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THE LIGHT HAS COME!

With institutions crumbling and rottenness in high places exposed, what is there left to hope in?

THE JIMMY SAVILE SAGA looks set to run and run. There is nothing the media likes better than a salacious scandal.

Within a week of the story breaking, 40 women had come forward with claims of abuse. Now the number is in the hundreds!

It seems that the TV star who was once a national hero for his voluntary work and fundraising is now being vilified as the greatest paedophile of all time. Even his headstone in the cemetery has been removed and he has been judged as 'guilty' before the investigations have even begun. What a strange reversal for a man who was knighted by the Queen and had honours heaped upon him.

More mileage was reaped when his nephew, charity volunteer Vivian Savile, 69, died on 29 October; his family said he had become depressed and unable to eat properly after Savile's hundreds of victims came forward. They suggested heartbreak was the cause of death.

But the unmasking of Jimmy Savile is just one incident in a whole mountain of revelations that have been pouring into the media in the past few years. Something quite amazing is taking place in our society today. The truth is coming to light of the things that have been hidden for years!

SO WHAT'S GOING ON?

Look at the evidence. Incredible revelations began in 2008 of greed and corruption in the banking and finance industries leading to the collapse of major banks, investment houses and building societies. The banking scandals have brought down great banks that looked impregnable and caused turmoil on the stock exchanges around the world.

The economies of whole nations have been shaken, and there appears no end to the shaking as European banks try to save the Euro from collapse. Parliament also is being shaken. Revelations of malpractice among politicians have shamed the 'Mother of Parliaments' in the eyes of the world when MPs were exposed for the handling of their expenses and allowances – a saga that is still running with more exposure of MPs' renting London properties at taxpayers' expense. More revelations came with the 2010 report into the 'Bloody Sunday' massacre in Northern Ireland with revelations of official cover-up and deception. This was followed in September this year by the report into the Hillsborough disaster



when 91 Liverpool fans were killed. The revelations of police reports being changed to protect the police and put the blame on the fans shocked the nation. More revelations of police reports being fabricated at the time of the 1984 miners' strike have now come to light and there are calls for a full independent enquiry. The South Yorkshire police were involved in the miners' strike and in the Hillsborough disaster and they now stand accused of fabricating their evidence.

Christmas, is described in the Bible as the coming of the light into the world.

Jesus himself said, "Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." He went on to warn: "Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."

But the Bible also prophesied that the day would come when God would shake everything – all the human institutions that are built on corruption and evil. This great shaking which is affecting nations right across the globe is to expose the rottenness that has been hidden for ages and has been the cause of injustice and oppression.

God's desire is to set people free from all the evil forces that oppress us. He has done this through sending the Light into the world to expose the deeds of darkness that cause human suffering and misery.

Jesus said "Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light." This is what he is offering to all those who seek the truth.

All who come to know Jesus are set free; and this is the only true freedom.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Divorce damages children: official

Children suffer through to adulthood after their parents divorce, a new study has revealed.

The research showed family breakdown during childhood was "consistently associated with psychological distress in adulthood during people's early 30s".

The report, funded by the Government's Economic and Social Research Council, also warned about the consequences of changes to the traditional family structure of one mum and one dad. It said, "More freedom also means less certainty, and this has led to concerns about the impact of family instability on the health and well-being of both children and adults".

Professor Mel Bartley, who edited the paper, said: "Children whose parents remain married throughout the early childhood years are less likely to suffer from breathing problems such as asthma, to become overweight, or to be injured in accidents by the time they are five years old than children who have experienced a more unstable family situation."

The report, which was funded by the found the long-term damage of divorce on children was the same across different generations.

Source: www.christian.org.uk

Scottish teen abortions second highest in world

Scotland has the second highest percentage of teenage abortions in the world, new statistics show, with Cuba at the top of the list.

A study from researchers in the US revealed 24 per cent of all abortions in Scotland occurred in the under-20 age group.

Norman Wells, director of the Family Education Trust, argued high teenage abortion rates cannot be attributed to ignorance about contraception.

He said: "It is more a case of the contraceptive culture making girls and young women feel they have a right to have babies to order and that they are free to dispose of any that would interfere with their chosen lifestyle. The answer is not yet more sex education and contraceptive schemes, but a change in the culture."

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WHERE WILL IT ALL END?

What is happening in our nation that all these revelations of malpractice are coming to light just now?

It's partly due to changes in the culture of the nation. When I was a schoolboy I did a paper round and the other boys warned me not to let the shopkeeper get me behind the counter. He had a reputation of "interfering with boys" but the odd thing is, nobody ever did anything about it because it was all part of the culture in those days. Children learned to beware of dirty old men, but major accusations were rare because the word of a child would not prevail over that of an adult who only had to deny the charge and the child would end by being punished. Our national culture has changed by raising the status of children and recognising the value of their testimony.

But something more profound is going on. We can all see the huge changes that are going on around the world with whole nations being shaken by revolution or civil war in attempts to overthrow despotic regimes that have suppressed the freedom of people for generations. The desire for truth is running alongside the desire for freedom. This is something that was prophesied in the Bible many centuries ago; it is part of God's intention in Creation, that truth and goodness will eventually overcome lies and deception. The coming of Jesus, which we celebrate at

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