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**The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them....Jer 16:15**

## **Bomb Blast in Lagos leaves thousands dead.**

One of the widely-felt disasters in Nigeria in recent times was the explosion of high calibre bombs at the Ikeja military cantonment on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January. In the resulting melee, as many as 6,000 were reportedly drowned as multitudes blindly rushed into the canal at Ejigbo in a bid to escape the unknown. Properties destroyed were estimated to be about N10 billion. With the explosions starting at a time when President Olusegun Obasanjo was expected to be paying a visit to the cantonment, it is difficult to wave aside as unfounded, speculations that the incident might not have been a mere accident; and that much more was intended by the perceived villains behind such a scheme.

Further supporting the conspiracy theory is the fact that late last year the headquarters of the Nigeria Air Force had sent a red alert signal to all military formations in the country alerting them that some Muslim Ulama were planning to attack army formations (e.g., Army Routine Order No 142 contains the NDA's version of the signal). On Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>, two days before the bomb blast, the pro-Islamic newspaper, Weekly Trust did a series of interviews to raise Moslem condemnation of the signal. (see <http://www.gamji.com/weekly-jan25-1.htm> for details of the Weekly Trust interview). The comments of these northern Islamic bigwigs after the bomb blast are not known. → continued on pg 2.

## **CAN to Persuade OBJ to Change Style**

“Displeased with President Olusegun Obasanjo over some of his public utterances”, the Christian Association of Nigeria said it would send its officials to counsel the President against such pronouncements in future. CAN says the visit to be led by its National President of CAN, Dr Mbang, is “urgently” needed to save the President from “some psychopaths” who are allegedly disguised as “friends and loyalists”. Particular mentions were made of the President's utterances against university lecturers (ASUU), and the economist, Sam Aluko (Guardian, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. Pg 25).

## **IMF Versus OBJ**

Weeks after the European Union criticised Nigeria for not withdrawing the International Monetary Fund (IMF) \$1 billion (about N115 billion) granted the country last year, the Nigerian government has repudiated the loan facility in its entirety. → contd on pg 2

## **Visiting American Cleric defends Homosexuality**

In his recent visit to Nigeria (Lagos, Abuja, Enugu, Bida and Awka), Bishop and head of Episcopal Church of USA (ECUSA), Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold “has explained” the rationale behind calls for the legalisation of homosexuality by American clerics. At a reception held in his honour at the Cathedral of Archbishop Mining Memorial Church, Ikeja, the cleric said the call was informed by the “cultural reality” of the United States. (→ continued on page 2)

## **PFN on 200 Day Fasting for 2003 Polls.**

The national Vice President of the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria, Rev. Uma Ukpai has warned that God's severe punishment awaits any Nigerian politician who may attempt to manipulate the 2003 elections with a view to getting into public office at the expense of others. He maintained that God is ready to put an end to electoral fraud and violence in the country. “I want to sound the warning as God put it to me that anyone who plans violence in 2003 to have unmerited election victory would be the first victim of the crisis. He added that the PFN (South-South Zone?) has begun a 200-day fasting and prayer programme for Christian leaders in Nigeria.

## **Police Mutiny in Nigeria.**

Complaining over unpaid salaries and poor working conditions, police in several states of Nigeria downed tools and refused to report for duty in February. Coming on the heels of great discontent from the military following the bomb blasts at the Ikeja cantonment, the FG took what commentators called “a great risk” in inviting the same “restive” army boys to take over essential security in the nation while the police strike lasted. To further compound the problem, the police, going by media reports, seem to be facing an even greater challenge as its men have become subject even to more hostility and attacks from both unidentified assailants and even the public. For instance, in Lagos according to Police spokesman, Mr Victor Chilaka within the first two months of the new year, as many as 20 policemen have been killed by armed robbers in what is more of assassination than robbery. In Danja, Katsina state, 7 policemen were killed by an irate mob following a fracas that ensued when “a local market cart pusher accidentally nudged a policeman with his cart” (Vanguard 20th January, page 3). → continued on pg 2

Minister for Police Affairs, Steve Akiga argued that the strike was quite unjustified, explaining that government's investment in the Police in recent times is not only "colossal, but unprecedented". He further added that "no policeman now earns less than twice what he or she earned before the inception of this administration". Even while all these lasted, the nation's police chief was away for pilgrimage at Saudi Arabia, without any visible effort made to avert the well-publicised police strike. He has since been relieved of his job.

### **Bomb Blast continued from page 1**

We are of course not suggesting that it was the Muslim Ulama that actually did the sordid job at Ikeja, but the point is clear that this particular unprecedented 'accident' has been the subject of much serious discussion ever before it happened!

Yet another support for the view that the explosions might not be accidental is that the gross deterioration of facilities at the Ikeja armoury had been well known in the past, and the possibility of such an explosion has been previously articulated, according to reports credited to the Cantonment commandant. Yet nothing was done. Did *somebodies* somewhere exploit this situation?

Even amidst such a disaster as this, there is still opportunity to learn one thing or the other. It is instructive that very many people actually [very seriously] believed it was the end of the world coming, when the explosions started. One day, a day that will dawn like any other day - like Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> January - the Lord Jesus will actually appear in the sky; and the world will never be the same again. You are wise to prepare ahead for this most-discussed unprecedented certain-to-happen event!

### **IMF continued from page 1**

This confirms the arguments by several interest groups that Government's bewildering programs and policies were attempt to meet IMF conditions for this loan! Now suddenly, early March, Govt says it is no longer interested in the loan "for the higher value of peace and stability in the country" – despite obvious intense pressure from groups such as the EU.

**Nigeria is destined for world leadership** "The many problems facing Nigeria would soon be solved, and Nigeria will become one of the greatest countries to play a major role in world affairs". So declared the evangelist Reinhard Bonnke at the beginning of yet another earth-shaking 5-day Crusade in Abeokuta on January 23. (Guardian Jan 24, pg 5) Bonnke who says he will like to spend his old age here in Nigeria is billed to have another **Crusade in Ilesha from March 20-24**. This will make Osun state the first state in Nigeria to receive two visits from Reinhard Bonnke.

**Cleric defends homosexuality**(continued from pg 1) Arguing that every society has its own realities, the Bishop said that it only became bad when Christians

allowed those cultural realities to becloud or affect their faith". Rev Griswold later addressed the Nigerian Anglican Bishops at their 2002 Episcopal Retreat at Alex Ibru's ecumenical centre, the Trinity Centre, Agbarha-Otor, presumably to further make his case for 'tolerance'. CA! wonders what "faith" Bishop Griswold is referring to when he is suggesting that some cultural realities are superior to the realities in the gospel. Not only does the gospel unconditionally condemn homosexuality (Gen 19:5-7,Rom 1:27ff), it promises deliverance for every penitent homosexual in the name of Jesus Christ. Any salt that succumbs to the environmental "realities", forgetting its own "reality" to provide taste, is good only for the dunghill says the Lord (Mathew 5:13)

### **Darrel Lee visits Nigeria**

The President of the Apostolic Faith, and superintendent General of the Apostolic Faith churches worldwide, Darrel Lee, paid a week-long pastoral visit to Nigeria on January 23. Among his activities in Nigeria was the official foundation laying ceremony for the 75,000 seating capacity new Tabernacle of the Apostolic Faith at Igbessa, Ogun State. The Apostolic Faith was founded in 1906 by Florence L. Crawford with emphasis on sanctification and holiness; and has a strong bias towards the literature ministry.

### **Mormons open new "church".**

The cult known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints otherwise known as the Mormon Church has opened a new complex at Egbeda, Lagos state. Speaking at the occasion, Ross Workman, President of the Church's Africa West Area said the "church" was established by Jesus to "restore His Church with the complete teachings particularly those testaments that were not recorded in the Holy Bible".

Not only do Mormons claim the Bible to be incomplete for salvation, as in the statement above, basic Bible doctrines are further contested and railed against. For instance, contrary to Jesus clear statement in Mathew 22:30 that "in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage..." the LD saints believe that marriage and family ties can continue beyond death..." The Book of Mormon (which is rated far higher than the Bible) also teaches that one can also make "atonement of sins for one's forebears who hadn't the opportunity to hear the gospel and once the covenants are made on their behalf, the entire lineage may be united for eternity". Despite all this Bible battering, the Mormon Church has grown into a movement with 58,000 members nationwide from its beginnings in 1978. (Reports in the Comet, Jan 28, pg 14. See also the book, The God Makers in our library for more details on the Mormons church)

### **Railway director sacked for detecting fraud**

Former acting director of materials department of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), Revd. L.S. Ricketts, was allegedly dismissed from service because he uncovered a fraud in the parastatal.

The Nigeria Council for National Awareness (NCNA) which petitioned President Olusegun Obasanjo over the matter, said government anti-corruption campaign was being dealt a fatal blow in the case of the erstwhile acting director's dismissal.

"The story is unbelievable but it happened this January 2002. Rev., Ricketts exposed a plan to defraud NRC of N343,000 in short supply of Pig Iron and Cast Iron Scraps by an NRC Supply Contractor, in collusion with some NRC top officials. An inquiry was called in and this patriotic act of Rev. Ricketts was acknowledged and praised in the Report that NRC was asked to commend him. Instead of commendation, he was handed a letter of dismissal 48 hours after the report instructing his commendation was released", the NCNA said. No query or warning was given to Rev. Ricketts before his purported dismissal. He is not told nor is he aware of the offence he committed which led to his dismissal.

### **More UN Condoms for West Africa**

Last edition we reported that the British Government was 'helping' Nigerian with the procurement of 210 million condoms to promote 'safe sex' in the new year. Now OT Africa Line (OTAL) has announced through a Press Release issued Feb 27 that it has transported 8,000 cases of condoms from India to Central African Republic (CAR) as part of a United Nations (UN) aid initiative.

The relief shipment coincides with the World Bank's approval of USD 500 million for the second stage of its programme to combat HIV / AIDS in Africa. This takes the amount approved by the bank in the current financial year, in interest-free loans for African AIDS initiatives, to USD 1 billion.

What "safe sex" does is destroy the nation's soul. Why not address other factors implicated in HIV/AIDS – such as poverty and migration? By channeling all the massive funds currently committed to condoms as incentives, people can be encouraged / induced to having not just safe sex, but responsible sex. Sex with one marriage partner as prescribed in the Bible remains the best protection not only against AIDS, but also against the more dangerous moral decay in Society. And it can be achieved if only the UN stops seeing mankind as animals that cannot practice responsible sex.

### **Objections to Powell's promotion of condoms**

WASHINGTON, Feb 15 (Reuters) - Comments by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell encouraging the use of condoms to fight the spread of AIDS have drawn fire from some conservative supporters of the Bush administration who suggested the remarks were at odds with White House policy.

During a teleconference on the music television network MTV on Thursday, Powell told a global audience "In my own judgment, condoms are the way to prevent infection and, therefore, I not only support their use, I encourage their use," he said in response to a question from a young Italian.

Conservative Christian leaders including Gary Bauer, former Republican presidential candidate and Dr Dobson of Focus on the Family however argue that condoms gave people a "false sense of security" and told Powell to "follow the lead of the Bush administration which he serves." The administration of Republican President George W. Bush has not taken a stance against condoms. But the White House strongly advocates abstinence as the best option for preventing sexually transmitted diseases and promotes "abstinence-only" programs to curb teen-age pregnancies.

### **Lurid tales from Berkeley's Sexuality class**

A male sexuality class at University of California, Berkeley has been suspended after reports of lurid extracurricular activities surfaced late mid February in the student newspaper. The suspension of the class, run by students and sponsored by the university, was announced following reports by students who had taken part in the two-unit course that several of their classmates were involved in an orgy at a class party and that another group of students chose to go to a strip club for their final project.

At the club, the students looked on as one of their student instructors had sex on stage, Jessica McMahon told the campus newspaper, Daily Californian. At a party held to introduce the students, some took Polaroid pictures of their genitals to show that their bodies were not disgusting, ([todaynews@aol.com](mailto:todaynews@aol.com) 19/2/02)

### **Undergrad Dumps Baby in Toilet**

At Opopogbooro in Ado Ekiti, on Jan 31, an undergraduate in the State University delivered a baby boy (without assistance) and promptly dumped him in a pit toilet. Her boyfriend had refused to accept responsibility for the pregnancy. The baby was however rescued by neighbours who were attracted to the development. Mother and son were taken to the State Specialist Hospital in Ado-Ekiti (Punch Feb 1, pg 6)

However another undergraduate at far away University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (USA) was not as lucky. Neither 19 year old Karen Hubbard or her new-born daughter survived after the delivery which happened in a dormitory bathroom. Her own birth also was without assistance, even though "students came and went outside the bathroom" during the process.

### **Drug Abuse not abating**

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PDFA) is sounding the alarm on what it says is a 71 percent increase in the abuse of methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA aka Ecstasy) over the past two years. PDFA President Stephen Pasierb said that while adolescent abuse of other drugs such as marijuana, alcohol and inhalants has decreased or at least leveled off over the past couple of years, the use of Ecstasy, has risen sharply. The PDFA hopes its new advertisement campaign will be able to start reversing the trend.... <http://www.cnn.com/2002/HEALTH/02/11/teen.ecstasy.use/index.html>

**Meanwhile**, all around the world, drug traffickers increasingly are taking advantage of encrypted e-mail and other Internet technology to sell their stashes, launder money and trade tips and techniques, the International Narcotics Control Board warned. <http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/internet/02/27/internet.narcotics.ap/index.html>

### **Cult Renaissance on Campuses**

That the battle against cultism on Nigerian campuses is not yet over was sadly confirmed by cult-related killings on some campuses in recent times. The cult clash at the Polytechnic Ibadan left several cult-members dead (with gruesome pictures in Tribune Feb 10, front page); while out-going student union president at the Lagos State University, Tunde Salau, a prominent anti-cult campaigner was also shot dead on campus (Comet Feb 21, pg 17).

### **Lecturer Gunned down at UNIBEN**

A lecturer in the Department of Political Science was gunned down in his house on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January by a gang of assassins comprising of 4 young men. 6 suspects, mainly students of UNIBEN have been arrested. Earlier on the day he was killed, Mr Sam Akpekepe was said to have caught some students in examination malpractices (Punch Feb 1, pg 9)

### **FAMILY**

#### **Pope harps on against divorce, BUT....**

Roman Catholic lawyers should refuse to handle divorce cases. This call was made by none less than the catholic pontiff himself, Pope John Paul I. He said divorce was "spreading like a plague" through society, and lawyers should refuse to be part of the "evil". His comments were made at an annual meeting with Vatican magistrates. (ThisDay Jan 29 pg 59).

**CA!** obviously welcomes this attempt to protect mankind's oldest divine-given institution. However we have a duty to add what the regular newspapers may not wish to add: that even while the Pope insists that "Marriage is indissoluble", by catholic doctrines, marriage can be "annulled".

According to Dave Hunt, quoting a report in the National Catholic Reporter, (Aug 27, 1993) 'The [Catholic] Church grants in the United States alone, "annulments" by the tens of thousands each year' (A Woman rides the Beast, pg 195). True, the catholic church is against divorce, but marriages can be annulled if one of the partners could simply claim to be psychologically unprepared for the marriage at the time it was contracted. The catholic church is in effect saying, we don't cancel marriages, but we have the right to pronounce a marriage as never having been contracted at all in the first instance! This is just another example of how the Catholic church continues to 'bridge the gap' between Christian doctrines and the doctrines of other religions in her commitments to usher in her pet one world religion. An aggrieved catholic was quoted as describing this attitude: "it's slimy. It's sleazy. It's dishonest. It's saying, 'We'll get around

our own rules'" (ibid, pg 196-197). Most catholic lawyers, according to the report in ThisDay say they will ignore this papal call, which of course might be seen as nothing more than an attempt by the church to "monopolize" the sadly booming divorce market!

Meanwhile the Pope's interfaith prayer meeting held in January as we reported in our last edition. The meeting has been receiving warm praises even by Christian groups who have not yet started to participate. For instance it was positively mentioned by Mr Ebenezer Babatope, the ex-politician who was invited to deliver the keynote address at the 40<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Methodist Church (Lagos Diocese) on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. See Tribune, 10<sup>th</sup> February, pg 5).

### **No Wedding For Indecently Dressed Brides**

The Anglican Church has mounted war against the "trend where brides and supporting girls would almost be stark naked". To stem this increasingly popular practice, the Church will no longer officiate in any marriage where the bride wore a skimpy dress or gown. Lamented the Church's spokesman, Rev Adebola Ademowo: "Why do the girls allow themselves to be ridiculed? They are the ones who dress naked while the men stand in suits.....Why are the men not putting on only singlets and ties for the wedding?" Rev Ademowo, who is the Archbishop of Province 1 of the Anglican Communion, concluded on an uncompromising tone: "Our stand is not negotiable. It is not debatable. They either take it or leave, because there is no going back as the Church is not a social gathering but a sacred religious institution" (Sunday Punch Feb 24, pg 9, Comet Feb 25)

### **University Also Joins The War**

On a similar note, the authorities of the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife are waging their own kind of war against skimpy dresses. A release by the University Registrar has placed a ban on "dressing which is sexually provocative and exposes vital parts of the body that are supposed to be hidden (such as the chest, navel and thighs)." No penalties were however prescribed. It will be recalled that about 2 years ago, the VC at the University of Ibadan sent out two young ladies out of the matriculation ceremony for indecent dressing

### **Patricides!**

At Benin, a retired Chief Inspector of Education, Mr Davidson Oseki was battered to death by his 17 year old son, whom he had attempted to rebuke for his perceived poor attitude to learning. Before this grave incident, the immediate elder brother of the killer-son had "reportedly stabbed Mr Oseki in the head with a sharp object" during another row (This Day Jan. 30, pg 7). In a similar sad note, Mr Niyi Shorinmade was allegedly beaten to death by his own son, John Onoche Duku on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002 at Festac Town Lagos. (This Day Jan. 21, pg 63).

Can one ever take too serious the Biblical injunction: Correct your child, and he will give you rest? (Pro. 29:17)



## ENVIRONMENT

**Cold death in Europe.** Several deaths are being reported all over as Europe experiences a pretty bad winter. In Russia alone, about 350 people were frozen to death. Guardian Jan 22, pg 11.

### Volcano Eruption

Mt Nyiragongo, east of Democratic Republic of Congo experienced volcanic eruptions Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. about 220,000 were reported to have fled the City of Goma to neighbouring Rwanda. Unfortunately, just like Lot's wife, many were reluctant to leave their homes, while some others resorted to looting of abandoned properties. About 45 people lost their lives to this natural disaster that had been well advertised long in advance. (ThisDay Jan 20, pg 47). "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32)

### Earth Escapes Brush with Monster Asteroid

An asteroid that could pulverize a country zipped close by the Earth, only weeks after astronomers first noticed the big space boulder heading in our direction. The Near Earth Object brightened enough for even simple telescopes to spot just before it raced past our planet only two times the distance of the moon, according to spaceweather.com, a NASA-affiliated Web site. <http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/space/01/07/killer.asteroid/index.html>

**Meanwhile,** a Pre-world environmental summit has been scheduled for Nigeria, to be held in June, ahead of the Rio+10 meeting proper, which, as we have been keeping you informed, is to hold in Johannesburg in September. Environmental issues remain the main platform for suggesting wide-ranging changes in Society and in ethics. The Agenda 10 document prepared by the NGO Earth Charter(?) for instance is based on the paradigm that the earth is a living sentient being. It is simply everything in the pagan 'Gaia hypothesis' which sees the earth as a goddess to be worshipped and honored above all.

### Cyanide attack foiled in Italy

That the war against terrorism might indeed be a long one as predicted by US President George W. Bush was confirmed with the arrest of 4 Moroccans in Rome recently. The foursome were arrested as they planned a chemical attack on the city's water supply network, particularly targeting buildings which included the US Embassy. A powdered cyanide-based substance, Rome's water supply network maps, and a hoard of false documentation were found on the terrorists. (Comet Feb 21, pg 10).

### Another call for Satellite Tracking

Authorities recently spent hours searching for a school bus that disappeared from its route in Pennsylvania. Although the students were eventually found unharmed, the scare has led schools across the country to look into satellite systems that can keep tabs on buses at all times. (<http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/ptech/02/06/tracking.school.buses.ap/index.html>)

One way or the other satellite tracking of individuals will be forced down the throat of all in the world. When the time comes.

### Cell Phones increasingly linked to Crime

A recent CNN report shows increasing use of cell phones for criminal purposes! "They're used in Brazil to organize prison riots, kidnappings and murders, while in Vietnam they're a drug dealer's best friend. Up in the remote Scottish highlands, they serve as an early warning device for vandals keen to avoid the village constable. Cell phones are fast becoming a favored accessory for crooks" begins the report which can be assessed at <http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/ptech/02/03/cell.phone.crime.ap/index.html>

Meanwhile, in Nigeria, most banks now request that cell phones not be used in their premises!

**Biometry at Heathrow:** The world's busiest international airport has begun a trial run of eye-scanning technology to tighten security. London's Heathrow set up numerous automated iris recognition stations. (CNN Feb 8). See Vol 2 No 5 for details of the technology and some implications in the coming New World Order

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

### Islam admits serious pressure from New World Order...Christianity is next on the line!

Islamic leaders have admitted that the new world order is out to destroy Islam like it did Communism. Speaking in an interview with Weekly Trust, the Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Sharia in Nigeria (SCSN), Alhaji Nafi'u Baba-Ahmad said the SCSN has started to "sensitize Nigerians, Muslims and non-Muslims alike on a foreign scripted plot against Islam. Having conquered communism, which they regarded as their enemy, now they are targeting Islam, and all that Islam stands for. They want a New World Order, through the United Nations..", Baba-Ahmad laments.

One of the sensitizing efforts of the Council must be the message "From the Shadows" (available in both audio and booklet – made available to us by one of our friends) which with some measure of accuracy details the origin and plot of the New World Order advocates. Together with Christianity and Judaism, Islam is the only other religion that believes in a personal Creator God (monotheism). True monotheists can never subscribe to the pantheistic efforts of the One World Religion advocates – a major pillar in the new world order, and must therefore be ferociously dealt with. Unfortunately just as neither Iraq (in 1991) nor the Taliban (2001) could stand the assault of the New World Order military forces, there is nothing in Islam that could resist the overwhelming flood of the new age that is now set to attack it. {See also Musharaff -- Gorbachev of the Muslim world? <http://newsandopinion.com/0102/gross.html> }.

The Bible makes it clear that Christianity is the only force that would delay the full unfolding of the

new world order until the Church is taken out of the way via Rapture (2 Thess. 2:7). Judaism on its own, will be left to face the full brunt of the anti-christ, till the Lord Jesus comes to physically deliver Israel (Zech. 14:2-5). Fortunately anyone can easily become a Christian by simply believing on the name of the Lord Jesus and accepting the salvation that He sacrificially brought to mankind (Gospel of John 1:12).

**“Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”  
(1 Epistle of John 5:5)**

### **Meanwhile, in Nigeria Islam pushes to the South**

Despite the realities stated in the preceding article, Nigeria remains one of the last bastions for Islam in the world; and funds are generously being made available to resuscitate the vows of the founding fathers of Islam in Nigeria to “dip the Koran into the (Atlantic) Sea. Taking advantage of the last Eid-el-Kabir and speaking through their leader, Alhaji Abdullahi Okere, the Igbo Muslim community in Bauchi state are calling for “urgent steps” to propagate Islam in the eastern states, saying that “the Igbo people are hungry for Islam”. There are similar calls to strengthen Islam in the South West, especially with increasingly hot clamour for the introduction of Sharia in Kwara and Oyo State (as test cases).

On University campuses, a ground tester might be the situation at OAU where Muslim students are insisting on wearing veils all around – including to examination halls, despite the obvious security implications. A release by the Muslim Students Society, quoting copiously from the Koran, says the university new dress code requiring faces to be identifiable in exam halls is a “gross violation of our freedom of worship, thought and religion”. Whereas it is so easy for these Muslim scholars to forget that women, by the same strict Koranic standards they are appealing to, should have no business in a co-educational academic institution like the University in the first place! They can ask the Taliban!

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### **Driver-less Taxis make debut**

A shiny white pod that began road tests in February is set to become the taxi of the future. The pod, known as ULTra -- Urban Light Transport – requires no driver. You only need to make a phone call, as one does for a taxi, and pronto your pod gets to you, along its track. (<http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/science/02/26/britain.travel.reut/index.html>). Designed by Martin Lowson of Bristol University, the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the ULTra project will, by current projections, have 30 pods circling the

Cardiff Bay area in Wales by 2004. This automated personal taxi system will be operated, of course, by microchip-based smart cards.

### **UPDATES on Computer Chip Implant in Human**

For those who still consider us as being alarmist, may be the following 2 stories will finally get you giving these developments the right attention. All we predicted are rapidly being played

**A Florida technology company is now preparing to seek government approval for a computer ID chip that would be implanted inside the human body and could be used to store everything from secret codes to sensitive medical information..** [http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/ptech/02/27/human\\_computer.chip.ap/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/ptech/02/27/human_computer.chip.ap/index.html) . Of course this is not by any means a novel idea, try as much as the CNN is trying to make it appear! However, it is interesting that the report links the new technology to the Sept 11 bombing – the event we categorically said has ushered in the New World Order. Reported the CNN:

“Applied Digital Solutions’ new “VeriChip” is another sign that Sept 11 has catapulted the effort to secure America into a realm with uncharted possibilities....”. In addition to VeriChip, Applied Digital Solutions is also developing another implant device that would combine with VeriChip to allow satellite tracking of an individual’s every movement. This was the very idea one Mr Cross said he was joking with 2 years ago, with our warning that New World Order advocates were probably merely testing grounds. (see vol. 2 No 6).

Lee Tien, a senior attorney for Electronic Frontier Foundation, a privacy advocacy group, commented on the new device: “The problem is that you always have to think about what the device will be used for tomorrow. It’s what we call function creep. At first, a device is used for applications we all agree are good but then it slowly is used for more than it was intended”. We couldn’t put it any better!

The VeriChip, about the size of a grain of rice as we have always reported, will be available for about \$200. A person or company buys the chip from Applied Digital who will encode it with the desired information for the client; and the client then takes the implant to their doctor, for insertion with a large needle device.

### **Microchip Implants as lives –savers.**

Initial data on a new micro-electro mechanical systems (MEM) device, were presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual International Symposium on Endovascular Therapy in Miami Beach Florida, last January. The MEM device is virtually like the Digital Angel which we featured in vol 4 No 4, only this time, it is implanted underneath people’s skin. For yet another device, see

<http://www.cnn.com/2002/HEALTH/01/22/microchip.heart/index.html>

Now, if you have not been considering the question before, you know it's about time you started giving it serious thoughts: Will you receive a microchip implant or not?

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### **Unending tension between India and Pakistan**

Five weeks after an attack on Delhi's Parliament, gunmen have killed 5 policemen at the United States Mission (Cultural Centre) in Calcutta, India. Unidentified gunmen, draped in shawls, opened fire on the officers who were changing shift outside the Centre. A group of kidnappers linked to Pakistan's main intelligence agency (not named) has claimed responsibility. The attack was "so quick that the guards, armed with bolt action 303 rifles, could not return a single shot" (Guardian Jan 23, page 1).

**Enron Collapses.** The giant energy company, Enron, has filed for bankruptcy, the largest bankruptcy in US history. At least one top executive has committed suicide on the issue. Unfortunately sudden collapse of the present economy is one of the cardinal plans of the advocates for The New World Order. This is only the tip of the iceberg.

### **Covenant University takes off.**

The FG has approved the take-off of an additional three Christian Universities in the country. Among them is the Covenant University of the Living Faith Church which will take off in September with N5 billion and 7,264 students. Spokesman for the University, Bishop Dayo Olutayo said the University was established "as a departure from form to skill, from 'mathematics' to life-matics" (Comet Jan 28, back page)

### **CALM NEWS**

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Similarly, our own telephone line is now operational. The number is (036) 230534. Also, please watch out for our new website, [www.Churcharise.org](http://www.Churcharise.org) which is currently under construction. It should be ready by April ending.

### **Exhortation continued from back page**

We also need to go back to that era of praise and worship (see Acts 2:46-47 and Acts 5:41. [The Early Church] were praising God daily, from house to house.

In fact, they were not just praising God when the going was good but also when persecution came.

We need to go back to the time of personal sacrifice. In the first century Church, the idea was not what can I get from Him but what can I give (Acts 4:34-37). Many of us are willing to do anything for or Lord because we can never pay Him for the salvation of our souls.

Finally, one thing that we had also lost that we should get back to is personal evangelism. In those days, you will not feel comfortable if you reviewed your day and you discovered that you had not witnessed to at least one person that day. If we got on our beds to sleep and we suddenly remembered that we had not won a soul for Jesus, we would get up, go back to the street and confront who ever we say. We did this regularly. We need to go back to this.

If we can go back to that time, certain things will also begin to happen. We will begin to get certain results. We will begin to get divine visitations as they got in the Early Church. If you can return to the old paths, you will be getting instant answers to your prayers as they were getting in those days. (Acts 12:11-16)

**Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye** (from a sermon published in Redemption Light, March 2002 edition)

### **TOPICAL ISSUE: Genetic Engineering ...continued from back page**

Apart from all these obvious ways, there is yet another significant way in which our present world parallels that of Noah.. **John D. Morris** of the Institute for Creation Research puts it quite succinctly: "Christ compared the days of Noah to the days prior to His return. Are the actions which produced "giants," whatever they were, considered in his comparison? Certainly at no prior time of history have humans been able to 'play God' with the genome as they do now. The rush to embrace the ghoulish possibilities of cloning and embryonic stem cell manipulation may be reminiscent of that long time ago." (Acts and Facts Vol 31 No 2 Feb 2002. See [www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)). The current efforts at breeding new supermen, violating the sanctity of human life by the breeding of humans mainly as 'spare parts' as in therapeutic stem cell research, brings into question the humanity of these obviously expendable humans. In fact, recent reports on cloned mice [<http://www.cnn.com/2002/HEALTH/02/28/fat.clone.d.mice.ap/index.html>] has led Ian Wilmut (the man who cloned Dolly the sheep) to doubt if clones are "entirely normal". That was physically speaking though. We have more reasons to doubt the "normalcy" of the soul and spirits of clones – if they have one. For instance, understanding you are here on earth just as a spare part for the 'original' is enough to put the souls of the clones involved into a different mode from that of the rest of us! Frankly speaking, most of genetic engineering today may be validly interpreted as interactions between the spirit world and men to produce 'giants' of our time. Off to the Ark!

## **EXHORTATION: Ask for the Old Paths**

There were certain things that we had then (in the early Church) that the enemy has stolen away from the Christian. We want to go back to those things.

In the Early Church, their prayers used to shake the ground. Look at Acts 4:31. They prayed and there was a little earthquake. We need to go back to this kind of situation. That is, when we pray, the whole earth should shake. I know you would say that such things never happen anymore. You are mistaken.

In 1979, I was in Mayo Hotel in Tulsa, USA praying with my late father-in-the-Lord, the founder [of the Redeemed Christian Church of God] and four others. We were praying at the top floor of the hotel in Papa's room. As the six of us in the room were praying, suddenly there was a knock at the door. When we opened, it was the engineer of the hotel who was standing at the door. He asked us what type of instruments we were playing. We said we were not playing instruments but just praying. He did not believe us. He said the foundation of the hotel was shaking. We had to stop our prayers for him to search for room. When he finished searching, he still could not believe that we were not playing any instrument. We once again tried to convince him that we were just praying. This happened in 1979 and not 100 AD. People can still pray and shake a hotel.

We [also] need to go back to that era of power. If I have to choose between all the money in Nigeria and the power to raise the dead just by snapping my fingers, I will choose power. I am not talking of power just for Pastors but for even those who got born again yesterday. The Almighty God is ready to give tremendous power to anyone who is really hungry and thirsty for it. If you want this power you will get it.

We need to go back to the age of purity, when there was no room for rubbish. There was no room for ordinary lies, not to talk of fornication and adultery (Acts 5:1-11). [These days], you tell lies and nobody deals with you. You lie as often as you can and the Holy Spirit lets you go. This is trouble. It might even mean that He has forgotten you completely.

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## **TOPICAL ISSUE: GENETIC ENGINEERING –CORRUPTING THE DIVINE IMAGE IN MAN**

“And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man” (Luke 17:26). This statement by the Lord Jesus Christ concerning the end times may mean more than the usual interpretations that the rapture will be sudden and the fact that only a few prepared ones will be saved (as happened in the days of Noah, and also Lot – see verse 29). It may also be describing what actual conditions will prevail on earth by the time of His second coming. What were the major conditions characterizing the days of Noah?

According to Genesis 5:1-4, the days of Noah witnessed the height of the corruption of the seed of man and spiritual seduction as “the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves all whom they chose”. The result was that “when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men ... they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown”. This speaks of intimacy between men and spirit beings; and the resulting corruption of the human seed via hybrid beings. It speaks of the corruption of the image of God in man via inter-breeding.

Today the spiritual seduction of mankind by non-human beings is at an epidemic level. One of the very common ways by which spirit beings are having intimate, corrupting relationship with men include the ever-increasing phenomenon of spirit channeling. In most new age exercises/meditation, the unsuspecting practitioner is encouraged to blank out his mind (usually by chanting some phrases repeatedly) and get introduced to a spirit guide, a euphemism for demon-possession. Unfortunately such practices are not totally unknown also, in several so-called Christian assemblies. In actual fact, in the video “False Anointing” by Dr Joseph Chambers of Pawcreek ministries, churches in Europe where sexual acts are simulated right on the altar (with people actually having orgasm – with spiritual entities(?)) are cited. Back home in Nigeria, it is common knowledge that many agents of Satan abound on campuses who ‘service’ their relationship with Satanic altars by offering themselves ‘cheaply’ to anyone who cares for sex. Speaking at the OAU campus at Ile-Ife on Feb 15, Dr Daniel Olukoya of MFM expressed sympathy for men who call such ladies of easy virtues, “bushmeat”, saying, it is rather those men that are the victims, the real bushmeat for spirit beings. Another common gateway for spiritual seduction of humans is the UFO phenomenon which we addressed in our last edition. → **continued on page 7**

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