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ONE THIRD OF CLERGY DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

August 1, 2002 The London Daily Telegraph reports: "A third of Church of England clergy doubt or disbelieve in the physical Resurrection and only half are convinced of the truth of the Virgin birth, according to a new survey. The poll of nearly 2,000 of the Church's 10,000 clergy also found that only half believe that faith in Christ is the only route to salvation.



While it has long been known that numerous clerics are dubious about the historic creeds of the Church, the survey is the first to disclose how widespread is the skepticism. Few bishops would now share the views of the former Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev David Jenkins, who caused a scandal in the 1980s when he contrasted the Resurrection with a 'conjuring trick with bones'.

Nevertheless liberal clergy, who represent about one in eight of the total, remain profoundly uncertain about the Church's core doctrines. In the survey, two thirds of them expressed doubts in the physical Resurrection and three quarters are unconvinced by the Virgin birth..."

U.S. HUNT FOR IRAQ'S EBOLA FACTORY

August 1, 2002 Associated Press reports: "A biological weapons laboratory in Iraq is said to be making a deadly strain of virus code named Blue Nile, which American intelligence officials believe is the Ebola virus.

Washington is trying to pinpoint the location of the laboratory, revealed by defectors and Iraqi exiles. They described underground test chambers, tight security and a staff of 85 people working to equip Iraq's military with biological agents powerful enough to inflict heavy casualties on any American invading force.

The Pentagon is examining satellite images of the west bank of the Tigris river in Baghdad, the Washington Post reports today. 'It sounds credible,' a Pentagon intelligence analyst is quoted as saying. 'But proving it is another matter.'

Finding the laboratory is important to President Bush, whose justification for an attack on Iraq is that the country is making biological and nuclear weapons that could pose a threat to the United States..."



Iraq

IRAQIS VACATE BAGHDAD IN DROVES

August 1, 2002 The Middle East Wire reports: "Tens of thousands of residents are moving out of Baghdad to more secure sites as fears mount that the United States will soon unleash a massive air and missile bombardment of the Iraqi capital. The fears are real this time as many of them believe that Washington is now serious in its bid to topple the regime of President Saddam Hussein.

Residents tell *Iraq Press* they hope the United States will translate its bellicose rhetoric against Saddam into reality sooner rather than later. Previously, they knew the attacks would only be pin-pricks. But now most of them take U.S. President George W. Bush's vows to bring about a regime change in Baghdad seriously...

The threats of an imminent U.S. attack has reportedly prompted many residents to search for alternative and temporary dwellings in Baqouba, Mahmoudiyah, Hilla, Karbala and Najaf...

Security has been intensified at highways leading to Baghdad and also in areas close to Saddam International Airport where members of the Special Security Force control all the approaches to a maze of palaces and villas owned by Saddam and members of his family..."

HAMAS BOMBS UNIVERSITY, DEMANDS "JEWS OUT OF ISRAEL"

August 1, 2002 Arutz Sheva reports: " Hamas spokesman Abdel Aziz Rantisi made it quite clear today. He said that terrorist attacks will continue until all Jews leave Israel.

Rantisi made the remarks while claiming responsibility on behalf of Hamas for the slaughter of seven more people in Jerusalem this afternoon. A very powerful bomb exploded inside a school bag on a table inside a Hebrew University cafeteria shortly before 2 PM, killing the seven and wounding close to 90, including 12 people in serious and grave condition. Almost everyone in the cafeteria at the time was hurt to some degree. The wounded were taken to several Jerusalem hospitals, including nearby Hadassah-Mt. Scopus. While the general student population is currently on summer vacation, many foreign students, new immigrants and others are on campus for summer session courses and to prepare for the coming academic year..."

CHICAGO MOB BEATS TWO MEN TO DEATH AFTER CAR ACCIDENT

August 1, 2002 The Associated Press reports: "Police pleaded for help Wednesday in finding members of a mob that pulled two men out of a van after an accident and beat them to death with bricks, stones and their bare hands. 'This is a simple, senseless double homicide committed by a bunch of cowardly thugs,' Police Superintendent Terry Hillard said. 'These are murderers. They killed two innocent people.'

One person was being held for questioning, but police said they had made no arrests.

Autopsies showed that Anthony Stuckey, 49, and Jack Moore, 62, died from multiple injuries and blunt trauma, Cook County medical officials said. Both deaths were ruled homicides.

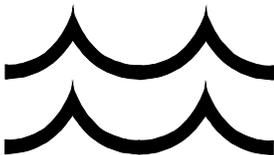
The accident happened Tuesday evening in the middle-income Oakland neighborhood on Chicago's South Side after the victims' rental van veered over a curb and crashed into a stoop filled with people, injuring three women, one critically. Detective Phil Cline said the men were using the van to move furniture and it wasn't known what caused the van to swerve. Both men lived in the area.

The group beat the two men with their hands, feet, bricks and stones, police said. The size of the group wasn't immediately known.

'They hit them with bricks that came off the side of the building,' Taquita Mixon told the Chicago Tribune. 'They didn't have a chance. It was a brutal beat-down.'..."

FEDS ARREST AL QAEDA WITH PLANS TO POISON WATER SUPPLIES

July 30, 2002 Fox News reports: "Federal officials have arrested two Al Qaeda terror suspects in the U.S. with documents in their possession about how to poison the country's water supplies, Fox News has learned.



The first case involves James Ujaama, 36, who surrendered to the FBI last week in Denver. Sources say they found documents about water poisoning among several other terrorism-related documents in his Denver residence..."

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