



I'D LIKE TO THANK...

PRIZE IS UP FOR GRABS

writes **RENÉE DAVIS**

ROLL out the red carpet. It's time for the Grammys. Tomorrow (Sunday 13 February) some of the world's top artists will gather in Los Angeles for music's most esteemed awards ceremony. Now in their 53rd year, the Grammys are the music industry's equivalent of the Oscars.

The list of past winners, including The Who, reads like a who's who of popular music. Elvis, Ella, Elton, Kylie, Britney and Lady Gaga are among those to have received a golden gramophone trophy.

Last year pop sensation Beyoncé made six acceptance speeches – a record number of

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PA photos
of Lady Gaga
and the
Brit award

*Lady Gaga
collected two
Grammys last
year*

DEMONSTRATIONS LEAD TO VIOLENCE FOCUSED ON BELIEVERS

Christians among the dead in Egyptian unrest

YOUR prayers are requested for Vicky, who has cancer; for Mary, who struggles with poor eyesight; for Allen, who fears persecution if he is sent back to his home country; and for Graham, who is facing accusations from relatives.

The War Cry invites readers to send in requests for prayer, including the names of individuals and details of their circumstances. Send your requests to PRAYERLINK, *The War Cry*, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN. Mark your envelope 'Confidential'.

PRAYERLINK



ELEVEN Christians have been killed and four seriously injured in Minya Province in Egypt as a result of violent protests and political unrest in the country, says Barnabas Fund.

According to the charity, the Christians were attacked by Islamists who took advantage of a lack of police protection during the demonstrations.

Many Christians have since fled from their homes and sought protection with other families.

Christian shops have been attacked and looted and church meetings have been cancelled. Some church ministers have started sleeping in churches for safety.

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo of Barnabas Fund is urging people to pray for those who are suffering.

'Christians in Egypt need our immediate practical help and prayer support as they find themselves embroiled in this unfolding crisis,' he says.

BISHOP GETS DOWN WITH THE KIDS

YouTube Bible reading recorded

THE Bishop of Oxford and pupils from a Church of England primary school have recorded the first all-age Bible reading for a worldwide project which aims to capture the entire *King James Bible* on YouTube.

The Right Rev John Pritchard joined pupils from All Saints School in Didcot to read verses from Psalm 67.

'The *King James Bible* was published 400 years ago and our church schools were started by the National Society 200 years ago,' says the Bishop. 'It was a privilege to read this passage together with children from the school. Posting it on YouTube is a great way of marking these celebrations.'

CHURCH SERVICE BOMBED

Christians in Nigeria under threat, says charity

A CHURCH service in Bauchi State in Nigeria was disrupted after a man deposited a bomb at the back of the building.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) reports that a young man concealed the bomb in a laptop bag and left it under a pew before fleeing on a motorbike. The bomb squad later defused the large explosive device.

CSW is urging people to pray for churches in Nigeria, after earlier protests in the city of Jos. Thousands of women took to the streets to protest against the violence in Plateau State and to denounce discrimination against Christians.

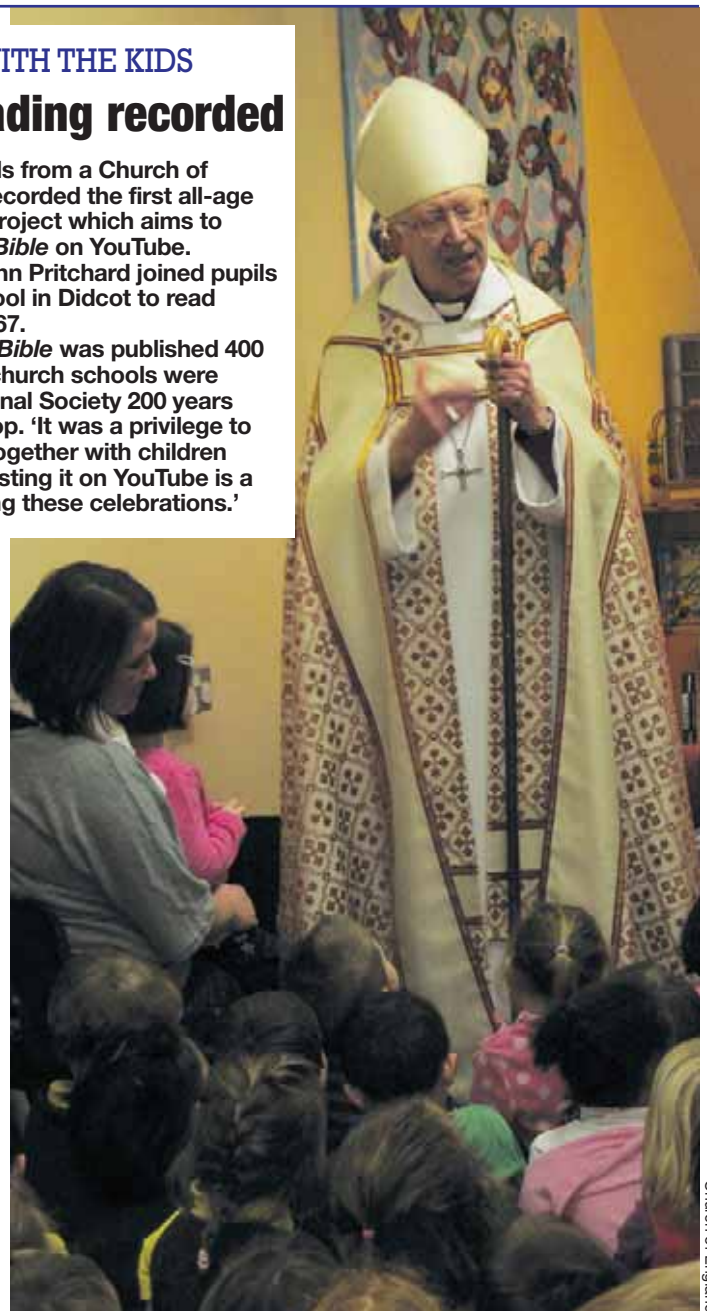
AUSTRALIAN FLOOD RELIEF

Aid available to victims

PEOPLE whose homes have been damaged by floods in Australia can apply to The Salvation Army for practical help. Assistance will come in the form of grants to provide food and replace essential items not covered by insurance. The organisation

is also to open a number of flood-assistance centres across Queensland.

More than 75 per cent of Queensland has been affected by the floods. Salvation Army relief teams have been working to provide food to emergency service workers, volunteers and victims.



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wins for a female artist in a single night.

Tomorrow rap star Eminem – like Beyoncé – is nominated for ten awards. The Detroit rapper has been out of the game for a while but is now truly back on track. Meanwhile R&B newbie Bruno Mars is in the running in seven categories.

There is even some home-grown British talent in the mix. Florence and The Machine are up for Best New Artist. Last year Florence performed with Dizzee Rascal at the Brit Awards, singing a version of Florence's biggest hit, a cover of the 1986 song 'You Got the Love'. Its catchy lyrics state: 'Sometimes I feel like saying "Lord, I just don't care", but you've got the love I need to see me through.'

Gospel music is no stranger to the Grammys. There are seven gospel categories. Gospel artists are certainly not afraid to put God in the spotlight. Previous winners and renowned gospel duo Bebe and Cece Winans are among those nominated for this year's awards. The recording of their song 'Grace' could earn them their sixth Grammy.

For about thirty years, brother and sister Bebe and Cece have been encouraging people with uplifting songs. But what makes this one so special? Maybe it's the line: 'How can you love me still when I've done wrong? Grace.'

We don't need to be a Grammy nominee to recognise that there are times when we have done, said or thought the wrong things. Many of us know what it feels

PA photos of Florence and the Machine and BeBe and CeCe Winans

like to have messed up. That we don't deserve kindness, love or forgiveness in return for the mistakes we've made.

Some people think that what they've done is so bad that God can't possibly forgive them, so they give up all hope of forgiveness. Others, realising their mistakes, try to get into God's good books by putting on a performance to gain his attention or earn his love.

Both categories have missed the point. Whatever we have done, whatever we have had done to us, we can know God's love, forgiveness and new life today and in eternity. It is not something we can win by good behaviour; it is a gift – as the Winans sing – of God's grace.

Paul, an early-day Christian, puts it like this: 'For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it' (Ephesians 2:8, 9 *Good News Bible*).

Grace is the unearned favour of God. He loves us just because. When we put our faith in him, we receive a gift worth more than gold.



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War Cry reaches publishing milestone

This week *The War Cry* reaches a milestone with edition number 7,000.

The popular Christian newspaper first rolled off the presses on Boxing Day 1879. But the 17,000-print run nearly didn't make it into readers' hands. There was a thick London fog that night and hansom cabs had to be used to collect copies from the printers.

The front page of that edition began: 'Why a weekly *War Cry*? Because The Salvation Army means more war ... Because the cry of slaughtered millions rises up louder and louder to Heaven, crying to our innocent souls with irresistible violence, to arise and fight more furiously than ever for the salvation of our fellows from the forces of evil which are dragging them drunken, befouled, degraded, wretched, down to an eternity of woe.'

The front page of the first 'War Cry'



Though reflecting the subsequent changes of British culture, the message of *The War Cry* has remained constant: everyone needs to know God's forgiveness, made possible through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. Without this, humankind is lost in this world and separated from God in the next.

Apart from just one issue, *The War Cry* has appeared on Britain's streets every week since – including the General Strike, two world wars and the Blitz. The missing edition (1 March 1947) was due to a power cut at the printers. The following week, workers used treadles to keep the presses rolling.

From October 1882 to February 1886 *The War Cry* was published twice a week.

As well as commenting on contemporary events and culture, *The War Cry* has consistently kept pace with changing technology. In the early days, articles were illustrated with engravings.

The first photograph, a reproduction of the magazine *Harper's Weekly*, appeared in the 17 April 1880 issue.

The first colour picture appeared in the Christmas 1896 issue. *The War Cry* has been printed in full colour since 29 July 1995.

In January 2009, *The War Cry* under-

War Cry

SELLER AND TELLER

EVERY Friday, Roy Dainty would buy a *War Cry* from a seller called Ray as he and his wife Carol did their supermarket shop in Blairgowrie. As Ray got to know the couple, he invited them to worship at The Salvation Army and they accepted.

As a result, Roy discovered a personal relationship with God and later offered himself for spiritual leadership.

He is pictured offering *The War Cry* outside the same supermarket where he first became a reader.



NIGEL BOVEY



There is no human experience from which God is absent

went a major relaunch, when it appeared in its present compact format.

For the past 15 years, one of the paper's specialities has been its interviews with Christians in the public eye – including politicians, sportsmen and women, scientists, actors and TV personalities.

Believing that there is no human experience from which God is absent, *The War Cry* reports on Christians who are facing life's toughest times. It covers global stories such as The Salvation Army's response to 9/11, the Boxing Day tsunami and the Haiti earthquake. It also gives a voice to those who, through God's grace, have overcome personal traumas such as addiction, abuse or bereavement.

The paper itself, though, is only part of the story. Unavailable at newsagents, *The War Cry* gets into readers' hands only through the dedication and commitment of its band of 'Sellers and Tellers' – people who willingly (and without financial reward) give time and energy to visit pubs and clubs or stand on streets with the week's issue.

Readers have nominated many of

them for the Seller and Teller feature.

For many regular readers, these Sellers and Tellers become friends, confidantes and even spiritual advisers. It is in the course of conversation – the receiving of a confidence – that significant spiritual business is transacted.

Readers are coming to faith in Jesus through the ministry of *The War Cry* and its Sellers and Tellers, which is why *War Cry* editor Major Nigel Bovey looks forward to the next millennial milestone: 'With its millions of individual copies, 7,000 editions represents financial investment, the offering of dedicated writing and production talent, and countless hours of selfless spending by people who want to share the good news of Jesus Christ,' he says.

'Every edition is making an impact on readers' lives and their relationship with God. That's why the paper is so exciting.'



Comment

No contest

IS it time for another Bank Holiday? If campaigners get their way, Darwin Day (12 February) will be marked as a public holiday. Every year the British Humanist Association celebrates the birthday – and contribution to scientific understanding – of naturalist Charles Darwin.

They are not alone. Around the world, Darwin Day, in the words of the American Humanist Association, 'expresses gratitude for the enormous benefits that scientific knowledge, acquired through human curiosity and ingenuity, has contributed to the advancement of humanity'.

On either side of the pond, humanists have another agenda – to separate science and religion. They are particularly opposed to the teaching of creationism in schools.

Whatever the virtues of such a proposition, it is an inappropriate reaction and a disservice to the gifted Darwin that he is being used as a totem around which anti-faith communities are called to rally. The truth is, Christians recognise the wonders of science. Many of them are also grateful for the contribution Darwin has made to the seed bank of human understanding.

God can be misapplied in science – one example is the idea that a gap in scientific knowledge equals God. But invoking the work and name of Darwin as some kind of trump card is preposterous.

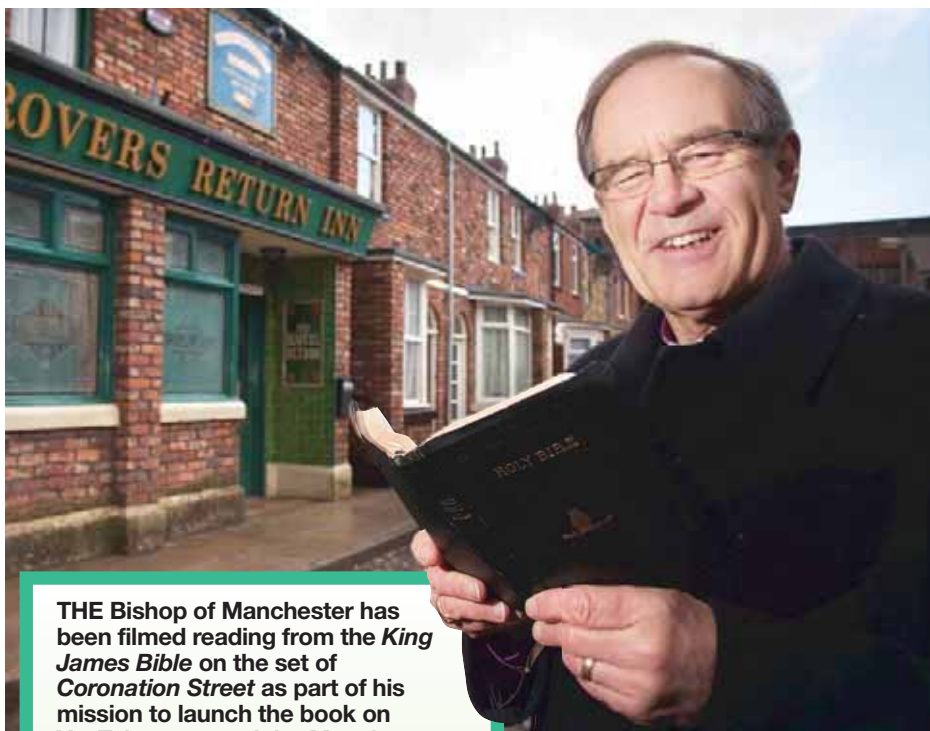
Darwinism does not demand a denial of God. Darwinism neither proves nor disproves God. Darwin never suggested that his observations of the process of evolution by natural selection were a substitute for, or an alternative to, God. (Nor, incidentally, do they describe how life started; merely how it has continued.)

It is only some of his disciples who make Darwinism a God substitute. Far from making clear distinctions between God and science in the classroom, they confuse young inquiring minds, pressurising them into choosing either scientific insight or a personal faith.

It is a non-choice. Many top scientists are Christians. They do not see faith and science as competitors but as complementary. They celebrate God – and give thanks for Darwin – every day.

IN THE PRESS

Bible is streets ahead



Courtesy of Manchester Evening News

THE Bishop of Manchester has been filmed reading from the *King James Bible* on the set of *Coronation Street* as part of his mission to launch the book on YouTube, reported the *Manchester Evening News* website.

The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch's reading of 1 Corinthians 13 will be uploaded to the internet. The project marks the 400th anniversary of the *King James Bible*.

'I think you need to connect with ordinary people and what street ... connects with more people than *Coronation Street*?' the Bishop asked. 'YouTube ... connects with an audience which may not know much about the Bible.'

RADIO

A PROGRAMME about science fiction author and Anglican minister the Rev Lionel Fanthorpe is to be broadcast on Radio 4 next Thursday (17 February).

The Priest, the Badger and the Little Green Men From Mars will explore some of the 150 pulp-fiction novels written by Fanthorpe in the 1950s and 1960s for Badger Books.

The programme will feature readings by the author and dramatic recreations of his most memorable work.

Unearthed church floors archaeologists

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have uncovered a Byzantine church complete with mosaic floor in Israel, according to *The Guardian*.

The church, located in southwest Jerusalem, has a floor which depicts lions, foxes, fish and peacocks. It has been dated back to the 5th century. Amir Ganor of the Israel Antiquities Authority plans for the floor to remain visible for a short while before covering it in soil for protection.

Mr Ganor – who also led the dig – describes the floor as 'one of the most beautiful mosaics ... unique in its craftsmanship and level of preservation.'

NEXT Thursday's afternoon play on Radio 4 is *Jesus, The Devil and a Kid Called Death*. Written by Carolyn Scott-Jeffs, the romantic comedy is about the gamble taken by teacher Mrs Woodhouse (Alison Belbin) as she casts the school bad boy as Jesus and a well-behaved child as the Devil in a mystery play.

Robin rocking in the aisles



A ROBIN has made headlines in the *Daily Express* after regularly joining a church congregation for Sunday services, weddings and funerals.

The paper reports that the Rev Charlie Allen first spotted the bird at St Mary's Church in Hampshire after heavy snowfall last December. Since then the robin has made the 12th-century Anglican church its home.

'If there is a service he will be right in the middle making as much racket as he can,' says Ms Allen. 'The church has very good acoustics so he is always heard.'

Keep your eyes on the road

Don't use phones while in the driver's seat

WATCH out! Distracted drivers are failing to focus their attention on the road ahead, according to a new survey from opticians Specsavers.

The study of 3,000 drivers revealed that two thirds of them are often easily distracted. Almost three quarters of drivers admit that they don't always pay attention to what's happening on the road. Thirty per cent of UK drivers admit to having had an accident or near-miss because they weren't concentrating.

According to the survey, rather than waiting patiently in traffic, bored drivers play games on their mobile phones or check their Facebook account.

Paul Carroll of Specsavers says: 'Drivers not only need to concentrate fully on the road ahead, they also need to make sure they can see clearly.'

Regular eye examinations and any subsequent prescription glasses will help drivers be less distracted, added Mr Carroll.

The study also showed that the average British driver spends more than five hours behind the wheel each week. This includes nearly two hours sitting in traffic, which over the course of a month is the equivalent of one working day waiting for traffic to move.

Save money on fuel

WITH VAT now at 20 per cent, fuel prices are at an all-time high. Not only does this affect motorists' pockets, but also how people get around.

Rental firm carrentals.co.uk offers the following advice on how to reduce fuel consumption.

Slow down: Driving at 50 mph instead of 70 mph can reduce fuel bills by 30 per cent.

Check your tyre pressure: Tyres that are under-inflated use up more fuel, while those that are over-inflated lose grip.

Plan ahead: Organising the best route before you leave will help you avoid getting lost or hitting the busiest roads.

Watch your weight: Get rid of golf clubs, toolboxes or anything heavy that sits unused in your boot to reduce overall load weight.

Look out for vouchers: Supermarket deals that offer money off fuel can make a big difference in savings.

Share your car: Share your journeys with others, if your insurance allows.

Top up: Fill your tank when you find a petrol station with good prices.

Scientist



INVENTOR: Russell Cowburn
at work in his laboratory

is full of

invention

Russell, how did you get into science?

When I was about four, my father, who worked in engineering, showed me how to light a bulb with a battery and a piece of wire. Since then I have been interested in electronics. At school I was attracted to physics and at university I studied science and engineering.

What is the attraction of physics?

I like its completeness. Physics deals with relatively simple models that go from first principles right through to a complete description. I find that very exciting.

What is nanotechnology?

Nanotechnology is the science, engineering and art of manipulating very small things. Typically, we're dealing with things between one and 1,000 atoms in size. Materials behave differently at this scale. With copper, for example, one cubic centimetre has the same pinkish appearance as one cubic metre. But 10 nanometres behave very differently to 100 nanometres. (A nanometre is 1,000-millionth of a metre, about 10 atoms.)

How does your work on this microscopic scale help the big wide world?

Nanotechnology helps us understand how materials work. The traditional way to get a material with new properties – stronger, faster, lighter – is to modify the chemical elements of an existing material. In nanotechnology, we rebuild a material's inner structure. The process itself is fast, cheap and green.

I am working on applications that can diagnose disease very quickly, projects to stop the counterfeiting of drugs, passports and credit cards and ideas on making higher-density computer memory.

Are there parallels between nanotechnology's building-brick modification and the genetic modification of DNA?

In terms of a functional description of what we are doing, yes. But ethically the modification of genes is very different to the modification of atoms.

Nanotechnology, though, is not without ethical implication. It has, for instance, possible battlefield applications. As a Christian

how do you feel about that?

While it's true that nanotechnology has military applications, I am focusing on such applications as health care and renewable energy. Equally, if we agree that we need armed forces – and Christianity does not demand pacifism – then someone has to provide the clothing and logistics and it is not necessarily ethically wrong to do so.

What have you invented?

One of my inventions is Laser Surface Authentication (LSA). It's the equivalent of biometric recognition (fingerprints, iris scan, facial recognition) but for things that aren't human. So if I take a valuable document I can probe its surface using

nanotechnology and – because no surface is absolutely flat – I get from the naturally occurring nanoscale imperfections the equivalent of a DNA sequence. I then convert that sequence into a unique identity code. If someone copies that document they will get a different set of imperfections. That is how we can tell real from fake.

This can also be used for the likes of passports, credit cards, drugs and perfumes – in fact, anything criminals try to forge.

You must be immensely proud of that?

Yes, it's great fun. The whole process from physics to

technology to invention to positive application to commercialisation was very exciting.

Russell, how and when did you become a Christian?

I was brought up in a Christian environment, but Christianity became real for me at the age of 18. I was having a gap year between school and

university. I was invited to join a Bible study group at my local church. I had never really read the Bible. I had nothing else to do so I went along. I was introduced to

Attracted to magnetism, physicist

Professor RUSSELL COWBURN is a director of research at Cambridge

University. He is the inventor of

a laser-based security system, the holder

of numerous patents connected with

nanotechnology and has founded two

companies. He talks to Nigel Bovey

about the fusion of his work and his

Christian faith

I am working on applications that can diagnose disease

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John's Gospel for the first time. I'd never read anything like it. Within three months, I reached a point of personal decision.

What convinced you about the person of Jesus through reading the Gospel?

He had such authority, making claims that were so very different to what most people would claim. It struck me that this was unlike anything I had ever come across before.

What does your Christian faith give you as a scientist?

On a practical level it gives me boundaries in my interaction with people. We think of scientists as people who prefer to be ensconced in their labs but actually successful scientists spend a lot of time interacting and collaborating with others.

The way I deal with people is strongly informed by my Christian faith. I want to be a good employer; I want to be a good boss. I want to deal with people fairly and honestly and to serve them helpfully.

Intellectually, my faith gives me a rationale as to why science should work. One of the things that people such as Richard Dawkins don't understand is that science is axiomatic. We state that things are repeatable and that what we measure today will be the same tomorrow. Yet science offers no reasonable basis on which to assume that this will be the case. I can't prove to you that tomorrow gravity will pull down and not up. Essentially, we take the fact that the world is reproducible as a statement of faith.

So faith is an essential element in science?

Absolutely. All of science is built on a faith statement. For a Christian, though, that faith statement is not without root. To me, as a Christian, the fact that the world is ordered and repeatable is a direct reflection of the Creator and his nature of faithfulness and timelessness. It is, therefore, no surprise that the creative world isn't as capricious and as random as it might be.

So the 'new atheist' notion that science is completely and utterly rational while faith is an irrational, superstitious, blind leap into the dark is not only simplistic but is also wrong?

It is wrong on both counts. Dawkins says that people of faith hold their position not *despite* a lack of evidence but *because* of a lack of evidence. He then sets up a dichotomy of people of

faith, who relish the fact that there is no reason for what they believe, compared with people of science, who do things only by reason. This misrepresents both parties.

Christian faith is not a leap into the dark. It is a step into the light. We don't know everything. Sometimes we have to act on incomplete information. But there is more to the Christian life than just a lucky guess.

Equally, science is not as 'nailed down' as people outside of science think. Scientists don't have a problem with this lack of water-tightness. Only mathematicians talk in terms of 'proof'. Scientists rarely use the word. We speak in terms of 'this is a good indication of' or 'this is the best explanation for the limited available data set'. Scientists work on best guesses based on limited data sets. And that's exactly what faith is.

So science can't prove the existence of God?

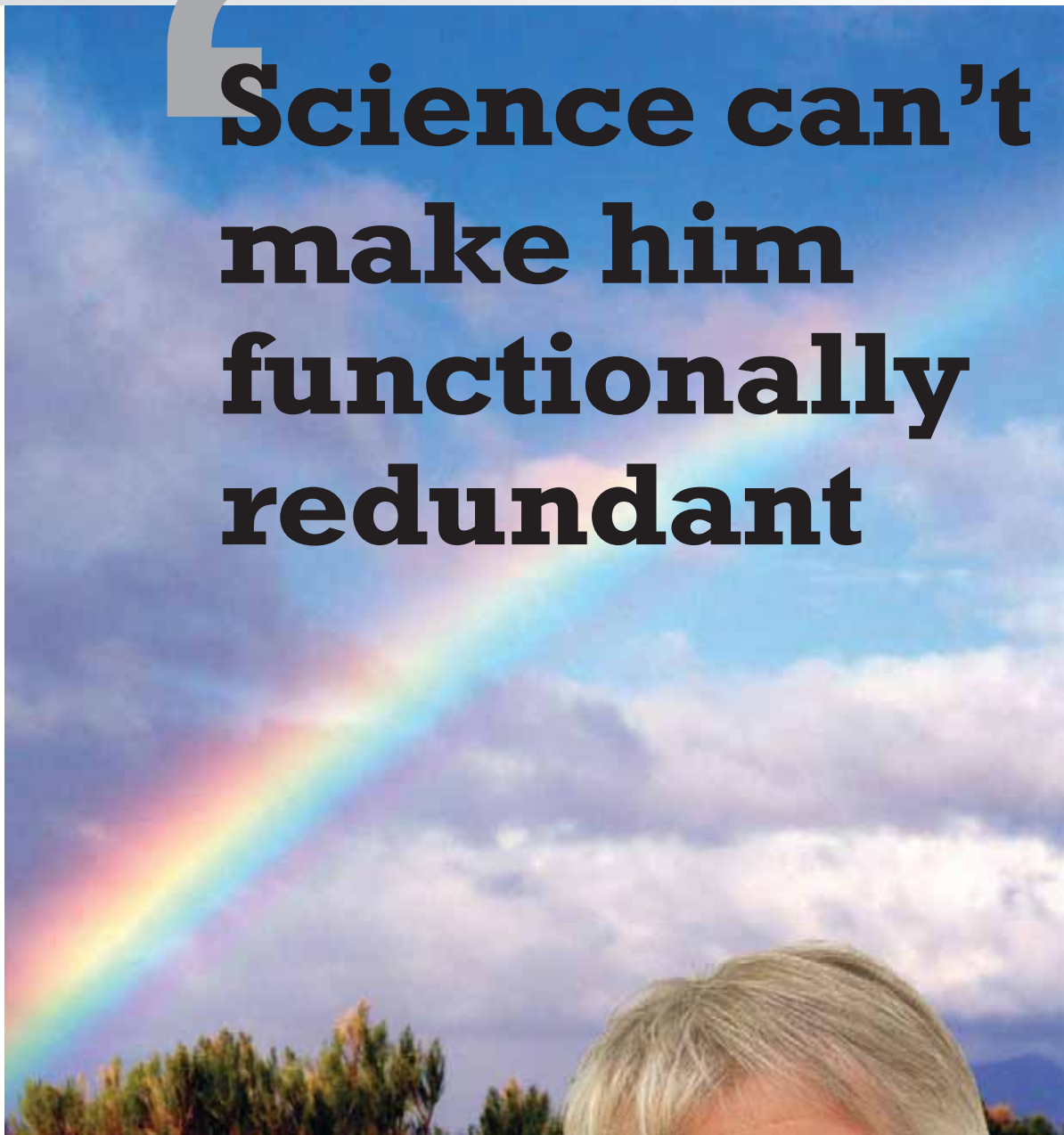
No. Proof requires a line of

authority. The thing you are trying to prove has to be subordinate to the method of proof. Science, therefore, would need to be greater than God in order to prove that he exists. (And if science were greater than God, then God as the omnipotent, ultimate reality wouldn't exist.) The only way people can know God is if he chooses to reveal himself.

If not proof, can science offer indications that God exists?

There are certain pieces of science such as the anthropic principle – which recognises that life on Earth is

Science can't make him functionally redundant



NIGEL BOVEY

disprove God or

possible because the composition of the universe is finely tuned – and the cosmological argument – which says that however the universe came about there must be a first cause – that are entirely consistent with my world view as a Christian.

However, my faith in God does not depend on these or any other scientific theory.

A counter argument to the idea that because the universe appears to be finely tuned and thereby likely to be the product of a Creator is the theory that ours is just one of many universes. Therefore, it is neither special nor God-created. How do you see this multiverse theory?

The multiverse explanation is science fiction. To say that multiverse has 'solved' the answer as to why the universe appears to be finely tuned would be to take one of Dawkins's blind leaps of faith.

Can science, as Dawkins suggests, make God redundant?

People can choose to use science to ignore God. Science can become an idol. But science can't disprove God or make him functionally redundant – science doesn't do things that God

used to do but doesn't any more.

What does your faith mean to you?

It gives me a knowledge of reality and tells me about the world. It tells me who is the best person to whom I owe obedience. It tells me about my future. And, ultimately, my faith gives me salvation.

What does your science give your faith?

When the Psalms talk about some of the wonders of creation, because as a scientist I look at those wonders more closely, I have a great sense of awe. Psalm 97, for instance, talks about mountains melting like wax before the Lord. Because of my work in the lab, I know how much energy it takes to melt material. So my scientific experience heightens my appreciation of the psalmist's poetic expression.

So, it's not a case of *either faith or science*?

The Bible has a bigger view than simple physical mechanics

They deal with very different things. Science tells us about the mechanisms of the physical world. The Bible has a different focus and priority. It is about God and how we need to relate to him. That takes place in a physical world but by and large the Bible has a bigger view than simple physical mechanics.

A New Atheist argument runs that science offers humankind everything we need to know to understand the world. How satisfying is that view?

Science does have all the answers we need to understand the physical mechanisms of the world in which we live. The question is: is that all we want to know about?

Dawkins wouldn't claim that science has anything to say about greater truths about God – other than saying he doesn't exist (and even Dawkins would struggle to argue that science can prove that he doesn't).

Science does fill the space about knowing about the world. But most of us realise that our lives are much bigger than this.

Genesis talks about humankind being made 'in the image of God'. What do you understand by that phrase?

It has a priestly element to it. We are to reflect the Creator to creation. We have a special place within creation because if the rest of the creation wants to know what its Creator is like then as a first approximation (and it is a distorted view) it can look to humankind.

There is also an element of co-creator. When God gave Adam dominion over creation he was making humankind responsible. A part of being made in the image of God is to modify creation in the responsible and loving way God does.

The Bible or science: discuss?

In things that have eternal significance, in all matters of salvation, it is the Bible. But if I want detail on what the world is like, then science has got some pretty good things to offer.

NEXT WEEK: Miracles, suffering and scientists playing God





JESUS
and the
UNDERDOG



The
Children

IT is not unusual to see politicians chatting to children or kissing babies, especially during an election campaign. Many of them see these occasions as good photo opportunities that show them to be caring, concerned people and therefore worthy of the public's vote.

Jesus also made children the focus of his attention when he was on earth, albeit for a very different reason. In those days children were not seen in the same way as they are in 21st-century Britain. Back then they were considered merely as the property of adults; powerless and vulnerable.

In Mark 10:13-16, we read that despite children's lowly status Jesus treated them as worthy individuals. Even his disciples tried to stop children from

bothering him. Perhaps they thought he was too tired, or that his reputation might be damaged if he showed an interest in them.

But the Bible says Jesus took his disciples to task over their attitude. 'Let the little children come to me,' he said. 'Do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs' (10:14 *New Revised Standard Version*).

This attitude may not seem radical to us but in those days it was groundbreaking stuff. There was no personal advantage for Jesus in taking children in his arms and blessing them; no cameras to capture the moment or reporters looking for a sound bite. The children themselves probably wouldn't have known much about him and may have been too young to understand the significance of the event. So why bother?

Perhaps Jesus acted in such a way for the sake of the onlookers as much as for the children themselves. His actions demonstrated

In this four-part series **LEANNE RUTHVEN** looks at how Jesus reached out to people on the margins of society



MK 10:13-16



Children were considered merely the property of adults; powerless and vulnerable

that God values the least and lowest, those who have no rights and who seemingly contribute little to society.

Children today are still often treated poorly. In some parts of the world they are forced to work in factories, or as soldiers or prostitutes. Closer to home, we need to listen and act when children tell us they are being bullied, abused, or discriminated against. We need to guard against them being used as bargaining chips in divorce settlements, or pressured into taking up certain careers because we think we know what's best for them.

Those whose opinions we can so easily dismiss are just as important to God today as they were when Jesus walked the earth.

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- Contact details of a Salvationist minister

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Water on tap is such a blessing

LAST summer, where I live in the North West there was a water shortage. It was so bad that a hosepipe ban came into force. The thought crossed my mind that it can be easy to take water for granted.

Not long ago I was reminded of this again when our home had a broken pipe in need of repair. For two days we were without running water. I missed the convenience of being able to turn on the tap.

Sadly, for people in certain parts of the world drought is a daily reality. Access to clean water is a luxury that many do not have. But this isn't just a modern day problem. Water was also a precious commodity in

the times of Jesus as well.

On one occasion Jesus met a woman at a well and asked her to give him a drink. As conversation got under way, Jesus said to her: 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. [It] will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life' (John 4:13, 14 *New Revised Standard Version*).

Jesus understood that water was a physical need which had to be met. But he also recognised that food and drink alone do not satisfy a person. Something extra is needed to fulfil us, deep down.

The need for love and freedom, hope and forgiveness, peace and joy is in each of us – and they can be found through faith in Jesus.

When we follow him and live as he taught us, our life can be filled to the brim with purpose. We need not feel empty or hopeless. From Jesus we can receive a love that never runs dry.



by **AUDREY FAIRBROTHER**



Library picture posed by model

Access to clean water is a luxury that many do not have



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THE MAIN ATTRACTION



Salmon and hollandaise sauce

In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the egg yolks. While whisking add the lemon juice, salt and cayenne pepper.
 Slowly whisk in the melted butter and hot water. Continue to whisk constantly.
 Return the mixture to the saucepan and place over a very low heat. Whisk continually until the sauce thickens. Serve immediately with the salmon and a selection of vegetables.

Serves 2

Ingredients:

- 2 salmon steaks
- Fresh lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- For the sauce**
- 110g butter
- 2 medium egg yolks
- 1tbsp of hot water
- ½ tbsp of lemon juice
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of cayenne pepper

Method:

Wash and trim the salmon steaks. Use a pastry brush to cover the steaks with olive oil, then season with salt and pepper and squeeze fresh lemon juice over.
 Lay some foil on the base of a grill pan and sprinkle a little olive oil over the top. Add the salmon and cook on both sides for about 5 minutes.
 To make the hollandaise sauce, melt the butter slowly in a saucepan. Then remove the pan from the heat and set aside.

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4. Grease and line a 20cm sandwich tin with baking paper.
 Whisk the sugar and egg together until pale and thick. Sift the flour, baking powder and cocoa into a bowl, then fold into the egg mix. Pour into the prepared tin and level.
 Bake for 12–15 minutes until the cake is cooked through. Cool on a wire rack, then use a cookie cutter to stamp out four hearts. (Each shape should measure 7cm from top to bottom).
 For the topping, heat the double cream

SWEET TREAT

Mini chocolate heart cakes

Ingredients:

- 50g caster sugar
- 1 medium egg
- 40g plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 10g cocoa
- 70ml whipping cream
- Chocolate sweets, for decorating
- For the topping**
- 2tbsp double cream
- 50g plain chocolate, chopped
- ½ tsp butter



until hot but not boiling. Add the chocolate and butter and leave to melt. Stir briefly until smooth, then leave to cool.

Whisk the whipping cream until thick, then use it to sandwich together each pair of heart cakes.

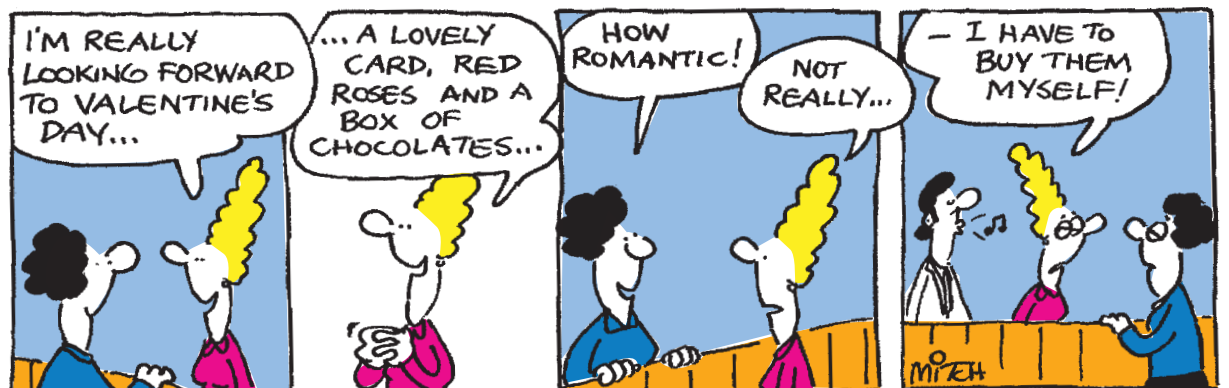
Use a teaspoon to spread the cooled chocolate mixture on top of the cakes. Sprinkle with chocolate sweets to decorate.

Serves 2

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HAVE A

Love is in the air

writes **CLAIRE BRINE**

heart!

YOU love it. You love it not. However you feel about it, Valentine's Day is just around the corner (Monday 14 February).

For some, the day of lurve is all about sending roses, exchanging cards and enjoying a romantic dinner for two. For others, the day feels lonely and they yearn for that special someone to come along and sweep them off their feet.

But each year there seems to be an increasing number of people joining the 'couldn't-care-less-what-day-it-is' group. Seemingly, it doesn't matter whether they are married, single or other, they simply see Valentine's Day as a waste of time.

Last year a BBC News survey revealed what people thought about 14 February and how they planned to mark the occasion – or not.

Ryan from Glasgow said that he barely gave Valentine's Day a second thought: 'I contemplate its pointlessness for a moment or two. Then I do something interesting instead.'

Others were much more enthusiastic. BostinJack explained why he planned to buy flowers for his partner: 'If I can't be overly soppy on one day of the year, when can I be?'

The survey attracted a variety of responses, but one of the most popular opinions was that expressed by Martin from Alloa. He asked: 'Why should there be only one day in the year that you do something for your loved one?'

It's a good point.

True love – for a partner, a relative or friend – doesn't disappear when Valentine's Day is over. It doesn't walk out when we are going through

Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud or rude

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keep a record of wrongs...Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. Love never fails!' (1 Corinthians *Contemporary English Version*).

a rocky patch. Instead, love keeps on going through thick and thin.

The Bible gives a good and extensive description of love: 'Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud or rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't

13:4-8 *Version*).

This is the kind of love that God has for us – whatever the state of our relationships. When we invite him into our lives, we need never feel alone or unloved again.

Sounds lovely.