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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

Editorial: The Church continues to battle against Fundamental Islam, traditional religion, occult and the New World Order. But the most dangerous might be the smooth silent forces trying to contaminate Her from within. *“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh”* James 5:8 JO.

Kwara Government bows to Islamic pressure, terminates Bonkke Crusade

On day 2 of a scheduled 5-day Reinhard Bonnke crusade at Ilorin, and with Deputy Governor Joel Ogundeji among the one million Nigerians in attendance, the Kwara State government announced the cancellation of the crusade, citing “security reasons”. The crusade, organized under the auspices of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), was holding at the Ibudo-Efo praying ground – a private property of CAN, situated some 7 km outside of Ilorin. Secretary to Government, Alhaji Salman Ibrahim had the temerity to accuse CAN of failing to choose one of the two options presented to it by Moslem groups: either a 2-day crusade devoid of any crisis or a 5-day crusade with no security guarantees!

All along, the SSG together with the leader of the Kwara Muslim Youths, Dr Mohammed Olukade had repeatedly denied there was any protest whatsoever against the crusade. According to Olukade, what the media termed a “protest against the planned programme of Bonnke” was only “a special prayer” by the group (Guardian Aug 17, p. 7). Indeed at the end of closed doors meeting with Islamic anti-Bonkke activists in the evening of 17th August, Governor Saraki had assured that “the 5-day crusade of Rev Reinhard Bonnke...would be hitchfree”; while a 7-point communiqué signed at the end of the meeting by the SSG and Olukade recognized the right of every Nigerian to freedom of assembly and worship. (Punch 19th Aug, p 9). Commenting on the sudden termination of the Crusade, Secretary to CAN in the state, Dr Olusola Ajolore said: “we believe that the whole development was a conspiracy by the Moslem group to put the Christian community out of activity and make them be underdog in Kwara state” Guardian Aug 21, p.1; Punch Aug. 21, p 11).

Retired General Abdulkarim Adisa (ex- Works and Housing Minister) confirmed he was one of the masterminds behind the cancellation with his comments: “Ilorin is a peculiar place. It is a sensitive Moslem town. We are 100% Moslems. Though there are more Churches than Mosques, we accommodate our Christian brothers and sisters” (Guardian 24th Aug. p.6) Can anyone make any sense out of this?

Deity passes death sentence on woman for declining priesthood

The Odo deity in Odozo LG area of Enugu state is reported to have passed a death sentence on Mrs Esther Ekedigwe for rejecting the deity’s choice of her as priestess. The Odo deity is believed to be powerful and “lots of Christian women have been made to serve the deity in the past” said Mr Michael Ekedigwe, brother-in-law to Esther. He added that “it had become a yearly event for new servants to be chosen for Odo”, through what is termed a “traditional ballot”. Esther and her husband have gone into hiding to avoid forced conscription (Punch Aug 11, p. 12) → pg 7.

Islamist countries continue to blast Christian minorities

At least 12 people were killed and over 38 others wounded when a series of “coordinated explosions” rocked 5 Churches across Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul on Sunday August 1 in the first attacks targeting the country’s Christian minority. (Guardian Aug 2, pg 11). → pg 3

Action Health Pushes Sexuality Education on multiple fronts – religious leaders next target

The impact of the new funds from the Ford Foundation for advocacy on sexuality education issues is already evident with the Action Health Incorporated (AHI) now making rapid progress on several fronts with this highly poisonous agenda. At a recent consultative forum, AHI was able to gather over 100 community leaders in Somolu, (Lagos state) to commit themselves to “be actively involved” in implementing the agenda sent down from one of the world’s most notorious sexual perverts – SIECUS of New York (see last edition of CA!). → page 2

AMORC threatens UI

Vexed by its being listed as one of the cult groups to be denounced in the on-going anti-cultism campaign at the University of Ibadan, AMORC is demanding that the Vice Chancellor should “immediately publish a retraction of its improper classification of the Order in at least 3 national newspapers”. (Advert on page 71 Guardian, Aug 5). Despite a Supreme court ruling (15th July 1994) upholding the majority decision of the Court of Appeal that AMORC is a secret society, this Satan-revering organization still will not stop trying to intimidate and confuse the unwary public. (see CA! Vol 3 No 6, 2000 for some coverage of the then famous AMORC versus ECWA legal-spiritual battle!)

In the present threat to the UI, AMORC seems to be basing its argument on the fact that it is an incorporated organization. But so also is the Ugwu-Ugwu Shrine!

Action Health steps up advocacy (from page 1)

At the governmental level, it was all smiles as AHI donated several materials including computers, training manuals, and a brand new Mitsubishi L 300 bus to the Lagos State government to accelerate the implementation of Sexuality education in the state. This is in addition to “arranging a visit for the Education Ministry’s top officials to South Africa”. A highly elated commissioner for education “echoed the resolve of the Lagos State Government to pursue this project rigorously” and that the Ministry is ready to review its budgetary priorities to accommodate the programme and its extension to Tertiary institutions in the state. Furthermore, President-Founder Mrs Nike Essiet triumphantly reported on AHI website that “We have just returned from Cross River State where the government there has committed itself to the implementation of sexuality education in the state’s schools”.

Another major front where AHI is doggedly pushing on is the academic front. Part of the funding from the Ford Foundation involves the setting up of one of the four Sexuality Resource Centres around the world in Nigeria as a project for Action Health. This Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre (ARSRC) is AHI’s main tool for capturing the Ivory Towers. At a recent conference on sexual health and well-being, the ARSRC in collaboration with the departments of Sociology and Community Health of University of Lagos got experts to put the blame for the “high rate of HIV/AIDS spread (in Nigeria) on a wrong handling of sexuality education” (Guardian Aug 1, pg 4). We can be sure this will be a reference judgment in the several months coming as AHI pushes her case further with government and politicians. But advocates of sexuality education know that the real people to win over are the religious leaders! Such reaching out is actively going on right now, with considerable successes being recorded with Moslem leaders. Pastors, be warned! You are the next target! We hope no reader of CA! will be like unspiritual Esau, selling the birthright for a mess of pottage!

P.S. The international sponsors of sexuality education are really not as naïve (as the local advocates) to expect to run over the nations with their idea. In reality, all that these masterminds of sexuality education seek is a little inroute - an official platform - into the nation’s educational apparatus from where to launch their more deadly missiles. Like Judas Iscariot, Nigerian advocates of sexuality education – and those who silently acquiesce to the agenda - will soon find out at the end of the day that they are mere disposable pawns in the whole business.

Meanwhile, change of name for Sexuality Education in Nigeria

Prof Ebele Maduewesi, distinguished head of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) felt that opposition to sexuality education is due to the name. According to her, “when people hear sexuality, they become very jittery and perturbed...you can trust Nigerians. They objected at meeting after meeting, at the statutory meetings (JCCE, NCE). We kept modifying, and the name had to be changed from sexuality education curriculum to Family Life-HIV/AIDS education curriculum.” (Guardian Aug 12, pg 45.47). The hardworking Prof (who certainly has our sympathy considering the near zero-funding status of her establishment by government, and the virtually no-limits budget, AHI must have offered her!) should be told that the problem is not the name, but the general philosophy of the curriculum, particularly concerning the impression that sexual self-control is either impracticable or undesirable. Not to talk of the acceptance as valid all manner of sexual orientations and practices. This is the core of the curriculum which cannot be removed by mere changes in name. For instance, sexuality education is freely defined to involve ‘spiritual dimensions’. Whose spiritual values are we talking about here – there are no neutral grounds between Christ and Belial! All the other attachments to sexuality education are mere decoys to sell the programme. Most certainly, in Church Arise!, the name has virtually nothing to do with our objections. We have 2 Questions for fair-minded Nigerians in this matter: (1) Why could the Ministry of Health not spearhead this campaign as it has been splendidly doing in ante-natal and immunization public enlightenment campaigns? (2) If the NERDC must be involved, why not treat sexuality education curriculum as they are treating the National Values curriculum – which is not a teaching subject, but has its concepts and ideas infused into the various teaching subjects? There’s much more to life than sex!

Fruits of sexuality education

Meanwhile values being promoted by Action Health Incorporated and associates continue to bring forth their predictable fruits of sorrow and regrets worldwide. In New Jersey, Governor Mc Greevy has announced his resignation “with the startling disclosure that he is gay and had an extramarital affair with a man”. The governor described decades of sexual confusion that dogged him through two marriages and ultimately led him to an act he called “wrong, foolish and inexcusable” (Guardian Aug 14, pg 9). In a similar vein, a 57 year old District Judge in Oklahoma, Donald Thompson, has written to resign his office effective Sept 1. He was facing charges that he masturbated and used a device for enhancing erections under his robes

during trials. (Guardian Aug 21, pg 7). Action Health counsels millions of teens on her website that homosexuality and masturbation are normal healthy practices and now want that opinion established as official educational policy in Nigeria.

Condoms not the solution to HIV/AIDS – Pastor Adeboye

"The Bible says stay away from pre and extra-marital sex. Condoms promote immorality and they can tear up." In these words, Pastor Enoch Adeboye of the Redeemed Christian Church of God tore down the arguments of new world order advocates, who in great irony continue to use the HIV/AIDS pandemic to promote immoralities ranging from the so-called 'judgment-free' sexuality education to massive use of condoms and free on-demand abortion. This was part of the message of hope Pastor Adeboye shared with the nation of Zambia in his recent 3-day pastoral "Open Heavens" tour of that country. "Zambia's redemption from the yoke of the deadly disease does not lie in the intensified marketing and use of condoms. Condoms only promote immorality which invites the wrath of God!" Pastor Adeboye further admonished the nation. He however emphasized that the people who fall prey to the HIV/AIDS virus should not be treated as outcasts. "They are still our brothers and sisters deserving our care. They should not be treated like lepers in the Bible days." For details on Pastor Adeboye's trip and "simple and clear exhortations (which) pierce empty souls and draws them to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ", check the reports of an obviously highly impressed The Times of Zambia reporter, Gethsemane Ndola at www.allAfrica.com. In the report filed on 27th July, 2004, Ndola described Pastor Adeboye as "a man of simplicity whose down-to-earth character conceals a lot of greatness that others can only stumble upon."

Church under Islamic attack (continued from pg 1)

Meanwhile, an appeal court has upheld the acquittal of 92 villagers charged with the murder of 21 Christians and one Muslim in the southern Egyptian village of al-Kosheh on January 2, 2000. Coptic Orthodox Bishop Marcos who investigated the tragedy on behalf of his Church lamented "We are all certain these people did not commit suicide, but were brutally killed" (Details in Christianity Today, Bad Cops, Sept, 2004).

The good news to all these is that the Church has refused to be cowed or intimidated. For example, in August, the Christian School in Murree, Pakistan where 6 workers were gruesomely murdered two years ago, re-opened to continue its business of educating children of Christian missionaries – as it has been doing for nearly half a century. Speaking at the re-opening ceremony, Luke Cutherell, the chairman of the school's directors declared: "That we, as an educational

institution, will carry on, is an indication that we have not been overcome by evil," (AP, Aug. 26, 2004)

One Is Enough: Planned Parenthood leader aborts two of her triplets

"A shot of potassium chloride to the heart", that's how Amy Richards described the procedure that would terminate two of the three babies in her womb. Amy explains why this gruesome act was necessary: "I cannot have triplets. I was not married; I lived in a five-story walk-up in the East Village; I worked freelance; and I would have to go on bed rest in March. I lecture at colleges, and my biggest months are March and April. I would have to give up my main income for the rest of the year." She however confessed that "there was a part of me that was sure I could work around {the problems}. But it was a matter of, Do I want to?". Even when her boyfriend of three years tried to encourage her into having a re-think and working around the listed problems, she only discovered more impossible situations: "I'll never leave my house because I'll have to care for these children. I'll have to start shopping only at Costco and buying big jars of mayonnaise....". And so this 34 year old abortion-right campaigner and founder of Third Wave Foundation, who having got "tired of being on the pill, because it made me moody", and thereafter unexpectedly got a triplet at her first pregnancy, casually shot two of them in the heart. All hail the modern sexually-educated woman! (See NYTimes.Com, July 18, 2004 for details of the self-justifying article titled "When One is enough")

New World Order and Child Ownership

One of the main pillars of the New World Order is that increasingly, the rights of parents over their biological children are being superseded by the State's – especially in the light of new "Child rights". In an on-going case in Houston, Texas, Associated Press reports that "A white Texas lawmaker and his wife are seeking to retain temporary custody of their former maid's 20-month-old son, who is black, on grounds she and the child's father are unfit parents." State Rep. Talmadge Heflin and his wife, Janice, told a family court that they want to help the child because of "the terrible problem that black male children have growing into manhood without being in prison." The parents, Katamba and Odimara, however say they love their child, have never abused him and are being singled out because they are in the country illegally. (AP, Aug 18)

Witchcraft led to girls' double suicide?

Authorities in Indiana believe witchcraft played a role in the double suicide of two 13-year-old girls who intentionally walked into the path of an oncoming train. The two eight-grade classmates who left suicide notes to their families espousing belief in reincarnation were killed Saturday morning by a Norfolk and

Southern freight train. The train's engineer said he saw the girls walk onto the tracks at about 3 a.m., but was unable to stop in time. "The girls did take their own lives, and it appears that some of the decision-making involved Wicca (an earth-based pagan religion) and, to some degree, witchcraft," Knox Community Schools Assistant Superintendent Steve Sailor told the Gary Post Tribune. Do you know what your children are reading, even right now? (Reports from WorldNetDaily.com, September 2, 2004)

Muslim cleric: Some wives need to be beaten

In his sermon broadcast on Qatar TV on Aug. 27, a Muslim cleric claims some wives, due to their nature, must be beaten. (See the video of the sermon [here](http://www.memritv.org/archives.asp?ACT=59&p1=226). {www.memritv.org/archives.asp?ACT=59&p1=226}) "We must know that [wife] beating is a punishment in Islamic religious law," the cleric stated. "No one should deny this because this was permitted by the Creator of Man, and because when you purchase an electric appliance or a car you get instructions – a catalogue, explaining how to use it. The Creator of Man has sent down this book [the Quran] in order to show man which ways he must choose." The learned scholar claims the non-Muslim world is ignorant of the truth about wife beating.

"We shouldn't be ashamed before the nations of the world who are still in their days of ignorance, to admit that these [beatings] are part of our religious law," he said. "We must remind the ignorant from among the Islamic Nation who followed the [West] that those [Westerners] acknowledge the wondrous nature of this verse," The preacher then went on to do an exposition of the three types of women "with whom life is impossible without beatings." He however warns that Islam forbids beating anyone, even animals, on the face. (From WorldNetDaily.com, September 3, 2004)

Wife-swapping Islamic sect recruits in Nigeria

Several people were reportedly killed in Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State, following a police raid on the Yan-Gwagwama Islamic sect. Members of the sect are said to extend the religious injunction of loving one's neighbours to wife swapping (same spirit as polyamory, reported in CA! Vol 7 no 5). The BBC reported (Aug 5) that members of the sect battled the police with guns and machetes before being overwhelmed. The violence, according to the BBC, followed complaints by residents of the town after the sect attempted to recruit local youths.(Guardian, Aug 6, pg 4). We will like to emphasise that unrestrained sexual expression is a main pillar in the sexuality education curriculum as drawn up by Debrah Haffner – which curriculum is being marketed hook, line and sinker in Nigeria by Action Health Incorporated (AHI). AHI is very actively recruiting local youths into this programme all over Nigeria. (see our articles on Sexuality Education)

Sharia State, Zamfara, bans non-indigenes from public schools

Previously made to pay hiked school fees, non-indigenes are now also banned from public schools in Zamfara. State commissioner for Science and Technical Education, Alhaji Aliyu Tukur explains: "we are not going to admit any non-indigene in our public schools. Until when we obtain a vacant number after admitting the indigenes, then we can afford to give them admission because we want to first satisfy the need and aspirations of our people". The commissioner revealed that 357 "non-indigenous students" are studying in 6 science secondary schools, adding that his ministry will not entertain any part-payment of school fees from any non-indigene at the resumption of schools. (Guardian August 27, page 1)

... And tops exam fraud list in Nigeria!

Going by the exam malpractice index released by the Exams Ethic Project, Zamfara state has been declared the state with the highest exam fraud figure. In the 2003 SSS certificate exam, 2,291 out of the 4,784 candidates from Zamfara (nearly 50%) were involved in malpractice. (Guardian August 30, back page)

Millions expected at MFM Convention as Foursquare squares up against corruption

Organizers say they are expecting up to 6 million delegates at the coming first-ever International Convention of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries, to be held at the Prayer City, Km 10, Lagos-Ibadan expressway in September. The anointing service which normally holds in March had been shifted to September to make it a double. Regional Overseer for Abeokuta, Prof. Olusola Oyewole, explained that this would be the first time the Church will be meeting together as a body since establishment. (Guardian Aug 29, pg 31).

Meanwhile, the General Overseer of the Foursquare Gospel Church of Nigeria, Dr Wilson Badejo has said that the Church is prepared to work with the Federal Government to fight corruption. To this end, a 2-day memorial lecture with the theme "A Battle Nigeria Must Win" was held 9-10 August. Speaking during a press conference in Lagos, Rev Badejo said it was absolutely expedient for the Church to intervene before things finally fall apart. Corruption, he said, is "very destructive, spiritually, morally, educationally, physically, economically, politically and socially." (Guardian, Aug 8, pg 29)

Microchip implants Updates

Following is a quick update on the continuing moves to saturate our world with the microchip culture; such that mandatory chipping of all will become an inevitable fact – just as the Bible predicted would happen in the last days of the current anti-God world order (Rev 13:16-17). →

'Smart Gun' Technology, and allied security matters

One of the latest guise for seeking to implant the microchip in human hands is the so-called 'Smart Gun' Technology recently unveiled by Verichip. According to a report at PoliceOne.com (23rd April, 2004), "The tiny chip would be implanted in a police officer's hand and would match up with a scanning device inside a handgun. If the officer and gun match, a digital signal unlocks the trigger so it can be fired. But if a child or criminal would get hold of the gun, it would be useless." Although many loopholes are being pointed out (e.g a police officer would be unable to use his colleagues gun), Verichip president Keith Bolton indicated that the technology could be in the market within a year. Of course, the Police is merely being used as a launch pad. If the technology catches on, it is expected to be applied to all gun owners within a short while. For instance, New Jersey already has passed legislation that will require smart gun technology on all handguns sold — three years after the state attorney general certifies that smart guns are available in the marketplace. Bottomline, take the chip implant or lose your right to carry a gun!

Another attempt to soft-sell human implantation of chips touting "benefits" of questionable values is the case of the attorney general of Mexico, señor Rafael Macedo de la Concha, who "has taken the unusual step of having an "anti-kidnap" chip stuck in his arm". In announcing the event, Concha also revealed that several senior members of his staff plus 160 employees at a new crime database centre have also received the chip". Skeptics fear this will only make removing the chipped limbs the first priority of any serious kidnappers (www.theregister.co.uk/2004/07/14/mexicans_get_chipped/).

There are other ways people are gradually being compelled to carry computer chips – even if not an outright implant at the moment. For instance, prisoners and warders in at least four US states are now required to carry RFID chips which can "pinpoint their location ... in real-time and track them within the confines of the prison". Likewise, it has been decided that school children in the Japanese city of Osaka will from the next term carry RFID chips on their schoolbags, name tags or clothing, in the first instance. A similar scheme had been approved for children in [Denmark's Legoland](#) a month earlier in June (www.silicon.com/research/specialreports/protectingid/0,3800002220,39121670,00.htm). Indeed, if you work in a situation where you are required to put on a uniform, overall, safety hat, etc, you may soon find yourself softly coerced in receiving a tag as reputable uniform-supply company are now inserting microchips into their products, so as to facilitate their maintenance. The question of course is whether tracking the uniform will not automatically allow the tracking of the wearer! (USATODAY.com, 30/8/04)

RFID chips headed for hospitals?

We mentioned before that the human implantation of RFID chips took a surprising short cut into the market, avoiding the mandatory review by the US Federal Drug Administration with the excuse that it was not a medical device. Now a formal presentation of the chip as a medical device has begun and the Associated Press reports (July 28 2004) that the "final review process" is already on-going. Of special interest is the fact that now a standard position for the implant in man will be established. Well, no prize for correctly guessing the answer. The AP report explains "The 11-millimeter RFID tags will be implanted in the fatty tissue below the **right tricep**. When near one of Verichip's scanners, the chip wakes up and radios an ID number to the scanner. If the number matches an ID number in a database, a person with the chip under his or her skin can enter a secured room or **complete a financial transaction**. Compare this with the Biblical prediction of technology at the end times as stated in Rev 13:16!

From the Mail Box

Hello, I will like to be receiving those magazines when they are published. [They] are great.

Safriat Yussuff, Ikorodu,

I got a copy of your newsletter.... and found it very rich and informative. I must confess I was startled by the depth of the revelations it made on global developments on religious issues. I was particularly irked by the wicked plan to metamorphosise the Church of God into a one world religion.....The other matter that worried me is the transhuman agenda and the chip culture. Congratulations for this great job you are doing.

Abong, Yahoo (Cross River State)

I have been receiving regularly your newsletters here in Benin City for 2 years now. God has been using you (and still using you) in raising up an end time army for these last days. Please keep up the good work too. Furnish me with details of an account no I can send my token to periodically. God bless you.

Edward Salami, Benin

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Thanks for being a blessing to me and many true children of God who aspire daily to go with The Coming King of kings-Jesus Christ. Thanks be to the Lord for unfailing revelations each edition of CA! gives me as regards this end times we are in. It's my fervent prayers that the Lord will uphold your hands by His Everlasting Arms. He will not allow the devil to hinder you and the ministry committed into your hands in the Mighty name of Jesus Christ... Maranatha,

John Opoola, Osogbo

LOCAL NEWS, ILE-IFE

At long last, **our website, churcharise.org** is *really* back on the internet. You may now download all past copies of Church Arise! plus other valuable materials including our book, The Time is Fulfilled. All for free. Please visit and pass the message around.

Outreach: We will be showing a very interesting science-based documentary this month. Title: Mount St Helens – Explosive Evidence for catastrophe. It features the 1980 eruption of Mt St Helens, described as the most extraordinary geologic event of the 20th century as captured life on camera. Presentation by Dr Steve Austin. The self-evident facts in this video demolish several myths of the evolution establishment. Come and see. Unfortunately, due to mounting costs (including a 150% hike in postal rate earlier in the year!) we will be showing this documentary in our library at Shop 7 OAU Conference Centre and not a rented hall. We welcome sponsors for our film outreaches as well as other aspects of ministries. Thank you. Date for this Month's Outreach is Wed. 22nd. Time 5.30 -7.00 pm. Admission is free.

What is SPN? The Spiritual Praise Night is the response of an intense young man to God's asking him to lead a deliverance from the ancient bondages for Ile-Ife and inhabitants. God's hand is already on the programme and CA! invites all readers in Ile-Ife and environs not to miss participation in this event scheduled for November 19. Venue is OAU, Ile-Ife. More details will be supplied locally.

High Hypocrisy: EU Condemns Israel's Fence, Plans her own!

"Just one month after the U.N. and EU launched a furious campaign against Israel's security fence, culminating in the International Court of Justice ruling that the fence is illegal, the EU announced it's planning to build a separation fence of its own, and invited Israel to participate in the construction." reports the WorldNetDaily.com,

While Israel's fence had been a last option to secure the lives of innocent citizens against repeated terrorist suicide bombers, the EU's fence is being built for economic reasons - to separate recently added EU members Poland and Hungary from their new neighbors (Russia, Belarus and Ukraine). The EU said the fence is necessary to "prevent the free movement of migrants seeking to enter" EU territory. Hmm!

Temple Mount Maneuverings

With the widening bulge in the wall at one end of the Temple Mount increasing the possibilities of crashing the Mosque of Omar (Dome of the Rock), and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, both Israeli and Palestinian authorities are already planning an exit out of the expected

political backlash. They have jointly agreed to hand over the control of the Mount area into Jordanian authority. Many observers frankly believe the damages to the wall might have become too extensive and that a collapse is not only inevitable but imminent. As every Bible student well knows, the re-building of the Jewish temple on Mount Moriah, the current site of the Mosque of Omar, will be the backbone of the 7 year peace agreement that the antichrist will use to woo Israel to himself. The question had always been who would dare move the mosque, the 3rd holiest shrine of Islam after Mecca and Medina? Now the solution, and the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, seems to be unfolding even before our very eyes! (News from CNSNews.com and RaptureReady.com)

International observers for US presidential election

In what is an eloquent testimony to the world's irreversible march towards becoming a global village and the achieving of a One World Government, a team of international observers will be monitoring the US presidential election this November – for the first time in the history of a nation whose chief pride is in her sovereignty. Democratic Rep. Eddie Johnson of Texas, who together with 12 other members of the GOP is spearheading the efforts actually wanted the UN to send a team. But UN Secretary General Kofi Annan tactfully declined the request, saying only the U.S. presidential administration could make such a request. The administration finally caved in to pressure, and the unprecedented invitation was issued to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) through a letter dated July 30. (From reports from AP and comments from RaptureReady.com)

Floods and natural disasters galore, worldwide:

Cape Town: 15,000 sacked from South Africa's townships after "several days of storms and heavy rains around Cape Town" (Guardian, August 10, page 10)

Loko Village (Adamawa): 65 dead during overnight flooding – many caught in bed (Guardian August 14, pg 4)

Ughelli, (Delta): 2,000 affected (Guardian August 16, pg 1)

Iboko, (Ebonyi): 2 lives and over N20 million property lost. 100 families homeless following 10 hours nocturnal downpour. (Guardian Aug 16)

Boscastle Area, UK: Heavy rainstorms caused severe flooding with some people trapped in cars. 5 rescue helicopters prevented casualties. (Guardian, Aug. 17, pg 12)

Meanwhile, in anticipation of **Hurricane Frances**, described as "the most intense hurricane in recorded history" with winds of up to 145 mph, the state of Florida ordered the largest mass evacuation in its history asking **2.5 million people** to leave their homes.

Hurricane Charley had struck just 3 weeks earlier, killing 27. Yet another Hurricane, Ivan, is being expected

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE – Luke 17:32

Scientist claims to clone dead people

Panayiotis Zavos, of the Kentucky Center for Reproductive Medicine, Lexington, US, announced that his team has shown that cells taken from humans after death could be used for cloning. Addressing a press conference in London on August 31, Zavos claimed that viable embryos – up to 64-cell stage, were created from dead people by fusing their cells with empty cow eggs. The claims were immediately met with both revulsion and scepticism from the UK scientific community. The work is “both scientifically questionable and ethically unacceptable”, says Richard Gardner of the Royal Society's working group on stem cell research and cloning. “It is grossly misleading to suggest that you can replicate a loved one by producing a cloned person with the same genetic material.” “This man preys on the strong desires of the most vulnerable people in society - giving them false hopes,” says Robin Lovell-Badge, head of developmental genetics at the UK's National Institute for Medical Research. Other scientists argue that, even if cloning a person were possible, the risk of major birth defects is huge. NewScientist.com news service, Aug 31.

Hysteric reactions for anti-evolution scientific paper

There were frenzy reactions from the orthodox scientific establishment as, probably for the first time in modern scientific times, (i.e. since advocates of Darwin captured the establishment), an article showing the bankruptcy of evolution somehow made it to the pages of a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

According to a story in [The Scientist](http://www.the-scientist.com), {www.the-scientist.com} Dr. Steven Meyer's article, "The origin of biological information and the higher taxonomic categories," published online Aug. 28, was greeted with widespread criticism from members of the society publishing the journal – the Biological Society of Washington. Intelligent Design – which one critic calls "the old creationist arguments in fancy clothes" – is the "idea that the origin of information is best explained by an act of intelligence rather than a strictly materialistic process," Meyer told The Scientist.

Many scientists reportedly expressed “shock and outrage” that an article questioning evolution would be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. According to The Scientist: “Eugenie C. Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education, said, “many members of the society were stunned about the article. ... It's too bad the Proceedings published it". However, National Center for Biotechnology Information staff scientist Richard Sternberg told The Scientist that the three peer reviewers of Meyer's paper "all hold faculty positions in biological disciplines at prominent universities and research institutions, one at an Ivy League university, one at a major U.S. public university, and another at a major overseas research institute." All found the paper "meritorious, warranting publication," he said. (News reports from WorldNetDaily.com Sept 4, 2004)

Forced conscriptions by Local Deities (from page 1)

Though this story of supposed voice of some deity overruling people's personal decisions strongly brings the story of the Okija shrines in nearby Anambra state to mind, it is actually a recurrent situation in the so-called traditional religions all over Africa. For example in the case of the Osun deity which is fast becoming Nigeria's flagbearer in the much touted tourism drive, the priestess, *Yeye Osun*, is also conscripted by similar “traditional ballot” and is required to “surrender” her husband by being totally dedicated to the deity. The current *Yeye Osun* of Osogbo, Mrs Ibilola Omileye was asked at the recent Osun Festival if she could have refused the title and call. Her reply: “Once the oracle chooses anybody, the person cannot refuse it” (Guardian August 14, page B9)

Imo House passes bill on Masquerades

Indications are that the people of Imo state are fed up with the excesses and apparently limitless power enjoyed by Masquerades in the state. After initial objections by some members who argued that “masquerades are spirits and cannot be seen nor laws made against them”, the House eventually unanimously passed a bill stating that “any masquerade that causes public nuisance shall on conviction be liable to a fine of N5,000 or imprisonment for 6 months or both”. (Guardian August 10, pg 20). Talk of the wind of liberation blowing over the East. May it go round the entire country in Jesus' name

Ancient Strongmen (continued from back page)

It is sad but instructive that some ‘die-hard traditionalists’ still attempted to justify these shrines in the name of culture. For instance, secretary to the powerful pan-Igbo social and cultural group, Col. Joe Achuzie (rtd) lambasted the Police for desecrating a traditional worship place. According to the Civil War veteran, “Unless the Police have no other job to do, then it can go on making further discoveries on things that are in consonance with ancient history...” (Guardian Aug 6, back page). Public outrage however soon forced Ohaneze's President to disown his secretary, saying the retired colonel was only expressing personal opinions. In the opinion of eminent Professor Ayo Banjo, “no right thinking person will be in support of this. Culture does not have to be backward or even barbaric” (Punch Aug 16, pg 7).

What do all these signify? First there is nothing hidden that will not be exposed, as the Lord teaches us. Secondly, we are beginning to witness a mighty deliverance for Nigeria. For one thing, many people previously bound in fear and torments of “the deity” could now regain their liberty. We believe this wind of positive change will also have significant implications for year 2007 and the political aspirations of many trusting in the power of the occult for victory.

EXHORTATION: “But who may abide the day of his coming?” - Malachi 3:2

His first coming was without external pomp or show of power, and yet in truth there were few who could abide its testing might. Herod and all Jerusalem with him were stirred at the news of the wondrous birth. Those who supposed themselves to be waiting for him, showed the fallacy of their professions by rejecting him when he came. His life on earth was a winnowing fan, which tried the great heap of religious profession, and few enough could abide the process. But what will his second advent be? What sinner can endure to think of it? “He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.” When in his humiliation he did but say to the soldiers, “I am he,” they fell backward; what will be the terror of his enemies when he shall more fully reveal himself as the “I am?” His death shook earth and darkened heaven, what shall be the dreadful splendour of that day in which as the living Saviour, he shall summon the quick and dead before him? O that the terrors of the Lord would persuade men to forsake their sins and kiss the Son lest he be angry! Though a lamb, he is yet the lion of the tribe of Judah, rending the prey in pieces; and though he breaks not the bruised reed, yet will he break his enemies with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. None of his foes shall bear up before the tempest of his wrath, or hide themselves from the sweeping hail of his indignation; but his beloved blood washed people look for his appearing with joy, and hope to abide it without fear: to them he sits as a refiner even now, and when he has tried them they shall come forth as gold. Let us search ourselves this day and make our calling and election sure, so that the coming of the Lord may cause no dark forebodings in our mind. O for grace to cast away all hypocrisy, and to be found of him sincere and without rebuke in the day of his appearing.

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TOPICAL ISSUE: A WAVE OF LIBERATION FROM ANCIENT STRONGMEN

Two editions ago, we focused on the so-called “gods of our fore-fathers” and concluded that these deities were no more than taskmasters who viciously held our fore-bears in bondage with an iron fist. We further showed how lamentable it will be for anyone to want to choose to reject the liberty our fathers no doubt prayed for, preferring to continue in the bondage for “cultural reasons”.

The recent events at the Okija shrines very clearly demonstrated the points we were making. We briefly recap the events of the past few weeks: at one of the forty-some shrines dotting Okija (home to the Madonna University) police discovered some 83 bodies, 60 skeletons and 20 skulls (Guardian, Aug 14, pg 1). Several of the bodies have the heads and private parts missing, pointing at ritual use. That was at the Ogwugwu shrine alone. The Guardian newspaper captured the essence of the story when it reported that following the raiding of 10 more shrines in Anambra, neighbouring people are full of jubilation over what they saw as “liberation from age-old bondage”. (Guardian Aug 10, pg 10). Next day, the paper also reported that Police have uncovered human trafficking shrines in Edo state; and a few days later, a priest of Ayelala was arrested at Ondo for alleged sale of human skulls (two skulls were recovered from him) (Guardian Aug 20, pg 5). These show that the phenomenon is not just an Igbo affair alone. In these days of dog-eat-dog, oaths taking is big business, not only among politicians but also among those involved in such shady businesses as prostitution/human trafficking, drugs etc. Police DIG Sunday Ehindero explains the Okija justice system: “when somebody complains to the custodians that he has grievances against another, the custodians issue an invitation to the person complained against. If he fails to come, they threaten him that the deity would trace him and kill him. If he makes it there, they will give him a concoction. Evidence revealed that some of them died after taking the concoction. They created the impression that the one that died was not honest before the deity” (Punch Aug 14, p.10). Numerous other traditional deities (e.g. Ayelala mentioned above) dispense justice in more or less the same manner, and usually the bodies of the victims belong to the deity. → page 7

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