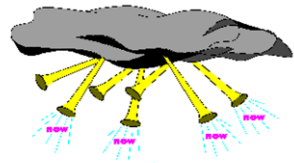


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Charles III

Is the monarchy an outdated anachronism with little relevance to the 21st century? I would argue that the monarchy gives stability and continuity to a nation which an elected president cannot. We have recently enjoyed the 70 year reign of a strictly nonpolitical monarch. She was careful not to reveal her views on political issues. As such she was the monarch for all the people. Her successor is not like that. As monarch in waiting he has been open about his views on many topics.

The monarch has little power but enormous influence. Prior to becoming king one of the causes which Charles has used his influence to promote is conservation. A cause celebrated with the floral design of the coronation invitations. A notable feature of the design is the face of the green man at the bottom. According to Peter Bramwell, author of 'Pagan themes in modern children's fiction', in modern paganism the Green Man is a symbol of seasonal renewal and ecological awareness. Ecological awareness will undoubtedly be one of the causes which Charles uses his influence to promote.

Probably the most formative influence on Charles' life was Sir Laurens Van Der Post. Wikipedia describes Sir Laurens as a South African Afrikaner, writer, farmer, soldier, educator, journalist, humanitarian, philosopher, explorer and conservationist. Post was also a devotee of the psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung. On meeting Jung he said that he had never before met anyone of Jung's stature.

Post's influence on Prince Charles started with a safari to Kenya in 1977. He remained a close and influential friend of Charles for the rest of his life. In time he became godfather to Prince William.

The influence of C G Jung on Post and through him on Charles is evident. Jung was a friend and at one time thought of as a successor to Carl Sigmund Freud. Whereas Freud had no place for God in his theories, Jung saw spiritual experience as an essential part of a person's self-realization. His study of Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Gnosticism, Taoism and other traditions led him to believe that a journey of transformation was at the heart of all religions.

There has been long standing speculation over whether Charles would at his coronation promise to be the defender of 'the faith' or faiths. This stems from a belief in religion rather than a belief in a specifically Christian religion. It is known

that he wanted all faiths to be included in the coronation ceremony. This suits the political expedient of using the coronation to unite the country. But that is not what the coronation is about.

The coronation is a covenant with God that places the rule of this nation under God and that is the Christian God, not any god. In a direct reference back to the anointing of the kings of Israel the British monarch is anointed as a servant of God. As head of the nation, he is to serve God first. By serving God he serves the nation.

Going back to ecological awareness, Charles' manifesto was set out in a speech to the Green Horizon Summit sponsored by the World Economic Forum November 2020. In the speech he presented 10 urgent actions necessary to save the planet¹. Not surprisingly his 10 points are very similar to the actions demanded in Klaus Schwab's Great Reset. Schwab defines the Great Reset as - a project to bring the world's best minds together to seek a better, fairer, greener, healthier planet. It is a project which exactly fits Charles' world view.

¹<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/11/prince-charles-the-10-actions-we-must-take-to-tackle-climate-change/>

Israel's Divide

The anti-government protests in Israel continue. Initially they were targeted at the government's reforms of the judicial system. After the government put the reforms on hold the protests continue. This confirmed that for many the protests were really about bringing the elected government down.

Some protesters were against the reforms due to believing that the judiciary played an important role in providing a check on political power. Others are frightened by the inclusion in government of religious and nationalist extremists. To their mind this is a threat to the secular state. They fear that the nation is in danger of becoming a theocracy. There is also a strong element which hates Netanyahu. It is a struggle between religious and secular Israel.

Rabbi David Stav believes that extremism among the religious Zionists has caused this dangerous rift in Judaism. He said "Unfortunately, some of our leaders, elected officials and rabbis speak in a tone that frightens many people in Israeli society – and rightly so."

Melanie Phillips summed up the current disturbances as quoted below:

"Obviously, this tumult reflects the ambiguity over national identity that's remained unresolved since Israel's rebirth in 1948. Was the new Jewish state to be a recovery of Judaism's ancient religious calling, or

would the “new Jews” who replaced religion with secular values repudiate that calling?

These secular Israeli “New Jews” view themselves and their country as no different from other peoples or countries. That’s why they sign up to the universalist principles promoted by the “human rights”- driven judiciary. The erosion of the judiciary’s power is therefore intolerable.

But Judaism, the most particularist of creeds, stands in direct opposition to universalism.”

“Jews can never be the same as other peoples. Israel, like the Jewish people, is unique. If it tore up its ancient identity, it would tear up the reason for its existence as a Jewish state.”

“It is impossible to understand the tumult in Israel without understanding that it is a rerun of a battle that goes back to the earliest days of the Jewish people — the titanic struggle between paganism and Jewish monotheism; between universalism and Jewish particularism; between Jewish Hellenists and those desperately defending Mosaic law against the manifold seductions of Greek culture.

The battle over Greek Hellenism fatally undermined the Jews’ defence against their enemies and led to their expulsion from ancient Israel. A direct line can be traced from today’s western progressives through the 18th century Enlightenment all the way back to the ancient Greeks.”

“Israeli secularists are prepared to bring Israel to its knees in order to be like the west — at the precise point that the west is going down the tubes.”

The Personal Coming

When Jesus returns what will He be like? We feel safe when thinking of Him as the humble carpenter from Nazareth. It is a picture in our minds which we can readily understand. Beware, He is not returning in humility but in glory.

The previous article in this series, on the prophetic creed of J C Ryle, dealt with the blessed hope of all true believers that one day Jesus Christ will return. ‘Come Lord Jesus’, should be our daily prayer. In this article we look at the nature of that coming. The fifth article in Ryle’s prophetic creed reads as follows:

“I BELIEVE that the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will be a real, literal, personal, bodily coming; and that as He went away in the clouds of heaven with His body, before the eyes of men, so in like manner He will return. (Acts 1:11).”

Ryle is quick to dismiss any idea that Jesus will return in some vague spiritual way. His return will be real. It is going to be a pivotal event of world history. It will be literal. *“Every eye shall see Him”*, Revelation 1: 7. It will be personal. The person who was taken up into heaven centuries ago is the same person who will return. Just as He went away in a body so He will return in a body as a man.

The Second Coming will be real

“.. eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 1: 7

The church as it has grown old has also lost the excitement centred on the Second Coming of Christ. Reading the letters of St Paul, it seems that he took it for granted that Christians would be filled with anticipation at the prospect of the return of Christ. Recent translations of the Bible have inserted the word *eagerly* in front of *waiting* (1 Cor 1:7, Ph 3:20, Heb 9:28). This is a more accurate translation of the Greek word *apekdechomai*, which signifies expectant, eager anticipation of a desired event.

The New Testament church was enthusiastic and expectant. In those early years they had seen the world turned upside down through the power of the gospel (Acts 17:6). Within a few decades faith in Christ had spread across most of the Roman world and beyond. Surely the task of making disciples of all nations would be quickly completed. Therefore they could live in the expectation that soon Jesus would return to claim the kingdom for His own.

The passing of time has dulled that anticipation. In the parable of the talents (Matt 25: 14-30) Jesus describes himself as a nobleman going off to receive a kingdom. He hints that he may be away a long time. But this long! It is now nearly 2000 years since He left. Centuries of history have passed and so much has happened to the world. It is a very different place to the one that Jesus left all those years ago. Are we still expected to live in the anticipation of Jesus' return? Maybe 2000 years will become 3000 or even 4000. Is He ever coming back?

Let there be no doubt, Jesus Christ is coming back to this world. It will be a real event. The fulfilment of prophecy, especially that which concerns the nation of Israel, points to it being soon. It is time to recover that same eager anticipation which characterised the early church.

The Second coming will be literal

What will it be like on that glorious day when Jesus returns? The Bible gives us several descriptions but even so it is difficult to imagine.

Jesus said that a time is coming when, *“the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of heavens will be shaken,”* Matthew 24: 29. Isaiah gives a graphic account of that

time, *“The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly, the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut.”* Isaiah 24: 19, 20.

In his vision John sees this time of great shaking both of the earth and the heavens “..... *behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.*” Revelation 6: 12 – 14.

The people of the earth will be terrified by these events. They will realise that the time has come for the wrath of the Lamb to be poured out on a sinful world (Revelation 6:15 – 17). These things, which are difficult to imagine, will be literally fulfilled.

When Jesus returns we will be following close behind (Revelation 19: 14). Described as the armies of heaven we will be there to witness His victory over all the rebellious nations of the world. One day soon all the powers of darkness which dominate the world will be defeated.

The Jesus who will return will be the same Jesus who left.

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1: 11. Jesus Christ who lived on this earth two thousand years ago will return. He will be unchanged in character and purpose. He came to this world to redeem a bride. He is coming back to claim that bride and take her home.

He is the same compassionate, merciful God who walked this earth with His disciples. He healed the sick, cast out demons and raised the dead. He fed the hungry and comforted the bereaved.

He is also the same Jesus who rebuked the religious authorities and drove the thieves from the Temple. His wrath will be revealed toward the wicked and He will not hesitate to judge the cruel and hard hearted.

Jesus will return in a body as a man.

Greek culture believed in the immortality of the soul but not the body. That idea has percolated down throughout the centuries. Many within the church believe that we are destined for a spiritual existence in heaven when we die. This belief is parodied in the concept of floating around on clouds twanging harps. Such an existence could not be more removed from our real destiny which is eternal life. Life in a new body in a new creation unspoiled by sin.

When Jesus ascended to heaven it was as a glorified man. When He returns it will be as a glorified man. We feel safe when thinking of Him as the humble carpenter from Nazareth. It is as if He is a friend and brother. In the vision in Revelation chapter 1 we are introduced to the Jesus of the present. This is the Jesus to whom we address our prayers. A long time before this vision, John had briefly glimpsed Christ as He sees Him now. On the mount of transfiguration, Jesus was revealed in His eternal glory (Matthew 17: 2). His glory was also revealed to the prophets Daniel (Daniel 10: 5 – 8) and Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1: 26- 28). His will be a dazzling glory which will strain our eyes to look upon. His eyes will be like fire. They will see through us. Nothing will be or can be hidden. This is the Jesus which we will one day stand before. It will be awesome and yet I believe we will feel enveloped by love.

Despite His glory Jesus will still be a man. He is a man returning to reign over mankind. When the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary, he said that her baby was destined to occupy the throne of David. David was promised that his throne shall be established forever (2 Samuel 7:16). This promise will be fulfilled through his descendant Jesus Christ who as an immortal man will reign as king for ever. He alone is the man who can reign with total justice and righteousness.

Although a man He will remain forever God. He will reign both from the throne of David and His Father's throne in heaven. The day will come when heaven comes down to earth and the two thrones become united as one (Revelation 22: 3).

It is one of the wonders of God's creation that the Creator has become part of what He has made. Jesus can rule over creation because He has a perfect understanding of the material world which He brought into existence.

We will be like Him

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3: 2.

When Jesus is revealed we shall be like Him. In our resurrection bodies we will be real, literal, personal and bodily. We will also be unlike Him, for He will forever be both God and Man. His is the sustaining power which upholds all things by His word. He will remain forever unique. His return is our hope and joy. He is the only one who is both our great God and Saviour and also a man. His name is Jesus Christ. Come Lord Jesus.

WHO Pandemic Response

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is currently negotiating amendments to the international Health Regulations 2005 (IHR) and a new pandemic treaty (CA+). The draft IHR amendments would lay out new powers for the WHO during health emergencies, and broaden the context within which they can be used. The draft CA+ ('treaty') is intended to support the bureaucracy, financing and governance to underpin the expanded IHR.

Alarm has been raised that if these measures are adopted as proposed there will be a legal requirement on national government to accept the WHO requirements for dealing with a future pandemic. A nation will lose the right to make its own assessment of the appropriate pandemic response.

The WHO was set up in 1948 as an agency of the United Nations. Its brief was to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable. Originally funded by member states, today less than 20% of its funds come from members paying their assessed contributions. The rest of its funding comes from voluntary contributions by a range of organisations. Germany and Britain top the list of nations making additional voluntary contributions. Up with them is the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which contributed about 9% of the WHO funding for 2021. Most funding is specified for particular projects, which means that it has a narrow health focus reflecting the priorities of the funder. Funding from the pharmaceutical industry has placed an emphasis on the promotion of vaccines. During Covid the main vaccine suppliers made \$billions of profit.

Parliamentary Debate

On the 17th April 2023 Parliament debated, in committee, a petition stating that the Government "Do not sign any WHO Pandemic Treaty unless it is approved via public referendum". The petition had gained 156,000 signatures. Listen to the debate or read the transcript [here](#)².

The motion was moved by Nick Fletcher. Excellent speeches were made by Danny Kruger, Andrew Bridgen, Esther McVey and Sir Christopher Chope. They highlighted the concern of many that regulations will be imposed on this country without proper parliamentary scrutiny. Many issues of concern were voiced. Below is an extract from Danny Kruger's speech.

"What would the new regulations enable? They would enable legally binding obligations on countries to mandate financial contributions to fund pandemic-response activities. They could require the surrender of intellectual property in technologies. They could mandate the manufacture and international sharing of vaccines. They could override

national safety approval processes for vaccines, gene-based therapies, medical devices and diagnostics.”

“The WHO’s powers will potentially extend to ordering countries to close borders; to travel restrictions; to the tracing of contacts; to refusal of entry; to forced quarantining; to medical examinations, including requirements for proof of vaccination; and even to the forced medication of individuals. It is not just when a pandemic has already been declared that those powers might be invoked: the WHO claims these powers when there is simply the potential for such an emergency.”

“My final concern about the proposals is that they set the WHO up as the single source of truth on pandemics and responses to pandemics..... I do not have confidence in the WHO and its satellites to be the single source of truth on either the science or the response.”

Generally the MPs did not support a referendum on the matter but did insist that the amended regulations and new treaty be laid before Parliament once the final draft is agreed. At that point in time Britain has the right to opt out. Danny Kruger insisted that we should opt out. We need to keep praying for those MPs who have spoken out that they are protected from attack and their voices and concerns are heard.

²(<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2023-04-17/debates/12BE683F-A25C-46E5-9FE9-B9C12CCDA9B7/PandemicPreventionPreparednessAndResponseInternationalAgreement>)

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Transhumanism and the lie

“For this reason God will send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie.” 2 Thessalonians 2: 11. The Bible adds that the purpose of the delusion is to condemn those who refused to believe the truth. The delusion will cause people to believe the lie.

What is the lie? We have to go back to the very first lie. It is recorded in Genesis. *“....and you will be like God”*. Genesis 3: 5. Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit but it did not make them like God. All they gained was the knowledge of good and evil, which caused a rift between them and their Creator.

Ever since that fateful day mankind has attempted to live without God. We see this in the flood when only one family was found to be righteous. We see this at the Tower of Babel where people clung together rather than obey the command of God. We see it in the desire of Israel to be like other nations. Despite many failures mankind still aspires to the place of god.

Once again in these last days Mankind is aspiring to take the place of God. The Bible foresees that at the end of this age the lie will intensify. It is coming to fruition in what is called transhumanism.

The delusion is grounded in evolution; in the belief that man has progressed from a lower state to his current level. We have reached the point now that mankind can control his own future. Transhumanism believes that mankind is on the threshold of a giant leap forward. Historian, philosopher and writer, Yuval Harari refers to this as *Homo Deus*, god man. In the ability to control the future we have become like God.

The phrase Transhumanism was coined by Julian Huxley in 1957. The goal of transhumanists is to evolve mankind to ‘the next level’ so that human beings can supposedly transcend natural limitations and so self-create Humanity 2.0.

Harari believes that humans of the future will be more different to us than we are to Neanderthal man. In his book, *Homo Deus*, Harari looks to the future exploring how godlike technologies such as artificial intelligence and genetic engineering will define what we become. In the future he expects us to be able to overcome death and create artificial life. *“Instead, bioengineers will take the old Sapiens body, and intentionally rewrite its genetic code, rewire its brain circuits, alter its biochemical balance, and even grow entirely new limbs. They will thereby create new godlings, who might be as different from us Sapiens as we are different from *Homo erectus*.”*

We shall eventually manage to become posthuman beings with vastly greater capacities than present human beings have

Harari rejects belief in the God of the Bible as myth, but instead wishes to deify mankind. He believes that enlightenment humanists, with their belief in evolution, have taken away faith in God, and placed it in other people, hence we see that transhumanism leads to idolatry of the self and a desire to be God.

China

Recently, members of the US House select committee on China took part in a war game. It was 22nd April 2027 and 72 hours into a first strike by China on Taiwan. The exercise explored how prepared the United States was to make a diplomatic, economic and military response to an attack on Taiwan.

That exercise was set several years in the future. Possibly China is preparing to make a move to gain control of the island nation much sooner. CBS news reported on 10th April that China had just completed three days of military drills around Taiwan. The wargames simulated a blockade of the island. Chinese forces included 12 naval ships including their latest aircraft carrier and nuclear capable bombers. At the same time China released an animation showing missile attacks against specific targets on the island. The first step in a Chinese takeover of the island is likely to be a blockade. Over the last few years Chinese war planes have made frequent incursions into Taiwanese airspace. The pressure from the Chinese Communist Party on Taiwan to absorb it into China is steadily increasing.

CNN reported that the Chinese Communist Part (CCP) described the recent drills as “joint precision strikes” That should serve as a “serious warning against Taiwanese separatist forces”.

To prepare for a Chinese invasion Taiwan has entered talks with the United States to establish a “contingency stockpile” of munitions on Taiwanese soil. Meanwhile the US is strengthening its military presence on the island of Guam. Despite being over 1,700 miles east of Taiwan this would be the US forward base in the event of an invasion. History may be repeating itself. Prior to World War 2, as it turned out too late, the US decided to fortify Guam. Guam was surrendered to the Japanese on 8th December 1941 the same day as the attack on Pearl Harbour.

How will the President of the United States respond to a blockade of Taiwan? As Commander in Chief of the American military the decision will rest with him. The CCP is obsessed with what they see as the recovery of Taiwan which they consider Chinese territory. A conflict is coming. The only question is when.

Israel's coming war

How well is Israel prepared for the coming multi front war? Some think not well enough. Iran will be behind this war but will not take any direct military action against Israel. Instead they will use their Iranian-controlled militia in Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Judea and Samaria and possibly Yemen. The policy of assassinated former Iranian commander Qassem Soleimani was to fight the enemy through satellite states, foreign militias and terror movements.

The Threat

A very pessimistic analysis has come from Dr. Mordechai Kedar. He is a Middle East expert with extensive experience in Arab affairs and Islam. He hesitated publishing his views as they might cause fear. But then recognised that such a scenario was already being openly discussed.

Phase 1 of the attack would be the launch of missiles and drones to overwhelm Israel's defences. Hezbollah with its 140,000 missiles and Iran's other proxies with their stockpiles would quickly cause Israel's 'Iron Dome' to run out of missiles. With no defence huge damage would be caused to lives, property and infrastructure. Phase 1 will also see extensive cyber-attacks.

Phase 2 will begin two days later. Raids across the border will be made. One aim will be to take hostages to increase the psychological pressure on the Israeli population. Iran assumes that it will take time for the IDF to fully mobilise, by which time an Israeli military response will be too late.

The IDF Response.

Former Israeli Chief of Staff Lt General Gadi Eisenkot developed a counter plan to such an emergency which was to pre-emptively eliminating the enemy. For example in Lebanon all Hezbollah's missile silos and infrastructure will be destroyed in a short space of time.

Later this year Israel's Laser Beam technology is expected to become operational. This system has the capability of simultaneously shooting down multiple targets with unlimited capacity. It will render the Iranian coalitions tens of thousands of missiles and drones largely useless.

It is thought that Iran is unlikely to launch their attack until they have developed their nuclear weapons. We must pray that progress is slowed. Meanwhile we need to pray that the Laser Beam technology is rapidly made operational as this will render the Iranian plan obsolete. Pray that above all else Israel will place its trust in the God of Israel.

Ramadan in London

Many years ago, while attending a prayer meeting in East London, the Lord gave me a picture of a crescent moon and star above the roof scape. The picture came with the words 'London is lost'. That was at a time when many were confidently prophesying great revivals starting in London and spreading to the rest of the country and then the world. That revival never came while the Islamisation of London has continued unchecked.

This year London's West End has been decorated to celebrate the Islamic month of Ramadan. On the 21st March the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and the Lord Mayor of Westminster Hamza Taouzzle stood on Coventry street in central London and switched on the capital's first ever Ramadan illuminations. Every evening during the month 30.000 lights lit up the streets. There were crescent moon and five pointed star decorations with Happy Ramadan spelled out in lights.

This is the first time Ramadan has been celebrated in this way in London or in any major European city. It became major news throughout the Middle East.

The Islamisation of Turkey took place over centuries. It started with the establishment of small caliphates. These grew and linked together. Gradually the caliphates became more powerful until finally Constantinople (Istanbul) fell to Islam in 1453 ending the Roman Empire. Is London going the same way?

The Islamisation of London is inevitable, only if the church is weak.

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