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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

RCCG set to take over VOA

As the props go up in preparation for perhaps the final Act in the Drama of the End times, the Lord is setting up Christian ministries in strategic situations. And again, the Church in Nigeria is at the frontlines in several instances. For the Redeemed Christian Church of God, it was indeed a season of Open Doors, as the General Overseer, Pastor E.A. Adeboye got an overseas telephone call on May 8, during the Church's Ministers' Conference, inviting him to take over the proprietorship of VOA - yes, the Voice of America: arguably the world's number 1 global radio station. The incredible story is that the egg-heads at Washington, probably in the same calculation that is leading to the closing down of several other erstwhile strategic facilities and military bases, have determined that the United States is better off divesting itself off the VOA. Apparently, the massive, highly strategic infrastructure could not be handed over to just any body or organization. The man in charge reportedly insisted he would consider the other long list of interested buyers only if Pastor Adeboye of the RCCG would indicate non-interest in the offer. And this is a man Pastor Adeboye himself admits he never knew before! Clearly, God's Grace mixed with a good dose of Integrity is a potent door opener any day.

With this development coming up at the same time that the US-based satellite television of the RCCG (Dove Media) is set to commence operations, having received its international license to that effect, and the Redeemers University also coming on board in Nigeria, it's crystal clear that the RCCG is indeed being divinely set up to be a major player in the unfolding "Information and Influence Warfare" that would characterize the end times. We congratulate the Mission and wish Her God speed in fulfilling Her destiny.

Islamic Leaders threaten Jihad, right inside Aso Rock

"At a joint meeting of leaders of Ja'amatu Nasril Islam, the Council of Ulama and Northern traditional rulers in Kaduna on [28th March], they threatened to disrupt the peace if more Moslems were not appointed into sensitive positions in the armed forces and if government failed to correct the alleged religious lopsidedness in the representation at the National Political Reform Conference" reports

the Punch on April 2 (page 12). The meeting which reportedly had Governor Ahmed Sanni Yerima of Zamfara state in attendance, gave the FG 7 days to make the redress failing which it would declare a Jihad against it. As a follow-up to the meeting, a delegate was further sent to Aso Rock to deliver the same threat to the President in person! → pg 2

Pastors asked by traditional religion adherents to quit town

In previous editions, we reported instances, where traditional religion practitioners insisted that adherents of other religions (essentially the Church) must keep dead silent (essentially they should close) during their festivities. (See for example Vol 4 No 5/6, and Vol 6 No 1 for incidences at Accra, Sagamu and Ilogbo-Ekiti). Well things haven't changed much!

In Patani, headquarter of Patani Local Government Area of Delta State, 4 Pentecostal Pastors who violated the "keep mute" directive of traditionalists during the Seigbein festival held early April, have been asked to vacate the town - within 24 hours. Talk of residency right! → cont'd on pg 2

Stealthily, Microchip implants march on

Jack Schmidig, Police Chief of The Bergen County, New Jersey, in the United States recently joined the growing rank of influential people marketing the chip, when he kicked off the chipping campaign in his region. However what got him into the news was his conviction expressed on a Radio Show that microchipping should indeed be made **mandatory for all** - even for the purpose of buying and selling. When told that his suggestion is straight out of the book of Revelations (Rev 13:16-18), he claimed ignorance of the Scriptures' predictions that such a device will characterize the end times. For audio of the May 12 interview, visit: <http://www.prisonplanet.tv/audio/130505schmidig.mp3>. Gradually and surely, the concept of making the mark (microchip) mandatory is being publicly touted - and people are merely shrugging their shoulders!

Last year, when the Mexican attorney general got chipped, he told his over 160 employees they needed to take this microchip to get into secure areas - it was still supposed to be a voluntary decision though. The same requirement is reportedly being made for members of Special forces in the US. →p3

"....HE THAT IS HOLY, LET HIM BE HOLY STILL" (Rev 22:11)

Jihad Threat (continued from pg 1)

Thankfully, fellow Moslem and Northerner, former governor of Kaduna State, Col Abubakar Umar was one of the first people to condemn the Jihad threat. He pointed out that President Obasanjo had earlier acceded to the Moslem's demand of an Islamic co-secretary for the Confab, whereas a state like Borno with "a substantial Christian population nominated only Moslems to the talkshop". In its own reaction, through a paid advert (Punch, April 19, pg 13), the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN) noted that "when Moslems declare jihad, as a norm, the lives of Christians and their properties become the immediate visible and direct targets". The statement further pointed out that the machination and damages are usually caused by the same well-known clique who apparently has misconstrued Christians' "resolve for peaceful co-existence to mean an unconscious state of mind to our right to life, the preservation and defense of that life." The statement, signed by PFN national president, Pastor Ayo Oritsajefor, therefore urged "every Christian to prepare to resist any aggression on their persons, lives and properties, anywhere in Nigeria". For a change, the FG also immediately put all security units in the country on alert. And so, weeks after the threat, the wanna-be jihadists seem, at least for now, to have beaten a hasty retreat. Only the Lord can say how many lives have been saved from destruction by words and deeds released in due season.

Moslem Militants torch Christian Homes in Plateau

Even as we were about going to press, came in the news that in the week of May 20, several houses belonging to Christians in Ware, Plateau State had been "torched to the ground in the latest attempt by Muslims to force them out of the region" (Churchnewspaper.com, Report Number 5770, May 27, 2005) The Report stated that "Christians in Nigeria have been suffering increased persecution from militant Muslims who are determined to drive them out of their land to pave the way for strict Islamic rule." It further added that in Wa'a (Borno State) the self-styled Talibans -- also known as the Sunna Wal Jamma group -- have issued a threat to 500 or so Christians who have just returned to their homes after previous raids. A representative of Release International, a British-based Christian human rights organisation, revealed that the militants were supported by jihadists from Chad and Niger, and that "they have more sophisticated weapons than last time."

Release International's Chief Executive, Eddie Lyle, warns: "The international community must wake up to the seriousness of the violence taking place in Nigeria. In areas like Wase, it amounts to nothing less than ethnic cleansing. Christians who refuse to convert are

burnt out and driven out. Those who won't go are killed. " For more details please visit http://www.churchnewspaper.com/news.php?read=on&number_key=5770&title=Militant%20Mulsims%20rise%20up%20against%20Nigeria's%20Christians

No stopping the Gospel on Campuses

The ink had hardly dried up in the article in our last edition, warning that key government officials vehemently pushing anti-christian policies in the Nigerian educational sector are unwittingly setting up themselves into Nebuchadnezzars and Herods, when the Lord Himself moved swiftly to demonstrate the point we were making. The issue at hand was the order banning religious activities in class rooms on institutions of higher learning in Nigeria. On the surface the directive looked like one borne out of genuine concern to preserve physical infrastructure on the campuses; but a closer look reveals a clear anti-christian motive. First, the ban does not affect non-religious activities, such as gala nights, "socio-cultural" events, etc which usually are more rowdy, and which put considerably more pressure on those facilities. And then, among the religious groups, it is evident who exactly is affected by the proposed policy. Moslems for instance prefer using car parks and other open spaces for their activities, while traditional religion adherents stick around junctions and cross-roads (leaving their pots of sacrifices behind as gory environmental eyesores). Cultists on their own, prefer the jungles and cemeteries. That leaves only Christians and New Age groups such as Eckankar and Rosicrucian Amorc as users of classrooms. Again, since the activities of the new age groups comprise mostly of occultic Transcendental Meditation (long silences interspersed with occasional mesmerizing chants), coupled with their small numbers, they could be considerably less noticeable. That leaves the joyous Christian evening fellowships as the obvious target of the Ministry's directive!

Well, with the Lord's swift intervention, those seemingly immovable "Gilbratars", implacably anti-christian public officers, both within the Education Ministry and the Nigerian University Commission now certainly have more pressing matters to think about as a fall-out of the infamous fifty-five million naira bribe incident. Those universities at the vanguard of implementing the ungodly policy (Ile-Ife and Akure) are fast beating a retreat on the matter. Looks like a mini-replay of Acts 12:23-24 here!

Pastors asked to quit Patani (from pg 1)

The statement signed by chairman and secretary of the community, Chief Lawrence Babedoh and Mr Christian Bebetidoh respectively, claimed that the 4 pastors, by their defiance to the gods, "constituted a

threat to the peace of Obukabo..". (Punch April 12, pg 12). However, the next story below shows that it is the Gospel (not the Pastors) that is posing so serious a threat to the 'traditional religions' (cf stories on Okija shrine (Vol 7 No 5)

Over 150 shrines destroyed in Imo state

The United Congress of Mbaise Christians, a body inaugurated shortly after a crusade held in the area by Rev Uma Ukpai between April 29 and May 1, has said that no fewer than 150 shrines were destroyed by churches located in the three local government areas of Ahiazu/Mbaise, Ezinihitte/Mbaise and Aboh Mbaise of Imo State. The National President of the congress, Deacon Bright Alaribe, said that the shrines were destroyed with the consent of the traditional rulers and worshippers in the affected communities. Apparently, it had dawned on the people that their society would not be making much headway economically, physically, political and financially "without a spiritual repositioning." (*The Punch, Monday May 09, 2005*). Despite lame denials by sympathizers of traditional religions, they are irredeemably tainted with their links to various manners of anti-social practices, including use of human beings - whole or in parts - for rituals.

Microchip implants (cont'd from pg 1)

According to Alex Jones in the said interview, "I have had Applied Digital executives [producers of the Verichip] on and they say yes, you will have this for buying and selling. And everyone in the future will take the chip. I mean they said it. I've got the transcripts on my website."

In the meantime, Applied Digital is no longer waiting for people to come to designated centres to get chipped. "Chip Mobiles" are now going around to bring this "modern convenience" right to the door of the unwary prey. [www.prisonplanet.tv/audio/130505forcedchipping.htm]

Mind-reading machine knows what you see

Researchers have again demonstrated the feasibility of reading a person's mind by remotely measuring their brain activity. The technique can even extract information from subjects that they are not aware of themselves - such as scenes that came to your visual field but which you never noticed. Remote measurement means nobody needs be aware that such measurement (by the mind readers) is going on! (<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=dn7304>). Are we still decades away before we see this development turned into practical use? Please read the next report from the BBC.

Brain chip reads man's thoughts

"A paralysed man in the US has become the first person to benefit from a brain chip that reads his mind. Matthew Nagle, 25, was left paralysed from

the neck down and confined to a wheelchair after a knife attack in 2001. The pioneering surgery at New England Sinai Hospital, Massachusetts, last summer means he can now control everyday objects by *thought alone*.

The brain chip reads his mind and sends the thoughts to a computer to decipher. He can think his TV on and off, change channels and alter the volume thanks to the technology and software linked to devices in his home....Mr Nagle has also been able to use thought to move a prosthetic hand and robotic arm to grab sweets from one person's hand and place them into another." <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/4396387.stm>

Long-time readers of CA! will observe that this and other similar developments being reported are gradually bringing mankind closer to the situation envisaged by Prof Kevin Warwick of the University of Reading. Prof Warwick is currently working to achieve the same kind of results reported here using the easy-to-insert type of microchip implants similar to the Verichip already being commercially sold. This need not be inserted directly into the brain/head - the hand will do just as well. Naturally what is usually not reported is the fact that the basic principle of this technology allows it to work both ways. Just as you use your mind to control devices, devices may also be used to control your mind! (see CA! Vol 4 No 6 for some more details)

Scientists discover key to a longer life

Scientists have prolonged the lives of laboratory mice by 20 per cent using a technique that boosts the natural antioxidants of the body. It is reckoned that if the results are applied to humans then it would mean average lifespans could be extended from the present 75 years or so to more than 100 years. http://news.independent.co.uk/world/science_technology/story.jsp?story=635977. The findings demonstrate for the first time the important role damaging oxidising substances called "free radicals" play in the ageing process, the researchers said. A related story, "I'm going to live forever" suggesting the feasibility of a life-expectancy of over 1000 years for man can be found in the Punch of April 24, 2005. Pg 16.

It is quite common for evolutionists and allies to denigrate the painstakingly documented historical genealogies of mankind recorded in the book of Genesis. Those records clearly demonstrate that early men lived to great ages and were thus able to interact with several generations down the line - passing historical and spiritual knowledge to their siblings, up to the time of the flood of Noah, when with the drastic changes in world climate, aging became somewhat considerably accelerated. Check <http://www.nigerianmuse.com/projects/Christianity/?u=Genealogies.htm> for interesting details on this topic.

Intelligent Design: the NWO compromise?

As the (macro) evolution theory becomes more and more ridiculous to defend, it appears evolutionists are drawing up a strategy that would make them “reluctantly concede” to a “middle, reasonable position” of some sort of design in nature - in all probability, Intelligent Design (ID).

As the ID camp labours for credibility and national acceptability, particularly in the US, it is becoming more and more necessary that it holds together its often strange bed fellows by rejecting any attempt to discuss the nature and identity of the Intelligent Designer behind creation. In many recent interviews, ID advocates find themselves going to a great length to strongly dissociate themselves from any tinge of Creationism - the belief that there is a Personal Creator behind the observed intelligently designed universe, and that creation while it lasted, was a literal 6-day affair.

Watch out! Intelligent Design is on its way to becoming the compromise situation, which will soon be ascribing the works of creation to some faceless pantheistic god - precisely the claims of eastern religions such as bhuddism, the official religion of the New Age movement. To see the calibre of people involved in Scientific Creationism, and the amazing high quality of their researches and findings, please visit www.icr.org and the links there.

Super volcanoes 'ticking time bomb'

Another eminent geologist, this time from Australia, has added his voice to the growing alert for mankind, against unavoidable, overdue super volcanoes. Pointing out that the 2000-year eruption cycle of many of these volcanoes had passed and vulcanologists around the globe were simply watching and waiting for an imminent disaster, Prof Ray Cas of Monash University affirmed: "A super volcano will definitely erupt." http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,12721041%255E1702,00.html

Abandoned desperate wife puts eye on sale

A Bangladeshi woman, desperate for money after she was abandoned by her husband has offered to sell one of her eyes. “What do I do with both eyes while my daughter will die for want of milk and food?” lamented 26 year old Shefali Begum who said she’d desperately searched for a job without success. She plans to go into entrepreneurship with the proceeds from the sale of her eye (Punch April 22, pg 53).

This story again underscores the evil of wife abandonment/marital infidelity, which are natural consequences of the new sexuality teachings emphasizing “safe sex” at the expense of “responsible sex”. Even more directly, the story

proves that even in the height of all desperacy, people can still maintain basic human dignity: Shefali never for once considered prostitution, as many NGO’s of today would have happily recommended with excellent support care provided! Lastly, Shefali’s attitude challenges us to the reality and practicality of the Lord’s admonition about allowing no self-pity in our battle against sin (Mathew 18:8-9. See also Heb 12:4)

Ark of Covenant to be excavated

The Ark of Covenant, the resting place of the Ten Commandments written by Moses on Mt Sinai, is certainly one of the most important of all religious materials of all time; and its recovery is bound to have a tremendous impact in accelerating current moves to restore the Temple and similar events usually closely associated with the coming of the antichrist.

Famed archaeologist, Vendyl Jones, has spent most of his lifetime, searching for the Ark, and now he believes, he is in a position to present the Ark to the world by August 14 this year. The Talmud (collection of ancient rabbinic writings used to interpret the Torah) says the Ark, just before the destruction of the First Temple, was hidden away in a secret passage under the Temple Mount. Vendyl Jones believes that in fact, the Ark was brought through a secret passage beneath the mount – and that the same natural tunnel in fact continues 18 miles into the Judean Desert. With the help of an ancient document found in Qumran together with the Dead Sea Scrolls, known as the “Copper Scroll”, Dr. Jones says he has now pinpointed the location of the Ark of the Covenant.

Dr Jones got considerable attention with his 1959 book in which he predicted the precise outbreak of the Six Day War, based on his analysis of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt up until the First Temple Period. He says that employing biblical analysis to modern times points to major events that will “turn the world right-side-up.” Jones calculated the war in 1967 by analyzing the sequence of events in the First Temple Period and transposing them onto “the Third Temple Period” – the period beginning with the Jews’ foundation of an independent State in the Land of Israel in 1948. “It fits just like tongue in groove,” he says.

Based on the same analysis, Jones believes June 7 of this year will be a landmark for the nation of Israel. According to Jones, “1967 was a repetition of Kadesh Barnea...If Israel had come in and taken this place, the Arabs would have fled like they did in 1948. But no, because of the evil report of Golda Meir and Motta Gur and Moshe Dayan, who said ‘We cannot do that, world opinion will be against us.’ So Israel was sentenced to 38 years more – and

June the 7th [2005], Jerusalem Day, will be the 38th year.

Though he believes he now knows the location of the Ark, Jones had been waiting to get the blessing of a particular unnamed Rabbi before proceeding with his excavation. As recently as April this year, the rabbi, who only communicates via messenger, told Jones that the time was not yet right to discover the Temple vessels. On Thursday May 19, however, Dr. Jones received a communication from the rabbi reading, "**The time is right.**"

Armed with this and other blessings, Jones is now excited to uncover his life's pursuit. He believes the ark will be discovered by Tisha B'Av (Aug. 14), a day of repeated tragedy in Jewish history. Most notably, it is the anniversary of the destruction of both the First and Second Holy Temples.

Dr Jones believed passionately that the discovery of the Ark will change the political structure in Israel, with the recently reconstituted Sanhendrin being transformed into the Senate. The discovery of the lost ark will "flip the whole world right-side-up..... And everything is gonna change, believe me. The Jewish people are gonna come back." <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/news.php3?id=82226>. For more about Dr. Jones' excavations online at www.vendyljones.org.il.

Persecution of Christians intensify, all over the world

In Eritrea, the Task Force set up by the government to rid the country of Pentecostal and Evangelical Christians by the end of 2005 is working extra-time to accomplish its mandate. Currently, over 400 people are in prison in Eritrea simply for their religious beliefs - many arrested during worship, weddings, etc. Several hundred more evangelical Protestant believers, many of them soldiers caught worshipping during their active military service, also remain imprisoned for refusing to recant their faith. Despite the horrible reports coming from Eritrea, it is still regarded only as the third most repressive country in Africa: Somalia and Sudan are in 1st and 2nd positions! See box (next column) for situation reports from some other locations around the world.

NOTICE: Due to an unacceptably high number of our newsletters being returned to us by the Postal Services (especially as a result of mail boxes not being renewed), we've had to send slips to some addresses that are suspect. For this category of addresses, we'll continue to mail hard copies of CA! only to those who confirm the renewal of their subscription. Our new-look updated website will be ready by mid-June. We thank the **Fatukun family in England**, who has been sponsoring the hosting of the site for the 2nd consecutive year now. Please visit www.ChurchArise.org and tell your friends too.

Letters

I bless God for His mercies in placing you and the ministry here at this juncture of Church/human dispensation. I am having to use the materials to minister among some of the brethren here in France and what a blessing this is. **Ola Abraham**, France

I am really blessed by the wealth of information I am fed with to guide me on my daily sojournings. Thank you very much. **Abong Abong** (Yahoo)

Thanks for always sending CA! to us. May God continue sustaining you in Jesus name. Amen.

Oluwajuyigbe Joshua Ayodeji, Osu.

Your materials are good for my spiritual upliftment. Thank you so much!

Mrs Deborah Omoladun, Oke-Igbo

I was a regular reader of [CA!] while I was in Nigeria. It has been tremendous, you may not realize how much your ministry is blessed and the impact you are making.

Pastor Akintola Dele, Dublin.

CA! is powerful and inspirational indeed for this end time.

Bro.Opawale Ebenezer, Ilesa

Thanks for your regular efforts to keep the Christian community informed.

S.B. Alabi, Uyo

I am mailing to thank you for your efforts and to commend you more to God to continue to help you. Just know that you are doing a wonderful job for the church of Christ.

Ike Nwachukwu, Umudike

Pakistan: Group of 40 Christians (including women and children) arrested for holding prayers at a private home. Practice of any religion other than Islam is illegal here.

http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=3&art_id=qw1114264800475B264

India: 4 Christians arrested, May 13, for handing out copies of the Bible to town residents. Following a recent alleged conversion of 300 Hindu families to Christianity, the State has passed a Freedom of Religion Act requiring all would-be converts to first obtain state permission to do so. www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44321

Far East: Baptist conscript Gagik Mirzoyan -- who is conducting unarmed service in the army of the unrecognized Nagorno-Karabakh republic -- has been beaten and punished with more than 10 days in detention since the beginning of April for sharing his faith with other soldiers and possessing several Christian calendars. http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=43825

Iran: 47 year old army colonel, Hamid Pourmand has been summoned to appear before a Tehran court on charges of apostasy, that is publicly rejecting the faith in which one has been raised. Pourmand, in retirement, is now a pastor with the Assembly of God. Under the current law, non-Muslims may not rise to the rank of officers in the armed forces or police. The charge attracts the death penalty.

Egypt: Doctors in a Cairo mental hospital are holding an Egyptian Christian against his will, telling the man he'll be a permanent resident there until he recants his faith and returns to Islam. The adoptive parents of Gaser M. Mahmoud, 30, committed him to the El-Khanka Hospital after learning he had converted from Islam to Christianity two years earlier.

Paedophiles 'turning Christian' to prey on children in church

In the UK, "children are at growing risk from paedophiles who convert to Christianity in prison and join a church on their release", a government-backed charity has said. The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service said that five churches a week were asking for its help, partly because of an influx of sex offenders who had "found God" on evangelical "Alpha" courses in jail. Simon Bass, a spokesman for the Service, said that clergy must be on their guard because some churches had been ruthlessly exploited by paedophiles, who have often held senior posts. The charity estimates that up to three quarters of child abusers are regular members of church congregations or religious groups". (The Telegraph, London 07/05/2005)

This sad news item on the one hand is another data on the destructive fruit of sexuality education - which seeks to promote a general liberal sexual attitude coupled with the exploration and "nurturing" of infant/children sexuality. On the other hand, it also shows the danger of the "newer techniques" of soul winning which place strong emphasis on psychology, at the expense of the Gospel. Such courses are unable to provide real helps for sinners who wish to be free from the shackles of sin and addiction. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.... Rom 1:16

Contaminating the Salt - Now Christian Yoga?

So-called "Christian Yoga" is the latest in the series of satanic devices stealthily infiltrating the Church and seeking to contaminate Her salt. Propelling the rapidly-growing popularity of "Christian yoga" is a popular video, "Outstretched in Worship" which even while noting some concepts that are at odds with Christianity in yoga, still gave the practice a full endorsement. Daniel Akin, dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, warns that "Yoga is rooted in Eastern mysticism and is incompatible with Christianity." He says the Bible holds ample opportunities for meditation. Furthermore, a Christian who got out of that scene, Laurette Willis, said it left her vulnerable to "psychic influences" and opened the door to 20 years of involvement in the New Age movement. She says you cannot put a Christian spin on yoga and that "Christian yoga" is an oxymoron. (see www.olivetreeviews.org, Review of May 20)

Meanwhile, 2 different ladies have filed law suits against the Delnor-Community Hospital of Geneva, alleging that a former psychologist there subjected them to witchcraft under the guise of therapy. One of the ladies claimed that she was coerced during therapy into acts of nudity and self-mutilation and

into joining a Wiccan coven while receiving treatment from September 2001 to June 2004. The so-called therapy only increased her depression and sparked three suicide attempts. <http://www.dailyherald.com/story.asp?id=25725>

33% repeat abortions in Britain

In the UK, a dramatic rise in repeat abortions has reinforced fears that women are increasingly having terminations for lifestyle reasons, reports the London Daily Mail. One in three abortions is now carried out on women who have had at least one before, according to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service. Women between 20 and 24 have taken over from teenagers as the largest age group to have abortions - while only one in 100 abortions is carried out solely because of a medical risk to the baby. Earlier this year it was revealed that one woman from London had six abortions in just 12 months.

Consultant gynecologist Dr. Himansu Basu said: "For many women abortion is not as straightforward as it might seem. It can cause infections and heavy bleeding and episodes of depression which can last several years." Some observers warned that the emotional and physical risks of abortion were being "swept under the carpet." The procedure can make it more difficult for women to ever start a family, and many later suffer depression. http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44299.

A report in the Telegraph, citing a French study revealed that having an abortion almost doubles a woman's risk of giving birth dangerously early in a later pregnancy. <http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2005/05/15/nabort15.xml>

Abortion-breast cancer link covered up by scientists?

A pioneer researcher into the connection between abortion and breast cancer says an overwhelming amount of evidence collected in nearly 50 years of studies demonstrating a conclusive link has been systematically covered up by biased scientists, government agencies and the news media using fraudulent data to deceive women about potentially life-and-death decisions.

Joel Brind, a Ph.D. and professor of human biology and endocrinology at Baruch College, City University of New York and president of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, has authored a paper for the National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly refuting some recent studies downplaying the abortion-breast cancer link. He catalogues details of "almost half a century's worth of data which do show a significant link between abortion and an increased risk of breast cancer," and contends that citing one or two modern skewed studies cannot erase those well established facts.

"Many adjectives may be used to properly describe induced abortion, but 'safe' is assuredly not one of them," he concludes. "The day will surely come when this is common knowledge, and for every day sooner that this happens, thousands of lives may be saved." Please see details at http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44282

National PTA shuts out ex-homosexuals

With 6 million members, the National PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States. One of its stated objectives is "to be inclusive in its efforts to represent and assist all who nurture and educate children."

However, the organization has refused the request of an ex-homosexual group, Parents and Friends of ex-gays (PFOX) to exhibit at its annual convention while welcoming a pro-homosexual activist organization – even inviting it to present a workshop. Apparently ex-gays are bad news for people trying to portray the gay life as positive and desirable. However, as Regina Griggs, executive director of PFOX pointed out "Ex gays are people, too". An undeniable fact of life, they are out there in increasing number, and they are entitled to support from society. For more details on this article, visit www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44346

Abstinence pays rich dividends later in life – Study

A new study conducted by the Christian group Focus on the Family based on data from the National Longitudinal Study of Youth (1979-2000) has conclusively shown that teens who remain virgins throughout high school enjoy huge advantages as adults, compared to their peers who had had sex in school. The study involving 3,750 men and 3,620 women, surveyed the subjects when they were 18 year old students, and again at age 38. The teens who had practiced abstinence completed an average of one year more of higher education, had incomes that were 20% higher, and had about half the risk of divorce. "It is very much as we suspected--that adolescent virginity has a significant impact on well-being in middle adulthood," said lead study author Reginald Finger, M.D. "We found, as well, that these better outcomes were not merely the result of avoiding teenage pregnancy or fatherhood. The outcomes are inherent to remaining abstinent. In addition, we found that female virgins were more likely than their non-virgin counterparts to have a positive financial net worth and were almost half as likely as non-virgins to use welfare benefits."

The research findings are published in the journal Adolescent and Family Health.

<http://channels.netscape.com/ns/love/package.jsp?name=fte/virginat18/virginat18>

TOPICAL ISSUE: (cont'd from back page) End of Papacy in sight

be occupied by Peter the Roman, who will feed the sheep through many tribulations, at the term of which the city of seven hills will be destroyed, and the formidable Judge will judge the people. The End." (http://aoreport.com/200504news_rccpapalprophecy.htm)

Although very many catholic sources, quite surprisingly, believe that the Catholic Church is headed for doom (see for instance Paula Devlin's article cited in Vol 7 No 2; or directly at MichNews.com Dec 22, 2003), very few seem to see this in the light of Rev 17 where a vast, powerful and influential religious organization (scarlet woman) riding upon the back of the antichrist (Beast) is later attacked and destroyed by the same beast. However, at least there is one conclusion that can be reasonably drawn from all these developments: the coming of the antichrist is to be measured, more in years than in decades. At Church Arise!, our principal concern, however, is to warn the people of God about the danger in waiting arms-akimbo for "one more pope", in "a few more years", before the Lord's coming. As far as the Church is concerned, the next event on the End-time Agenda is the Rapture of the Church, and that has nothing to do with which pope is on the throne, or even the antichrist having been manifested. We dare not lose focus and get complacent, even for a day. The deception of the end times is getting more and more refined and technical.

Oluwapelumi

It was a clear manifestation of Hope in action as the body of Oluwapelumi Adebajo was committed to earth on May 27 after he had gone to be with the Lord 2 days earlier. Aged only 12, the departure of cherubic Oluwapelumi inevitably brought grief and sorrow to the entire Christian (in particular) community of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. But it also proved to be an occasion to demonstrate absolute confidence in the integrity of the Holy Bible, and fulfill the injunction not to "sorrow as those who have no hope".

The atmosphere was tangible with the Resurrection Hope, and particularly of the sure soon return of the Lord Jesus - succinctly expressed by the distraught father, Dr Leke Adebajo, who also was at the graveside. Though only 12, Pelumi lived a memorable life that glorified the Lord. He was active in several fronts including at Church, and the Happiness Club, as well as being one of our reliable part-time couriers in the distribution of CA! to local addresses. He'll be greatly missed indeed. Surely, we'll meet again in the Lord's glorious presence.

"THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST"

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1 Thess, 4:16

EXHORTATION:

The Light of Prophetic Revelation

Concerning the Old Testament prophecies of the Lord's return, the Apostle Peter wrote to the early Christians: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." For the believer, the world around is getting darker. In the fact of multiplying pressures and problems, world leaders grope in vain for enduring solutions. For the believer, however, the light of prophetic revelation, like a lamp, shine more brightly by contrast with the surrounding darkness.

Peter compares the effect of these prophecies to the rising of the "day star" within our hearts. He takes his metaphor from the action of the planet Venus. At certain seasons, the "day star" - or "morning star" - rises in the eastern sky immediately before the sun itself comes up over the horizon. At times this "star" is so bright that it partially dispels the surrounding darkness. It thus becomes the sun's forerunner, giving assurance - to all who understand its message - that the sun is ready to appear.

So it is with us as we give careful heed to prophetic truth. Like the day star arising in our hearts and dispelling the surrounding darkness, there comes an unshakable inner assurance: *the Lord will soon appear.*

Derek Prince. In the Epilogue to the book by Lydia Prince: Appointment in Jerusalem*, pg 199

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TOPICAL ISSUE

One more Pope to go - ancient catholic source

We have always made it clear that our interpretations of events and projections on matters pertaining to the end times are based 100% on the Holy Bible. For example in Vol 4 No 1, we cited several respected 'mystic' sources, including Mother Shipton, Nostradamus, etc whose predictions began to progressively go wide off the mark as the year 2000 approached. The fact of the matter is that as the *very* end draws near, the superiority and sovereignty of the LORD God becomes more and more evident; and all guessworks, "general ideas" and manipulations from pretended divinities become exposed for what they are. Nevertheless, we consider to be noteworthy those events on which all the major actors in the End Time drama are all perfectly agreed.

One of such concerns the highly-rated, high profile prophecies of a catholic mystic, who supposedly saw, a vision of all the popes that are to be installed in office until "the end of time", when the Catholic Church will be finally destroyed. (see <http://newsmax.com/archives/ic/2005/4/3/180901.shtml>).

In the documentation of his vision, the mystic, an Irish Bishop later canonized as St Malachy, the total number of popes, counting from 1143 A.D., would be 112. The story goes on that St Malachy, on a pilgrimage to Rome fell into a trance in which all the future popes were revealed to him. These he accordingly recorded in a book, including a vivid loaded one-line Latin description of each pope. Virtually all commentaries are agreed that St Malachy's predicted descriptions of the popes have been uncannily accurate, from Pope Celestine II, whose papacy began in 1143 A.D. right up to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger recently installed as the 111th Pope, (Pope Benedict XVI).

At 78, Benedict XVI is the oldest man to become Pope in 275 years; and with the widely reported unsound state of his health (e.g. 2 mild strokes in the past 2 years, plus a heart condition, UK Sunday Times, May 1), the journey to the expected last pope may not be a long one at all. Respected Hal Lindsey will even hazard a guess. In an article, concerning Pope Benedict, he wrote: "he won't live very long - because we're at an advanced stage in Bible prophecy, so he couldn't live very long. We have to go to the last pope very soon in order to stay current with this prophetic scenario that's already in place." . On another occasion, he told a caller on a live show: "I don't believe [Benedict XVI] will live long, probably about five years., But he will have an enormous impact. ... He will extend the power and influence of the church before he dies." Of the 112th pope, St. Malachy had written: "In extreme persecution, the seat of the Holy Roman Church will → p7