

TAILOR-MADE

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SUPER-GRASS (from front page)

get thoroughly right with God! (See Dan. 4). Yes, sin today is *enormous!* BUT, "where sin multiplied, God's love, favour and mercy overflowed even more!" (Rom. 5:20). **God can grow fruit trees** in the most polluted ground, if we let His healing waters flow in!

Make no mistake—you will be **grassed-up** one of these days! Moses declared "Be sure your sin will find you out!" (Num. 32:23). Jesus said "For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops" (Lk. 12:3). The Bible also says that when Jesus returns, He "will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the motives of the hearts" (1 Cor. 4:5).

The Bible again foretells this great event, saying "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). **But that scene is described in visionary "Real Time," as well: "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books"** (Rev. 20:12).

My sister in law used to **Grass** on her sisters, saying "They're looking at me!" Joe Valachi's **Grassing** on the Mafia is equally ridiculous...*compared to the coming Judgement!* Let a thorough "cleaning house" begin today! Let God have full right of way, and Britain and the world will really see **CHANGE!** The effects of true repentance and revival for people and nations are immeasurable. **A GRASS-roots movement of TOTAL self-Grassing now** would be the most powerful and effective **SUPER-GRASSING ever on earth!**

Tailor-Made Triumph or Tailor-Made Torment? Both have tears; one of rejoicing; the other of regretting. Both are endless and both are indescribable. Jesus spoke of both, but of the horrible one most...no doubt, in love to warn us not to go to that awful place. To those self-deceived in self-sufficiency Jesus said: "I counsel you to **buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 'As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.'**" (Rev. 3: 14-22). God says that those provisions are to be purchased, but **free of charge!** (Isa. 55:1).

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Joe Valachi was the first member of the Mafia to break the code of silence, and live to tell the story!

His testimony before a Senate Committee in 1963 was aired on radio and TV, and resulted in making the Mafia visible and real. Valachi also gave details of Mafia history and structure that helped authorities piece the puzzle together more perfectly. **This was a Super Grass!** To "grass" up (or on) is to give information about someone in such a way as to betray or compromise others.

"**Mafia**" comes in different flavours these days: Russian, Chinese, Mexican and so on. The Italian-American Mafia oddly continues to warm many hearts and minds as a kind of precious folklore or hero-worship. Global organised crime is an enormous, deadly evil, with bribing, intimidating, murderous tentacles

stretched in all directions. If only people could realise that *ALL* who refuse to walk with God share the same heart with *these*, and will share the same place in eternity.

How wonderful if, within the ranks of Mafia-ism and other high-levels of criminality, there was sudden **Super-Grassing** that would send the biggest earthquake-tsunami the world ever felt! The best **Grassing** of all would be due to these people desiring to get right with God! Frankly, it is a glorious miracle when *ANY* "common" person in London, or elsewhere in the UK or the world gets *thoroughly* right with God!

The phenomena I propose is that people **Grass on themselves!** *THIS* is repentance; when a person confesses *ALL* to God, and is ready, *then and there*, to get rid of every aspect of sin. **True self-Grassing** gets rid of it all. "Dutch Shultz" asked his gang (regarding his seemingly-unkillable enemy, "Legs Diamond"): "Ain't there nobody that can shoot this guy so he don't bounce back?" Up-to-date, "full salvation" kills sin!

The radical salvation of Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon's great king, is stunning evidence that it is possible for evil people (including *hidden* leaders of the highest level today!) to **Grass on themselves and their goals,** and

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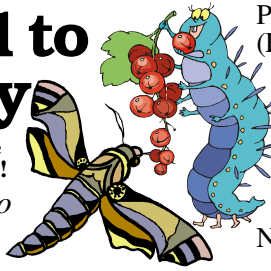
Behind Closed Doors, The Best Man Wins! John the Baptist said, "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn. 3: 29,30). Jesus is the Bridegroom (Groom). Those who truly walk with God are His Bride.

John played the part of "Best Man," pointing people to Christ. Jesus said that God's Spirit does the same, i.e. exalting Christ to us; trying to save our soul. WE, as soul-winners, are to be wise (Prov. 11:30). "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). Jesus' disciples wanted Him to teach them to pray, as John taught his disciples to (Lk. 11:1). Jesus said, go in privacy and shut the door (Matt. 6:6). **THAT'S what John did!**

The Road to Yesterday

Why the clipart of the caterpillar and locust?!

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Provision in Christ. "The Faith Chapter," (Heb.11) uses Old Testament characters to illustrate the kind of faith and life acceptable to God. Some of those examples would pre-date the founding of most (or all) countries of the world. The people would ALL have been "gone" after the Flood in Noah's day, anyway. Thankfully, Noah was in that chapter on faith!

What am I saying? Simply *this!* No nation or culture, alone, has the answer or can provide the remedy for man's central deficiency, no matter how far back you go. We must get back to God, Who is international! God is not merely a European or American God. Some of Israel's enemies assumed that God was only "a God of the hills, not a God of the valleys," for they had lost the war fought in the hills. Wrong! God is God of all periods, places, people...and "the God of all comfort," as well! (2 Cor. 1:3,4).

Yet, Israel, too, suffered God's judgment, due to their rebellion and idolatry. God is "no respecter of persons!" (Deut. 10:17; 2 Chron. 19:7; Job 34:19; Acts 10:34; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17). "God so loved the entire world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes on Him may not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16).

True godliness in Britain has been slowly and subtly eroded by various means. Is there any way back? Is there any way to regain what has been lost, and get out of the "sinking sand?"

Britain is full of people from all over the world; many of whom couldn't care less for Britain, its' past history, its' future... and certainly not its salvation! These merely added to existing national apathy. The culture, history and apparent contributions of those of other nations, in themselves, offer no hope for Britain or the world. Generations have seen steady decline and deterioration from various causes. These "causes" are as if swarms of insects have destroyed the entire harvest.

These causes are, in fact, only the effects of one grand cause: SIN! Sin is always against a holy God who cares for people, but Who will not compromise with sin. WAIT! God made ONE "compromise" with sin: in the Cross of

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Christ! THERE, God punished sin in perfect justice, yet made a way to pardon any person that comes to Him in full confession, faith, humility, surrender and obedience (Rom. 3:26). By the way, God extended similar mercy (before Jesus came in the flesh!) in the ancient Assyrian capital city of Nineveh...and they were not Jewish!

God had warned Israel of judgment that was just around the corner for them. The prophet, Joel, told them— "What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; what the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; and what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten" (Joel 1: 4).

In the next chapter, however, Joel reports this good news from God— "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you" (Joel 2: 25, 26).

Oh, it is nice...it is wonderful to hear God promise restoration...a Road Back To The Yesterday that was destroyed! But there is something else we must not miss! Joel is sometimes called "The Prophet of Pentecost." The verses immediately following God's promise of restored years, are words of promise that Peter quoted on "The Day of Pentecost," as recorded in Acts 2: 17-21. Joel deals with the cleansing from sin, "The Promised Gift" which "rained down" on Pentecost. This is the radical rain of righteousness that is desperately needed now! "THIS is that," said Peter, "which was spoken of the prophet, Joel." And "THIS is that" which will restore the ravages of the world today...starting with you and me...starting with Britain!

God emphasized man's need for inward purification also through the prophet, Malachi. Handel's Messiah, often heard at Christmas, also takes words from Malachi 3 which mentions God's promised

purifying work in man. It IS a fearful work (v.1-3), for it burns away all of man's junk! But, oh, the results! Just like Joel, Malachi says "THEN shall the offering...be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old, AS IN FORMER YEARS!" (v.4).

Hosea, God's loving prophet to His spiritually-adulterous people, calls out to us all: "Put in the seed of righteousness, reap the harvest in God's mercy and loving kindness, let your hard, unploughed earth [i.e. your heart!] be deeply turned and broken up: for it is time to make immediate and unceasing search for the Lord, until He comes and sends righteousness on you like rain" (Hos.10:12).

Such promise, set in the background of "red alert" emergency, must never be delayed. Shall we wait for Jewish Yom Kippur, or Christian Lent or Muslim Ramadan or any other "scheduled" and "proper" time of telling God "you are sorry!" The people of Nineveh didn't wait one minute! Neither must the inhabitants here in the UK! There IS a Road to Yesterday. Let's get going!

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. NOW My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in THIS PLACE." (2 Chr. 7: 14, 15).

Conditions? Yes! "IF... THEN."

Timing? Yes: "NOW"

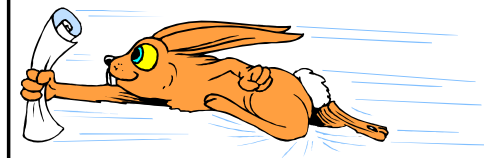
Special Venue? Yes! "THIS PLACE"

WHAT Place!? The "place" of whole-hearted confession, humility, prayer, seeking, turning, as described in that verse.

THIS is The Road to Yesterday!

...and the Future's Hope, as well!

Go for it, full speed ahead! Don't look back!



We meet at Christ Church on the corner of Brent Street and Heriot Road in Hendon (NW4) at 5:45 pm Sundays. Nearest Tube: Hendon Central.

I prize memories of my Italian-American upbringing! Yet, cultural roots are no substitute for what individuals are meant to obtain through God's great