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GENERAL NEWS

Media War on Church's decision to pray for conversion of Muslims

As yet another sign of mounting pressure on the Body of Christ, the supposed secular press is unrelenting in attacking basic Christian beliefs and practices that stand in the path of the Inter-faith agenda. The thoroughly commendable and basic Christian decision of the Southern Baptist's Convention (2nd largest denomination in the United States) to pray for the salvation of Moslems at the close of the Ramadan (in their own churches) is the latest point of attack leading to the usual allegation of 'intolerance'. The head of the Convention, James Merritt, had noted that Muslims were lost without Christ and therefore urged that Christians plead with God on their behalf.

The BBC (16/12/01) contrasted this 'hostile' posture of the Baptists with the 'friendly' gestures of the Roman Catholics who rather congratulated Moslems at the end of the Ramadan → pg 2

Dutch Cabinet approves use of marijuana

After Canada, the Netherlands has also approved the medical use of marijuana. Health Ministry spokesman Bas Kuik said "people with painful diseases as AIDS" are already using marijuana to reduce pains. The government is therefore set to help with better control in growth and distribution of the weeds. Canada in July became the first country in the world to allow terminally ill patients to grow and smoke their own marijuana saying that would improve their quality of life (Comet 23/10/01, pg 12). We reported earlier (Vol 4 No 3) that the Uniting Church in Australia decided to open a heroin centre in South Wales despite the continued ban on the drug in the country.

Holy Ghost Congress 2001

The annual Holy Ghost Congress (formerly Festival) organized by the Redeemed Christian Church of God continued to blaze its success trail with the 4th edition held Dec 13-15. Now fully an international event, participants came from several countries spanning all continents of the world. Among the cream of foreign ministers was Pastor Jonathan Khan from Israel who came with the *shofar* and led a series of prophetic prayer actions at the close of the Congress. He also recounted how the priestess of the Osun goddess agreed to give her life to Jesus when he visited the Osun shrine → pg 2.

Demolition of Churches in Lagos

Demolition of Churches is no longer only a Northern-Nigeria affair, it appears. Of all places, Lagos is now reeling under the axe of overzealous government officials who appear to be uncomfortable with the number of Churches in the city. The latest of the churches to be brought down is the Victory Christian Centre, which despite having valid papers and a court injunction, was still brought down by officials of the Lagos State Government. The Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria is not taking the matter lying low at all. (Details in Vanguard, Dec 13, pg 3)

Pope invites world religious leaders again

Apparently set for a (final?) re-enactment of the Oct 1986 meeting where spiritualists, voodoo priests, budhis ts etc all gathered together to pray for world peace, the Pope is once again calling the world's religious leaders to Assisi, Italy to pray for world's peace (Vanguard Jan 3, pg 12). This "we-are-serving-the-same-god" doctrine is certainly not what the Bible says in passages such as John 10:10, 1 Cor 10:20, and 2 Cor 6:15, among several others.

10,000 Indian children ill after Vitamin A dose

Hundreds of children aged between one and six poured into hospitals with fever, vomiting and stomach pain after receiving a United Nations – sponsored Vitamin A solution in the North Eastern Indian state of Assam. As many as 10,000 fell sick and at least a 2 year old girl has died. It could not be confirmed what caused the problems. Some cite contamination of the medicine while others cite possible "overdose". (Guardian, Nov 14, pg 11)

PFN urged Christians to adopt self-defence

The Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN) has advised Christians to defend themselves against any further aggressions from their Moslem counterparts" reported the Comet on Oct 26 (page 7). The statement by PFN President, Bishop Okonkwo, noted that "it has become so glaring that the Jihadists are exploiting the embarrassing inaction of the authorities concerned,".. and therefore "becoming incumbent for us to begin to re-determine our focus in the sense of self-defence and preservation → pg 2

WE WISH ALL MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PARTNERS, FRIENDS AND READERS / HAPPY NEW YEAR. PLEASE STAY READY FOR

Southern Baptist continued from pg 1 The BBC report went on: "In recent years, the Southern Baptists Convention has adopted an increasingly conservative and literal interpretation of the Bible" It further cited last year's pull-out of former US President Jimmy Carter from the Church as a confirmation of the "increasingly rigid doctrines of the Church. We can expect more bashing from the inter-faith press as the countdown to the Lord's coming continues. Are you ready?"

Holy Ghost Congress continued from page 1 Men of God from Nigeria who ministered at the Congress included Prophet Abiara, Bishops Mike Okonkwo, Wilson Badejo, Francis Wale Oke, David Oyedepo, Margaret Idahosa, Revs. Moses Aransiola, Charles Achonwa, Joe Olaiya, Ayo Oritsajefor, etc The hosts were Pastor and Pastor (Mrs) Enoch Adeboye. Going by the usual reflection of the Congress themes on Nigeria national life so far, we can reasonably expect that a *Wind of Change* is set to blow over Nigeria

PFN calls for self defence (from pg 1)

Christians can no longer be taken for granted in this land .. which can only be called our fatherland by every standard. The statement added that the aggressors were preparing to extend their activities to Lagos, Ibadan, Oshogbo and other major cities in the South, having been through with Jos, Kano and Bauchi. This allegation has proven to be not unfounded as the reports below show.

In Osogbo, trying to get the Bonnke Crusade cancelled, Moslem fundamentalists threw the city into chaos in an orgy of violence. By the time it was all over, at least one Christian, Mr Sunday Aransiola (about to wed at the month-end) had been killed and about a dozen Churches destroyed. Local Moslem leaders later blamed "outsiders" for the incident. The Crusade went on anyway with wonderful result. Over 700,000 attended the 1st night alone.

Also in Akure, ostentatiously to prevent Moslem-Christian feud, Governor Adefarati (a Christian) has banned open air crusade "by all religions". (Comet Nov 1, page 3). Question is which other religions embark on Open Air Crusades except Christianity! As a matter of fact this is why the Reinhard Bonnke Crusade train could not penetrate Ondo State.

In Shagamu, 6 Pakistanis were arrested following an appeal by the Shagamu Traditional Council to get the "religious fanatics" out of town before any violence could erupt. The six are alleged to be using "a public address equipment to reel out their messages which the Moslems in the locality considered strange..". A month earlier, some Pakistani Nationals claiming to be going to Ifo town "to propagate the Islamic Jihad" were also interrogated by the Ogun State Police Command on the suspicion that they could belong to Osama's Al Queda.

SHARIA WORLD:

President Obasanjo declared that Sharia will die a natural death We update our regular watch on developments in the world of Sharia and the fruits it is bringing forth....

Murderer to be stabbed to death

Sani Rodi, murder confessor, has been sentenced to death by Sharia. That's expected. What is curious is the mode of death. Mr Rodi is to be stabbed to death, using the same knife he had used to kill her victims, Zainab Haza and her 2 children. (The Comet, 15/11/01, page 3)

Safiyat to die after child-birth

The case of 35 year old Nigerian divorcee (married at age of 12), Safiyat Hussani condemned by the Sharia court to death by stoning for adultery is generating intense outrage all round the world. Despite her repeated claims that she was raped and hypnotized she faces her death sentence, after the delivery of the pregnancy she now carries.

Ironically, the man involved, Yakubu Abubakar (60) having reportedly retracted an earlier confessional statement, could go scot-free. There must be at least 4 men who witnessed the sexual act, as prosecution witnesses before charges could be pressed against him. DNA or similar test of paternity are of course inadmissible to Sharia.

In the meantime, the well-known Roman Catholic clergyman, Archbishop Okogie, has offered to die in Safiyat's place if the Sharia appeal court upholds this death sentence.

FAMILY AND ETHICS

The days are evil and you need to invest quality time on your family. In particular, the world has 'great' plans for your child. Train him or lose him to the New World Order – the news items below speak for themselves!

Sex Education Curriculum now ready – says Council

The Guardian on Nov 14 announced that after 2 years of preparation, the Nigerian national sex education curriculum for upper primary, junior/senior secondary schools, and tertiary institutions is now ready.

About 35 individuals made up of education "specialists" and NGOs prepared the 211- page curriculum while 10 persons did the critique. According to Mr Sola Adara, the director of special programmes at the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC), it took NERDC 2 years (instead of the expected 1 year) to produce the curriculum because "such a sensitive document like sexuality education needed the involvement of various stakeholders". However, the Guardian further reported that participants at the UNICEF consultative meeting where the announcement of the new curriculum was

made could not agree that the true “stakeholders” were involved.

Sex education curriculum is only the tip of the iceberg. The main issue will be the comprehensive educational curriculum review which, as we have been reporting for 3 editions continuously now, is about to be announced. By these new curricula drawn up directly from the UN World Core Curriculum, (a document officially acknowledged to be inspired by demons), your children will very soon be taught, evaluated and promoted at school. You cannot afford to remain unconcerned!

British Government helps Nigeria with condoms

With the assistance of the British Government, the FG has procured 210 million condoms to be distributed in the new year to Nigerians to facilitate ‘safe sex’, i.e. indiscriminate sex without fear of AIDS. Most NGOs dealing with AIDS still implicitly hold the assumption that human beings cannot practice responsible sex, as prescribed in the Bible. This is yet another damaging and de-humanizing lie from the pit of hell.

Cultists struck at Kwara Poly

It was pandemonium at the IBB’s complex of the Kwara State Polytechnic when a five-man secret cult gang stormed the hall and shot dead a male student during examinations. Eye witnesses reported that “one of the cultists entered the exam hall with a smoking gun, aimed at his target, and shot him”. The report went on to say that “a student who pleaded anonymity told Vanguard that the boys who perpetrated the murder were known to other students and even the management. They are sacred cows that cannot be touched”. (Vanguard, Dec 7, pg 2).

Nigerian Prostitutes in Italy become born-again

The General Overseer of the Evidence of the Gospel Church, Pastor Oyenoude Kure, recently organized a crusade in Italy where many “Edo-born prostitutes” reportedly decided to abandon their de-humanising trade in droves. Pastor Kure said many prostitutes were under the spell of money, wrongfully believing that the only way out of penury is prostitution.

Cheering News, but...

The National Film and Video censors Board on Nov 13 banned all films with violence, rituals, sex and crime from being broadcast on TV in the country. Good effort! But the real dangerous stuffs are on home video! And on that each family head, not government, must legislate! (Guardian, Nov 14, backpage).

Drug-rape in London....

Figures from London are indicating an increase in the new crime, Drug-Rape – where the victim is sexually assaulted after being weakened by drugs administered without her knowledge. Data for

August, released on November 12 showed that almost 100 incidents with 75 actual rapes were reported for the city (The Comet 14/11/01 pg 12)

.....In South Africa, it is child-rape

Thousands protested in Capetown on Nov 25 the increasing incidents of child-rape in South Africa. Early in November, a nine-month old baby girl was raped by 6 men; and again same month, another 8-month old baby was raped. All this madness is linked with the myth that sex with a virgin could cure AIDS (Guardian, Nov 26, pg 10). Oh the wickedness of the devil! Similar incidents are reported in other countries in Southern/Eastern Africa. In Northern Nigeria, the practice of marrying young teenagers to old men (and attending VVF disease) is also believed not to be unconnected with a similar idea that sex with young virgins confers some health benefits to the older men.

Mother buries new born baby alive

A middle aged housewife at Mirladi village in Plateau State is in Police net for burying her own baby alive, shortly after giving birth. The woman, who is the 3rd wife of her husband allegedly decided to do away with the baby boy because the baby belonged to another man. After self-delivery, she reportedly took the baby into a bush, covered him with sand, and ran back to their home. The baby was picked up by a passerby attracted by his strident cries. (Vanguard Dec 2, 2001, pg 4).

In a related event at Ile-Ife, a young unmarried lady elected to throw her deformed baby into the pit toilet alive. The baby had been deformed as a result of attempted abortion on him while in the womb. That baby too was eventually rescued.

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE *Whether we like it or not, whether we acknowledge the facts or not, global governance is just at the corner. However in trying to solve one problem, man only ends up creating several others. Without seeming to realize it, Mankind is playing out the scripts long prophesied in the Scriptures (e.g. Rev. 17:17). You are wise to throw yourself in Jesus’ camp. He is the true and only solution to the global problems*

Mandatory ID card proposed in Zimbabwe

The Zimbabwean government would jail (1 year) or fine (US \$90) people who move about without carrying their identity cards/passport or drivers’ licences. Justice Minister says the sought amendments to be soon tabled before Parliament were “aimed at dealing with increasing criminal and terrorism activities”. The law would reverse a 1997 Supreme Court ruling that outlawed such measures as an infringement of the right to free movement. (Guardian Nov 23, pg 10)

Mandatory chip IDs implementation begins in Malaysia.

The World's first national smart card scheme to store biometric data in an in-built computer chip has been introduced in Malaysia. The cards are compulsory for Malaysia's citizens and are encoded with a copy of the owner's fingerprints. Government sources said that the new cards are also "likely to be used to authorize financial payments and withdraw cash, as well as identify individuals to authorities" (New Scientist, 21/09/01). This is exactly what CA! has always said would happen – a mandatory chip-bearing card, combining both social and financial functions. The report added that "pressure is growing in other countries for improved identification schemes", especially since the recent terrorist atrocities in the US. Of course everybody knows that this is only an interim measure. The microchip must be inserted into the human body to be of some reasonable value. The same report in the New Scientist actually noted that "Ross Anderson, an expert in computer security at Cambridge University says that smart cards may make forging ID cards harder, but they are unlikely to promise a complete solution". Readers of Church Arise! know what the complete solution would be and the spiritual implications arising therefrom (see Vol 4 No 6)

Meanwhile the Internal Affairs minister, Sunday Afolabi has reassured that the Nigeria ID card (chip-based) is on course and that the microchip firm, SAGEM of France, is already delivering its own part of the contract (Vanguard Dec 31, pg 14).

Valucard plans to catch 'em young

Prudence Bank Ltd has introduced Teens Valucard, a version of the regular chip-based valucard "targeted at minors between the ages of 10 and 18 years with the aim of inculcating card payment culture in the youths". (Comet 22/10/01 pg 19).

War Against Terrorism – How far?

For the first time in recent memories, the US government is not asking for 'restraints' as Israel took her destiny in her own hands, attacking terrorist bases in Palestinian-controlled territories. This follows strings of damaging suicide bombings by members of HAMAS which Yasser Arafat seemed completely helpless to influence. This is drastically re-shaping the socio-political situation in the Middle East

Similarly, India and Pakistan remain on the brink of an all-out war following the recent attack on the Indian parliament that left 14 people (including all the attackers) dead. Vice President Krishan Kant only narrowly escaped being killed during the attack. India said strong evidence suggests the involvement of Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Toiba militant

groups both based in Pakistan. The groups were further said to have received training and support from Pakistan's intelligence service, an allegation vehemently denied by Islamabad. The question of course was whether or not India could follow America and Israel's lead of taking the battle against terrorism to the terrorist's home base?

Taliban out, but Terrorism still alive

Despite the amazing and awe-inspiring military victories of the United States in Afghanistan, it might be too early to conclude that the battle against organized terror is over. This is perhaps best appreciated in the United States itself. Late December, an Al-Queda affiliate was overpowered in an airplane by vigilant crew and passengers as he attempted to ignite some plastic explosive concealed in the heels of his shoes. It was later confirmed that the amount of explosives could indeed have caused considerable damage to the aircraft carrying 197 people from Paris to Miami.

Meanwhile, various reports on Al Quaida documents and manuals found in Kabul reportedly reveal desire to construct nuclear weapons. A New York Times editorial titled "The Specter of Nuclear Terror" tells the grim story in details. (see also next story)

Bio-terrorism war goes on

Despite some lull in news reportage, the bio-terrorism war is far from over. New anthrax-laden mails continue to be received, now not only in the United States, but also in other countries. For instance, the US embassy in Vienna recently discovered trace of anthrax in a diplomatic mail pouch (BBC 22/11/01), while the American Centre for Disease Control has confirmed the presence of anthrax spores in a letter sent from Europe to a doctor's surgery in Chile, according to Chilean officials (BBC 4/11/01).

Meanwhile preparation has begun in the US for possible smallpox attacks with about 140 health officials being vaccinated against the disease. The FBI admitted it had made little progress towards tracing the perpetrators of the anthrax attacks.

Dealing With Bio-terrorism

Genetic Engineering is one of the solutions being touted as man's only way out from bio-terrorism such as the on-going Anthrax warfare. Now, genetically modified banana has been announced as capable of delivering anthrax vaccine. Any product could actually be used, but banana is chosen because of its rapid growth. According to Peter Care, Chairman of Zcelerator Life Science Funds Group based in Australia, "the distinction between food and drugs will gradually disappear" (Comet 21/10/01, pg 5).

Setting up the UN for true Global Governance

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has explained last year's awards to the UN and Secretary General Kofi Anan. The Committee admitted that "it used its centenary year to proclaim that the only negotiable route to global peace and cooperation goes by way of the United Nations". Comet 21/10/01, pg 10. And individuals (including Nigerians) are not left out of this effort to present the UN as mankind's only hope. According to Stephen Lampe, columnist in the Comet, "the UN and its associated agencies which include the World Bank Group, may well be the scaffolding upon which a God-willed mechanism for global governance will be erected". (Comet Oct. 21 p 10). Compare all these statements with what the Bible proclaims in Isaiah 11:6-10, Dan 2:44. Only Jesus can bring true and lasting global peace!

Earth Summit date shifted

The Earth Summit, the call for global governance pushed from the perspective of the environment (see Vol 4 No 3) will now hold a week earlier than previously slated. The new date of Aug 26-Sept 4, 2002 ensures the closing does not coincide with the Sept 11 anniversary, which might draw away participants and also reduce the impact of the summit in the news. Five 'consensual issues' (touching 15 'areas of attention' including globalisation, implementation of the Rio Principles, and governance/institutional structure for sustainable development) are slated for discussion.

MIDDLE EAST *Middle East politics is God's endtime clock. What time is it?*

Arafat barred from Bethlehem, appealed to the Pope

Israeli authorities denied Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat access to Bethlehem at Christmas for his failure to arrest the killers of Israel's Tourism minister, Rehavam Zeevi. Bethlehem has been under Palestinian authority since 1995. Arafat appealed to the Pope but neither him, nor European leaders, not even Israeli's President Moshe Katsar was able to persuade Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to allow Arafat make his political, 'inter-faith' trip to Bethlehem.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian ship, *Karin A.*, piloted by a Palestinian Authority Naval officer, and with a Palestinian crew was intercepted and taken over by Israeli Navy Seals on its way to the Gaza strip. The ship was loaded with 80 tons of weapons (rockets, mortars, guns, ammo. Etc) which were picked from Iran. Yasser Arafat has denied that he knew anything about the ship and even that the ship was Palestinian! In recent times, increased suicide attacks on Israel has left at least 26 Israelis dead and

about 200 wounded. (PBN Dec 11, 2001). However, despite all these problems, the Middle East peace accord may yet break out suddenly. As a matter of fact, Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres says he has a peace plan that would involve recognizing an independent Palestinian state in just 8 weeks and would lead to an accord being put into place within 18-24 months.

Letters and e-mails

The Church Arise! has been a source of inspiration and challenge [to me]

Jide Adetona, Ile-Ife

God bless you as He uses your ministry as a battle axe to uproot in this nation particularly and to build in His kingdom. I will keep praying for you.

Maureen Akintayo, Lagos

I have been going through these bulletins [CA!] published bi-monthly for a very long time and I want to confess to you that I see the ministry of Church Arise! Living Water Ministries as the Biblical children of Issachar in the book of 1 Chro. 12:32, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. I see this great ministry alerting the saints on what is going on across the globe and that is one great way of bringing men to the knowledge of the Saviour Jesus Christ. Please keep it up.

Olalekan Afolabi, Ibadan.

I'd like to know what to do when the national identity card becomes implemented

Linda Mbuko

Editor: Guard carefully your heart. Never receive an implanted microchip version no matter the carrot or the stick! And most importantly make sure of your connection and identity with Jesus the soon-coming King.

I have been seeing your publication, Church Arise!. I sincerely feel God is doing something great through your ministry. May I ask if you have the electronic version of it?

Olayinka Akinde

Editor: The electronic version of CA! is now available, as from last edition.

I have appreciated the copies of CA! you have been sending to me and I now have regular readers who really look out for your very interesting publications.. Thank you for all your efforts and your contributions to the spread of the word and battle against spiritual irredentism and prostitution!

B.E. Lagos.

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the document sent to me on the 'One World Government'. It was a delight to receive such an educative and 'factual' package. Please accept my sincere gratitude.

Jaiyesimi Olanrewaju, Ile-Ife

RESOURCES FROM CALM

The following lectures have been packaged for Churches and Christian groups who will want to be better informed and prepared in these perilous days. Satan's main weapon against Christians remains Ignorance and Apathy. Contact us if you will like to arrange an outreach for your group.

- The Mark of the Beast
- Education and the New World Order
- Towards a One World Religion
- Towards a One World Government
- Creation-Evolution issues and the End times
- Genetic Engineering and the End times
- Any other issue treated under Topical Issue column on any edition of CA!

The Time is Fulfilled: Our Book containing all issues of Church Arise! from Vol 1 No 1 to Vol 3 No 6 is available at Bookstores or directly from us. N250 per copy.

We goofed! For once in almost 4 years, we did not cross-check previous information given us by the OAU Campus Christian Community concerning their outreaches. In those years our cross-checking had proved superfluous and unnecessary. So we went on to announce, quite sketchily, the information previously given to us that Bishop David Oyedepo would be ministering on the Campus on Nov 23, 2001 - an event which unfortunately did not hold. We deeply regret this mix-up and apologize particularly to those who went to the venue on the strength of our information. Thanks for your understanding. PS. The next Outreach of the CCC will feature Dr Daniel Olukoya, and is scheduled for Feb 15 and 16. Be there!

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Watch out for the "Extra-terrestrials!"

In recent years there has been a sharp increase in interest and reportage of so-called Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), which are supposed to be space ships bearing some intelligent beings from Outer space. Let's consider a few headlines around the world in the past few weeks: "UFO in Amman Sky Hours Before 2002 (Times of India, Jan 2, 2002). "Triangular UFO seen by a motorist in Oxfordshire, UK" (Thur. Dec 27, 2001), 'Luminous UFOs videotaped in Southern Brazil' (Dec 12, 2001)," Major UFO Flap reported in Mexico City " (Dec 15, 2001) (UFOMAG.com). There are several other reports; and indeed, UFO sightings have almost stopped being major news events!

With the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) already committed to various 'Search' programmes, the idea of extra-terrestrials visiting or communicating with earth has now gained considerable scientific credibility. What really are these beings who have been observed all over the world at various times, carrying out various

activities – including contact with (and even 'abductions' of) humans?

From reports in various books and magazines devoted to the subject that are available to CA!, the following statements can be safely made. (1) The 'extra-terrestrials' proclaim that there is no God. (2) Those contacted by them (either 'sighting' or 'abduction') end up with deep spiritual and emotional problems. (3) The spiritual problems can be solved in the name of Jesus; and (4) the UFOs can be rebuffed in this same name that is above all other names. UFO groups may not easily agree with the above summary though, and often, they have their own personal interpretations of events. In one particular case "UFO believers" insisted that a woman had been visited by UFOs while the woman involved (a Christian) clearly maintained that her visitors spoke clearly to her and claimed to be angels sent from God. As a matter of fact, some UFOlogists list Elijah the Tishbite as an example of one abducted by UFOs from the earth! It requires little spiritual discernment and insight to recognize that the UFO phenomenon is a deception from the pit of hell. Most of the contacts reported in UFO magazines are simply contacts with demons and most people involved have occultic backgrounds.

How nice if the UFO phenomenon could just be simply waved aside like that! Not with key One World Government advocates pushing the deception with all their enormous resources. Indeed it is now quite clear that the visit of the so-called extra-terrestrials holds an important part in the end-time agenda of these new age groups. For instance, in 1996 the UFO Magazine revealed that Laurance Rockefeller the notable One World Government advocate, financed the creation of a special 169 page document on UFOs which he distributed to a very select audience; namely, heads of state and other key world figures. (UFO Magazine, July/August, 1996, Special Edition, pp 35-38; cited in Gary Kah, The New World Religion pg 275-276). With such powerful backers for 'the little green men' (as UFOs are generally depicted) it is not surprising to learn that world leaders have already agreed on how they would "officially respond" to alien beings, should they visit earth! According to the CNN (August 22, 1996) a united global response must be given by mankind, and that response will be made **only** through the United Nations. In short, irrespective of what the rest of us believe about UFOs, the United Nations (with its heavy Buddhism background) will be our spokesperson. *Deception jams deception!*

Who else is expecting visitors from the sky? First, the Pope John Paul II. It is well documented that following the promises from the apparitions of "our Lady of Fatima", the current Pope expects some

heavenly confirmation that he is the 'Divine Messenger' and leader for this generation. On 13 October 1917, before an estimated 70,000, "Our Lady" was able to pull some awe-inspiring stunts in the sky to confirm the message of Fatima; and Pope John Paul II is confident of a repeat performance on a much grander scale! Thus we see a perfect agreement in the expectations of the ardent advocates of One World Religion and those of One World Government. There is little doubt that such a sign from heaven, from so-called extra-terrestrials, is what will be used to finally entrench the coming government of the anti-christ and the false prophet; and fully launch the predicted terror against the true Christian Church.

The true Christian Church! That's who else is expecting some visitation from the sky! The Christian hope is that the Lord Jesus Christ will come literally and visibly from the sky, and we shall all be 'caught up' to be with Him in the sky. We call this rapture, but others will insist it is 'abduction'; or perhaps 'cleansing' of the dregs and flotsams of the world! Contrary to what is depicted in that powerful end-time novel 'Left Behind' series, Christians may not be missed or mourned after the rapture!

How ironic that the world would with the same mouth disdain the promised return of a well-documented personality from the skies; but would want to believe in the visit of some vague, unknown dark beings from 'Outer Space'! And really why do Christians get involved in such discussions as 'possibility of life in outer space' when the Bible clearly makes it clear we are not the only sentient beings in the Universe! Heaven is real, and Hell is real. Their citizens are also real and right now the battle is on to populate these two real places with real people from the planet earth. Where would **you** choose to go? The choice is yours. And NOW is the time to decide!

Bees attack during Olojo Festival at Ile-Ife

That power has changed hands in Ile-Ife, Nigeria was further confirmed when the few recalcitrant worshippers of Ogun were attacked by a swarm of bees during the last Olojo festival. Since the Chief Priest of the Yoruba deities, the Ooni of Ife gave his life to Jesus, renouncing the deities that have kept the people in bondage for generations, those still trying to service these altars are actually on self-sent missions. Some people prefer learning the hard way!

Fire guts New York's St John the Divine Cathedral

The official church of the New Age movement and leader in the inter-faith movement, the St John the Divine Cathedral Church was gutted by fire of unknown cause in December. The fire began at a gift shop in the rear of the Church and raged for about 3 hours while 200 fire fighters battled it. There were no casualties. The Cathedral is the largest in the United States and has been under

construction for over a century (Guardian 19/12/01, pg 11 and Comet 22/12/01, pg 7). It is infamous for its display of a female Christ on the cross, complete with shapely hips and full breasts. About a decade ago, a lightning bolt mysteriously struck a cathedral in England where the Bishop had declared the resurrection of Christ a myth.

At Onitsha, Dead Man rises back to life

A man who had spent 3 days at the Mortuary was revived at the Grace of God Mission, Onitsha without any special prayers. The corpse was taken to the basement of the Church while Reinhard Bonnke, unaware of the presence of the corpse, preached in the Church. The event happened at the commissioning of the multi-million 30,000 seat "His Glory Temple" of the Mission. A member of the Church's security told Vanguard newspaper that "when he (the corpse) was brought in, his body was black, but now he has regained his normal colour". (Vanguard Dec 5, pg 8).

Meanwhile, disasters continue in the world, round-the-clock. Some headlines: 265 perish in American Airbus crash. Storms, high winds and floods in Vietnam killed 326, many of them children (Comet 25/10/01, pg 11). 226 Europe-bound Nigerian girls perish in Sahara Desert. (Comet 21/10/01), Fireworks kill 276 in Peru, etc

How much do you think it worth to have a reputable Person promise you in days as these: "I will preserve you from all evil... I will preserve your going out and your coming in... I will never leave you nor forsake you..." (see Psa 121:7-8, Heb 13:5). How much?

TOPICAL ISSUE CONTD private bankers and ardent One World Government advocates deceptively known as the Federal Reserve. (see Barry Smith, Final Notice, pages 8-9).

The current signals from Argentina is one early sign that the One World Advocates are beginning to pull the strings for the final crashing of the "old world order" so they may install their much-advocated "new world order". The new world order will involve crashing the entire global economy, starting from the United States, and implementation of a new economy that does not depend on paper currency but is based on the bio-implantable computer micro-chip. When fully implemented, it will be the literal fulfillment of Rev. 13:16-17. The journey towards the chip technology and some of its implication for the mind of the people so implanted was exhaustively examined in our last edition (Vol 4 No 6). People of God, get ready: the time is short.

"Give me control over a nation's economy and I care not who writes its laws"

Meyer Amschel Rothschild (as quoted by Barry Smith in Final Notice, page 20)

EXHORTATION: FAITH FOR THE NIGHT

The Bible was written for people with no real faith. Faith is not 'believing what you know isn't true' nor 'believing something for which there is no evidence.'. That is foolishness. Of course, people say, "Seeing is believing." But if you can prove it, faith is unnecessary! Not seeing is no reason for not believing. Nobody sees radiation, but we know its effects. Nobody sees God, but millions see His effect in their lives. Faith is a decision.

It's easy to believe that God did things long ago. But past-tense faith is hollow unless it transfers to today. John wrote of faith in three tenses; past, present and future. He said: "Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come... and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness..." (Rev. 1:4). What He will be, He is now and always has been!

The God who created the universe didn't go into retirement when it was done! What He did then shows us what He is now, and always will be – creative, active and good. Creation was the first and greatest of all miracles. What's the problem with God healing deaf ears or blind eyes? Yet many have a used-to-be God, anchored in history.

Unbelief sees today's miracles as suspect. Bible miracles are real, but today's are spurious. Today's tongues cannot be the same as at Pentecost. God answered prayer then, but now it's coincidence. What does Jesus reply to this pessimism? **"If you would believe, you would see the glory of God"** John 11:40).

True faith means to place confidence in something. It is neither irrational, nor 'blind'. People the world over are putting their faith in countless religions, theories, sects and cults, the vast majority of which promise nothing this side of eternity. ...It is not arrogance to be sure that the sun will rise in the morning. In the same way, Christians are sure of Christ and His promises.

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Topical Issue: The Economic Crash at Argentina

"The Argentine State will suspend the payment of its foreign debt". With these words addressed to the Congress, interim President Adolf Rodriguez Saa on Dec 23 declared a default on his nation's 132 billion dollars foreign debt – the biggest default in History.

For students of prophecies, and especially readers of Church Arise!, it was however an expected default. About 3 years ago, we published the prophecy by the man of God David Wilkerson that the crashing of the American economy will be preceded by exactly such a default (Vol 1 No 6, November 1998), Said Dave, "The second country is going to go down, probably Argentina or Brazil, and we will kind of live that out and people will settle down and say, 'Well, maybe it's not going to hurt'". What will however follow is that other countries will join the bandwagon, calling the bluff of their creditors (as Nigeria is actually doing as at press time). The bad news would be when Mexico, owing "about \$100 billion dollars, 80% of it to American Banks" (1998 figures) decides to default on her own payments. Wilkerson's prophetic analysis indicating that such an action would bring down the US economy is only too realistic especially considering the possible instabilities in the economy as a result of current events including the Sept 11 terrorist attack and consequent military/covert operations in Afghanistan and around the world. As a matter of fact, economics experts say that there is no doubt that the American dollar will crash sooner or later; and that the search for a new standard (most likely the Euro) is already on-going.

Why do we think the possible impending crash of the US economy such an event of end-time consequences? Not only because of the possible domino effects all round the world, but mainly because such a crash is precisely one joker that One world government advocates have been keeping up their sleeves for decades. There was a dress rehearsal on Oct 19 and 20 of 1987 in what is now referred to as Black Monday and Tuesday (an event also accurately predicted by Dave Wilkerson). However the crash was arrested at that time when the US Federal Reserve (a group of 13 PRIVATE bankers) provided the liquidity to shore up the economy. From that time, the US economy has become precipitously dependent on this group of → pg7

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