

The Worst Famine of All
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London, just like the ill lady and in keeping with the words of Amos, is dying of hunger though plenty of food is around for the having. The chief problem is that Britain's appetite is as distorted as the misplaced, perverted values of Judas Iscariot, and both betray the Lord.

The allurements of the world are as attractive today as they were when Satan foolishly—and I add, *unsuccessfully*—offered them to Jesus Christ. Yet for a very long time, Christ's *professed* followers have been madly chasing the world's glory, favour and pleasure as if it has merit and value, after all. That which Jesus scorned, they *embrace* and supposedly *use* to advance God's kingdom. **This is a symptom of the famine in the church** which is largely responsible for the famine in the land. Talk of the Holy Spirit and revival by such as these is fruitless.

The well-known Prodigal Son, of whom Jesus spoke (Luke 15:11ff), finally "came to himself" and began to think rationally of the blessedness of living back home with his father—but only after **"a severe famine arose in that land!"** That young man "came to his senses," unlike the majority. We must all look at the situation for what it is, and stop fooling ourselves. That young lad was in great need, and **the land where he was living was in severe famine**...like Britain. And like that young fellow, we all need simply to get back to Father's house, that is, back to the God of the Bible from which Britain and it's people have, like the Prodigal, demanded "freedom."

After returning in the fullness of God's Spirit from His temptation by Satan (Luke 4), Jesus began teaching among His own people, having already performed miracles

elsewhere. Because His own townspeople were reluctant to believe and accept, **He reminded them of their own national history**, and how (for example) among all the widows around at the time of the prophet Elijah during years of **famine**, only to *one* was the prophet personally sent by God to help her...and she was a foreigner! **Britain needs to remember the best parts of her own history**, and those best parts are the plenteous accounts of the mighty help of Almighty God. The periodic catchphrase, **"Back to the Future,"** is appropriate in this case. Britain's best future is to get back to God and the Bible—wholeheartedly!

Those that know me know that I absolutely do not merely refer to "religion," even if it is so-called Christianity, for a dead church is like the sad souls portrayed in a **famine relief poster**. Jesus said of such, *"You have a name that you live, but you are dead"* (Rev.3:1). However, for those who dare to get thoroughly right with God, Paul's words apply: *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:35,37-39).

NOTE: The book mentioned below speaks of a godly group who ended one **famine** in Britain. They were only human, so if you think they made some mistakes, improve on them! That's a challenge. Do it today, for, God knows, Britain and the world need it.

"THE SECT THAT MOVED THE WORLD" a book by John Telford (1907)
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Not long ago, there was an attempt to **"Make Poverty History."** Focus was placed on poverty-stricken, and famine/disease-ridden countries and people. I have never personally visited or lived in a country ravaged either by such plagues or by war, though the devastation and misery beggars belief.

Many good works have been and are being done to relieve the biting agonies of the fellow members of our race. Jesus had said, *"You have the poor with you always"* (John 12:4-8). We shall always have needy people nearby whom we may help in some way or another. Jesus' words were to correct the **distorted values** of His disciple, Judas, who held the group's purse-strings.

Distorted values help create and sustain the world's miseries, and is symptomatic of the worst famine of all.

In the book of the prophet, Amos (8:11), God says, *"Behold, the days are coming...That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD."* Similar statements are found on other pages of the Bible, as well. Britain's past has been this way, and it is certainly the case today...and **the famine is**

terrible in its effect on the nation

and the people.
We sometimes see adverts for **Famine Relief**, but the "posters" advertising the wretchedness of Britain's *spiritual famine* surround us and are pushed in our faces daily. Is there no food to relieve the anguish? **"The weeping prophet,"** Jeremiah cried out, *"Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery For the health of the daughter of my people?"* (8:20-22).

An English lady suffering from **tuberculosis** many years ago was sent for recovery to Florida. Her letters to a friend glowed with the report of beautiful climate, gorgeous surroundings, luscious fruit and food of all sorts...yet she ended with **"but I have no appetite."** She died of hunger, surrounded by plenty.

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FAMINE AND 'BUMPER YEAR FOR WEST-END THEATRES'
How do you assess "talent" and "skill"? Many of us have seen magnificent working skills in furniture etc. But when it comes to the things that matter most...people, for example, and their eternal destiny, then all the froth and fills make for a "bummer" year, rather than a "bumper" year, and the crops are being destroyed.

Unified or Divided?

(When is it best?)

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“Divide and conquer!” is a well-known strategy, but what about “unite and conquer?” Is all division bad? Is all unity good or bad? Think about it as it relates to your own life, and that of your family, and as it relates to Britain and to Europe...even to the world as a whole.

Those of us that accept the Bible story of Creation know that in the very first day God divided the light from the darkness; making day and night. Thus, God the first Divider, made two things that cannot co-exist. The same holds true spiritually (a lesson the church needs desperately to apply!), and St. Paul seems to run out of terms in 2 Corinthians 6: 14-18 to get this message across. It’s high time the church acknowledges this truth.

Since the time of Adam’s fall into sin, there has been a co-existence of light and darkness. In our day, Science has come along to assist in confusing the matter, for example, by mixing human and animal stem cells. Until this world finishes, spiritual light and darkness live side by side, though “children of light” are to live and walk accordingly. In the Egyptian darkness which could be felt, God’s people had light in their dwellings (Exodus 10:21-23). However, that uncertain day will certainly arrive when (as Jesus declares) God will separate into two groups the entire human family that ever lived, just as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and as a farmer separates wheat from the look-alike weeds that will be thrown into the fire (see Matt.25:31ff and Matt.13:24-30, 36-43).

God is faithful to inform and warn us of this truth, and does so repeatedly in His Word, the Bible. God Himself discriminates and separates according to His own holy and just standard. Those who presume to blend heaven and hell together are those who cultivate confusion among men and rebellion against God. Prime examples of this are the issues involving homosexuals and lesbians. I wrote at length regarding same-sex marriages in December 2005, and did so faithfully, yet without either compromise with the error or arrogantly offending those involved in that which God most clearly condemns.

There has been what appears to be a planned strategy to destabilize Britain, and one of the chief methods are these false and superficial unities which are being imposed in society. I am not for superficial divisions, but be sure, not all divisions are wrong or bad, either for the individual or the nation. What the world or the professed church refuses to do regarding this matter, God will certainly do in the Grand Finale, just as surely as He did in Creation.

I am alarmed at the “herd instinct” demonstrated by the crowds especially where I offer this paper in King’s Cross and Angel. I’m sorry, but it reminds me of the nature programme in January which graphically pictured the Wildebeest migration instinct which is so powerful that they follow the leader—almost on top of each other—plunging down the steep bank into a river full of crocodiles! Oh dear friends, it is not mere “scare tactics” to illustrate that a Great Day of Division is not far away. During the American Civil War, President Lincoln was asked, “Sir, do you think God is on our side?” Lincoln made it clear that he was concerned that the North was on God’s side! At God’s order, Moses cried out, “Who is on the Lord’s side, let him come to me!” I urge us all to get on the Lord’s side, try to help others onto God’s side... and then stay put!

GOD IS BOTH DISCRIMINATE AND INDISCRIMINATE!

This is not a contradiction. God’s salvation is on an equal-opportunity basis—any may come to Him and be saved from all sin right now. That is indiscriminate. Yet, God is not mocked. He is no man’s fool. You come to God His way, or you don’t come at all. Then, if you think others don’t have the same opportunity, then maybe God wants You to tell them!

The Seven Wonders of TURKEY

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The annual migration of the African Wildebeest (see article opposite) in the Serengeti region of Tanzania is considered one of the “New Seven Wonders of the World,” or one of the “seven tourist travel wonders of the world.” In the 500 mile migration journey over 250,000 die. We should all look soberly at our own journey toward eternity.

I have often thought about Seven Wonders of Turkey. Those Wonders have been written down for our frequent consideration, and we would all receive immeasurable gain by absorbing, assessing and applying the facts to our own lives. You will find the brief recorded details in chapters 2 and 3 of the last “book” of the Bible, called Revelation. Too much of great value may be said for me to be able to squeeze it into this tiny space. In those chapters, Christ is heard speaking, one by one, to seven churches in what is now modern Turkey. To each of them He said “I know!” Believe me, Christ knows you through and through. Based on His perfect knowledge, He then offers to each church His commendation and/or condemnation. He makes each of these churches aware of the encouraging fact that they may overcome the tremendous difficulties they face, and assures them of the promise of reward for those who overcome. What Jesus said to those churches, He is saying to each of us in this 21st century.

The Biggest Empire

So much could also be said of the Ottoman Empire of Turkey, which spanned over 6 centuries and spread over much territory. However, an intense study of those 7 churches of ancient Turkey has provided every human on earth since the late 1st century with time-enduring and priceless lessons greater than any other empire could imagine or provide. I’ll call it the Ought-To-Man Empire, for Christ’s

words to those churches of ancient Turkey tell each member of the human race very clearly what they ought to do. This Ought-to-Man Empire is larger than any other, for it covers the whole world.

Recently, the Turkish journalist, Hrant Dink was murdered, who was outspoken about the need for Turkey to admit the fact of the massacre of 1.5 million Christians in Armenia in 1915, which was preceded by the slaughter of over 300,000 between 1894-96. The earlier mass-murdering was the deepest grief of one of the godliest men in Britain at the time, Francis W. Crossley, the producer of gas-turbine engines in Manchester. Crossley also built the Star Hall in the worst part of Manchester and carried out ministry to the sin-burdened lost all around there. (It is a distressing and devastating contrast that Manchester has just been chosen to host the UK’s first “super casino!”) At Crossley’s funeral, authorities estimated more than 15,000 in attendance. A biography by his friend indicates that the Armenian massacres of the 1890s helped destroy Crossley’s health, as he tried desperately to provide assistance from Britain. Crossley also gave very largely to the Salvation Army in those days. He shows how the power of money in the hands of a truly godly person can accomplish much good. Far more could be said of this great man as an example of what we all ought to be.

Let’s return to those Seven Churches of Revelation. The 1st of them, Ephesus, was guilty of leaving their first love. Love to God (real love—not mere rules, rituals, or brutalities in the name of religion!) is the only thing that will keep us from sin. And, of course, sin is the only thing that will send us to Hell. The last church (7th), Laodicea (also an ancient city in Turkey) was not hot or cold toward God... “just lukewarm,” which could mean indifferent—the “Who cares” “Am I bothered” attitude. Being lukewarm regarding God will get you in hot water...and worse. Considering our modern society, it is a Wonder that God will help us at all...but He will, because of His infinite love. God’s infinite love will not forgive sin that is unconfessed and which the person is unwilling to forsake. Each individual, family, community, city and nation had better get out of the hot water. We really Ought-to-Man!

Mention is made (above) of the Armenian massacres. Gladstone wrote to Crossley of the feeble attempts by European powers to stop the massacres “in the face over overwhelming evidence” as “a moral offence and a political blunder.” He predicted worse may happen, and it did. The political powers, and those more-powerful behind them, have continued in worldwide mischief before that time, and up to this very day. Oh, what evil! Money, Power & Sin.