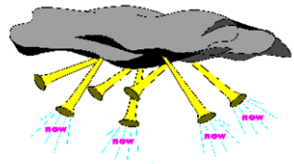
TRUMPET SOUNDS



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There was no second quarter edition of Trumpet sounds. This was due to my suffering a heart attack at the beginning of April. It came at a time of sadness for our family due to losing our youngest son to cancer in the middle of March. We miss him but also rejoice in the assurance that he is now with the Lord.

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A tribute to Matthew Wren

It was a little under four years ago that I had to rush our youngest son Matthew to A&E. He was suffering from severe internal stomach pains. After admitting him, the hospital sent him down to the main hospital for an emergency operation to remove part of his colon. He came through that but with the inconvenience of a stoma. Two years later the stoma was successfully reversed. Soon after a scan showed up a nodule in his liver which required an operation for its removal. For a few months he appeared clear of cancer but 15 months ago another scan showed that the cancer had returned and spread.

A notable aspect of Matthew's character was the way he made the most of his time, even with the prognosis of terminal cancer hanging over him. Despite holding down quite a high powered job he also kept up with his distant learning studies for a Master's Degree in Theology at St Andrew's University. On top of that, last year he stood as a candidate for Parliament. He remained active in his church. He firmly believed that God could heal him and lived in that assurance

An example of his positive attitude was exhibited in his final days with us. Matthew was admitted to a Hospice on a Wednesday afternoon. My wife Leonie and I spent Thursday with him. As we were leaving Matthew asked me to bring pen and paper with me the next day. He wanted me to help him write an article against assisted suicide. This would be a follow up to an article he wrote on the dangers to the vulnerable if assisted suicide was to become legal. That article had been published by the Critic magazine last November.

As a terminally ill cancer patient Matthew understood the vulnerability of a person in this predicament. He wanted to take the opportunity to write from his palliative care bed to emphasise that there was another option. On the Friday Matthew did not feel up to writing. On the Saturday he literally fell asleep and went to be with the Lord.

We are all as a family grateful for this last year and the time we have been able to spend with Matthew. He remained positive and made the most of the opportunities which God gave right to the end.

A highlight of the time came last May when Leonie and I spent a few days with Matthew in Northern Ireland. On that trip we slipped over the border into the Republic. Without knowing in advance, we ended up in what the billboards announced as 'Amazing Grace Country'. Buncrana, on the Inishowen peninsula, was where John Newton having been saved from a storm gave his life to the Lord. It inspired the hymn 'Amazing Grace' which we chose as the first hymn for Matthew's funeral service. For us it stirs up fond memories of a special time with Matthew and God's grace with us over the past year. May we all use our brief time in this life to the glory of God.

My heart attack was a reminder to me that life is short.

The Bride of Christ

Tradition, Identity, **Fulfilment**, Perfection.

Christians are joined with the bride but how will our joy be fulfilled?

The scene is a beautiful ancient English parish church surrounded by trees and lush farmland. It is a perfect summer's day. The sun shines brightly in a deep blue sky. Inside the church is decked with flowers. The church is packed with a congregation dressed in their best for the occasion. At the front is a man who nervously keeps glancing round. Then the organ starts up as the bride in all her beauty with her father and attendants comes down the aisle. The couple have patiently waited for this day. It is the fulfilment of their love and longing. On such an occasion we can briefly forget the trials and troubles of our world as we share in the couple's rejoicing.

In previous articles we have looked at how Jesus and Paul wove the traditions of the Jewish wedding into their teaching. We also identified Israel as the bride. This time we move on to look at how our longing will be fulfilled.

In the wedding just described it is the bride who is the centre of attention. All who are gathered wait in expectation of her arrival. She will be beautiful, having made every effort to please her beloved on that day.

On that glorious day when Jesus gathers His bride it will be the same. Jesus and all the angels will rejoice in the Bride. The bride will be perfect without blemish. That day when it comes will be the fulfilment of all our longing. It is truly our blessed hope.

An eternal bride

There is a psalm which expresses the joy of that wonderful day.

"The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace;
Her clothing is woven with gold.
She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colours;
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.
With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;
They shall enter the King's palace."

Psalm 45: 13 - 15

The bride is described as the Royal daughter. Having been washed from our sins by the blood of Christ we have been made kings and priests (Revelation 1: 5 - 6). We are a royal bride fit for a royal bridegroom. When she enters the royal palace it is to start a new life as part of the royal family.

Royal Robes

The robes woven with gold and of many colours in the Psalm are also described in Revelation. *"And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is* ***the righteous acts of the saints****."* Revelation 19: 8. Our righteous acts are those that are done in obedience and submission out of love for Christ. In Romans 8: 3 - 5 the same word for righteous acts is translated as 'righteous requirements'. These requirements are fulfilled in us through Christ, if we live according to the Spirit. Of our selves we fail. In Christ we fulfil the requirements of righteousness.

In the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22: 1 – 14) there is a warning. One guest enters without a wedding garment. He is quickly expelled. It is similar to the warning in the Sermon on the Mount about those who cry out 'Lord, Lord' but are refused entry to the kingdom of heaven. These people can list all the

wonderful things that they have done in His name. Jesus responds that He never knew them.

Samuel understood that in God's eye obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15: 22). King Saul thought that he had achieved great things for God. But it was in his own way not in the way commanded by God. His failure to obey caused his work and kingship to be rejected. We need to keep close to Jesus, committing our ways to Him and seeking His guidance and the guidance of His word. Motivation is important. Many are motivated by pride or the desire for prestige. Others are motivated by the love of money or the belief that they must earn the favour of God

The Father looks on the heart. He knows our motivation. Jesus the faithful Son always acted in obedience to His Father. He could tell His disciples, *"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."* John 6: 38. Towards His fellow men He acted out of compassion.

Obedience

Our royal robes will only be made fit to enter the wedding of the Lamb by doing the will of the Father. The Sermon on the Mount sets out the character of those who will be counted worthy of the wedding garments. They are humble, grieved over sin both in themselves and in the world, meek not promoting themselves, longing to be more like Christ, merciful because God has shown mercy to them, pure in heart for God has done a work in them, they bring peace not contention, and inevitably they will be persecuted. The Beatitudes summarise the character of the servant of God. Such people will be radiant on the day Jesus gathers His own.

Do we feel that we fall short of what God requires? Take heart from what Paul wrote to the Ephesian church. *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might* ***present her to Himself a glorious church****, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and* ***without blemish"****.* Ephesians 5 v 25-27. That we, on that wedding day, will be without blemish, is the Lord's doing.

When asked what we are to do if we are to do the works of God Jesus replied, *"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent",* John 6: 29. It is through faith that we will be perfected ready for the wedding.

The Vows

At a wedding vows are made. In the presence of the couple's family and friends the couple publicly confess their commitment to each other. Jesus has

made an everlasting commitment to His bride. ***"I will betroth you to Me forever;*** *Yes, I will betroth you to Me In* ***righteousness and justice****, In* ***lovingkindness and mercy****; I will betroth you to Me in* ***faithfulness,*** *and you shall know the LORD."* Hosea 2: 19 – 20.

As mentioned in the first article before the betrothal, comes the 'ketubah', which means 'written'. This is the written provisions and conditions for the marriage. As part of the agreement the dowry would be agreed. A believer's spiritual ketubah is the new covenant. The dowry offered by the groom, the Messiah, His own death for his beloved. The new covenant was sealed with His blood. The bride, the believers, promise to pay their own dowry by yielding their lives. *"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."* 1 Corinthians 6:20. At the wedding we experience the fulfilment of the vows and enter a relationship which will last for ever. This is a marriage made in heaven but celebrated on earth. The wedding takes place on earth for our eternal role is to tend to the Son's wonderful creation.

From before the foundation of the World

"Just as He chose us in Him ***before the foundation of the world****, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"* Ephesians 1:4. It was the Father's intention from before time began to have a kingdom ruled over by His beloved Son. Mankind was given free will to either love or reject the Father and the Son. Knowing that man would rebel, God made provision to cancel our sin by the Son laying down His life to redeem us. In this earthly kingdom the Son's relationship with His people will be like a bridegroom to his bride. It will be a relationship of love.

The Feast

The time of celebration, for all those who believe in the Son, will soon come. We are to be like servants who wait for their master's return. They are ready to open the door to him as soon as he knocks. *"Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them".* Luke 12:37. The Lord makes an extraordinary promise to us on that wedding day. Not only will he prepare the feast for us but will serve His saints.

The New Beginning

The wedding is both a fulfilment of the bride and bridegroom's love and longing. It is also a beginning. The beginning of an eternity of life together. It will be a perfect marriage because the Bridegroom who is perfect has perfected his bride. He has won her heart by laying down His life for her.

Revelation's Geology

For many years, since reading Immanuel Velikovsky's book 'Worlds in Collision', I have recognised that some of the signs given in the book of Revelation could be caused by a large celestial object having a near collision with the earth.

In 'Revelation's Geology', Ryan Thompson, as geologist, sets out his own thought provoking, independently arrived at, conclusion that a near collision could alter the orbit of the earth and create the conditions set out in end time prophecy. 'Revelation's Geology' looks to the possible causes and outworking of future prophesied events. At the end of this age the Lord is going to shake the earth, more literally than many imagine.

Reading Ryan's book caused me to get off the shelf and re read 'Worlds in Collision'. Velikovsky puts forward the thesis that some of the cataclysmic events recorded in the old Testament, such as the plagues of Egypt and the long day of Joshua's battle with the Amorites (Joshua 10), could be explained if there was a near collision between the earth and a comet.

In speaking to Ryan I was interested to learn that he hadn't read Vellikovsky but had arrived at his own independent conclusions regarding the possibility of a near earth collision.

'Revelation's Geology' by Ryan Thompson is available on Amazon.

The Antichrist

Is the turning, of what seems like the whole world, against Israel a prelude to the revealing of the Antichrist?

Israel is fighting battles on many fronts. Despite the current wars being a battle for survival she is condemned by the nations. Isolated and alone Israel fights the West's battles. Her sense of loneliness and isolation is compounded by events such as the hate fest which recently took place at the Glastonbury Festival. The audience chanted 'death, death to the IDF. This, coupled with the hate marches which regularly take place in many cities around the world, must be demoralising to young Israelis. Once again they stand alone.

President Trump is sympathetic to Israel but he pursues his own agenda, which isn't necessarily of benefit to Israel.

The nation is exhausted. Those of an age to fight have already done multiple tours of duty. Deaths and injuries among the IDF are mounting up.

How long before, due to the constant warfare, the nation cries out for someone who will give them respite? How long before the desperate toll war has taken on the economy makes continuing the war unaffordable? How long before the emergence of the one of whom Jesus said, *"I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive Me; If another comes in his own name, him you will receive."*? (John 5: 43).

The appearing

At the end of this present age, Satan will be permitted to perpetrate a great deception. He will be allowed to present to the world the man called, in 2 Thessalonians 2: 3, *'the man of sin'*. God will not only permit this deception, He will use it so that all those who have already rejected the truth will be justly condemned by their own choice. Those who chant 'death, death to the IDF and self-righteously parade to condemn Israel are deceived and are already being prepared to receive the lie.

The *'man of sin',* also called the Antichrist, is a man. That should be stating the obvious but I am not sure that it is obvious to us when we think about him. It is easy to create in our minds a super human entity. He is a man, indwelt by Satan.

Who is he and where does he come from? Is he alive now? Is he someone already known to the world media and soon to emerge in his true identity? To answer these questions I have taken a very literal and perhaps controversial interpretation of the Bible.

Abaddon

Revelation 9 describes the release of a plague of demons from the pit. They are permitted to torment people for a period of time. *"And they had a king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon."* Revelation 9:11. Why is Abaddon mentioned by name? His names mean destruction and destroyer. Both are terms used in connection with the end time oppressor of Israel (Isaiah 16: 4, 'shadad' means destroyer or spoiler) and the 'man of sin' (2 Thessalonians 2: 3 'apoleia' means perdition or destruction).

It is easy to overlook the significance of Abaddon. He is not released just to disappear from the scene but will become the principal character in much of what follows. *"The beast who you saw was, and is not and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition (destruction)."* Revelation 17: 8. This verse confirms that Abaddon, released from the bottomless pit, will take on the identity of one who is called 'the beast'. He has been imprisoned for centuries ready for

this hour. As in 2 Thessalonians he is restrained until the time that God chooses to release him. He is described as *"was, is not, and yet is"*, which gives rise to the belief that we are reading about a man who once lived, is now dead, yet for a time will be resurrected. The beast, man of sin and Antichrist are some of the names of this end time ruler. The early church believed that the Emperor Nero would be raised to fulfil the role. I believe that there is another candidate hinted at in the Bible.

In his book 'The Antichrist' A. W. Pink, points to the Antichrist being Judas Iscariot resurrected. The only other person, besides the 'man of sin', to which scripture gives the title *'son of perdition'* (apoleia) is Judas Iscariot (John 17: 12). There are many who have become possessed by demons, but of Judas it is written that Satan entered into him (Luke 22: 3). When he died it was written *"that he might go to his own place."* Acts 1: 25. Judas was not sent to the place of the dead but to a place reserved for him until the time that God will use him again. Although called to be among those privileged to be Jesus' close companions, he chose to follow Satan instead of the Lamb of God. He has to bear the eternal consequence of his decision, as will all who follow him.

Abaddon will be resurrected to become the beast. *"And he was given a mouth speaking great blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue forty two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God …. ."* Revelation 13: 5, 6. His blasphemy confirms that the beast is *'the man of sin'* who takes the name of God claiming to be God.

Revelation specifically identifies the beast as the one *"that ascends out of the bottomless pit."* Revelation 11: 7. This is confirmed in Revelation 17:8, which was quoted above, and adds *"that was and is not, and is about to come".* He is an imposter who in every way seeks to imitate the real Messiah.

Three times in Revelation similar words are used in reference to our Lord Jesus Christ, *"Who is and who was and who is to come"* Revelation 1: 8, "*Who was and is and is to come"* Revelation 4: 8, *"The One who is and who was and who is to come."* Revelation 11: 17. Jesus at present <u>is</u>. He is alive and will return.

Many have difficulty with the idea of a man being kept imprisoned for centuries and then returned to life on earth. This however is the most straight forward interpretation of the Bible. In fact our faith is centred on the blessed hope that one day a man will return from heaven to gather us up to be with Him.

Where are the dead? Where did Moses and Elijah come from when they met Jesus on the mountain? There is a realm which is invisible to us where the dead

dwell. Some are in paradise others in torment and one in isolation in the pit. We are forbidden to make contact with these realms.

Living in a materialistic world, a concept such as this is difficult to comprehend. But then we must ask, do we really believe in the return of Christ and the rapture of the saints? It will happen because God has promised through Jesus to grant us eternal life, but it is still difficult to comprehend.

The Abomination of Desolation

According to 2 Thessalonians 2: 9 *"the coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish.* This will be the great deception. As far as he is able Satan will deceive the world into the belief that Jesus has returned. This usurper is the one *"who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits in the Temple of God showing himself that he is God".* 2 Thessalonians 2: 4.

There are differing interpretations regarding the meaning of, *"he sits in the Temple of God"*. The important message is that Satan will be engaged in a powerful blasphemous deception. A deception intended to deceive both the Saints and the Jews. Jesus warned, *"for false christs and false prophets will arise and use great signs and wonders to deceive the elect* .(Matthew 24: 24). We guard against deception by obeying the command to 'Watch'.

Jerusalem

There will come a time when the followers of Jesus will have to flee Jerusalem. The warning sign is in Jesus' words *"when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place …..flee to the mountains."* Matthew 24: 15.

This brings us back to the start of the article. The warning to flee also tells us that the centre of the Antichrist's end time deception will be Jerusalem. Will battle weary Israel accept him as their saviour? Bible prophecy indicates that the nation will accept the one who comes in his own name. The respite will not last long before the beast turns against Israel.

We rejoice that this is not the end of the story. National revival is the final outcome. The renewal is describe in Isaiah 10: 20. *"And it shall come to pass in that day* (see Isaiah 10: 12) *that the remnant of Israel and such as have escaped from the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated (struck) them, but will depend on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel."*

The revealing of the Antichrist will be Satan's master stroke. It will be his greatest deception. With the emergence of the Antichrist the spiritual battle will

reach its climax. Satan will seek to consolidate the rebellion of all those who already believe the lie. The followers of false religions and anti-God philosophies he has already deceived. At this time many more will be swept into his kingdom.

Our response is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We must allow Him to fill and guide our lives. He enables us to see through deception and gives power and authority over the realm of darkness to counter Satan's lies.

War

I have written in the past that I believe before the Antichrist is revealed there will be first a plague and then a devastating war. This is based on my understanding of Revelation chapter 9. Today talk of preparation for war is wide spread. The European members of NATO have agreed to increase their spending on defence. In the UK senior ex-army officers have stated that we must be ready for war with Russia in the next 5 years. In addition to Russia there is a growing threat from China.

China

China continues its massive military build-up. In May it revealed its latest weapon. It is a drone mother ship which has the capability of launching a hundred kamikazie drones in seconds.

The United States has long relied on its naval dominance in the western Pacific to restrain China's expansionist ambitions. Key to its power are the carrier battle groups. These comprise an aircraft carrier and a large number of escorts. Drone swarms can overwhelm conventional air defences. The carrier battle group, once an emblem of strength, is now vulnerable to low cost drones used on mass.

China is also advancing its military capabilities in Space. In March the U.S. Space Force's Vice Chief of Space Operations, Gen. Michael Guetlein, told the 16th annual McAleese Defence Programs Conference, "We have observed five different objects in space manoeuvring in and out and around each other in synchronicity and in control. That's what we call dogfighting in space. They are practicing tactics, techniques and procedures to do on-orbit space operations from one satellite to another."

"China is making fast progress in building space weapons, and appears to be working on large combat platforms that can attack satellite targets in multiple orbits. The Chinese are evidently planning to blind not only America's military but also America's civilian society, which is heavily dependent on space assets.

Almost nothing modern in America will work when the Chinese are finished attacking in the heavens." Gordon C Chang, Gatestone Institute.

It is widely reported that President Xi is in trouble. He has been criticised for his one man style of leadership. Xi Jinping has committed himself to bringing Taiwan back into the main land China fold. Is now the time that he will move forward on that pledge in order to distract from criticism at home?

Both in China and Taiwan preparations for war are advancing. In July Taiwan called up 22,000 reservist and held exercises to combat a number of perceived threats. Meanwhile China was conducting, on the Fujian Coast across from Taiwan, a full scale sea borne invasion exercise.

The Chandelier Maker

The Chandelier Maker is the title of a new book by Steve Maltz. The aim of this book, is to educate the many who only have a partial knowledge of the background to the current conflict in Gaza. These are the many who do not check out what they are being told in the main stream media.

After reading the book I wrote to Steve, “It is one thing to have an imaginative idea quite another to pull it off. You have achieved that success. I am reading it through a second time to see how it all hangs together. Its quirkiness works well and keeps the reader wanting to find out more.”

I highly recommend the book. It is an enjoyable read. Once you have read it, pass it on to friends who may have a sketchy view of the background to the current conflict.

Available from: https://www.saltshakers.com/steve-maltz-store-books-events or Amazon.co.uk.

Moderate Muslims?

A key character in ‘The Chandelier Maker’ story is Mo. He is a young Israeli Muslim for whom much of the history presented in the book is news. It is not the story which he has experienced. As the story progresses he becomes friends with Abi a young Jewess who he had regarded as an enemy.

There are moderate Muslims who wish to live in peace with their neighbours but how many? What proportion of Muslims fall into the moderate category?

In July a group of moderate Muslim religious leaders from France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Britain, visited Israel. They went to Israel to bring a message of peace, coexistence and tolerance. They believe that dialogue with non-Muslims is essential. The group was welcomed to Israel by President Isaac Herzog.

These Islamic leaders should be regarded as heroes because they chose to visit Israel at a time when many Muslims, especially those living in Europe, are waging a massive smear campaign against Israel because of its war against the Iran-backed Hamas Islamist terror group in the Gaza Strip.

Far from receiving widespread support the actions of these Muslim Leaders was condemned by many in the Islamic world. They were accused of treason and promoting normalisation.

Fadel Soliman, a Muslim Quran translator with more than half a million followers on X, commented: "Today, the president of Israel met in the occupied city of Jerusalem with a delegation of misguided imams and the vilest of God's creation... Anyone who sees them would spit on them, for they are more despicable than prostitutes who sell their honor on street corners."

Social media influencer Dr. Abdelaziz Ragab, who lives in Italy, wrote on X: "Bastards who sold their faith and betrayed their nation! They said: 'We came with a message of love, and you (Israel) represent the world of humanity!' What betrayal and degradation could be greater than this?"

The Union of Scholars at Al-Azhar University in Egypt condemned the visit of the Muslim leaders to Israel as a "disgraceful normalization unrelated to Islam and human dignity." The union said the visit represents a "treacherous stab to the [Islamic] nation and an unforgettable disgrace, as well as a violation of the rules of Sharia and the blood of the martyrs. We strongly reject any form of normalization with the Zionist entity and express our full support for the Palestinian people and their honorable resistance."

Many more voices were raised in condemnation of the visit.

This leaves the outsider in the dark with regard to how many Muslims are moderate?

Many in the west, both Muslim and none Muslim, would argue that the issue is with Jerusalem and the Palestinians. It was right for the coexistence seeking Muslim religious leaders to be condemned so long as these issues are not resolved.

Many believe that once those issues are resolved then Islam will be at peace with the world. This is a wide spread delusion constantly promoted by media outlets such as the BBC. A delusion which believes that creating an independent Palestinian state would resolve the conflict. The two states would then live in peaceful coexistence. That is a fanatasy.

If Mo in Steve Maltz’s story represented the majority of Muslims then perhaps it would work. Recent history is not favourable in that respect.

6G

Today the smart phone is the accessory which almost no one can do without. Phone technology has come a long way in a very short time. Some readers will possibly remember their first trans-Atlantic phone call on a crackly line with a significant time delay between speaking and receiving a reply. In the 80's came the first mobile phone. They were the size of a brick and had limited connectivity over the 1G (first generation) network.

The 90's saw the introduction of 2G. It opened the way for voice calls and text messages to be received or sent from anywhere. The ownership of a mobile phone rapidly caught on. The Nokia 3210 was the must have phone.

Then came 3G and the smart phone in the 2000s. The internet on a phone and mobile data was a revolution. Its much faster speed allowed data insensitive applications such as video calls to be made from the phone.

4G followed in the 2010s offering even higher speed streaming and social media. The quality of streaming, video calling access to the internet all improved with the faster speed.

The 2020s brought 5G with ultra-fast connectivity opening the way to driverless cars and smart cities. It has the capacity to support a much larger number of connected devises per square kilometre. 5G also brought concerns over the harmful effects of high levels of radiation.

Next will be incredibly fast 6G. It will offer integration with Artificial Intelligence and global connectivity. The ambition is to cover the entire globe with this technology. The network will be fully automated which means that it will operate without human intervention. AI will control the system and determine access to essential services. Every action, conversation, movement will be tracked, monitored and potentially controlled. It will offer total surveillance and open the way for a global Digital Identification and cashless society.

Samsung, one of the leaders in this technology, has released white papers outlining its vision. Samsung is saying 6G will revolutionize the way people interact with technology. They say 6G will address economic, environmental, and societal needs. It will be used in entertainment, medicine, education, and manufacturing.

The more that the development of these systems advances the greater will be the control that the Man of Sin can exercise over the people of this world. Praise the Lord that we have a hope in Jesus Christ that he is soon coming to defeat Satan and install His kingdom of righteousness.

King Charles

The Christian Institute ran an article under the following heading: **"King Charles honours 'mother earth' in Highgrove fire pit ceremony"** The article follows:

"The King has hosted a ceremony in honour of 'mother earth' at a gathering to promote his philosophy of 'Harmony'. Conducted by Mindahi Bastida, the 'guardian' and Ritual Ceremony Officer of a Mexican indigenous people group, the fire pit ceremony included incantations and 'blessings'. The 'Harmony Summit' was a collaboration between the King's Foundation and the Circular Bioeconomy Alliance, both founded by His Majesty, and Bastida's 'Earth Elders' – a group that counts a medicine woman and a 'healer of dreams' among its leaders."

Incantations

"Describing the event, BBC Royal Correspondent Sean Coughlan said: "We raised our arms in honour of nature as we stood around a fire, which was burning within a ring of flowers." During the ceremony, in which King Charles participated, Coughlan reported: "we rotated as we honoured the north, south, east and west and then Mother Earth". He also described a conch shell being blown, the holding up of feathers in a blessing to the King, and the reading of incantations. According to Coughlan: "The King, in a light summer suit, spoke a few quiet words of welcome, wearing a circlet of feathers and a scarf that had been draped ceremonially around his shoulders."

Coronation vow conflict

"Bastida hailed the event as "an important step toward rebalancing our systems by centering Indigenous knowledge, protecting sacred lands, and remembering that true progress begins with listening to nature". He also said: "To move forward, we must go back — to restore our relationship with the Earth, guided by ancestral wisdom and original thought." The King's Foundation has said His Majesty's philosophy "sees everything in nature as interconnected, including ourselves. This means taking a holistic approach to the challenges facing our planet, and looking to solve these challenges by working with nature, rather than against her".

"Christian Institute Director Ciarán Kelly said: "The event and the philosophy underpinning it celebrates paganism and conflicts directly with His Majesty's coronation vow to be the 'Defender of the Faith'".

Sadly we have a king who has spiritually lost his way. It is a reminder to pray for him and the rest of the Royal Family.

Is the supposed history of Islam religious fiction?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyiD6Lf6MY

The above link is to a talk by Jay Smith on the origins of Islam. The title of the talk is 'Dismantling Islam'. The Islamic faith rests on three premise; first the inspiration of the Qur'an, second the revelation to the prophet and third the city in which the events took place,. Like a three legged stool if one leg is removed the rest falls over. Islam traditionally claims that Muhammad was the last and greatest prophet. He modelled 'Islam' as the paradigm for the world. He received the Qur'an as the 'final' revelation for the world. The Qur'an was revealed to him between 610 and 632 AD. It is the greatest and only perfectly preserved and final revelation. It corrects all previous revelations. Mecca was the city in which Muhammad was born and lived for 52 years of his life.

In the talk Jay Smith looks at a number of suppositions and shows why they are false. One supposition is the existence in ancient times of a city called Mecca. If there was no Mecca then there is no basis for the story of Muhammad. Muslims claim that Mecca is the oldest and best known city in history. Mecca is where Adam and Eve were thrown down to from the Garden of Eden. Mecca is where Abraham lived when he destroyed the idols within the Ka'aba. Mecca is the centre of trade North, South, East and West. Jay Smith concludes that if this is true then Mecca should be one of the best known and best documented places in history! If Mecca is so important why is it only mentioned once in the Qur'an?

Islamic tradition informs us that Mecca is in a valley with a stream, fields, trees and grass, and over looked by mountains (Al Bukhari). Yet Mecca is not in a valley, not over looked by mountains, and has none of the listed vegetation. It is in fact in an arid desert with no water. Today water is pumped to Mecca from desalination plants on the coast which were built by an American contractor.

None of the surrounding civilisations have any record of a town called Mecca. Less significant towns such as Ma'rib, Sana'a, Najran, Taif, Yathrib, Khaybar, Petra and Mamre are all documented but about Mecca there is silence. There was no land trade route passing through Mecca. There is, in the ancient world, simply no history for this city of supposed historic importance. If no history, the story of Muhammad becomes nothing more than fiction.

If a Muslim is asked how they know that the story of Muhammad is true they will point to the many books which they claim were written by those who knew him. Smith looks into this and establishes that all the accounts of Muhammad's life were written 200 to 600 years after his death.

Deepfake

Deepfake is the term used for Artificial Intelligence generated scams which impersonate a person in a manner which looks real. In February, Arup the Hong Kong based engineering, firm was conned out of £20 million. A finance manager joined a zoom call filled with his colleagues including the firm's Chief Finance Officer. None were real! Each was generated by AI, complete with facial expressions, gestures, and matching voices. By the time the fraud was uncovered, the money had vanished.

There is an old adage, "if it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck walks like a duck, it's a duck." In the computer connected modern world that is no longer true. If it looks like Elon Musk, talks like Elon Musk, acts like Elon Musk, it's Elon Musk. That is also possibly not true. AI powered video's posing as genuine footage of Elon Musk have gone viral online. There are mounting accounts from victims who were conned out of money due to believing the video really was Elon Musk.

More recently several Foreign Ministers and US Politicians received a message from the Secretary of State Marco Rubio. It came from 'Marco.Rubio@state.gov. The attacker was seeking to gain access to information by contacting these officials in Rubio's name.

In time there will be a deepfake which leads to a catastrophe. Financial collapse, military intervention, a national emergency could all be sparked by a deepfake scam.

When a catastrophic deepfake finally hits--when it shakes markets, prompts military action, or triggers a crisis--the public will demand a fix. The most likely answer? Centralized digital identity verification. The crisis will be put to good effect and used by the globalists to emphasise the need for more centralised control.

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