3, May 16). The reader may recall that two leaders of the HIV-infected group are reportedly planning to get married. What happens in cases like this?

Turkmenistan President decrees \$50,000 as

Bride Price: In a bid to beef up his country’s foreign earning, President Niyazov has slammed a \$50,000 bride price on foreigners wanting to marry his citizens. The amount includes insurance payment for children of the union, in the event of divorce. An Ashgabat registry official said Turkmen girls were especially popular with Turks, Iranians, Britons and Germans.

NGO against abortion: An NGO, Project for Human Development, is urging the Nigerian Police to awake to its responsibilities by enforcing the anti-abortion laws as enshrined in Section 228, 229 and 230 of the Criminal Code. The group is also imploring the Federal Government not to legalize abortion as it is being pressured to consider. (Guardian, June 7, pg 6)

Cash Gift for Honest Nigerians

Lt Cdr Adeolu Babalola and his fiancée, who both recovered N12 million cash from a bullion van that had a fatal crash along Ife-Ibadan road, and had promptly returned the cash to its owners, Afribank Nig plc, have been awarded a half million naira gift by the Bank. (Punch May 31, pg 29). In Vol 4 No 2, we reported the case of Mark Morant who returned \$640,000 cash that had fallen off a bullion van in Ohio.

Stadium Tragedies. All within 5 weeks, over 200 lives were lost in football stadia all over Africa. Worst hit was Ghana where 126 fans were killed at the stampede in Accra stadium. Over 43 had died in South Africa a month earlier.

FUTA Undergraduate sold friend for rituals:

A 200-level student, Adekunle Alo, and 5 others including a popular herbalist have been arraigned before an Akure Chief Magistrate Court for the murder of Olanrewaju Disu, a 300-level Computer Science student. The deceased private parts were severed and his vehicle burnt. Alo, a bosom friend of the deceased has confessed that he received N200,000 for his part in the ritual killing.

Baby Sacrificed in India to appease Hindu goddess:

An 11-month old boy was allegedly sacrificed by a woman in the Southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh to appease a Hindu goddess, reported the Press Trust of India (Punch May 27, pg 10). G. Pochamma beheaded her tenant’s son, late on Thursday May 25 “after offering prayers.” She made the sacrifice to attain prosperity and “spiritual powers”. Also in Nigeria, a “Senior Evangelist of a popular white garment Church” has been arraigned in Court for “organizing the slaughtering, like an animal, of his mother” and draining the blood into bottles. (Punch June 24, pg 1)

Church Demolition again in Kano The Kano State Environmental Protection Agency (KASEPA) has again began the demolition of Churches located in and around the famous Bompai Road. According to a report in the Guardian (June 14, pg 3), 8 Churches have already been demolished. CAN has called for 3 days fasting to counter the scourge, noting that 90% of the Churches in the State did not have C of O (authorities almost never give Churches!) which implied that all of them stood the risk of being pulled down.

God had used Bishop Wale Oke to diffuse a similar tension in Sokoto earlier in April. In a divinely-arranged chat with Governor Bafarawa in Sokoto, the Bishop had pointed out that most houses in the state have mosques attached to them. His rhetorical question, "Where are the papers for those mosques?" had convinced the Governor not to pursue the C of O business any further. (see Guardian, April 8, 2001, page 36). Let's pray for quick divine intervention in Kano before too much harm is inflicted.

Rampage in Borno as Sharia takes off

Disappointed that some dignitaries were not present at the Ramat Square venue of the formal take-off of Sharia in Borno State June 1, irate youths resorted to an orgy of violence. Gov. Mala Kachalla and the Shehu of Borno, Dr Mustapha Umai El-Kanemi, the two most prominent citizens involved in Sharia were absent. The morning shows the day!

Sharia compromise for Kaduna: In Kaduna state, a bill establishing Sharia courts for Northern parts of the state and Customary Courts for the Christian-dominated southern parts have been signed into law on Wednesday May 2. (Punch May 3, pg 11). Gov Makarfi said due to the heterogenous nature of the state, his administration would not adopt the full implementation of Sharia in the state. Meanwhile, the Oba of Benin while playing host to Alhaji Makarfi who was on courtesy call to him did not seem to be impressed with this arrangement. Said the monarch, "Sharia is Sharia, there is nothing like liberal Sharia". (Punch 15/05/01, pg 7).

In Bauchi: Crisis erupted in the Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of Bauchi over the adoption of the Sharia legal system in the area. Law enforcement officers have been deployed to "all villages in the council to forestall further spread of the crisis". (Punch 24th June, pg 9). The Zar Coalition had previously warned it would not agree to Sharia law being imposed in the predominantly Christian area (see CA! Vol 3 No 5).

In Zamfara, Bicycle thief amputated

The right wrist of a middle aged man, Mallam Lawal Isa Gumi has been chopped off in a Sharia occasion 'graced by Gov Ahmed Sanni and some members of his cabinet'. He had been accused of stealing 3 bicycles. Mallam Gumi is the second

person to be so amputated since Sharia was introduced into Zamfara in Oct 1999. CAN and Human rights activists in the North all expressing outrage (Punch May 5, pg 1).

Baptist Convention set to establish University

The Nigeria University Commission (NUC) has approved in principle the establishment of a University by the Baptist Convention. One of the conditions stipulated by the NUC was that the University bear a "neutral" name The Convention has decided to name the University after Rev Thomas Jefferson, the first Baptist missionary to evangelise in Nigeria. According to chairman of the Baptist University Committee, Prof. J.T. Okedara, the University which will be sited at Iwo in Osun State, will attend to the academic needs of "qualified candidates from local, national and international communities regardless of race, colour, ethnicity and religion". (Punch 1/05/01, pg 5).

Islamic TV Station Coming: Governor Ahmed Sanni of Zamfara said over N90 million has been paid by the State of the total N159 million required for supply of necessary equipment for the proposed Voice of Islam. The TV network which is to propagate Islam is apparently being paid for by the Tax-payers in the state, including Christians. **Meanwhile, thanks to private initiatives,** a 24 hour Christian TV channel is now available in Nigeria. An advert in Punch on May 10 (pg 38) says to call Moses or Chris on 01-612305 or 01-4709740 for further enquiries.

LOCAL NEWS

School of Strategic Prayer Warfare and Intercession: A one-month (weekends, 31st July – 30th August) prayer school on Strategic Prayer Warfare and Intercession is being organized by the Global Christian Prayer Warriors Ministry, Ile-Ife. The school promises to teach "techniques of OVERCOMERS PRAYER" to participants. The School will be directed by veteran prayer minister, Evangelist Olumakinde. For more information, contact Mrs G.O. Oluwamakinde at the University Library, OAU or The Registrar, Box 1713, Ile-Ife

REMINDER: Body of Christ meetings for July and August: The Body of Christ City Altar is an inter-denominational coming together of the children of God in Ile-Ife to pray for the peace and prosperity of Ile-Ife; and the enthronement of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Body meets once a month, every 2nd Sunday at 3.00 pm. Venue is the Local Government Department of the OAU, opposite NACETEM. The meeting for **July** will come up on **Sunday 8th**, while that of **August** will come up on **Sunday the 12th**. Every Pastor, Minister, Church Worker and even new Convert in Ile-Ife has a **duty** to attend. God bless you as you do so.

OU Campus Christian Community Meeting:

About the same time as scheduled for the proposed Orisha Festival, Dr D.K. Olukoya of the MFM will be ministering at the next in the series of campus-wide meetings facilitated by the University's Christian Community. Dr Olukoya will minister at the Amphi-theatre on Friday August 17, and also at a breakfast meeting the next day. Both meetings are open to the public. Pastor E.A. Adeboye ministered at the last meeting on May 10, while Bishop David Oyedepo is expected for the next meeting in November.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" Luke 21:28

Digital Angel, Microchip implant in humans, now patented:

A United States patent for a human implanted microchip system with various applications has now been granted. Thus, the world-wide application of the system which could easily be the precursor to the mark of the beast, as we have been talking about for years, is about to begin. There are several other systems (such as human tattoos etc) that have equally been patented to facilitate automatic electronic financial transactions between humans, but none of them comes anywhere the implanted microchip in versatility. The Digital Angel™ technology incorporates a microchip that can be worn close to the body and includes biosensors that can measure the biological parameters of the body and send the information via wireless device to a ground station or computer. It will also have an antenna that can receive signals from GPS satellites, thus pinpointing the location of the wearer.

According to the [Digital Angel™ web site](#), "While a number of other tracking and monitoring technologies have been patented and marketed in the past, they are all unsuitable for the widespread tracking, recovery and identification of people due to a variety of limitations, including unwieldy size, maintenance requirements, insufficient or inconvenient power-supply and activation difficulties. For the first time in the history of location and monitoring technology, Digital Angel™ overcomes these limitations.

Some of its potential uses, according to the web site includes: monitoring patients by doctors, commodities supply chain management, locating people such as small children and the elderly, tracking parolees, people under house arrest, and individuals in witness protection programs, tracing valuable items such as art pieces or computer equipment. Of particular interest is its application as an important

security measure. It can carry personal identification information and transmit this information via wireless communication with personal computers.

Mandatory Microchip implantation in humans is inevitable – Legal Expert:

A well-researched article by a legal icon Dr Elaine M. Ramesh has clearly demonstrated that it is inevitable that all humans will be required to have microchip implants such as Digital Angel (described above) inserted into their bodies. The article is rather long (26 pages) and we will be glad to send interested readers electronic copies by e-mail. Also a hard-copy will be kept at our Library for perusal/photocopying by individuals with no access to e-mail. We give some excerpts of the article:

"We will therefore presume that, for microchips to have broad utility, they must be mandatorily implanted. Commercial uses involving consensual implantation,^[71] or voluntary implantation for government record-keeping purposes would be far less effective. Below, the ramifications of mandatory governmentally-imposed implantation will be viewed from the perspectives of common law, constitutional and property rights

"A national identification system via microchip implants could be achieved in two stages. Upon introduction as a voluntary system, the microchip implantation will appear to be palatable. After there is a familiarity with the procedure and a knowledge of its benefits, implantation would be mandatory. "Although use of such a device at first appears farfetched, examination of the existing technology and the potential utility proves that microchip implantation is both possible and, for some purposes, desirable.

A sample of some of the References and footnotes in the article: ^[30] The possibility of using a microchip implant inserted into the brain to control a human's thoughts and/or actions has been discussed by scientists. One scientist "believes it is realistic to envisage a time when microchips can be attached to the living circuits of the brain to augment memory and intellectual prowess." Simon Davies, *Bionic Man Comes of Age*, **The Times**, Oct. 17, 1994. Another scientist speaking on the ethical implications of such a device said "[t]here is a risk that the mind could be controlled externally." *Id.* The British Medical Association has recently begun to examine the ethical implications of intelligent implants. *Id.* Active implants which have their own internal electronics which can respond directly to neural interconnectivity have also been envisaged by others. Geoff Metcalf, *Midnight Radio: Geoff Metcalf interviews Charles Ostman*, *Mondo 2000*, *Indian Summer 1996*, at 14, 17. ^[53] Scientists have already described microchips capable of holding a billion bits of information, and predict that within the next twenty years chips which

hold a trillion bits of information will be available. Gary Stix, *Toward "Point One"*, **Sci. Am.**, Feb. 1995, at 90.

Now p-i-n introduced for Valucard.

Another vital development was quietly introduced into the microchip-based ValuCard with the addition of the personal identification number (p-i-n). This announcement was contained in an advertisement released on May 8 (see Punch, pg 19). The pin is to be a personal number, a kind of password, that will make the card more secure, and is a feature on several card systems already in use in advanced countries. It is also well-known that many will from time to time keep forgetting/mixing up their pin numbers. Biometry is one way out to make the card secure without one having to keep struggling with passwords. And like we predicted/showed in Vol 2 No 5, this is just a step on the path to the ultimate goal: implantation of the microchip in the human body. Each step is to be introduced only after the users have become gradually hooked to the card based on the many advantages it confers

Still on ValuCard and Security issues, Valucard Nig. Plc has recently announced the launching of Public Key Infrastructure- based secure messaging solution to help players in the financial industry send and receive sensitive information in a way that guarantees "confidentiality, authenticity integrity and non-repudiation of messages" (Guardian June 11, pg 27). This is yet another application that is best handled by microchips and satellite systems. Once people have tasted the goodies and benefits, they will have little objections to enjoying the same benefits more conveniently and securely – even if it involves human implantation of microchips and satellite tracking.

Editorial Note: We do not seek to discourage anybody from using the Valucard. However, we see its developments as a good illustration to let everybody know that we are in the time long-foretold by the Scriptures. Our hearts we must give totally to Jesus.

Pope worships in Mosque, stalled at Ukraine

In line with his recent pronouncements that all religions lead to God, and that Jesus is not really needed for salvation (see Vol 4 No 1), Pope John Paul II has become the first Roman Catholic leader to enter a mosque and pray in a Muslim place of worship in his recent tour of the Middle East. (Punch May 8, pg 18). Things were however not all smooth sailing for the 81 year old pope in his round-the-world interfaithism tour. In Ukraine, he was faced with a crowd of about 10,000 Orthodox Christians denouncing him as the 'forerunner of the Anti-Christ' (Punch June 24, pg 12).

LETTERS

"I hereby magnify the name of God Almighty who had given you this great privilege. In fact, many people have been blessed through this magazine, even I personally. God has done many wonderful works through this magazine.... I need not less than 100 copies to distribute".

Bro. Owoyemi Olatunji Johnson
Ikere-Ekiti, Ekiti State

"Please could you include my name in your mailing list for the magazine, Church Arise! I am.... a missionary with Christian Missionary Foundation serving the LORD in the Northern Nigeria. The underlisted co-labourers would also be glad to be having the magazine...."

Dotun Adeboye
Maiduguri, Borno State

Afraid of thinking about the Evolution Theory?

"Pius XII added ... that this opinion [evolution] should not be adopted as though it were a certain proven doctrine..... Today, almost half a century after the publication of the encyclical, new knowledge has led to the recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis"

Pope John Paul II in a statement issued on Oct 22, 1996 to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences

The main forte of the defence for evolution theory today is: "The Pope said it is true!". Evolutionist scientists cite the Pope, while the Pope cites the evolutionist scientists in return. In reality, however, not only is evolution against everything in the Scriptures, the unchanging Word of God, it is also flagrantly against all the fundamental principles of Science. **Simply put, Evolution Theory is the greatest hoax in history.** And perhaps the most damaging! To find out more, visit our Library for several useful resources, or you could invite us to bring the clear uncomplicated evidences to your group/Church.

Exhortation continued (from back page)

hard and narrow way is also to be welcomed as his 'easy yoke' and 'light burden'.

It is hardly necessary to comment that such talk is extremely unfashionable today. People like to be uncommitted. Every opinion poll allows not only for a 'yes' or 'no' answer, but for a convenient 'don't know'. Men are lovers of Aristotle and of his golden mean. The most popular path is the *via media*. To deviate from the middle way is to risk being dubbed an 'extremist' or a 'fanatic'. Everybody resents being faced with the necessity of a choice. But Jesus will not allow us to escape it.

John R. W. Stott. Culled from his book, **Christian counter-culture, The message of the Sermon on the Mount**, Inter-Varsity Press, 1978. from pages 193-196

FACTS FILE

Do you know that it is an undeniable scientific fact that the Carbon-14 (C-14) level of earth is still building up?¹ The fact that the rate of build-up is roughly twice the decay rate² demonstrates clearly that the earth's environment (hence the earth itself) is quite young - much less than 50,000 years old (that being roughly 9 half-lives of C-14). Do you also know that calculations of age of ancient objects done using C-14 have routinely assume that C-14 level is constant rather than increasing? Hence the arrival at ages of 'millions of years' for both the earth and some fossils by evolutionist scientists. Most scientific and sociological methods clearly suggest an age of less than 10,000 years for the earth and its fossils. But this is clearly unacceptable to evolutionists. Hence they continue to flagrantly murder science in their religious beliefs for evolution.

1) Elizabeth K. Ralph and Henry N. Michael, "Twenty-five years of Radiocarbon Dating". American Scientist, vol 62 (Sept/Oct 1974), p 553.

2) A.W. Fairhall and J.A. Young, "Radiocarbon in the Environment," in Advances in Chemistry, Vol 93, (1970) p. 401-418

Science and Christianity Symposium.

Dr Joshua Ojo, editor of CA!, was among the three speakers that discussed the above subject matter at the All Souls Chapel, OAU, Ile-Ife on June 20. Speaking specifically on Evolution vs Creation, Dr Ojo showed that true (operational) science has no problem whatsoever with Christianity. The problem he said was with 'origins science' which is not only trying to deal with a clear singularity (something out of its domain), but is also insisting on a definition for science that excludes anything outside naturalism. Other speakers at the Symposium marking the anniversary of the NCGF were Dr (Mrs) Ofelia Omitogun (Genetic Engineering and Christians), and Prof Funsho Sonaiya (Science and Miracles).

THE TIME IS FULFILLED

Have you got your copy of The Time is Fulfilled? This is a book containing all editions of Church Arise! from Vol 1 No 1, to Vol 3 No 6, plus other additional materials. All these materials are organized subject-by-subject, and an index is also provided. Here is an extract from the Foreword written by Pastor Gary Hall: "The author has rendered the Christian reader a great service through this well-researched book, one that needs to be placed into the hands, not only of believers, but also as many unbelievers as possible before the glorious return of our Saviour."

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One of the most subtle, most dangerous and most widespread occurrence of this phenomenon is spirit-channeling. During occult meditation, the practitioner is encouraged to open up his mind and link up with a spirit-guide, which confers on the individual supernatural wisdom and abilities. Traditional Biblical teaching calls this demon-possession; but in various books targeting Christians, the spirit-guides are now referred to as 'Angels'. Several books by new age leaders now go by that subject – for example the best sellers by John R. Price, 'Angel Energy: How to Harness the Power of angels in Your Everyday Life' and 'The Angels within us'.

While these so called 'Angels' go by various names (even Biblical-sounding ones) in some churches, in others, these spirit beings are presented as patron Saints, and other Biblical personalities, 'Mary' being the most popular one. The experiences of people who encounter/make use of these spirit-beings have been well-documented to be exactly the same as those in various other altered states of consciousness, e.g as induced by hard drugs; or even those who come into contact with so-called UFOs. Apart from a belief in Evolution, other satanic principles that are encouraged by these demons parading as angels are Reincarnation, Astrology and Occult meditation – key pillars in the New One World Religion. In most (but not all) cases also, these spirit-beings have little or no regards for holiness, a cardinal principle in Christianity. By their fruits you shall know them! For a practical demonstration of what we are saying, check out the videos "The False Anointing" by Joseph Chambers or "The One World Religion" by Gary Kah and Joe Vankoevring in our Library.

Dear child of God, these are not days to be children in understanding (1 Cor 14:20). We can not afford to be ignorant of the devices of the devil in these last days.(2 Cor 2:11). "And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light." 2 Cor. 11:14.

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EXHORTATION: The Inescapable Choice

“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (Mathew 7:13,14)

What is immediately striking about these verses is the absolute nature of the choice before us. We would all prefer to be given many more choices than only one, or better still to fuse them all into a conglomerate religion, thus eliminating the need for any choice. But Jesus cuts across our easy-going syncretism. He will not allow us the comfortable solutions we propose. Instead he insists that ultimately there is only one choice, because there are only two possibilities to choose from.

There are two ways. This concept is found already in the Old Testament. Psalm 1, for example, contrasts ‘the way of the righteous’ who delight in God’s law, bear fruit and prosper, with ‘the way of the wicked’ who are driven like chaff before the wind and perish. Now Jesus elaborates the picture. One way is easy. The word means ‘broad, spacious, roomy’ (AG), and some manuscripts combine these images and call this way ‘wide and easy’. There is plenty of room on it for diversity of opinions and laxity of morals. It is the road of tolerance and permissiveness. It has no curbs, no boundaries of either thought or conduct. Travellers on this road follow their own inclinations, that is, the desires of the human heart in its fallenness. Superficiality, self-love, hypocrisy, mechanical religion, false ambition, censoriousness – these things do not have to be learnt or cultivated. Effort is needed to resist them. No effort is required to practise them. That is why the broad road is easy.

The *hard* way, on the other hand, is narrow. Its boundaries are clearly marked. Its narrowness is due to something called ‘divine revelation’, which restricts pilgrims to the confines of what God has revealed in Scripture to be true and good. C.S. Lewis described in his autobiography how as a schoolboy of thirteen he began to ‘broaden his mind’. ‘I was soon (in the famous words) altering “I believe” to “one does feel”’. And oh, the relief of it!... From the tyrannous noon of revelation I passed into the cool evening twilight of Higher Thought, where there was nothing to be obeyed, and nothing to be believed except what was either comforting or exciting.’

It is a fact that revealed truth imposes a limitation on what Christians may believe, and revealed goodness on how we may behave. And in a sense this is ‘hard’. Yet in another sense, as Chrysostom pointed out centuries ago, Christ’s
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“Ye are the salt of the world..”. In this manner the Lord described Christians, emphasizing our call to counter decay in the world even with our ‘mere’ presence. Of course the devil is not happy with this situation, and he would not fold his hands and watch! There is only one way to render salt useless – by contamination, i.e. mixture with other materials. Thus, perversion of the Gospel has always been the devil’s main weapon for fighting Christianity throughout the ages. However in these end times, he is wielding this wicked weapon, more determinedly, more desperately. These indeed are perilous times, times every Christian must seriously take the counsel to ‘watch and pray’.

The devil’s pantheistic new age religion, the One World religion being advocated by the Pope and promoted by organizations such as the United Religions has been well described in previous editions of CA! Most serious Christians however have little problems recognizing and dealing with deceptions in a System that says that all roads lead to heaven (contrary to John 14:6) and that there is no devil anywhere (contrary to John 10:10). To get at this category of Christians, Satan is now peddling occult principles to look either as Science or often as Christianity. An example of the first category is the evolution theory which is based on ideas handed down by so-called “ascended masters”; but now couched in scientific terminology. The second category, couching occultic principles and ideas in Christian terminology is however much more dangerous.

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