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Christianity remains high hazard in Northern Nigeria

We reported in the last edition the gruesome callous murder of Sunday Ezekiel Achi, president of the Campus fellowship of the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, (ATBU) Bauchi. Sunday's corpse was found, with neck broken and "body badly bruised" beside a mosque on campus, near the home of the University's Vice Chancellor (COMPASS, Dec 20, 2004). Although the five students involved in the "offensive" activity of distribution of Christian tracts had been summarily dismissed from their respective institutions (3 from ATBU and 2 from nearby Fed Poly), and the bus and secretariat of the Nigeria Fellowship of Evangelical Students had been razed down, Islamic militants apparently wanted to send a strong message hence the murder of the ECWA president.

(See additional details at www.opendoors.org.za/newsarchivenigeria.htm.)

Now, in January, representatives of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Bauchi called on the Federal Government to carry out investigation into the murder of Achi and bring to justice those who killed him. They also demanded the reinstatement of the 5 expelled Christian students and the removal of the head officials of the 2 institutions for contributing to the conflicts between Muslim and Christian students. The first reaction of Muslim leaders in Bauchi was to call a press conference (led by one Alhaji Muhammad Dan Madami on January 25) where they expressed support for the activities of the Muslim militants. They also opposed the removal of the heads of the 2 Institutions (both Moslems) or the reinstatement of the Christian students.

Furthermore, the muslim militants pronounced a death sentence on the 5 expelled Christian students and the very next day (January 26), the families of two of them, in Gombe state, were visited apparently to carry out the *fatwa*. Rev. Oludare Aliu, national coordinator of the students' ministry of ECWA confirmed the visit: "Muslim militants went to Gombe to...kill Hannatu, but fortunately, she was not at home at the time. The family was held at gun point". Hannatu's mother was stabbed with a knife and has been treated for the wounds. The family of Abraham Adamu Misal, also in Gombe, was similarly visited. Both students have gone into hiding while the whereabouts of the remaining 3 is not yet known.

Other recent incidents of harassments of Christians in the northern part of Nigeria include the killing of a Christian community leader Davou Bulle of → pg 2

PFN Biennial Conference held in Lagos

The 8th Biennial Conference of the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria, marking the 20th anniversary of the organization was successfully held between Feb 8 and 11 in Lagos. All the spiritual heavyweights were present; and the deliberations were quite frank but brotherly. Apart from the main theme, "*Making Disciples of all Nations,*" there were some other interesting asides. For instance, Rev Chris Okotie brought up the issue of his presidential ambition and lamented the lukewarm attitude of many Christian leaders to his candidacy in the last national elections. The general view however was that the announcement by a member of the clergy that God has instructed him to become the president of the nation should not automatically translate to the political adoption of that candidature by every pastor in the land, especially when there are other Christians also aspiring to the same office. Nevertheless, apathy to politics by the clergy was roundly condemned. → cont'd on pg 2.

Satan steps up Campus Campaign

Apart from the coercive brutal killings and intimidations of Christian leaders on campuses of tertiary institutions (especially in Northern Nigeria) and the ideological infestations of same with sexuality education and evolution doctrines, satanic agents in the Federal Ministry of Education are organizing another fundamental campaign against Christianity on Nigerian campuses.

In a recent directive, according to the Registrar of the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), (see Advertorial in Punch Feb 19, pg A23), the Ministry has directed that all religious activities on Campuses must be conducted under the auspices of only three recognized authorities: Catholic Christianity, Islam, and Protestant Christianity. → pg 2

Sexuality Education Movement in Nigeria runs into a brick wall...

The Nigeria component of the sexuality education movement has run into its first real resistance yet; and may be understanding for the first time why the re-packaged age-long ideas that it is selling (essentially homosexuality and so-called childhood sexuality) have always had limited success in human societies over the millennia. Realizing that the religious disposition of ordinary Nigerians (both teachers and students) is a major hurdle that must be reckoned with if the programme is to make it beyond the level of theory and rhetorics, → cont'd on page 2

Hazardous Faith (from pg 1) Gana-Ropp in Barakin Ladi LGA of Plateau state by militant Moslems (Compass Jan 17), and the shooting to death of a young Christian woman Judith Lan'guti, on January 28 by 'peace-keeping soldiers'. (www.compassdirect.org/en/newslongen.php?idelement=3668). The army of occupation had been posted to Numan since the town's respected Christian monarch, Feddy Soditi Bongo was banished to Taraba state for not restraining his people in their opposition to the building of a mosque with minarets overlooking the palace.

PFN (from pg 1) At the end of the very refreshing and stimulating Conference, Bishop Mike Okonkwo said the PFN is now "better equipped spiritually and physically to rise up and defend our faith as unto the heroes of faith who laid their lives for the gospel of Jesus Christ". The much beloved and respected Bishop also announced that Pastor Ayo Oritsajefor has been appointed to be his successor, as the new President of the Fellowship. The appointment was made by the National Advisory Board of the Fellowship in accordance with its Constitution. Energetic and highly influential "Pastor Ayo" is the helmsman at the Word of Life Church in Warri. CA! has had cause to refer on occasions to his uncompromising and effective spiritual stands on many issues, particularly during the highly volatile Warri crisis. We congratulate him and wish him God's continual guidance and strengthening in his new very important office.

"In the area of youth indecency, we strongly suggest that unless the adults, corporate organizations and other institutions refrain from patronage and other encouragements given to this vice, little will be achieved in the dress code campaign".

PFN, in a communique issued at the end of the 8th Biennial Conference.

Campus Antichrist (from pg 1) Thus all students' religious activities are to be conducted only at facilities provided by these bodies, usually at some remote out-of-the-way location somewhere on Campus. This is clearly designed to weaken the Christian fellowships, who are the obvious targets; and it is simply unreasonable to expect the thousands of Christian worshippers on a typical Sunday to use a single auditorium designed for a few hundred regular worshippers (mainly staff).

Two Universities in South West Nigeria, FUTA and the Obafemi Awolowo University, (OAU), Ile-Ife seem to be competing to be adjudged the most diligent executor of this policy sourced from the pit

of hell. And with predictable results! FUTA was closed on Feb 16 when the students Christian fellowships refused to comply with the directive to restrict prayer meetings to the Chapel. Joint Christian Campus Fellowship president, David Mosibale, who was wounded by the University's security men during the face-off explained: "The management came up with an attempt to wipe out gospel in FUTA, when we want to use the halls for gospel they won't give us, but when people apply to use them for gala nights, beauty pageants, they will be given". He further claimed that various efforts to meet with the University management were rebuffed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof Peter Adeniyi. At the OAU, Ile-Ife, the already over-stretched security unit, unable to contain the few cult groups and petty burglars, are now being unleashed on Christian fellowships – one at a time.

It is really a shame that the same Federal Ministry of Education that is currently openly sponsoring the incorporation of the cultic Eckankar religion into the educational curriculum at High Schools (see CA! Vol 7 No 6 /Punch Sept 17, 2004, pg 8) could be devising such rules geared at destabilizing the campuses. Really, it's about time the individuals responsible for these moves and their local collaborators on campuses were told the home truth: none of them can boast of the status of a Nebuchadnezzar or even a Herod. In the words of the Apostle Peter: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." (Acts 4:19)

Sexuality Education Stalled (from pg 1) the movement called for a Consensus-building meeting with Faith-based Organizations (FBOs) in March last year. Expecting to be able to wring out some concession from the group that would pave way for more gradual penetration of the religious bodies later on, Action Health got the rude shock of its existence so far when the entire curriculum was torn to shreds. It took the AHI almost a year before it could now post the report of that meeting on her website. (See www.actionhealthinc.org/publications/features/building_consensus.htm). Highlights from the Consensus Statement in the document include:

- Promotion of the use of condoms and the use of the terms "unprotected" or "safer" sex was condemned; and is to be removed from all programmes and educational materials.
- Parents are the primary educators. Parents should be empowered to give age-appropriate sexuality education.
- God must be exalted and religious values given due consideration throughout the curriculum
- Government and lawmakers should be careful when implementing international covenants and must

ensure that the religious and socio-cultural values of our people are upheld and respected.

By the end of the day, the pet victory of an official curriculum which AHI had been boasting about has turned pyrrhic as a truly decent and beneficial Family Life curriculum emerged.

Of course, none of the big funders in the UN/US will have any of such. [Even the change in name to Family Life and HIV/AIDS Education Curriculum is reflected only in the official books at the ministry of education; the programme continues to be discussed among its advocates as Sexuality Education in order to continually attract cheap UN-based funds.] As we have previously written, unlike the overzealous local advocates, the international sponsors of sexuality education have always known the uphill task it is facing; and is actually only using the whole exercise as means to a much bigger end (Vol 7 No 5). For instance an article “Adolescent Reproductive Health in Africa: Where Do We Begin?” accurately predicted that: “sometimes, however, Family Life Education programs may respond to pressures that cause them to dilute the sexuality education material”. The glaring fact which advocates of sexuality education seem to be blind to is that they are not able to cite any single society/country where all their grand-sounding ideas and outlooks have worked to produce what they are claiming would result here. Rather the opposite is what is observed: Abstinence works and builds up society; Lewdness, pornography, adultery/ fornication, unconscionable sex, bestiality, pedophilia, incest, etc are all destructive and take society downhill. Whatever could be more destructive to a society than (sexual) immorality?

...Now, Sexuality Education Goes ‘Academic’!

The Sexuality Education movement has scampered back to academia in the tradition of the Kinsey Institute that originally spawned it. With a generous grant from the Ford Foundation, the African Regional Sexuality Resource Centre, ARSRC has been founded as the ‘academic front’ of AHI. The 5 year initiative will concentrate its efforts on 4 African countries at different levels of ‘development’ in sexuality education. While the ARSRC is still adjusting itself seeking for an effective attachment into society in Egypt, Kenya and Nigeria, priorities for South Africa now include “Creating social space and programming to meet the needs of gays and lesbians” (www.arsrc.org, Research Highlights). Of course, the ultimate agenda for all the countries are exactly the same. It is a wonder how these folks could think their spell, (or whatever), can somehow make us not to see where they are headed for!

The AHI itself acknowledges it is just using the vaneer of academia to “give greater visibility, depth and legitimacy to the field of sexuality” as clearly stated on the website of the ARSRC (www.arsrc.org). It also is aware that people are to be lured into the field with

financial inducement. As an article on capacity building frankly admits: “...The weak economic situation in the region, which expresses itself, among others, in low salary levels forces researchers to do short-term, demand driven consultancy work. It is sad but true that increasingly, researchers from West Africa (and not infrequently their collaborators from the North) are motivated to conduct sexual health research not mainly with the desire to make their knowledge useful in a development context but with expectation of personal benefit.”

www.arsrc.org/en/resources/documents/oct04/issue.pdf
Hence in a recent offer inviting applications for research grants, the minimum academic qualification required is “the equivalent of a HND”, but with the added conditionality of “demonstrable experience and (or) interest” in sexuality education. Clearly the academic requirement is but a mere ruse! Special efforts are to be made to get responsible, respected Christian teachers that can be quoted (often out of context).

Leading articles gracing the cover of the Sexuality in Africa magazine (as currently displayed at the website) includes one suggesting that abstinence does not really work among born-again Pentecostal youths in Nigeria. This serious statement was however not substantiated with the data provided. In fact the article began by claiming an incredible population density of 353 people per square metre for Nigeria, a demonstration of its light treatment of data! www.arsrc.org/en/resources/oct04/researchnote.htm
Another major article from South Africa laboured endlessly to prove the backwardness of promoting virginity in girls; and also that homosexuality is not unAfrican (www.arsrc.org/en/resources/oct04/viewpoint.htm). Of course all it achieved was merely confirming that sin/Satanism is a global problem of all mankind in all ages and culture.

However, even on the academic front, all is not smooth sailing for sexuality education. According to media reports, the first National Consultative Summit on Reproductive Health which held in February last year ended in near fracas with participants at the verge of verbal confrontations over the communiqué. According to gynaecologist Anastasia Njoku, the summit was merely meant to rubber-stamp the agenda of Western-based donor agencies who are the main conference sponsors. “(Organisers) are simply out to preach abortion and contraceptives all in the name of reproductive health.”

<http://updates.takingitglobal.org/read/okerotimi?startat=4>

More systematic subtle Assaults on the marriage institution

Describing “sexual intercourse” in the Teen Zone of its website, Action Health Inc. is careful to explain that ““Having sex”... can refer to intimacy or closeness between a man and a woman, between two men or between two women.”

(<http://www.actionhealthinc.org/teenzone/faq.htm#SexualIntercourse>). In short, the gender of the two partners is immaterial. Although such notions are still being gradually and deceptively introduced in Nigeria, it is already becoming hazardous in other places to speak of sex or marriage as designed for two opposite-gender partners. It's another fundamental attack on the marriage institution.

For instance, On Feb 24 this year, the Ontario Legislature in Canada passed the infamous Bill 171, which further enshrines same-sex marriage in Ontario law and introduces "gender-neutral language that otherwise refers to wives and husbands". (<http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2005/feb/05022408.html>). Affecting 73 statutes, this means that words like "husband", "wife" "widow", "persons of the opposite sex" etc, must no longer appear in any of those statutes. In a similar vein, marriage licenses in Massachusetts, (USA), are now shorn of any reference to "bride" and "groom". Couples getting married are simply referred to as "Party A" and "Party B". For now it is taking the determined stand of Governor Mitt Romney to stall the proposal by the Department of Public Health to replace the words "mother" and "father" with "Parent A" and "Parent B" on birth certificates!

Boston Globe columnist, Jeff Jacoby, in an interesting article x-rays these developments and concludes that the issue is much more than a simple "tweaking of legal terminology". According to Jacoby "The crusade for same-sex marriage has never been aimed merely at adjusting the familiar boundaries of married life to make it more inclusive. The real target is the significance of marriage itself — the idea, fundamental to human happiness and all successful societies, that the purpose of marriage is to bring men and women together for their mutual welfare and for the protection and well-being of any children they create or adopt. It is that deeply ingrained belief that the marriage radicals are determined to do away with."

The chilling reality of this analysis is demonstrated for instance in a recent story involving black actress, Jada Pinkett Smith. Smith was in Harvard University, early March, to receive an award from the Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations. She used the opportunity of her acceptance remarks to encourage her audience and particularly challenge a recent hypothesis by Harvard's President, Lawrence Summers, that family obligations can make it difficult for married women to reach the top of the career ladder. Obviously trying to inspire her audience with her own life, Jada said, "Women, you can have it all — a loving man, devoted husband, loving children, a fabulous career..." Not every one saw this as harmless words of challenge however.

Harvard's Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Supporters Alliance (BSGLTSA) found the comments "extremely heteronormative". Moreover the Alliance complained that such rosy picture of a happy heterosexual married life "made BGLTSA members feel uncomfortable." For this great "transgression" the group demanded — and received — an apology! Read the original article by Jacoby at http://www.jewishworldreview.com/jeff/jacoby_2005_03_14.php3

World Homosexuals plan to meet at Jerusalem

In a sharp irony to the intolerance and suspicion demonstrated by the new sexuality people in the story above, a mass international gathering of homosexual, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals, is scheduled to take place August in Jerusalem. A statement from the organizers of the event tagged World Pride 2005, says "In these times of intolerance and suspicion, from the home of three of the world's great religions, we will proclaim that love knows no borders."!

Many Christian and Jewish groups are denouncing the event as being morally outrageous and highly offensive to religious sensibilities. Jerusalem Mayor, Uri Lupolianski, an Orthodox Jew, speaking on a less grand homosexual event earlier held in Jerusalem in the past summer said: "This is a horrible parade. It is not only ugly; it's also a provocation. ...There is a difference between everyone dancing his own dance as usual, and having a parade, which is an attempt to jump up and stomp on the toes of the general public," However, Hagai El-Ad, executive director of the Jerusalem Open House, a homosexual and lesbian community center sponsoring World Pride, told WorldNetDaily: "The mayor of Jerusalem doesn't have the authority to stop us. We live in a democracy, not a theocracy." www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=43239

Hard drugs closer to society

In the last edition, we mentioned the controversy concerning hallucinogens which some insist provide for them, not hallucinations, but a link to God. The bottom-line was that with the US Supreme Court giving judgment against the government, hard drugs are getting closer to the man on the street, with chilling implications. In a further development along this line, the US food and drug administration has reportedly given the go-ahead for US soldiers traumatized by fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan to be offered the drug ecstasy to help free them of flashbacks and recurring nightmares. (THE GUARDIAN, LONDON Friday, Feb 18, 2005, Page 7). The same drug has also been approved for late-stage cancer patients (NewScientist, Mar), while the

once dreaded LSD is being considered as a viable treatment for cluster headaches. Indeed, NewScientist (Mar 1) reported that clinical trials of psychedelic drugs are planned or already under way at numerous centres around the world for conditions ranging from anxiety to alcoholism. The article ended by asking, how soon before doctors are legally prescribing hallucinogens? All this development might as well be an indication of a society that is gradually losing its mind. Please, keep yours!

All roads lead to microchip implants?

Burglars rammed a vehicle through a back wall of a Department of Motor Vehicles office in Las Vegas, early in the morning of Monday, March 7 and made away with the License-making facilities as well as 1,700 license blanks and laminated covers bearing the embossed Nevada state seal. Security officials feel that identity theft, rather than terrorism is the main concern in the incident.

Police said the stolen equipment could be used to manufacture licenses virtually indistinguishable from legitimate Nevada driver's licenses. Fake identification could be used to cash fraudulent checks, raid another person's bank account, apply for credit, rent cars, buy airline tickets or pass security checkpoints. "If I can get information on your date of birth, Social Security number, I put everything to match you (on an ID), but with my face," Las Vegas police Lt. Steve Franks told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "There's going to be a lot of damage done with this."

www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/nevadea/2005/mar/09/030910059.html

This is just another development building the case in favour of the ultimate secure ID – a microchip implant; especially when the other 'benefits' (economic, medical, etc) of such an implant are added. See past editions of CA! for the implications of such a development, especially with respect to the mark of the beast mentioned in Rev. 13:16ff.

Riddle of 3rd Temple Site solved?

No Bible prophecy student will doubt that a Jewish Temple is to be re-built on its traditional site before the coming of the Messiah. Indeed the antichrist will be revealed for who he is to the Jews, when he would desecrate that Temple and claim to be divine (Mat.24:15). What has always been the problem is conceptualizing how the Temple could be re-built on its traditional site when apparently another religious monument, the Islamic Dome of the Rock, stands right on the same location. This structure is considered the 3rd holiest shrine in Islam and storming it by military force or expecting a voluntary vacation of the site by the Islamic authorities are both out of the question. Views ranged from the

possibilities of some supernatural intervention, "perhaps an earthquake", or the reported geological faults which the Islamic authorities are refusing to authorize repairs, becoming aggravated and somehow bringing down the Dome. However, the question is usually pushed aside with the explanation that somehow, the antichrist, with his craftiness, will be able to work out some mutually agreeable solution; and will actually use that to win the confidence of the Jews initially (see CA! Vol 2 Nos 5&6, Vol 7 No 5, etc). It is appearing that none of the above might be required after all as respected Hal Lindsey presents an inspired theory, which if confirmed, will appear as a perfect solution to the problem.

Commenting on the interest the newly revived Sanhedrin (see last edition) is putting on the rebuilding of the Temple, and the general expectation in Judaism that the Messiah would soon appear, Hal Lindsey explained that there are actually two alternative viable theories as to the exact location of the previous Temple foundations. In the opinion of the Sanhedrin, apart from the theory that the Temple stood on the same basic site on which the Dome of the Rock is currently situated, there is another theory by Dr Asher Kaufman, that the Temple was built north of the Dome of the Rock. Hal Lindsey, recalled how on a visit to the site to check out this other theory he experienced what he called "one of the most supernatural visitations" of his life. In his words, "My mind was suddenly flooded with a couple of verses that had been a mystery to me. This is what I was shown. "I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, 'Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.'" (Revelation 11:1-2 NIV) "

To Lindsey, this is a clear statement that "the outer court was not to be included in the rebuilt Temple, because it was given to the Gentiles." When he measured off from a centerline mentioned by Dr Kaufman, he found that there was at least 6 meters clearance from the nearest points of the Dome of the Rock and the Temple's inner-court wall! His convincing conclusion: "So what does all this mean? The Temple can be rebuilt and stand alongside the Dome of the Rock without disturbing it. And since the outer court, also known as the Court of the Gentiles, is given to the Gentiles in this period just before the Messiah comes, it infers that there would be a Gentile building there, i.e., the Dome of the Rock." http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=42898

In a similar development, a grassroots Jewish organization, Revava, is planning to bring 10,000 Jews to the heavily restricted Temple Mount so as to spark Israeli dialogue about reclaiming the holy site from its Muslim custodians. The visit, scheduled for April 10,

would be the largest Jewish presence at the Temple Mount since the ancient Temple period, said David Haivri, leader of the group. Most Bible prophecy students expect the Rapture of the Church, even before the building of the Temple. Is somebody getting ready?

Miracles in the Tsunami

Updated figures on lives lost in the Dec 26, 2004 Tsunami is now around 190,000. As we pointed out in the last edition, both sinners and saints, Christians and non-Christians were affected by the disaster – though obviously Moslems and Bhuddists form the vast majority, for the obvious reasons that those were the main religions in the areas affected. Like we mentioned at the close of that article, the way of escape from disaster is not being at the wrong place at critical times – and the application goes far beyond natural disasters.

Nevertheless the story below is a delightful story that shows how God intervenes to honour our faithfulness and particularly humility. It is a story set in Meulabohin Aceh, a town which lost about 80% of its people and properties to the Tsunami. The story had it that some 400 Christians from Meulaboh were denied the permission to celebrate Christmas in the town on the grounds of Sharia rule. “They were told if they wanted to celebrate Christmas they needed to go outside the city of Meulaboh on a high hill They (the Christians) humbly left the city on December 25th and stayed on the hill overnight till December 26. They were still at this high ground when the Tsunami came. All 400 or so involved were spared! The Pastor who posted this message on the Internet, Pastor Bill Hekman of the Calvary Life Fellowship in Indonesia, comments further: “This is a testimony of the grace of God and the fact that as believers we have no rights in the world. Our right is to come before God and commit our lives to Him. Our right is kneeling down before the Lord almighty and commit our ways to Him. He is our Father and is very capable to care for His children”.

Although some skeptics have been trying to discredit this story, none has been able to factually disprove its veracity; whereas the Calvary Life Fellowship has on their web site further authenticated the story. See here, <http://www.expats.or.id/orgs/calvarylifefellowship.html>). We are glad to publish it to the glory of the Almighty sovereign God.

Earth due for a Super Volcano eruption – Experts

British scientists are warning that super volcanoes, capable of gigantic eruptions unlike anything witnessed in recorded history are sure to occur “sooner or later”. These will involve “super-eruptions” that are up to hundreds of times larger than those of Mt St Helens, Krakatoa, Pinatubo or anything else ever seen or studied. According to Stephen Self of the UK’s Open University, “An area the size of North America can be devastated, and pronounced

deterioration of global climate would be expected for a few years following the eruption...They could result in the devastation of world agriculture, severe disruption of food supplies, and mass starvation. These effects could be sufficiently severe to threaten the fabric of civilization.” Another description talks of the eruption pumping “dust and chemicals into the atmosphere for years, screening the Sun and cooling the planet.” The result is the plunging of the Earth into a perpetual winter, and according to some models, causing plant and animal species disappear forever. All these look like texts taken straight out of Revelations 6:12 ff!

Self and his colleagues at the Geological Society of London presented their report to the U.K. Government's Natural Hazard Working Group and warned that the scenario they describe, though rare, is inevitable. An article in Live Science (www.livescience.com/forcesofnature/050308_super_volcano.html) pointed out that this warning is similar to the picture painted by Geologists in the United States in 2001

Not only should the world look forward to experiencing a super-volcano, from the data being given, one such eruption is already due! According to Chuck Wicks of the US Geological Survey, data from Yellowstone alone suggest that super explosion occur there every 600,000 years – and the last one happened some 620,000 years ago! Even if the super volcanoes are late in coming, “smaller but nevertheless huge eruptions which would have continental to global consequences” are further expected “every 5,000 years or so”. In the last 6,000 years or so of recorded history, none of this has yet been observed!

The report by the geologist closed on a note of fatalistic finality: “While it may in future be possible to deflect asteroids or somehow avoid their impact, even science fiction cannot produce a credible mechanism for averting a super eruption. No strategies can be envisaged for reducing the power of major volcanic eruptions”.

Depressed or scared by all these? No need to be. Turn to John 14 in the Bible for an unbeatable and fail-proof free offer. Won't you?

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. (Luke 21:28)

Playing God, Scientists to make mice with human brains

In one of the most controversial scientific projects yet conceived, researchers at Stanford University have secured the approval of the university's ethics committee to create a mouse whose brain will be composed entirely of human cells. This is a follow-up

to their previous successful effort in breeding mice with brains that are one per cent human cells. In this next stage they will be using stem cells from aborted fetuses to create an animal whose brain cells are 100 per cent human. Prof Irving Weissman, who heads the university's Institute of Cancer/Stem Cell Biology, believes that the effort could lead to a cure for diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease.

The group is waiting for a key American government-sponsored report, due this month, that will decide just how much science can blur the distinction between man and beast. In previous experiments, pigs with human blood have been developed at a clinic in Minnesota while sheep whose livers were 80% human and which could possibly be used for transplants were produced at the University of Nevada last year. However, the fresh concern here is that the human brain is now involved. Prof Weissman has already reached an understanding with his University's ethics committee that if the mice show human-like behaviours, like improved memory or problem-solving, he would destroy them immediately.

However opponents of the work point out that it is highly unlikely that the mice would show obvious human traits. However, there is the concern that the brain cells could begin to organise themselves in a way that was more human than mouse. Could not the human stem cells migrate to other parts of the animals, to create for instance human sperm or eggs in their reproductive systems? And should two such "chimera mice" mate, could not a human embryo be trapped in a mouse's womb?

In a recent article for the conservative Weekly Standard magazine, Wesley Smith, a consultant for the Centre for Bioethics and Culture warned that "biotechnology is becoming dangerously close to raging out of control". He wrote: "Scientists are engaging in increasingly macabre experiments that threaten to mutate nature and the human condition." (www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2005/03/06/wmouse06.xml)

Letters

I am using this medium to express my gratitude for the newsletter I receive from your ministry. Each edition gives insight to the imminent closing of history. The hand of the clock concerning the end of this age is ever moving to its final stop; when the King of kings and the Lord of lords will appear. I pray the hand of the evil one will not overwhelm your ministry.

Emmanuel B. Bada, Akure

Best wishes - and keep up the good work!

Prof. Bolaji Aluko, Maryland, US

"If the Gospel cannot preach and bring about a change for good politically, socially, mentally and spiritually, of what relevance shall be our Light?"

PFN National Secretariat (Sunday Punch, Jan 9, 2005, pg 52)

Troubles for Traditional Religions (from back page)

In Nigeria, apart from the reeling blows suffered during the Okija shrines saga and similar situations, ATR was put in a new dimension of public quandary at the recent demise of well-loved monarch of Abeokuta. It was an open secret that Oba Oyebade Lipele, a born-again Christian, had long repudiated ATR. His acclaimed sagacity, long life (died at 90 years), plus such unusual progress and tranquility in his domain (the only Yoruba domain to produce Nigerian ruler on 4 occasions) clearly debunked the myths that all such cherished blessings come from dedication to the worship of the "gods of our fore-fathers".

At Ira, Ikeji-Ile in Osun state, in a story we might be telling in more details at a later time, despite the disposition of the Christian monarch, (a practicing Pastor) to accommodate ATR, divine turn of events in February led to the unexpected, total dismantling and desecration of the last surviving principality in the area – the fearsome Olofin deity, widely consulted from home and abroad. The failure of the deity to "respond appropriately" is a clear testimony to the power of Jesus and has caused even more damage to the image of the once-dreaded deity in the mind of the general populace.

However, the most intriguing of the set-backs being suffered by ATRs in recent times in Yorubaland would be the declaration by Chief Jeboda, the 86 year old Abore (High Priest) of the Olokun Shrine (probably the principal deity of Lagos) that he is packing up the priesthood in order to seek reconciliation with his Moslem children. When asked by his fellow Moslem Oba of Lagos to vacate the shrine to make way for a newly appointed priest, Chief Jeboda declared, (with historical and documented legal evidences) that not only the building hosting the shrine but the deity itself is the private property of his family (see Judges 18:14-20 for this type of situation in the Bible). Since he is the last available person in the family willing to perpetuate the priesthood, it seems obvious that despite the threats from Iga (the King's Court) and the intervention of the National Orientation Agency, Olokun the marine deity, is on her way to the museum. In the words of Jeboda who has served 7 Obas of Lagos over the decades, "the deity was potent. But that was then. Its era has gone. We are now in a new age" (Punch Feb 13, pg 7ff).

As we have repeatedly stated in this newsletter, the so-called Abrahamic monotheist religions (in their true forms) will be the last to face the wrath of the pantheistic Bhuddism-based new world religion. And the results are known in advance: Fundamental Islam will be totally annihilated, Bible-based Christianity will hold the fort, manifesting as the Light which the darkness cannot comprehend till it be taken out of the way at the rapture of the Church (2 Thess . 2:4-9, Rev 12:5); while Judaism will face the full brunt of the antichrist till the Lord's second coming for her rescue (see Rev 12:6; Zech 14).

EXHORTATION

The Sliding progression to Error

Pastors! Theologians! Ministers! You must be aware of what evolution is doing to students' minds. You must be aware of what is happening in the school system. There are fewer children attending our church education programs. There are fewer children interested in religious education in schools. In many schools, religious education classes are not allowed any more. Look at it practically. Is your compromise position working? It is not!

There are many passages throughout the Bible in which God rebukes religious leaders for leading people astray. Jeremiah, for instance, was called by the Lord to warn the Israelites about teachers and priests who were not proclaiming the truth. Jesus openly rebuked many religious leaders, calling them such names as "vipers" (Matt. 12:34). These same warnings apply to many today who claim to be teachers of the Word of God, but who, in reality, are causing many people to fall by the wayside.

Many shepherds of the sheep in today's world can be found in one of the following groups, in the sliding progression from "toleration" to "capitulation" to "error."

1. Toleration: Many tell us we should tolerate other people's beliefs about evolution: that we must refrain from speaking against what they say. Or, we are told to consider all alternatives that scientist put before us and not be "dogmatic" about one view. Of course, this is a form of dogmatism itself, claiming that we cannot insist Genesis be taken literally so as to exclude evolutionary philosophy.
2. Accomodation: Because of the high respect for "academia," and the immense amount of material from a large number of scientists pushing evolution, many Christians just add evolution to the Bible.
3. Cooperation: here the error of evolution has been tolerated and given standing in the church.
4. Contamination: With people becoming so intimately involved with the error of evolutionary philosophy, this theory becomes generally accepted and taught. Consequently, the issue doesn't bother people any more.
5. Capitulation to Error: Evolution becomes accepted as fact, and anyone who dares to disagree is a "heretic." As people accept evolution, and relegate Genesis to myth or allegory, they start to question the rest of Scripture. A rejection of the foundations of all doctrine contained in the Book of Genesis logically leads one to a denial of the entire Bible.

Ken Ham (culled from Chapter 10 of his book, *The Lie: Evolution**)

The error of evolution proceeds in the same way as its twin sister, the new age sexuality. One could substitute 'evolution' in the article above with 'homosexuality' – Ed.

TOPICAL ISSUE

Structural re-alignments: African Traditional Religions face hard times

We have often explained that one of the events to look forward to as we approach the end of time is a re-arrangement of various forces. One major driver of these re-alignments will be globalization. Hence governments will continue to merge first along regional lines (e.g. EU, ECOWAS, AU, OAS/NAFTA, etc) and ultimately into a One World Government to be headed by the antichrist (EU, UN expected to be major players in this respect). Similarly, private businesses will continuously merge to form big conglomerates (e.g the banking industry in Nigeria) and public ones will be privatized, all facilitating subsequent easy take-overs by agents of the One World government (see CA! Vol 1 No 5). Finally, religions will also merge to produce the One World Religion to be headed by the False Prophet who will accelerate the emergence of the antichrist (Rev. 13:11-12).

Current events in Nigeria indicate that the so-called African Traditional Religion, ATR, is currently being battered and this may be indicative of its imminent demise and departure from the stage, prior to its being totally subsumed by the ever bludgeoning One World Religion. The modern One world religion move was officially inaugurated at the meeting in Assisi in October 1986 by Pope John Paul II, and is being consolidated by various agencies like the UR, UN, etc all as part of the New Age movement (See e.g. CA! Vol 2 No 6 for a detailed exposition). → cont'd on pg 7

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