

DAILY LIFE & LIFE ON SUNDAY

A CHRISTIAN NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

For several years God has been communicating a vision to a number of Christian newspapermen. It is the vision of a National Newspaper founded upon biblical principles of truth, integrity and righteousness with a commitment to communicate the word of God for our times to the nation.

Slowly these men have been finding each other and discovering that they have a shared vision. A small working group has been formed and many hours have been spent working on the basic principles, praying together, seeking the Lord for the right strategy and devising a sound business plan. That ground work is now sufficiently formulated to move on to the next step, that of sharing it with other Christians.

Like Martin Luther King, we have a dream. This dream is of a United Kingdom in which biblical principles guide daily life and where Jesus is placed at the heart of the people and recognised as the foundation of all that has made this nation great.

We have a dream of Britain in revival, of tens of thousands returning to churches to worship the one true God; of a nation in which people are no longer judged according to external appearances, but by the condition and motives of the heart; and of a consequent reduction in crime, violence, unhappiness and hatred; where loving family life and peaceful communities are the normal way of life..

We have a dream of a national newspaper that espouses such values and reports the news, devoid of spin, from a biblical perspective. We have a dream that this newspaper will play an active part in the recovery of the nation's soul and spirit, lifting the banner of biblical principles and making sense of the times in which we live.

There is little media coverage of many world events that are important in the purposes of God, such as events in Israel and the middle-east. The significance of these is missed because there is so little understanding of God's purposes as set out in the Bible. In 1960, three quarters of the nation's children used to go to Sunday School. Today most children have never heard the ten commandments and many do not even know the difference between right and wrong.

For too long we have left it to the secular world to inform us and influence our thinking. God has called us to be salt and light; to tell people what is really happening, to proclaim the good news and warn of danger. We simply cannot expect the world to do it for us. Our God is the true God, the Living God who holds the keys to life and death, the answer to all the mysteries of the universe. And yet our voice is silent!

Now is the time for Britain's Christians to rise up and take some bold initiatives. This is a day of opportunity as people experience the misery of family breakdown, domestic violence, rising crime and the social ills of a godless society. We have the message that can bring new life and hope to those who are in despair.

In Britain, perhaps more than anywhere else, it is the national newspapers that hold the real power in the media. Far too many within the church mistakenly believe that radio and television hold the key. Whilst we acknowledge the tremendous work of Christian radio stations and television channels, **the printed page commands the ultimate power in Great Britain.** It is the press that sets the agenda as each new day dawns on both radio and television broadcasts.

Tens of millions read Britain's daily newspapers and what they read forms a lasting impression, because it is printed, clearly before their eyes in black and white, rather than a fast moving picture or soundbite that, at best, has a subliminal influence. Do we not after all **believe that The Word has the power to transform lives! It is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword. Jesus, the Word made flesh, defeated Satan with the written word.**

The question is, are we going to influence this nation for God? Or are we going to leave it to unbelievers, agnostics, atheists and cynics as we have done for so many years? Even the world knows that 'The pen is mightier than the sword'. Our vision is to present the news in the context of biblical standards of righteousness and integrity. Now is the time to reach the nation with the word of God for our times!

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