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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

Reuters caught in the act again: Fakes video of Nigerian army shooting unarmed civilians in Boko Haram territory

Reuters, Al Jazeera and their ilk don't seem to care much about Christians being butchered in their churches, or children of security agents being slaughtered in cold blood by Islamic mujahideens. The core of their propaganda is to weaken the arms of state security, so that the bloody affairs could be endlessly prolonged.

On November 18, Reuters came out with a video claiming that an army personnel of the Nigerian army filmed his colleagues shooting unarmed civilians in Maiduguri in broad daylight. (see, for instance <http://sunnewsonline.com/new/cover/boko-haram-controversial-video-shows-soldiers-shooting-in-borno/>) The army however was sure none of its personnel could descend that low. According to army spokesperson, Colonel Mohammed Yerima, "How can they do that? It is not possible. This is the Boko Haram tactics, they will do the killing, say it's the military and then Amnesty International and so on will blame us. It's not possible for Nigerian troops to act in this way". In the ensuing investigation, it was clearly demonstrated that the very film claimed to have been shot in Maiduguri in 2012 had been used by Al Jazeera Network on February 4, 2010 where JTF had been accused of killing civilians in Jos – also shown to be a false report! Reuters thereafter quietly withdrew the video, without any apology.

(<http://www.informationng.com/2012/11/reuters-withdraws-report-of-video-showing-jtf-shooting-unarmed-captives.html>, <http://allafrica.com/stories/201211220147.html>).

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American Ambassador killed in Libya – US apologetic!

Produced under pseudonyms and featuring unknown rooky actors (many of who were not told the real storyline and whose words were later overdubbed with religious references), the low

budget movie tagged *Innocence of Muslims*, nevertheless has managed to garner unprecedented publicity and considerable infamy in the reactions it generated.

Though released and posted on YouTube for at least three months earlier, it was not until September that the trailer of the movie went viral. Just in good time for "aggrieved Moslems" to inflict unprecedented carnage on Western interests in Libya, precisely on the anniversary of the 9-11 terror attacks. How can anyone possibly doubt that Jihadist terrorists merely chose one of the scores of possible excuses to play their usual hypocritical "aggrieved and offended" mortal game?

And absolutely unimaginably, the American ambassador to Libya, together with a number of high-worth security personnel were seized, abused and murdered on the streets of Benghazi, Libya. Going by the story, which is still unfolding and causing great scandal in the US, the US government failed to send in military support that could have saved the life of Ambassador Stevens and his colleagues. Such an intervention, according to analysts, could have damaged "delicate relationships" between the Arabs and the United States and could also cost President Obama the then imminent elections. So Ambassador Stevens was simply left to his fate. Simply put, he was dispensable. (see for instance <http://frontpagemag.com/2012/matthew-vadum/chris-stevens-last-words/>) → page 5

Punch newspaper calls President's comment on Boko Haram an 'outburst'

Punch newspaper makes little efforts to disguise its contempt for the President. From the editorial team to the featured columnists, the refrain is that Goodluck Jonathan is nothing but a lucky incompetent in a high office. Common experience has shown however that, often, people who resort to uncouth insulting language when reviewing the performances of others are themselves utter failure in even more basic tasks. → continued overleaf

Indeed, government officials need to be criticized - if only to put them on their toes; but those who do so with invective personal insults, often are only venting out their personal frustrations.

With Boko Haram now calling for dialogue – in far away moslem enclave of Saudi Arabia; with one of the most rabid opponents of the President being requested to be the chief negotiator, the Punch apparently believes these are minor points and the country should simply jump up in joy – that peace has finally come! Yes, “Boko Haram” is no longer demanding upfront that all of us, starting from the President, must convert to Islam before they will allow peace, or that several states of the federation be Islamised. All they are asking for, upfront, is that heavy financial compensation should be paid to them – presumably for the hundreds of innocent Christian lives they have claimed responsibility for snuffing out.

It goes without saying also, that there must be a blanket amnesty for the killers. All the talk about Boko Haram not being opposed to prosecution of the criminal aspects of their operation does not make any sense at all. Which of their actions is not criminal – bombing of churches; raiding of banks, police stations, prisons; the shootings, etc?

With all these realities, President Jonathan is still going ahead to play game with Boko Haram; but his description of the sect and their obvious political sponsors as “uncivilized” is what has most caught the attention of Punch editorial team. See front page on Wednesday Nov 7, 2012. In the full write-up on page 2, the Punch describes the president’s comment as an “outburst” that could possibly derail negotiations. “Before the President’s outburst” the Punch wrote, “there had been indications that the government was already considering paying the compensation demanded and that it had began preparing for the talk with the sect”. Punch must be seriously bothered that the compensation and talk might be in jeopardy, hence its labeling the president’s comment as an outburst.

As for “Boko Haram”, what is the meaning of this new tactic? Obviously with preparations for the 2015 presidential election in high gear, it’s obviously time to play

conciliation and strengthen the hand of the man who publicly promised to make Nigeria ungovernable unless he is the one in power. By nominating his arch rival from the North to play negotiation with the FG, Atiku is obviously trying to use one stone to kill two birds. Buhari will surely be politically weakened after serving as the chief negotiator in a Boko Haram – Government parley to benefit personally from the deal. And even a baby can predict what the major, non-negotiable demand from a Boko Haram parley in Saudi Arabia will be: nothing other than an agreement that Jonathan will not stand for re-election in 2015! It’s so plain that only the Punch newspapers can’t figure that one out.

It’s amazing and sad to see Christians gullibly gulp in silly stories rolled out by organizations such as the Punch newspapers, with clear-cut mischievous agenda.

REUTERS FAKES VIDEO (from page 1)

But Reuters, Aljazeera, Associate Press and company are apparently beyond shame as they single-mindedly promote whatever agenda they have decided to foist on their audience. In 2006, Reuters itself admitted that one of its photographers, Adnan Hajj, had manipulated pictures from Lebanon to deceive the public into making the situations look much worse than they really were. (www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3286966,00.html)

This ugly phenomenon championed by master propanganda outfits like Aljazeera and CNN, with their disciples Reuters, Associated Press and the rest diligently following, goes beyond mere photoshopping. It’s a real movie industry, with actors, directors and producers creating fiction from their imaginations. For instance the famous picture of a Palestinian and his 12-year old son cowering from bullets supposedly from Israeli’s soldiers in 2010, was discovered to have been posed and shot purely for propaganda. (<http://middle-east-analysis.blogspot.com/2010/07/german-documentary-al-dura-death-report.html>). Unfortunately, that iconic picture actually triggered the Intifada.

Similarly in 2006, following an Israeli raid on the Lebanese town of Hula Associated Press (AP) provided detailed graphic videos of

40 bodies in the ruins. Later, the Lebanese PM himself insisted that only one person died. And AP had no option but to shamefacedly change the story.

We are not justifying shooting of innocents by anybody - whoever they are. But shame on so-called professional news outfits who descend so low to provide fuel to endlessly prolong carnages. These are Satan's foot soldiers. Since they are not likely to change any soon, the rest of us could learn to take their story with a pinch of salt.

US Mass Shootings: role of guns, drugs, violent video games and mental illness debated. No mention of devil worship!

Sixteen incidents of mass shooting reportedly happened in the US in 2012, leaving at least 88 people dead (www.thenation.com). Two of them were among the deadliest in US history (www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/nation/us-mass-shootings-2012/). 2012 itself has been declared the worst year of gun rampages in modern US history.

The most recent of the shootings happened on Friday 14th December, when Adam Lanza, wearing a bullet-proof vest and armed with four weapons, went to the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and shot dead at least 26 people, mostly children at the day care centre. The 20 year old Lanza had first shot and killed his own mother at home before embarking on the shooting spree. He thereafter surrendered to the Police, presumably to avoid being killed!

And just as the year was rolling away, early in the morning on Christmas eve, a 62 year old man started fire in his own house, and waited for firefighters to respond to the fire. Lying in an ambush, he started shooting at the firemen, killing two and seriously injuring another two. (The Lookout, December 24, 2012).

With apparently to end in sight to such shootings, it is no surprise seeing the intense emotional debate it has generated in the United States.

Preliminary reactions included anxious parents rushing to buy armored backpacks for their children, as every public school environment had potentially become a war-zone.

On the other hand, in anticipation of harsher gun control laws, many started to stockpile automatic guns, before their procurement becomes more difficult.

Taking away guns from the people in America, the fabled land of brave free people, is obviously not a light thing, and intense battle is raging on that very issue. Opponents of the move foresee the people losing their much vaunted liberty, and in a quantum jump, becoming subdued lame-duck subjects as all the big guns become restricted to only government agents - and perhaps criminals.

One argument that has been forcefully put forward by opponents of stiff gun control laws is that, it is tormented souls who kill people and not guns. As observed by one commentator, "All of the killers — from Columbine to Virginia Tech to Newtown — were insane". (see The American Spectator, <http://m.spectator.org/169477/show/b69723e19b7a5bdd30125ef6dd5ba86f/?>) Therefore, if situations that get people deranged enough to want to embark on mass killing persist, then guns or no guns, there could always be other ways of causing mass casualty among people — including arson, poisons and chemicals, etc.

Other factors that have been extensively discussed in the shooting saga include the use of drugs, and the widespread violence available on videos and internet games. However, an obviously under-discussed factor is the role of spirituality in all these killings.

In an article titled [school shootings and spiritual warfare](#), Russell Moore cited John Podhoretz who likened the Newton school shooting involving numerous babies to the child sacrifice to the blood-thirsty deity, mentioned in the Scriptures. Could it not be that Satan is not only instigating these sickening killings by environmental conditionings that result in some folks going bonkers, he might as well be directing the killings to directly satisfy his craze for human blood and life. This is not far-fetched as it might initially appear. There have been several cases of these mass murderers claiming they took their dastard actions in simple obedience to forces instructing them to do so. For instance, Adam Lanza of the Sandy Hook school house massacre infamy is known to be a devil worshipper and he actually had an internet

page dedicated to Satan. Similarly, in the mass shooting at a Batman movie in Aurora, Colombine on July 20, Shooter, James Eagan Holmes, dressed up as the “Joker” character – the villain in numerous Batman movies and whose calling card in the batman movies is a picture of the devil. (Aaron Klein, WND Analysis. 22/12/12).

Aging and highly respected James Dobson is perhaps one of the few nationally recognized Christian leaders in the US who could still damn every consequence and proclaim the simple unpalatable truth. This is his take on the whole shooting saga in the US: "... somebody is going to get mad at me for saying this, but I think we have turned our back on the Scripture and on God Almighty and I think He has allowed judgment to fall upon us. “

Where is all this heading for? In Vol 4 No 6, we explained the Hegelian approach whereby satanic agents seeking to bring about their pet “New World Order” create peculiar problems, and then turn around to offer what they insist is the one and only solution to that problem. Thus society is constrained to thread the path designed to pave the way for the emergence of an all-controlling maximum dictator – the Antichrist!.

In the meantime, Nigerians should learn to thank God for “small mercies”. What if instead of Boko Haram people, it is our regular average young men going around to shoot down babies at daycare centres, teachers and students at schools and the elderly at shopping malls!

Global Declining valuation of human lives.

Nigerians cannot but notice the sad rate at which human lives continue to lose value in our society. Not just the thousands of lives of innocent people abruptly terminated by groups like Boko Haram, (and we still have people who wish to be regarded as sane credible leaders who see nothing more than political opportunities in the whole sordid development.) There is also the increasing trafficking in humans, including booming baby factories where young girls are turned into baby-producing machines.

But this sad situation is by no means peculiar to Nigeria. Whereas the means might be different, the ends are clearly the same all

over the world; and the imprints of the devil in all these is clear to all who would take a little time out to reflect of these things.

Terry James of Rapture Ready made this point very poignantly as he put the lie to the notion that America and Western Europe,” being the truly civilized societies and cultures” are exempted from the gross disregard for human life increasingly prevailing on the planet. In his words:”with more than 1 million children legally murdered while still in their mothers' wombs every year in the United States, the assertion that America honors life more than do the barbarous nations of Asia or Africa is hypocrisy.” According to the annual report of Planned Parenthood for the 2012 fiscal year, a record number of 334,000 abortions were actually paid for, to the tune of \$542 million dollars, in taxpayer money. (The Washington Examiner / <http://www.inquisitr.com/473890/planned-parentohood-record-numbers-taxpayer-funding-and-abortions/#e5UtrxaeDvkhie3.99>).

But apart from the ever increasing number, killing of human babies in the womb in the abortion procedure is no longer a shocking concept in most human societies. Society’s downward spiral into the bottomless abyss continue as more ways of devaluing human lives are devised. For instance, from Canada comes the report that in 491 abortion procedures carried out on fetuses of 20 weeks gestation and greater, the babies refused to die, but were born alive. Nevertheless, according to official protocols, these 491 babies were simply left to die – now outside the womb. See <http://www.lifenews.com/2012/11/23/canada-491-babies-born-alive-after-failed-abortions-left-to-die/>. Incidentally, then Senator Barak Obama was one of the strongest advocates for this practice already adopted in the US and which is now spreading to other countries.

Also from Belgium comes the report that the decade-old euthanasia law is now being reviewed so that minors and patients with Alzheimer disease could seek permission to be assisted to die. (<http://www.france24.com/en/20121218-belgium-looks-euthanasia-minors-alzheimers-sufferers>). How could people in these conditions expected to be able to take rational decision on whether they should continue to live or not? In

the same vein, a report submitted to President Francois Hollande of France is advocating that doctors should be allowed to “accelerate the coming of death” for terminally ill patients. A draft legislation along that line is being anticipated for around June 2013. (<http://www.france24.com/en/20121218-report-recommends-france-legalize-accelerated-deaths>)

Meanwhile, U.S. military veterans are reportedly committing suicide at the rate of 22 deaths a day – or one every 65 minutes on the average, round the clock. The study was based on suicides from 1999 to 2010. However, even among active soldiers, another report from the US military indicates that the suicide rate has now outpaced the combat death. For the year 2012, the figure is 349 active-duty suicides - almost one a day. (<http://news.yahoo.com/military-suicides-hit-record-2012-outpace-combat-deaths-213928926.html>). This indicates that soldiers are still humans and that consequences of tough actions and decisions taken during time of war might still catch up with them much later on in life – leading to depression and suicides. It is a clear mark of the end of time, that human life, easily the most valuable commodity in the observable universe, should become so cheapened by the arch enemy.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

– The Lord Jesus Christ in John 10:10

The Rape and Murder of Pakistan’s Christian Children

Pakistan has remained one of the top persecutors of Christians over the years. Recently, [Raymond Ibrahim](#) compiled touching stories of Pakistani Muslims gang-raping and murdering Christian girls, babies and boys. Raymond calls these well documented atrocities against the followers of Christ “stories that never make it to any media—stories of silent abuse that only the nameless, faceless victims know”

Raymond Ibrahim [quotes](#) some local folks in Pakistan: “It is shameful. Such incidents occur frequently. Christian girls are considered goods to be damaged at leisure. Abusing them is a right. According to the [Muslim] community’s mentality it is not even a crime. Muslims regard them as spoils of war.”

Raymond believes such a mentality is actually ingrained in the religion of Islam, and is not deviant behaviour. He cites the opinion of the late [Majid Khadduri](#), “internationally recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on Islamic law and jurisprudence,” on the idea of human “spoils” as inscribed in his [War and Peace in the Law of Islam](#): “The term spoil (*ghanima*) is applied specifically to property acquired by force from non-Muslims. It includes, however, not only property (movable and immovable) but also persons, whether in the capacity of *asra* (prisoners of war) or *sabi* (women and children). ... If the slave were a woman, the master was permitted to have sexual connection with her as a concubine.”

How many Christian children in Pakistan are being mauled in silence, with their stories never surfacing? Get ready to shed tears if you will want to check out some of these stories at <http://frontpagemag.com/2012/raymond-ibrahim/the-rape-and-murder-of-pakistans-christian-children/#idc-container>.

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In the ensuing riots, not only was the film removed from the Youtube, the American filmmaker received a prison term – showing that one could now be jailed in the US (even if indirectly) for blaspheming Islam, just like in many Arab nations. Though the film was obviously made in bad taste, yet it’s nothing compared with the many malicious “works of arts”, maligning Christianity, that are routinely **sponsored** by western governments. And whereas those anti-Christian works are patently based on clear falsehood, no one has yet come out to dispute the historic veracity of many a presentation which die-hard Muslims simply claim they consider offensive.

Now here is our real interest in this story: if a whole US ambassador is considered

dispensable/disposable in the move towards the antichrist-inspired new world order, who among the foot soldiers of the devil currently being lured into one cult or the other would fool himself believing he is truly of any real value? Wants your life to truly count and matter? It's only Jesus that gives value to the life of a man or woman. That's food for thoughts.

QUOTES

All Aboard the Tribulation Express

"The [United States] 2012 general election has been an absolute disaster. Barack Hussein Obama managed to convince the American people to allow him stay around for another four years, Tammy Baldwin is elected the first openly gay senator, Maine and Maryland became the first states to approve same-sex marriage, and voters in Colorado and Washington legalized recreational use of marijuana.

"To all my friends who are wondering if they can survive four more years of Obama. I would question whether we as Christians have that much time left on earth.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

-- Todd Strandberg, www.RaptureReady.com

Watch out for the humanoids in 2013

Engineers at the University of Zurich's Artificial Intelligence Lab are partnering with a number of commercial institutions in a bid to produce their brand of humanoid helper robot, with artificial muscles and soft, flexible skin - by September 2013. The robot, tagged Roboy, is designed to look like a 1.2 metre tall child and is intended to serve as a blueprint for 'service robots' that work alongside humans, providing basic assistance with everyday's tasks.

One of the immediate applications in mind is in the care of the sick and elderly, but

eventually, the design team believes that "service robots will become part of our environment in the future, as is already the case today for technologies such as smartphones and laptops". Humanoid robots are produced to have quick, smooth movements and could be trained to react as humans would to specific actions. Just like the bionic men that have featured in many a science fiction. (www.dailymail.co.uk).

In Vol 12 No 2, we described Saya the Israeli humanoid robot receptionist at Ben Gurion University, in Beersheba and also the Japanese robot teachers. Another fast developing area of humanoids is the industry directed at producing "female anatomically correct androids" - or sex robots for short (see <http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/2010/january08/0872.html>).

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The obvious question is why (if not a sign of gross insecurity) does Islam have to officially criminalize people freely deciding to believe what they choose! The American Center for Law and Justice, a Washington D.C.-based human rights firm, has announced that it will be providing legal representation for Rev. Abedini and we can look forward to an interesting legal and political arm-wrestling. But if all these could be happening to someone with a high profile and visibility as Rev Abedini, what would not happen to some ordinary Iranian village girl who finds herself unable to continue to believe the teachings of Islam or identify with its practices and wishes to change religion?

To provide an insight to the answer to that question, and as well confirm that the issue is not just an Iranian problem, but an Islam-wide affair, consider the case of Nadia Mohamed Ali, an Egyptian lady, who together with her seven children have been sentenced to 15-year imprisonment, for converting to Christianity! In her case, Nadia was actually born and raised a Christian. However she decided to convert to Islam when she married a Muslim man 23 years ago. After the death of her husband, and seeking to obtain an inheritance from her family, Nadia decided to convert back to Christianity. It is for this apparently "heinous crime" that the supposedly democratic country of Egypt has

sentenced the widow and seven children to a lengthy jail term. Neither were the accomplices who helped in the processing of the new identity cards confirming the conversion spared! (see details at www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2263727/Mother-Nadia-Mohammed-Ali-seven-children-jailed-15-years-Egypt-converting-Christianity-Islam.html)

Things have become particularly much tougher for Christians in Egypt, since the so-called revolution that saw the Muslim Brotherhood candidate, Mohammed Morsi become president. For instance, a few months ago, in August, the roughly 100-family Christian community in Dahshour was forced to flee after Muslim neighbors launched attacks against the Christians' homes and property. Morsi merely said the expulsion and violence was "blown out of proportion."
<http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/2013/January17/174.html>

Back to the issue of freedom to freely change one's religion, we reported in Vol 9 No 4, how maverick moslem preacher, Anjem Choudary openly goes after pre-teens on the streets of Birmingham, have them repeat (on camera) some Arabic chants, and thereafter pronounced them as having "reverted" to Islam. Under the sharia law, both such children and anyone who gets involved in the process of having them say they are no longer moslems are qualified for the most horrible death any nearby pious moslem can inflict!

MAYAN CALENDAR ENDS

According to Mayan Calendar being touted by several New Age groups, the end of the world is billed for 21st December, this year. This is because, according to the experts, the Calendar simply ended that day and no more new dates can be reckoned on that famous calendar.

However, all this is in direct contradiction to the infallible Word of God. The Rapture of the Church of God to meet the Lord Jesus in the air for a 7 year retreat is the next event billed to happen. After that the planet earth will continue at least for another 1000 years during the Millenia reign of Christ and His saints, on this very planet. The planet will indeed one day fizzle out in great heat (2 Peter 3.10, but Saints have far more important issues

to bother about – righteousness, holiness, soul-winning!

As for questions about specific timing that the Father has reserved for Himself, it is sufficient to understand that the blessed Rapture could as well occur TODAY, setting other end-time events into motion.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1Co 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

BOKO HARAM CHRISTMAS ATTACKS

As has become its practice, Boko Haram operatives once again went to town during the Christmas killing innocent Christians at random. According to Worthy News (quoting the African Free Press), gunmen entered the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) at Peria, on Christmas eve, killing the pastor and five other members of the congregation.

Same night in Maiduguri, another six members of the congregation were shot dead at the First Baptist Church in Maiduguri. (see <http://www.worthynews.com/12050-gunmen-attack-nigerian-christians-at-christmas>)

Some so-called top politicians are currently advocating that all these shootings be overlooked and the killers be rehabilitated by doling out to them millions of naira. Apart from the efforts of the Nigerian Christians, spearheaded by those at the Diaspora, nothing has been heard about relieving the pains of the victimized peaceful Nigerian Christians.

In related events, a bomb detonated at a Coptic church in Misrate, Libraya killed two worshippers and wonder two others as they prepared for the new year's Eve service on Sunday 30th December. In the meantime, the Sudan Army continued to bomb Christian villages around Christmas. Details of these stories can be found at www.worthynews.com. Worthynews are also streamed on our website, www.churcharise.org.

TOPICAL ISSUE: Islamic leaders demonstrate increasing desperation in keeping Moslems from leaving the religion

Two recent headline-grabbing stories have further demonstrated the increasing desperation by Islamic authorities to force moslems nominally so-called, to remain moslem – not minding their personal desires or preferences.

In Iran, a visiting Pastor from the US, Rev. Saeed Abedini, was arrested in July, charged with the crime of having converted from Islam. Several years ago, Saeed Abedini who was born into an Iranian Moslem family, decided on his own free will, to both change his religion to Christianity as well as to emigrate to the United States. Now this year, as he had done a number of times in the past, he decided to pay his old folks a visit at Christmas, but Iranian authorities felt quite uncomfortable having an ex-moslem freely roam the land. They waved aside the man's current status as an American Christian leader, and got him not only arrested, but now jailed!
(<http://www.christianpost.com/news/us-pastor-visiting-iran-arrested-for-converting-to-christianity-86957/>)
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Our Error: The Exhortation in the next column was used for vol 15 no 5, as can be confirmed by readers who got the e-version, (the version on our website.) However, during printing, the so-called printer devil saw a different message, one previously used in vol 15 no 4, being inserted. We correct that here now, even if it means we are posting this Exhortation message twice for our online audience. It's a good and much needed message anyway! Be blessed and please remember us in your prayers.

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EXHORTATION: Wicked Ways – End Times

To living men no time can be as solemn as “the living present,” whatever its characteristics; and that solemnity is immensely deepened in an age of progress unparalleled in the history of the world. But the question arises whether these days of ours are momentous beyond comparison, by reason of their being in the strictest sense *the last*? Is the world's history about to close? The sands of its destiny, are they almost run out, and is the crash of all things near at hand?

Earnest thinkers will not allow the wild utterances of alarmists, or the vagaries of prophecy-mongers, to divert them from an inquiry at once so solemn and so reasonable. It is only the infidel who doubts that there is a destined limit to the course of “this present evil world.”

Jesus makes the following statement so everyone reading these scriptures would understand. “*Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*” [Matthew 24:34](#). Jesus is speaking of future events so the generation that would be witnesses to all the signs that He had just mentioned should be fully aware that all these thing will be fulfilled during the life span of that particular generation.

The generation that saw Israel reborn as a nation in 1948 is currently still with us.

Nobody can perfectly place a date on when the seven year tribulation period will begin and we don't really need to. God Almighty told us, in His word, that when we *begin* to see these things we are to look up for our redemption draws nigh. I just read the news again and guess what? Sure enough, these things are beginning to unfold.

Now, here's why I've written this commentary. I see a major problem occurring today among those who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. Many of God's children are enticed with and even enjoying very wicked lifestyles. “*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*” [2 Chron.7:14](#). We should pay close attention to what God tells us.

The end is in sight, therefore shouldn't we who are called by His name (Christians), be turning from our wicked ways? This time in which we live is certainly the last of the last days. Everyone who professes to be following the Lord Jesus Christ should be evaluating their lives and looking in the mirror to see who's looking back. Is Jesus looking back at you and smiling that smile that says “Well done my good and faithful servant”? Or is the world looking back at you and whispering “You're one of us”.

Ron Graham From www.successandfailure.net/blog/tag/there-shall-not-be-left-here-one-stone-upon-another/