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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

Traditional Religion goes for the Jugular of Christianity: Warri, Ile-Ife, and Matters Arising

Christianity continues to bear the end-time wrath of a desperate devil, as the Scriptures have fore-warned. On one hand are the constantly ongoing



Olu of Warri (Photo: from the Guardian)

unimaginable direct physical attacks, either as official

state persecution in the hand of repressive communist regimes like North Korea, or dastard terror actions

in the hands of Islamic Jihadists, operating virtually all over the world. However these attacks, though terribly hurtful to individual Christians, only end up strengthening the Christian faith in general. It is after all quite true that the blood of the martyrs only goes on to fertilize faith!

Far more detrimental to the faith, however, are the indirect assaults. In the western world, these are often in forms of ideologies and practices stemming from the forces of secular humanism. For instance, in Europe, America, Canada and elsewhere, ideas like atheism, evolution theory, homosexuality and general immorality are dealing considerable blows to Christianity. In the rest of the world however, it is the religious forces of polytheism/paganism that is dealing much havoc unto the Christian faith via the promotion of syncretism.

The secret behind the devastating effectiveness of these indirect assaults is that they goad Christians to continue with their faith, but only subtly demand "slight" modifications to the central tenets of that faith. According to 1 John 4:4-5 however, nothing - not even the harshest direct persecution - could be more fatal for a Christian than compromising on the faith! Instead of trying to endlessly appease these forces by tampering with our core beliefs, (and thereby becoming Laodicean lukewarm), what the Church ought to be doing is to highlight and speak boldly and clearly against the multitude of profitless practices these forces promote.

The latest demonstration of this kind of struggle in Nigeria comes from the city of Warri. On Wednesday September 4, the traditional king of the oil city (Olu of Warri) published "The New Order of Iwere Kingdom" - a set of new rules to govern religious practices in the palace. The hottest point in the document was the King's decision to renounce one of his traditional titles, "Ogiame" - which means "King of the River." In the words of the royal father:

"I also repent for the name and title of Ogiame that my ancestors and I have borne, as it connotes our allegiance to Umalokun (goddess of the river) and other deities of the sea, all of which are false gods. "Today, I renounce our allegiance to Umalokun and other gods of the sea, land and sky. "On behalf of the royal bloodline, the throne, the people of Iwereland, I publicly enter into a new covenant with God." → continued on page 2

Doruwa – Peshawar – Nairobi: Islam-inspired insurgents continue murderous rampage

Incidents of attackers killing innocent people they have not even met before continue almost everyday now, somewhere on the globe. And the one thing they all have in common is that they are carried out by people who believe they are promoting the Islamic faith.

In this week alone, as we wrap up this edition of Church Arise! there was the global headline-grabbing incident at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi where not less than 68 human lives were abruptly terminated by Al Shabab militants. The muhajedeens are smarting from the losses they have been incurring in their home base of Somalia following an AU offensive led by Kenyan forces. (contd on pg 4)

Islamic Forced Conversion: CAN Denies Exonerating Etsu Nupe

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There are indications that the Etsu Nupe of Bida, Dr Abubakar Yahaya, is not in any hurry to release the young lady currently staying in his palace, purportedly on "protective custody" to "safeguard" her from her Christian biological father, following her supposed conversion to Islam ([see our earlier article at http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2013/07/now-mainstream-moslems-abducting.html](http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2013/07/now-mainstream-moslems-abducting.html)). Though, the Sharia Court, following the outrage the event had attracted, had no

choice other than to vacate its order placing 24 year old Charity Uzoechina into the custody of the Etsu Nupe, the masterminds behind the abduction are obviously looking beyond that event.

They actually seem engaged in digging the trenches in preparation for a long, drawn-out battle during which they hope public interest in the case will wane.

How else can one logically explain the massive propaganda machinery now being deployed at a time some are naively declaring the battle as virtually concluded and over?

According to a widely-circulated false report originating from you guess where, the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) had exonerated the Etsu Nupe from the whole saga of abduction and forced conversion of Charity.

A livid Dr Musa Asake, General Secretary of the CAN is however denying this so-called exoneration, in very strong terms! In a written statement made available to interested media houses, [Dr Asake wrote](#): "I hereby disown the ... statement credited to me and say that I, as the General Secretary of CAN, could not have spoken in that manner, especially after witnessing the emotional encounter between Charity, her parents and siblings, a momentary family union, which suggested to me that the young girl was under certain influences within the palace of the Etsu Nupe."

Dr Asake further confirms the cloud of uncertainty still hanging on the matter, despite efforts by the Palace to give appearance of progress. According to the CAN Scribe:

"Even now that the Sharia Court has vacated its earlier order, the ruling is neither here nor there. To that extent, CAN cannot exonerate the Etsu Nupe until Charity is put under the custody of the Niger state Governor as agreed."

As for the other case lodged in the High Court by Charity's father, challenging the jurisdiction of a Sharia Court to try a Christian, as reported by the [Vanguard newspaper](#), the hearing of that case "could not hold on August 1 because of the ongoing conference of lawyers holding in Minna, which made the courts go on their annual vacation from August 5..." Practical meaning of this? Those who are thinking of a quick easy victory in this matter need to have a re-think! The [hearing](#) of the case has actually been postponed to September 17, and we advise all children of God to keep the date in mind.

Stating unequivocally that he believes that "Pastor Uzoechina had all reasons to accuse the Etsu Nupe of taking custody of his daughter without his consent", Dr Asake further wrote that "the demeanour of the Etsu Nupe each time a truce meeting ... was called, left much to be desired." [see also [The Punch](#), August 5, 2013, pg 7).

In short, as far as the CAN is concerned, the Etsu Nupe is not just a passive partaker in the entire forced conversion saga, but a major active player.

Again, we warn Nigerian Christians, this abduction and forced conversion is not just a one-time happenstance event. It is part of a carefully orchestrated grand plan, already flourishing in other parts of the world, and which will not stop on its own, until Christians everywhere, including at the "Marketplace" show SUSTAINED interests and stand firmly against these insidious moves.

Olu of Warri denounces Umalokun (from pg 1)

The outrage against the king's declaration was momentous, and dominated national news for days, Calls for his abdication of the throne were freely made - even by professing Christians among his courtiers!

The statement by The Itsekiri Leaders of Thought, summarises the position of the opposition: "The part of the Olu's statement which alleges that the Itsekiri religion is fetish and that Itsekiris are non-Christians is a misrepresentation of the well-known documented historical fact that Christianity actually started in Warri/Benin region in the early 16th century and about eight of the 19 Olus got baptised as Christians.

"Itsekiri as a nation cannot be said to have covenant with Umalokun. There may be pockets of Itsekiri people who do. Everyone has freedom of worship as it is done everywhere. Religion is a personal matter."

The reference to the 16th century kings who accepted Christianity but remained subservient to Umalokun is instructive. The King was able to maintain his position - until a protest march by an expected 5000 women was announced. (see details here: [Peace returns to Warri as Olu embraces Ogiame title](http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/national-news/132559-peace-returns-to-warri-as-olu-embraces-ogiametitle) <http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/national-news/132559-peace-returns-to-warri-as-olu-embraces-ogiametitle>)

At least the Olu of Warri has made his point, and hopefully, his subjects will abide by the implied agreement that he will be personally free to worship God the way he chooses. Furthermore, the public renunciation by the throne, (and subsequent affirmation by the general citizenry) of any corporate allegiance to the Umalokun is a positive development.

This is a story that is constantly being played out in one location or the other all over Africa. One of the first cases to gain national attention, at least in recent times, was the celebrated case of the Obong of Calabar in March, 2001, (see CA! Vol 7 No 3). One irony in these stories is the contradictions inherent in the people insisting that their king must accept he is a deity, while at the same time they insist he doesn't know enough to determine which other deities are worth the sacrifices and worship of his people! If the people truly accept the king as deity, why can't they

also accept he has more real insight, (not to talk of stakes) in these matters, than them?

For instance in Yorubaland, even though it is generally accepted that “any god that does not justify the adoration given to it with tangible dividends should be thrown to the bush” (royal fathers like the Ooni of Ile-Ife has had a constant battle trying to put this to practice!), academic apologists of the dead gods would insist that royal fathers (and as is even more common, high priests) who take such decisions do not really know what is good for them or their people; but must have been brainwashed. What utter naivety!

Though he has not asked that the title of Oluaye (Lord of the world) be removed from his appellations, the Ooni over and over has repeated that he is mere mortal, like any other person. But the livelihood and relevance of some ‘experts’ depend on the royal father being a deity; and it should not surprise anyone that these people, like their predecessors in the Bible (see for instance Acts 16:19 and 19:24-25), would leave no stone unturned until the “backsliding deity” return to accept he is a deity. They, of course, remain the chief priests and managers! In Acts 14:11-19, the same people who were ready to sacrifice to the apostles Barnabas and Paul turned round, almost immediately, to stone them to apparent death when those apostles insisted they were mere mortals like other people!

As already stated, Christians make themselves susceptible to these traditional forces when we uncritically accept the fallacy that our culture (which of course must be preserved and promoted) is the same as worshipping some ‘ancient’ deities - slave-masters that kept our forbears in slavery for centuries. One of the outspoken advocates of this concept is Jacob Olupona, Professor of Comparative Religion at Harvard University, who in 2011 published a book on the 201/401 gods of Ile-Ife. The book (and this is not exactly a review) is laced with heavy criticism of the Ooni for denouncing his deity, and in particular his attributing protection and deliverance during a particular episode, to the Almighty God. The criticism of the born-again Christian *Olori* (queen) was even more vicious and flagrant. The book ended with an entire chapter devoted to reporting on an interview with the *Olori*, portraying her as a fanatic bent on polluting the palace. The concluding chapter of the book was actually titled: “Ancient Orisa and New Evangelicals Vie for the City of 201 Gods.”

One of the shocking aspects of the book would be the author’s obvious inability to hide his deep contempt for Christians who, simpletons that they are, could not appreciate the culture of human sacrifice that is copiously demanded by the Ile-Ife 201 gods! (see page 64-66 of the book, *City Of 201*

Gods). There is obviously a wide gap in perspectives if one were the gagged slave/stranger to be beheaded to appease the protection-racketeers that most of the local gods were; or a man enjoying considerable popularity and fame as the expert scholar in the field, operating in the safe comfort of a foreign land, 9,000 km away! It is particularly interesting to note that Jacob Olupona’s dad was a Christian clergy in that same Ile-Ife, and by his own admission, the author actually rode on the good name and deeds of his devout Christian father to gain access to the traditional religionists. No blames being apportioned here, but it is ironic that Prof Olupona is accusing Christians of abandoning the gods their fathers worshipped yesteryears without any apparent dividends, whilst he himself is abandoning (if he agrees with that) the God of his own direct biological father Who obviously has delivered considerable dividends to that eminent man.

The whole point being emphasized here is that the negative impacts of the “ancient gods” on the land are actually well known, and Christians should not allow apologists of these gods to gloss over these serious issues. From time to time, we continue to hear stories of youths (not necessarily Christian!) demanding an end to the servicing of these ancient gods, on account of the heavy price they exert of the society (e.g. unending unnatural deaths, calamities, socio-economic stagnation, strives etc) which every local person well understands is attributable to the worship of the local gods. While some may smile at our article on the damaging impact on the involvement of Sango during the All African Games (COJA) hosted by Nigeria in 2003, most people are dead serious that Nigeria’s hosting of FESTAC in 1977 brought so much curse on our then very prosperous country, that we are yet to be fully cleared of the influence. (for links to the COJA story see www.churcharise.org/archives/6_6.pdf; and for link to the FESTAC see <http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2008/12/ten-years-of-holy-ghost-congress-joy.html>).

We close this article with just one example of the latest fiasco in this unending saga – happening as we go to the press. With the headline titled *Pagans, Christians clash in Awka North LG*, the Nigerian Tribune reports that: “A bloody clash between pagan worshippers and Christians in Oba-Ofemili community, Awka North LGA of Anambra state led to the hospitalization of over 50 persons with varying degrees of injuries, in the weekend of September 21”. According to the Tribune: “Houses, motorcycles, cars, buses and household property were burnt down ...as the pagan worshipers had threatened to deal with Christian adherents, who refused to join them in the festivity.”

The report continues: “When contacted, the Regent of the community, Chief Anaelo Nwanelo, said that the clash used to be an annual problem due

to the festival of the pagan worshippers, as the pagans tried to force Christians to join them and regretted that peace efforts over the years by the leaders of the community over the issue had proved abortive.” Tribune Wednesday 25 Sept, 2013, pg 43. Coming into national prominence in May was the notorious Ombatse cult in Nassarawa state, with an agenda of drafting every Eggon tribesman into membership. (For further reading, please see chapters 18 and 26 of Behold I come Quickly, Book 3).

Islam-inspired Insurgency (from page 1)

Nigeria is probably not too far from the same situation, and it's the grace of God that has not allowed the enemy to be able to perform his wicked devices as much as he would have wished. Reports have it that the level of sophisticated arms cache now being vaunted by Boko Haram in the forests of Borno, together with corpses of 'fair-skinned Arabs' among their casualties clearly indicate that moslem terrorists flushed out from Mali and elsewhere might have joined forces together with their Boko Haram co-jihadists. Only a few hours to this write-up, elements from this group visited Doruwa village in Yobe, around 1.00 am on Thursday 26th September, where in cold blood, they shot dead a yet unnamed Pastor together with his two children. They then set the Church and two other buildings ablaze before taking their leave. (see <http://www.channelstv.com/home/2013/09/26/suspected-boko-haram-members-kill-pastor-and-two-children-in-yobe/>)

And in Pakistan, it was two suicide bombers who detonated their lethal bomb at the All Saints Church, Peshawar on Sunday Sept 22. Over eighty lives (boys, girls, wives, husbands, etc) were gruesomely terminated in the first wave of casualties. This is not counting those who would yet lose limbs, if not lives, in the course of their ongoing medical treatments. (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-24193734>)

Apart from these spikes of events, there is the constant on-going killings of christians in places like Syria, Egypt, etc as opposing warring muslim factions take turn to teach the vulnerable hapless christians a few lessons, for not showing sufficient loyalty to their particular faction! Like the proverbial grass caught between dueling elephants.

The least christians under more favourable climes could do is to keep these brethren in mind, lift them up in prayers, and when so opportuned, speak out for them. How comforting to remember that “In all their affliction, He was afflicted.” (Isa. 63.9a); and that the King is actually now at the door.

More Madness from the Mainstream Media: Open-air Sex, Child-free life, etc

It's really incredible how extensive the influence of the media is on people of our generation. Concepts

that must have sounded insane a generation ago are now promoted and justified as signs of advancement. In the latest craze by the BBC, with the argument that sex should be redeemed from the hand of porn czars, supposedly normal people are to go in and have sexual intercourse “in the privacy” of a “sound-proof” cubicle on stage, and they will come out to discuss on TV, their experience! Now that homosexuality is already mainstream in western society, it is not surprising that one of the three couples billed to feature in the premiere show on September 30 would be homosexuals (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-24218528>)

But even more telling of how much the media believes they have got society firmly wrapped up in their hand is the recent article by the Time magazine, promoting what it called, the Child-free life! Subtitled, “When having it all means not having children,” the article, glamorizes the life of women who deliberately choose to spend their entire childbearing years “maternity-free.” As the article would convince its readers, not only can a young lady spend her life pursuing career and passions, be exempted from the inconveniences and restrictions of pregnancy and labour, she could also save the approximately \$234,900 required to raise a child born in 2011 to adulthood. Surely there must be better things to do with all that kind of money than waste on a child!

Incredibly, as statistics from the US show, people are actually buying into this kind of trash! From the campaigns treating marriage as an old-fashioned concept, and encouraging young women who insist on marriage to at least postpone it till they have settled the career issue (by which time they are less fertile), we have now moved through the campaign for small-size (preferably one-child) family, to absolute no-child family! What a glaring example of the “let's -eat- and- drink-for-tomorrow-we- die” kind of lifestyle. Personal fulfillments aside, what about the several NEEDS for human procreation in Society?

(For details and more comments see content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2148636,00.html, VoiceofRussia.com/news/2013_08_06/US-magazine-promotes-childless-lifestyle-as-path-to-American-dream-9476/, www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2386400/Kate-Spicer-Any-Woman-says-shes-happy-childless-liar-fool.html)

American Evangelist Arrested in London for Preaching Homosexuality is a Sin Christian Post, July 4, 2013:

“Tony Miano, a retired deputy sheriff from Los Angeles County, Calif., was arrested in London, England, earlier this week for preaching on abstaining from sexual immorality, both heterosexual

and homosexual, in downtown Wimbledon. He was found to be in violation of Public Order Act Section 5, for "using homophobic speech that could cause people anxiety, distress, alarm or insult," Miano said in a YouTube video posted on Wednesday.

Preaching from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12, Miano spoke about sexual sins for 25 minutes before being cut off by Metropolitan Police officers who said that although preaching in itself is not an offense, the specific part of the Bible he was preaching from was interpreted as homophobic by the woman who called to complain.

Read the rest of the story at <http://www.virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php?storyid=17766#.UdwRzaxUjld>

Lesbianism epidemic in the land

In Nigeria, with progress being made, at long last, on the gay bills, the barons behind the business are understandably livid. For weeks, columnists on the Punch newspapers wrote tirades upon tirades against Senator David Mark, honourable president of the Senate, pillorying him for his uncompromising stance on the subject. But it's a matter of time. They would tire out and report back to their sponsors, that they have done their barking. I personally don't expect somebody like David Mark to be perturbed.

The homosexual advocacy gang has a simple game plan, and how tenaciously they stick to it! It's simply to invade the land with talks and shows about homosexuality, never really promoting it, but showing that society is rotten enough to embrace it. In Ghana, pro-gay ministerial nominee Nana Lithur insists she will do no more than give homosexuals their 'fundamental human right' guaranteed in the constitution. In the United States, homosexuality is compared with the blacks fighting for basic human rights. But since Obama made his great coming-out during the campaigns which saw massive homosexual funds coming in, which eventually won him the presidency, is anyone surprised at his recent posture? More should be expected! Lou Giglio, the pastor that was earlier scheduled to give the charge at the swearing in was found to have, 20 years ago, called homosexuality a sin, just like adultery is. Worse he went on to declare that the **"only way out of a homosexual lifestyle ... is through the healing power of Jesus."** For all these point-blank heresies, Lou Giglio was disinvited from the presidential inauguration. Even though for the past 15 years he had tried not to antagonize the homosexual advocates, claiming that the subject is no longer high on his list of priority. But that's too late. The vicious gay advocates would have none of that, particularly as they needed to serve a clear warning to other current incorruptible Bible-thumpers! (see <http://www.albertmohler.com/2013/01/10/the-giglio-imbroglio->

[the-public-inauguration-of-a-new-moral-mccarthyism/](#)) In the meantime, people like Rick Warren who danced around to accommodate Obama last election are suddenly toxic persona non grata. The train has moved on.

Here in our land, denied of such opportunities of open advocacy, the desperate homosexual chieftains are far from throwing in the towel. We've heard about cultists forcing girls to play lesbians with themselves, no doubt to stimulate the passion in them. The last time on a Ghana TV, we saw ladies in a *proloonged* scene, amorously cooing, and touching and fondling their bodies supposedly acting lesbianism. How else are real sexual passions aroused? And to imagine how much time such a scene would have had to be rehearsed before the final filming. The surprise would be if none of those young actresses tried out lesbianism in real life, after the filming. Not to talk of the wide audience (please read the rest of this article on our BLOG at <http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2013/05/lesbianism-epidemic-in-land.html>)

Porn Advocacy goes mainstream on the BBC

I found it quite instructive the other day watching a debate on pornography on the BBC. Here we have on one side, people who proudly represent the debased industry struggle to justify why they must continue to pollute society with their increasingly-burgeoning business. They euphemistically refer to themselves as people involved in Adult Industry Trade (AIT).

Even more instructive and saddening was the fact that the opposing speakers perfectly complemented AIT's proud pushfulness with their mellowed laid-back approach. Everybody seemed to be afraid to get labeled as prudish. Hence all the arguments on the evil of porn on society were limited to such approved areas as whether or not porns lead to addiction or sexual offences. And of course the whole debate became nothing more than an academic pushing of figures one way or the other, citing studies whose backgrounds remain unclarified.

Under the circumstances, AIT practitioners easily justify their existence, saying they are providing services for frigid people, and that in any case they are only providing people with what they loved to watch! The actors and actresses also loved it (at least the big income), so what's the business of fringe religious bigots trying to force their standards on everyone else? On the issue of whether or not porn (especially the violent variant) does actually make people want to go and practice it in their neighbourhood, AIT appealed to the game of boxing. Does the violence inspire the millions of boxing fans to go into the street pummeling everyone they →

come across? Rather, by “providing” people with alternative outlets for their passion, AIT claim, porn is actually helping prevent possible sexual violences! (Read the rest of this article on our blog at <http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2013/10/porn-advocacy-goes-mainstream-on-bbc.html>)

Desmond Tutu prefers hell to sharing heaven with a “homophobic” God.

When the Pope, in his zeal to get everybody to heaven offered that atheists can now access eternal life in heaven without changing their view about God, the response from Dawkins, a key spokesperson for atheism – presumably on behalf of the clan, was “No, thanks”

(see <http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2013/08/here-comes-new-pope-very-last.html>).

Now in the same mould, South African icon of ultra-liberal Christianity, Archbishop Desmond , Tutu said he would rather go to hell than share heaven with God, if God indeed were homophobic – that is if He were against same-sex relationships! Speaking in Cape Town at a UN organized gay advocacy event, Free and Equal campaign, the famous Nobel Peace laureate declared: "I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven. No, I would say sorry, I mean I would much rather go to the other place."

In other words, God can keep His heaven, if He would not change His position (as clearly stated in the Bible) on homosexuality! Food for thoughts for those who think God is not doing enough to save people from the catastrophe to come! (for original report and more details of this story, see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-23464694>)

Obama links US assistance on Boko Haram with “Human (Gay?) Rights”

In reaffirming his commitment to join forces with Nigeria to fight terrorism, President Obama at his meeting with President Goodluck Jonathan of Nigeria in New York on 23rd September, in typical diplomatic-speak, highlights two factors he considers central to the issue: Economic opportunity and Human rights.

The former is a direct support of the thesis that lack of economic opportunity (and not politicians who threatened to make the nation ungovernable) is the root cause of Boko Haram insurgency - just as proposed by people like CBN governor Lamido Sanusi. The latter factor probably refers to the outstanding issue on gay marriage and advocacy which Obama and company insist is core human rights.

According to the Readout from the Whitehouse after the meeting: “The presidents reaffirmed their commitment to fighting terrorism, including the importance of bringing the insurgency in northern Nigeria to an end. The President underscored the

importance of combating terrorism via a comprehensive approach that creates economic opportunity and ensures that human rights are protected and respected. “ (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/09/23/readout-president-obama-s-meeting-nigerian-president-goodluck-jonathan>)

A third factor that was thrown in, has to do with the “the importance of ensuring that the upcoming elections in Nigeria are peaceful, transparent, and credible.”

Graham Kendrick Joins The Anti-Israel Gangup At UK's Greenbelt Festival

It ordinarily is no news that some virulently anti-semitic Christian groups have over the years taken it upon themselves to lead the campaign for an economic assault on the Israeli nation. Not minding the numerous opportunities (including citizenship) that Israel affords Arabs, and which no Jew could dream of in any Arab country, this group insists that Israel is an apartheid country. Worse still, they conveniently ignore the innumerable pure evils being perpetrated by Arab nations against their Christian minorities, in stark contrast to the situation in Israel. Anyway, hoping to be able to re-engineer a socio-economic situation similar to what led to the fall of apartheid South Africa some 20 years ago, these lackeys of the Palestinian Authority look forward to a speedy obliteration of the State of Israel as a Jewish homeland and place of refuge. ([CA! Vol 12 No 3](#) or [CA! Vol 14 No 4](#))

What is however new and sobering is the widening influence of this clearly misguided nominal Christians, within the Church. At the recently concluded 40th edition of Greenbelt Festival in the UK, the popular songwriter and worship leader, Graham Kendrick, was the latest entrant into this league of anti-semitic Christians.

A favourable review of the Festival in Church Times frankly reported the centrality of the middle-east question during the music festival. According to the reviewer: “Anyone expecting a benign introduction to the politics of the Arab-Israeli conflict, on Friday evening would have been quickly disillusioned by Mark Braverman's rallying cry to the global Church to stand alongside what he sees as the "inevitable Palestinian liberation".

<http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2013/30-august/features/features/greenbelt-2013-life-begins>. Other people that Graham Kendrick shared ministry platform with in battering Israel include characters such as Steve Chalke and Lucy Winkett.

Steve Chalke is infamous for his denial of the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ (Isa. 53), insisting that “ if Jesus died for our sins, God the Father is the quintessential cosmic "child abuser". The popular youth leader is also at the vanguard of drumming up support for same sex marriage among

British Evangelicals. Lucy Winkett, is vicar at St. James Piccadilly, described by respected Bible teacher, Jacob Prasch, as, "a demonised haunt of New Age religion, neo-paganism and the occult garbed in the trappings of Anglican Christendom. " Prasch's full article, which also extensively debunked the false premises on which the anti-Israel campaigns are based, can be found at <http://moriel.org/MorielArchive/index.php/discernment/israel/uks-greenbelt-heresey-hypocrisy-and-hype>

Ancient Egyptian Statue Mysteriously Rotates at Museum

An ancient Egyptian statue at the Manchester Museum, in the UK, made the headlines after it was captured on video seemingly rotating on its own. The museum curator, Campbell Price had wondered who had changed the statues position in its locked glass case; but a while later he observed that the orientation had changed yet again. He decided to set up a camera, which consequently captured the statue doing a major turn around over an 11-hour period.

While some physicists have been invited to study the phenomenon, preliminary reasonings are that the rotation might be as a result of subtle vibrations, especially since, as someone observed, "the statue only seems to spin during the day when people are in the museum."

The statue, made from serpentine, shows what is likely an official with "priestly duties," according to Price, wearing a shoulder-length wig and knee-length kilt. The hieroglyphs on the back of the statue spell out, "bread, beer and beef," a "prayer for offerings for the spirit of the man," Price told the Sun. <http://gma.yahoo.com/blogs/abc-blogs/ancient-egyptian-statue-mysteriously-rotates-museum-141331675.html>

A scientific reason may well be found for this, or it may reflect the increasingly more conducive environment for manifestation of demonic powers as the end-time clock approaches midnight. One thing is sure however, this is NOT the first recorded instance of a religious image moving as it were, on its own. Read the story of Dagon before the ark of the LORD in I Samuel 5: 2-4.

The murder of polio immunization officials

THE barbaric brutal murder of nine polio immunisation officials, most likely by some Boko Haram group of murderers, in Kano State is an unfortunate incident which has taken the vaccine debate to a whole new level. The other time in Malawi, as we pointed out in Vol 14 No 2, it was government officials who were forcing people to receive their (measle) vaccine – at gun point! Now, it has gone the other way.

One thing all these have confirmed is that the vaccine issue is more than an academic debate, but

one that both sides of the divide feel extremely strongly about.

As polio vaccine advocates seize the moment to demonize everybody asking critical questions concerning the Bill Gates-sponsored project, we will like to re-state our position and repeat two basic questions. (For goodwill sake, we'll prefer to accept WHO's explanation that the levels of the anti-fertility chemical, oestrogen, reportedly found by sceptical Islamic scientists in samples of vaccines brought to Kano in 2004, were contaminations inadvertently introduced and occurring at levels lower than that ordinarily found in breast milk, see CA! vol 7 no 2, and vol 13 no 2). Here however, are the basic questions still begging for answers:

One, how do figures of incidents of wild polio that so much efforts and money is being expended on, compare with figures of incidents of polio that is known to be associated with the (massive) administration of the polio vaccine itself? As we pointed out in Vol 14 No 4, a significant number of children are guaranteed to contact the polio virus from the very vaccine they are given. Figures of risk of a normal child contacting polio strictly from the oral vaccine itself range from 1 per 750,000 (www.chop.edu/service/vaccine-education-center/a-look-at-each-vaccine/polio-vaccine.html), 1 per million (www.usatoday.com/news/world/2009), or 1 per 2.4 million (www.babycenter.com/0_the-polio-vaccine_1566.bc). All these figures are cited by strongly pro-vaccine lobbies. Underscoring the gravity of the matter, a special report in the USA Today concluded: "*Nigeria's vaccine-linked outbreak underlines the need to stop using the oral polio vaccine as soon as possible, since it can create the very epidemics it was designed to stop, experts say. WHO is researching other vaccines that might work better, but none is on the horizon.*" <http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2009>. To worsen matters, several children are repeatedly administered with the oral polio vaccine at home, church/mosque, school, market place, etc thus increasing the likelihood of incidents of vaccine-linked polio! (see CA! Vol 14 No 4).

The other unanswered simple question, related to the above, is: why is the vaccine being used in Nigeria and other developing countries different from the ones being used in developed countries such as America? The vaccines used in Nigeria for instance is known to be preserved in thimerosal, containing 49.55% by weight, highly toxic Mercury, which is especially deadly to babies. (see relevant information at www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49094). It is a matter of simple fact that the vaccine generously administered to our children here in Nigeria is not permitted for use in the United States, for instance!

CA! sincerely commiserates with the Ministry of Health (and in particular the families of the innocent people involved) on the gruesome murder of its personnel by people looking for all means to destabilise Nigeria using whatever agenda is handy. Nevertheless, it is never too late for the Ministry in charge of the nation's health to begin to ask unbiased relevant questions, such as those raised above. Indeed, what exactly is the agenda of Mr Bill Gates?

Blood Moon Prophecy

Prophecy News Watch has announced the launch of a new project website called "[Blood Moon Prophecy](#)". An advertorial explains what it is all about:

"In 2014-2015 a rare celestial pattern associated with God's feast days will appear in the heavens called a 'Blood Moon Tetrad'. This subject is not without controversy however we hope to present a balanced and Biblical response to this issue with our upcoming report on the topic called 'Signs of the Blood Moon' scheduled to be released on July 29th.

CA! has benefited from the ministry of Prophecy News Watch over the years, and we encourage our readers to check out this new resource. The website to visit is www.bloodmoonprophecy.com

Stowaway kid: another evidence of dangerous impact of "Movies"

The story of 13 year old Ricky Daniel Ohikhena who hitched a ride in the tyre compartment of an Arik flight from Benin to Lagos (he thought he was on the way to the US) has the stuff movies are made of. But one hardly noticed factor in the story, as security people grilled the mum to find an explanation for the incident (imagine if it had been a suicide bomber!), is the influence of movies.

Hear the testimony of the mum, Evelyn: "He is always at home. I have never seen anybody come to look for him and he doesn't have any friends".

Continuing, Mum said "He doesn't go out. What I know is that he is always watching films in the house but he doesn't have friends".

Yet, people are still wondering where Ricky got the ideas, motivation and know-how about stowing-away. It's the movies, stupid!

Now, this is just one case that happens to gain prominence. Extrapolations can be made into several other aspects of life: terrorism, sexuality, spirituality, etc etc. Who can truly imagine the consequences of millions of kids glued unto the TV and Internet, while the parents keep beating their chest about their child who doesn't keep bad companies? Who needs bad companies with all the "excitement" available 24 hours on the air waves!

Parents who somehow grasp what's going on here will understand they need to take extraordinary measures in these extra-ordinary climes.

Environmental Terrorism: Is Al-Qaida responsible for U.S. wildfires?

It is well accepted that several of the ferocious and economically damaging wildfires currently ravaging forests in the US are not just due to nature (e.g. lightnings) or human accidents (e.g from campfires), but deliberate arsons. In what could be the ultimate nightmare and probably a game changer in the fight against terrorism, security agencies in the US are now openly discussing the possibility that even those arsonists might not be just regular wicked neighbours or people looking for insurance money, but Al Qaida operatives, intent on crumbling the US economically, from within.

The World News Daily (WND) reported a former National Security Agency official, William Scott, as saying "U.S. officials have pretty much determined that some of the fires that burned in California [in 2011] were ignited by al-Qaida operatives."

Furthermore, the [WND reported in June](#), that an expert on Islamic terrorism stopped just short of declaring a wildfire that ravaged the outskirts of Colorado Springs, Colorado as linked with terrorism. He was quoted as saying: "One thing that my investigators have given me the authority to state is that they have all but ruled out natural causes as the cause of this fire." That single fire resulted in the death of two people and destroyed more than 500 homes. Total damage is [expected to be in the neighbourhood of \\$120 million](#).

Last year, al-Qaida's English-language online magazine, Inspire, reportedly published an article called 'It Is Of Your Freedom to Ignite a Firebomb,' which featured instructions on how to build an incendiary bomb to light forests on fire. (Read the rest of this article on our BLOG at <http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2013/10/environmental-terrorism-is-al-qaida.html>)

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