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Editorial Ramblings

Being November, we remember those who have given their lives for this country, and continue to do so on the battlefields of Afghanistan. 231 of our young people have been killed this year (so far) in that land of turmoil. We also remember the millions killed in the two major world wars of the last century as well as those lost in other wars since those dark days. I feel very privileged to have lived my lifetime without having to go to war myself. The first generation of my people who have been able to do so for several generations.

This is the 36th consecutive monthly edition of our little magazine. Three years - sent out from three countries. It may not seem much of an achievement, and in the grand scheme of things it really is nothing, but we're pleased with what we've managed to produce under sometimes difficult circumstances and limitations of time. We hope you've enjoyed reading them.

As I write these few lines at the end of the month we are enjoying a period of relatively mild weather that is much warmer than last year when we had snow at the end of October. Of course, the weather here is never good, with most days being wet and miserable and still cold - just less cold than last year. The summer still hasn't arrived - nor the summer of last year, so we just have to put up with the misery of being in the UK for yet another winter. At least we can keep warm in our home as our room temperature is around 22-25°C. Rather a pity we have to go out sometimes!

Little Lad has been finding it hard to settle into his new school, so we ask for your prayers for him. At least the travelling time to get him to school and back has been reduced now that Grace is buzzing around in her own car. I'm still looking for a car to buy for myself and the family. Even after several months of looking I haven't found anything worth buying at a sensible price and I hate the thought of having to buy a new car as the depreciation is so awful.

Grace and I would like to wish you all the best for the forthcoming month.



Photographs above and next page: Remembrance Sunday 2009, in Wolverhampton.

Front Cover photographs: The Clock Tower in West Park, Wolverhampton - taken on 29 November 2009.



Old Campaigners who served their country in WWII



These two veterans of the Royal Navy were involved in many campaigns during World War II - fighting for the freedom of Great Britain - now sold to the USA and Europe. As far as I can identify, the medals awarded to the gentleman on the right are (left to right): 1 - British Commonwealth Campaign Star. "The 1939 - 1945 Star"; 2 - Atlantic Star (with clasp); 3 - Africa Star (with clasp); 4 - Italy Star; 5 - Defence Medal 1939 - 1945; 6 - War Medal 1939 - 1945. The single medal on the bottom row is the Malta (George Cross) 50th anniversary medal – issued by the Maltese government to mark the 50th anniversary of the island's involvement (and its peoples courage) in WWII. Behind them is the memorial to Douglas Morris Harris.



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From Iron Curtain to knuckle-duster

by Melanie Phillips

Daily Mail, 9 November 2009

Twenty years ago today, supporters of freedom and human rights cheered and wept for joy as the Berlin Wall was torn down by jubilant young Germans.

To so many, that heady day seemed to herald the emergence of a better world. The spectre of communism had finally been laid to rest. Liberty had triumphed over tyranny.

The end of the Cold War even led some to proclaim that this was ‘the end of history’ — which was to say that liberal democracy was now the dominant and unchallengeable force in the world.

However, the 9/11 attacks on America tragically proved this to be absurdly over-optimistic. The eruption of radical Islamism revealed that, while the West may have been rid of one enemy in the Soviet Union, another deadly foe had risen to take its place.

So much is, sadly, all too evident. But what is perhaps less obvious is that communism did not just vanish in a puff of historical smoke.

The Soviet Union was defeated and fell apart, for sure. But the communist ideology that fuelled it did not so much disintegrate as reconstitute itself into another, even more deadly form as the active enemy of western freedom.

Soviet Communism was a belief system whose goal was to overturn the structures of society through the control of economic and political life. This mutated into a post-communist ideology of the Left, whose no-less ambitious aim was to overturn western society through a subversive transformation of its culture.

To grasp the extent to which this has in fact taken place, we have to go back in time to well before the moment the Berlin Wall fell.

The collapse of communism was actually a slow-burning process. Its moral and political bankruptcy became obvious decades before that glorious Berlin day in November 1989.

For many communist fellow travellers, the scales fell from their eyes when the Hungarian uprising was crushed in 1956. Others, over the years, lost faith not just in communism but in its less radical sister, socialism, as their core tenet of ‘equality’ proved itself in a myriad different ways to be the enemy of freedom and justice, with market forces appearing to carry the torch of liberty instead.

But as communism slowly crumbled, those on the far-Left

who remained hostile towards western civilisation found another way to realise their goal of bringing it down.

This was what might be called ‘cultural Marxism’. It was based on the understanding that what holds a society together are the pillars of its culture: the structures and institutions of education, family, law, media and religion. Transform the principles that these embody and you can thus destroy the society they have shaped.

This key insight was developed in particular by an Italian Marxist philosopher called Antonio Gramsci. His thinking was taken up by Sixties radicals — who are, of course, the generation that holds power in the West today.

Gramsci understood that the working class would never rise up to seize the levers of ‘production, distribution and exchange’ as communism had prophesied. Economics was not the path to revolution.

He believed instead that society could be overthrown if the values underpinning it could be turned into their antithesis: if its core principles were replaced by those of groups who were considered to be outsiders or who actively transgressed the moral codes of that society.

So he advocated a ‘long march through the institutions’ to capture the citadels of the culture and turn them into a collective fifth column, undermining from within and turning all the core values of society upside-down and inside-out.

This strategy has been carried out to the letter.

The nuclear family has been widely shattered. Illegitimacy was transformed from a stigma into a ‘right’. The tragic disadvantage of fatherlessness was redefined as a neutrally-viewed ‘lifestyle choice’.

Education was wrecked, with its core tenet of transmitting a culture to successive generations replaced by the idea that what children already knew was of superior value to anything the adult world might foist upon them.

The outcome of this ‘child-centred’ approach has been widespread illiteracy and ignorance and an eroded capacity for independent thought.

Law and order were similarly undermined, with criminals deemed to be beyond punishment since they were ‘victims’ of society and with illegal drugtaking tacitly encouraged by a campaign to denigrate anti-drugs laws.

The 'rights' agenda — commonly known as 'political correctness' — turned morality inside out by excusing any misdeeds by self-designated 'victim' groups on the grounds that such 'victims' could never be held responsible for what they did.

Feminism, anti-racism and gay rights thus turned men, white people and Christians into the enemies of decency who were forced to jump through hoops to prove their virtue.

This Through The Looking Glass mindset rests on the belief that the world is divided into the powerful (who are responsible for all bad things) and the oppressed (who are responsible for none of them).

This is a Marxist doctrine. But the extent to which such Marxist thinking has been taken up unwittingly even by the Establishment was illustrated by the astounding observation made in 2005 by the then senior law lord, Lord Bingham, that human rights law was all about protecting 'oppressed' minorities from the majority.

None of this is to say there has been a giant, organised conspiracy to undermine Britain in this way. Admittedly, some Left-wingers did so conspire, but many others bought into these ideas for different reasons.

Of particular importance was the demoralisation of the British ruling class by the loss of Empire and the indebtedness of Britain to America at the end of World War II — a profound loss of cultural nerve that made the Establishment vulnerable to any ideas, however outlandish, that promised to bring about the New Jerusalem.

These ideas gained general traction within the intelligentsia, the universities and the media — which is why the BBC is so institutionally skewed towards political correctness.

However, the terrifying fact is that they form a totalitarian mindset that replicates the way communist societies clamped down on any other than permitted views. Thus the intolerance — or even arrest — of Christians opposed to gay adoption and civil union, or the vilification as 'racists' of those opposed to mass immigration.

This mindset also led to the belief that a sense of nationhood was the cause of all the ills in the world, precisely because western nations embodied western values. So transnational institutions or doctrines such as the EU, UN, international law or human rights law came to trump national laws and values.

But the truth is that to be hostile to the western nation is to be hostile to democracy. And indeed, with the development of the EU superstate we can see that the victory over one anti-democratic regime within Europe — the Soviet Union — has been followed by surrender to another.

For the republic of Euroland puts loyalty to itself higher than that to individual nations and their values. It refused to commit itself in its constitution to uphold Christianity, the foundation of western morality.

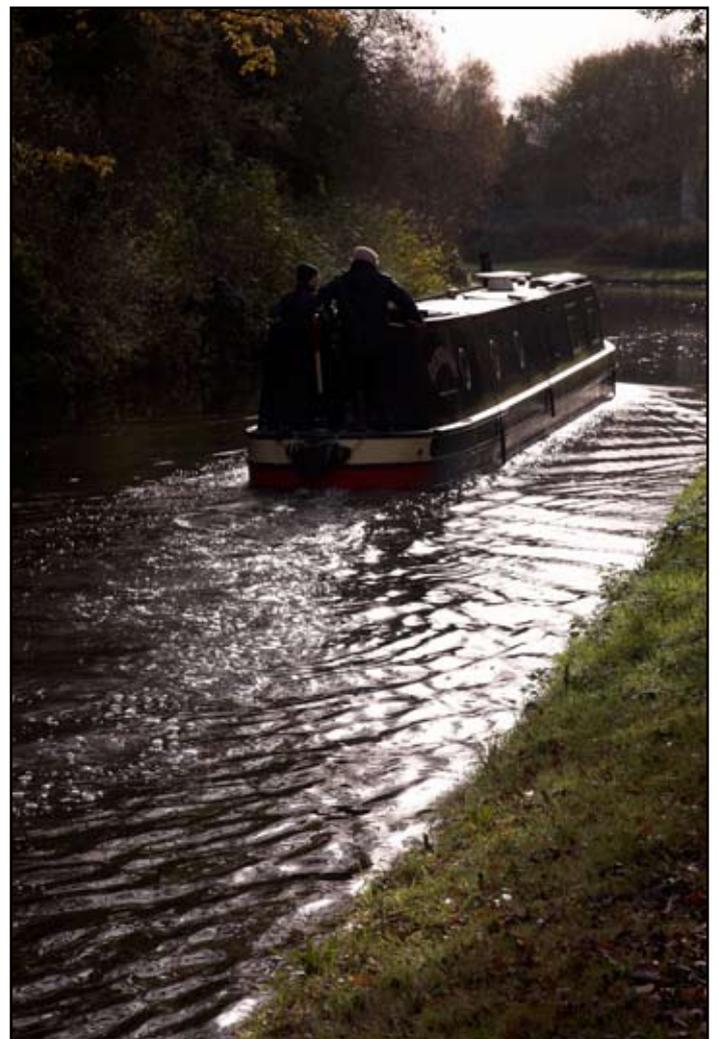
Instead, it is committed to moral and cultural relativism, which sets group against group and guarantees supreme and antidemocratic power to the bureaucrats setting the rules of 'diversity' and outlawing all dissent from permitted attitudes.

When the Berlin Wall fell, we told ourselves that this was the end of ideology. We could not have been more wrong.

The Iron Curtain came down only to be replaced by a rainbow-hued knuckle-duster, as our cultural commissars pulverise all forbidden attitudes in order to reshape western society into a post-democratic, post-Christian, post-moral universe.

Lenin would have smiled.

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Afghanistan is the price of the special relationship

by Ian Dunt

13 November 2009

Britain is stuck in a hell of its own making. If we don't reconsider the special relationship now, we never will.

I don't know what to do in Afghanistan.

I'm paid, among other things, for having an opinion on things, but I'll be open about this. I don't know what I would do.

I opposed the war when it began. There were very few people there, in Trafalgar Square, in those first days, as the world still recovered from September 11th. Later, when Iraq began, we saw what it was like to have support. Afghanistan wasn't like that. The right supported it because they enjoy that sort of thing, and value our relationship as America's puppy. The left supported it because it hadn't thought through its ideas on 'progressive interventionism' and women's rights. We shouted into silence and indifference.

Fast forward an unthinkable amount of time and we are still there. We are imbedded in a country we cannot pacify. It is vast and ancient, and its people are impossible to comprehend. Only they can help us secure it, by pointing out the miniscule differences in dress or speech which could mark someone out as the enemy. But the people themselves are becoming problematic, for exactly the same reason: they are unknowable. That much was confirmed when three soldiers from the Grenadier Guards and two from the Royal Military Police were shot by the man they were training. They suspected nothing.

Many have tried to pacify Afghanistan, and many have failed. It is the deathbed of foolish crusaders, whether capitalist or communist, realists or idealists.

The people of Afghanistan have died in enormous numbers since our folly there began. I am a British patriot. But being a patriot to one country does not make you indifferent to the fate of others. We have shed their blood. Thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, have been killed. They are barely even mentioned, like some kind of second class human. Our utter arrogance and foolishness is obvious to the people of the Middle East every single day.

And then there's our troops. Our children, sent to die in an alien country for a vague mission without any particular end date, which was only begun to satisfy a foreign power. America has got us into another bloody mess. As usual, British men and women pay for our mistaken alliance with



their blood. That's what they call a special relationship.

And as they die, journalists like myself, who specialise in Westminster politics, are forced to watch the pitiful excuses and explanations of our leaders. Every Wednesday their names are read out at the start of PMQs. And every day ministers appear on television to convince us of the link between events there and future terrorist attacks in the UK.

We have heard other justifications already. One was for women's rights - a victim of our age-old mistake of hiring up local warlords as our client fighters. Another stressed the freedom of the Afghan people, although our decision to enlist those warlords, once again, who subjugated Afghans in alliances with the Taliban and their predecessors makes that seem unlikely.

The government grasps for justifications. There are none. We are in Afghanistan because to leave our American partners in the lurch now would never be forgiven. There is no other reason. As we wait for President Barack Obama to make his decision on troop numbers, no-one in the media bothers to comment on the disgraceful sight of British troops fighting and dying while their own government hands over the reins of operational responsibility to a foreign power. They are dying - literally - for a foreign power. No one even bothers to mention it anymore.

And yet. The arguments for our continued presence are not

actually false. To see a breakdown in the border between Pakistan - a nuclear state - and Afghanistan is inconceivable. It would be the start of something unspeakable. We may balk at seeing our pitiful leadership class send Brits to their deaths for their political expedience, but that doesn't necessarily make the argument they have groped for illegitimate.

We created this situation. We should never have gone in in the first place. But now it is happening, we need to limit the damage of our arrogance, and that enduring British fallacy; that we somehow have a right to interfere with the other countries, or that we will be successful doing it.

We can stay, and see the blood continue to flow, or we can leave and allow a potentially fundamental breakdown in international security to take place because of our own actions. That's not a choice anyone should have to make. But that's the choice facing us now. I admit: I don't know what we should do.

But let's at least take firm lessons from what has happened so far, so that something for the future can be salvaged from this debacle.

First: Britain must learn that wars are the worst of all eventualities. The government only exists on the tolerance

of its people. It must only send them to kill and die when the security of this country is directly at risk, or if a preventable humanitarian tragedy is occurring that we have the power to do something about. On the first criteria, the word 'directly' is pivotal. We cannot go to war again on some lawyer's definition of causation, such as the idea that people who might be hosting people who might have bombed America justifies our behaviour. That's a job for MI6 and the Foreign Office, not for the British army.

Secondly, let us please, at last, re-analyse our relationship with the United States. The last time an American shed his blood for a Brit was in 1945. We thank them for that, in that bizarre historical way people refer to their country's history. But this nation has now become a client state of the world's superpower. The government sacrifices our young to its agenda, like some isolated tribe giving up their babies as a sacrifice to a wolf. This needs to end.

Even if we achieve these two steps - which we won't - it still won't have been worth it. Remember what this feels like the next time a politician with a flash smile and way with words tries to convince you of the need for a war.

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ENGLAND - I think this really sums it all up....



After hearing that many cities did not want to offend other cultures by putting up Xmas lights, so DIDN'T!

After learning that the British Red Cross shops were instructed not to display Christmas decorations lest they cause offence. (A move which cost them my support thereafter.)

After hearing that the Birmingham council changed its opinion and let a Muslim woman have her picture on her driver's licence with her face covered. You try it!

After hearing of a Primary School in Birmingham where a boy was told that for PE they could wear Football League shirts (Aston Villa, Birmingham, West Brom etc) but NOT an England shirt as it could offend others !

This prompted the editorial below written by a UK citizen and published in a British newspaper.

IMMIGRANTS. NOT BRITONS MUST ADAPT.

Take It Or Leave It. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on London , we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Brits.

However, the dust from the attacks has barely settled and the 'politically correct' crowd begin complaining about the possibility that our patriotism is offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to Britain . However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand.

This idea of England being a multicultural centre for community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Britons, we have our

own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of wars, struggles, trials and victories fought by the untold masses of men and women who lay down their lives and of the millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!

If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.. If St. George's cross offends you, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet.

We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, OUR LAND, and OUR LIFESTYLE, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this.

But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our Pledge, Our National Motto, or Our Way of Life, I encourage you take advantage of one other great British freedom, '**THE RIGHT TO LEAVE**'.

**We didn't force you to
come here.
If you don't like it
GO HOME!!**

You asked to be here.. So accept the country that accepted YOU. Pretty easy really, when you think about it..

with thanks to John Weston.



Birt backs atheist slot

A FORMER director general of the BBC has called for atheists to contribute to Radio 4's Thought for the Day.

Lord Birt, who led the corporation between 1992 and 2000, said it must 'loosen the stranglehold' of religious organisations and 'embrace' humanism.

His comments come as the BBC Trust - the corporation's governing body - decides whether to allow contributions from non-religious speakers.

Secularists say the three-minute slot - open only to the main faiths - discriminates against non-believers.

Just in case you think I've gone completely mad by being so critical of my own country, read the scanned image (left) from the *Daily Mail* on Saturday 7 November 2009. *Thought for the Day* is a very short (3 minutes) programme on one of the BBC radio channels that devotes just a few minutes each day to some form of (usually) Christian thought and prayer. It seems that even this is now taking a hammering from the world of secularism and the politically correct. As though atheists can contribute to a religious programme. This illustrates how mad - ridiculous - my country has become in its attempt to appease every minority group in the country. How absurd! And as for discriminating against believers - everyone has the choice as to whether or not to believe in God - and atheists have made theirs - so how can the programme be discriminatory? Madness!

Grace and Little Lad on one of our country walks escaping from the madness in our world.



Alan's Reflections

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What has this country achieved since the dreadful sacrifices made by the millions who died or were wounded in the two world wars? Nothing! My country is being destroyed, its identity lost and its indignant people are very unhappy about this. All due to corrupt leadership and a total failure of democracy, as true democracy isn't permitted - no referendums on important issues - as in the Lisbon Treaty, for example, where the elected government KNOW that they would lose, so therefore they ignore the will of the people and bring about changes to this country without the consent of the people who elected them. Disgraceful. The sheer arrogance of these MPs who are supposed to be the servants of the people is astounding. They have their own agenda and say to hell with what the people want - despite their promises to do otherwise before they are elected. They have totally destroyed the British Empire, the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and are now destroying their own country. Despite what some see as the downside of colonialism, there are many who would say that they wish their country was still ruled by the British. How many of our former colonies have made a success if independence? The whole of Africa is in self-destruct mode and is much poorer and far less civilised now than it ever was under British rule. I have even had Indian people tell me that they wished the British still ruled India. The fact is that many people from our former colonies have now come to live in the UK rather than stay in their own country. That says a great deal about the British. *Never mind independence, lets stay under British rule instead of our own corrupt and incompetent people*, is the message I hear. And now they are telling US what to do! And, what is even worse, is that our leaders are letting them! Their crime and corruption is taking root here! As a result of joining the EU, the people of my country are now horrified at the way it's economy and it's political and judicial systems have been wrecked. The irony is that this country will soon be as bad as the country most of our immigrants have escaped from, aided by the criminals and corrupt leaders of my own country.

Not that these are the only problems we face. Despite being the most despised people in Europe only a relatively few years ago, the Germans are now well on their way to leading the entire State of Europe into being a massive global economic, political and military empire now that the Lisbon Treaty has been ratified (which removed the last vestiges of Britain's independence). In a speech to the American Congress on 3 November (in Washington), Angela Merkel, the German Federal Chancellor, said ***I appeal to you (the USA): Let us jointly work towards a world economic order which is in the interests of both America and Europe.***

What about the rest of the World? Don't other nations count for anything? Imagine the scenario - A world empire governed by the evil leaders of Europe and the USA! The stuff of horror movies. Orwell's **1984** come to fruition. Sadly,

this wasn't picked up (it would appear) by many journalists who, instead, focussed on her deliberate smokescreen about global warming, which she, and everyone else in a position of power, knows is just that: a smokescreen - a money making racket to cover-up what is really going on in the world.

She also said ***All things are possible, also in the 21st century, in the age of globalisation. We back home in Germany know just as well as you do in America that many people are afraid of globalization. We do not just brush these concerns aside. We recognize the difficulties. And yet it is our duty to convince people that globalization is an immense global opportunity, for each and every continent, because it forces us to act together with others.***

We have good reason to be afraid! Here, she also contradicts what she said in the earlier paragraph: ***.....in the interests of both America and Europe.*** Globalisation is not in the best interest of most of the world's people - only the rich, as it will enable them to become richer and have more power than one could ever imagine. It is not the *immense global opportunity* that she would have us believe - it is only an opportunity for more corruption and criminal activities - for making the rich richer and the poor poorer. We all know how corrupt institutions such as the EU and UN really are. Even upholding the Christian faith has been rejected in the European constitution - throwing out the very foundation of British (and American and many other countries) society and moral values. This is a true indication that we are being ruled by evil men and women, who have no moral values or religious beliefs. Only yesterday, Little Lad came to me carrying a Bible that had once belonged to one of his great-grandmothers. He asked me to read him a story from this Bible. He sat on my lap and listened avidly as I read him the Book of Jonah and explained to him that Jonah was sent by God to announce to the people of Nineveh that, because of their evil ways, He was going to destroy their entire city. As we all know, Jonah was initially so scared of going there that he ran away to sea and was thrown overboard by his terrorised shipmates during a storm, before being gulped down by a big fish then finally spat out 3 days later, after which adventure he decided to go to Nineveh and preach the message before anything else happened to him. When he did so, the king and people of Nineveh listened to what he had to say, believed the message and started to behave properly. Because of their change for the better, God decided not to destroy their city after all.

What the people of the USA don't realise is that they too (like the British) will lose everything if they join the new empire. The USA has also become, like the UK, a social and economic disaster area. It cannot maintain its *superpower* status as it too is crumbling. Joining the new empire will destroy its independence forever.

As well as being a puppet of the USA (have you noticed how the *special relationship* is always one-sided?), my own

country is now the largest EU creditor to Germany and our economy is in such a dire state (largely thanks to the USA as well as the EU) that the Prime Minister has announced that even more of the national assets are to be sold to raise a little cash to go into the nation's coffers - many of these national assets will be sold to foreign companies - just as our water, electricity and other assets have already gone into foreign ownership.

I remember very clearly when the Berlin Wall was knocked down and Germany became reunited. I was watching the wall come down (on TV) whilst visiting my mother. I immediately thought of the future implications of this development and mentioned them to her. Despite the euphoria, I could, even then, foresee the day when the largest country in Europe would one day rise to the power that Hitler dreamed of - and now my thoughts on that day are coming true. And in my own country, the successors of Hitler's fascists are collecting votes (the rise in profile of the BNP and other fascist parties is alarming) as well seats in the European Parliament. My country, along with the rest of the west and so many other parts of the world is, in so many ways, going backwards. Empires come and go and I wonder if we can now see the end of this civilisation; the end of freedom that my father and grandfathers fought for in the two world wars, just for the emergence of a new empire where we will all be slaves under the evil leaders that predominate amongst world politicians. Consider how other civilisations and empires have crumbled over the milenia - think, Egyptian, Greek, Roman etc. and you'll understand what I mean. What is coming next? What sort of world will Little Lad have to live in? What can I do to protect him from this evil? This is what troubles me more than anything else at present. The *West*, as we knew it, is finished.

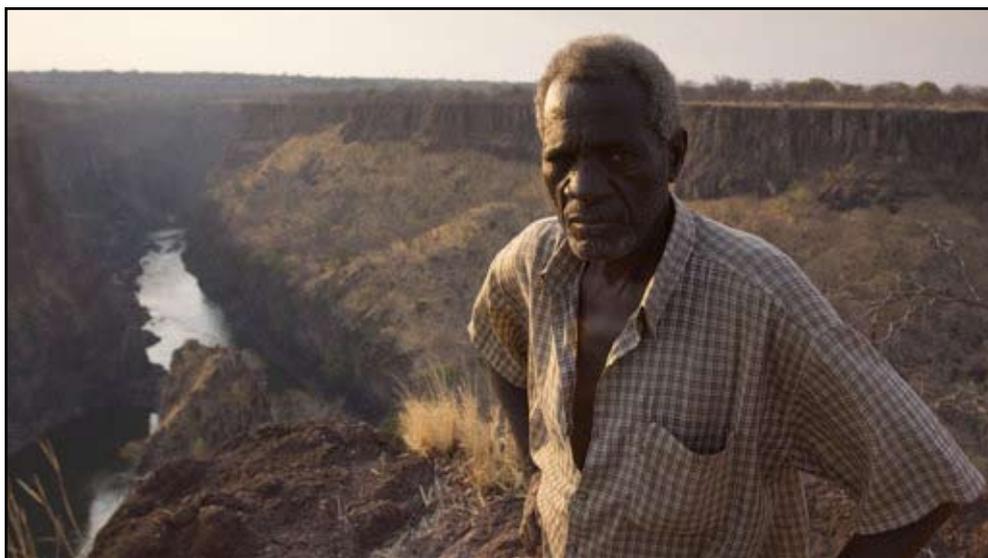
Of course, Grace and I are considering various options and are praying for guidance in what to do for the best for Little Lad. Having a young child is an enormous responsibility. What should we do? Where do we go to live? Where **can** we go to live?

The other day, we watched a TV programme about a fisherman, Mr. White (*photograph, below right*), who lived and supported his family by catching fish from the Zambezi River. He lived in a hut very close to Victoria Falls and has fished these waters for 69 years. His riverside companions are elephants, baboons, hippos and kingfishers. He provided the commentary and it was very touching to hear him telling the story of his life by the river. Towards the end, as he stood overlooking this great river, he said *These few short weeks at the end of the dry season are my favourite time. So much life has come to make a home with my friend, Zambezi. Zambezi is calm now, but I can still hear her whispering to me. I fear I will not fish here again, I feel old and I am sick, the gorge is too steep, but her story will continue.*

He passed away fairly soon afterwards.

I sometimes feel rather like he did.

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A Pleasant Little Tale.

Ahmed Ranjit Oluwalu lands at Heathrow on a jumbo jet from foreign lands and talks his way past the immigration officer with a sorry, contrived tale of woe, misery and persecution.

He's sitting in the hall wondering how he's going to get by when he feels a light tug at the leg of his pyjamas and looks down to see a tiny man with large ears and a pointy hat.

"Who are you?" says Ahmed.

The little man replies "I'm the immigration fairy".

"As the one thousandth sorry case to blag his way into the U.K. today I can grant you three wishes."

Ahmed can't believe his luck but ponders on his choices for a moment and says "OK",
"First of all I'd like to be wealthy beyond anything I could have made back in my homeland."

The fairy claps his hands and says "It is done"

Ahmed finds he has a state benefits book in his hands. Ahmed goes on to say "Thank you kind fairy",

"Now I'd like to live for free in a wonderful home grander than anything I could have built out of mud back home"

The fairy claps his hands and says "It is done."

Ahmed finds he's holding the keys to a five bedroomed council house in Bradford.

Ahmed can't believe his luck but thinks his next choice will be the clincher to beat his wildest fantasies.

"Fairy," he says "I want to fit in and be treated like I've lived here all my life".

"Make me an Englishman."

The fairy claps his hands and says "It is done"

Ahmed finds he's white skinned, blonde haired and dressed in a pinstripe suit, with an umbrella

But the house keys and his benefit book have disappeared.

Dismayed he asks the fairy "What happened to my other wonderful gifts?"

The fairy replies "Well, Sunshine".

"If you want to live like a white Englishman in the U.K."

"Then you're entitled to

NOTHING"

Thanks to John Weston

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal not far from our home.

