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Letter from the Editor

The theme of "joy" reoccurs in this month's inspiring Transform magazine. Whether it's Liz and Malcolm saying it's been a "joy" to serve Langham Scholars from sensitive countries (p6-7); or a Pastor in Zambia expressing his joy having benefited from Langham's Library Grant Scheme (p4).

Myrto Theocharous certainly sparks joy as she ministers to vulnerable women and teaches at a Bible College in Greece (p5); and Hamdani in Indonesia exudes joy as he shares about the huge impact of Langham Preaching there (p9).

Let me share a short verse for reflection. Shortly before His death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus said to His disciples:

"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. **Yes, your joy will overflow!**" (John 15:11, NLT)

Our prayer is that you will experience joy as you read these stories of those who are equipping a new generation of Bible teachers around the world.

Every blessing,

Victoria Marsay
Media Producer for LPUKI



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- fostering the creation and distribution of evangelical literature (**Langham Literature**);
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Reflections from the National Director



The Context?

'A new commandment... love one another as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples...'

John 13:34-35

Sunday School memory verses and 60's devotional songs - for most of us these words are somewhere in our discipleship foundations. Perhaps it's only when we have lived the Christian life for a while and read the scriptures in a bit more detail that we appreciate the context of what can seem simply a loving refrain?

Consider: when they first heard these words of Jesus, that group of disciples had just seen their treasurer sneak out for his act of betrayal. They then heard their leader speak about his arrest, 'trial', and execution, and then their hero, 'Rocklike' Peter, was rebuked because contrary to his boast of sacrificial allegiance, he was going to deny Jesus three times before the morning. In that context, the disciples



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were challenged to let 'everyone' know of their love for Jesus and each other! What would be the implications for them of being so publicly known as Jesus' disciples? What could they expect? Arrest and imprisonment, fine and confiscation, exclusion, torture, execution...? They would soon see the

state and religious authorities combine in trying to snuff out the movement of which they had felt so privileged to be intimate members.

In many places today and in similar threatening contexts, state and religious authorities still move against our brothers and sisters in Christ. **There are many Langham testimonies here where their Love, Joy, and Peace evidence their devotion to the One who is the focus of their faith and to each other.**

'Everyone', all around, do indeed 'know that they are Jesus' disciples'. May we too have the courage to so be identified with them. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

With Christian greetings,

John Libby
National Director,
Langham Partnership UKI

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Langham committed to safeguarding

■ Recently Langham staff across the programmes and the UK and Ireland team underwent international safeguarding training with thirtyone: eight - a Christian safeguarding organisation - as we continue to implement and monitor our safeguarding policy. It is a high priority for us to make sure Langham's supporters and recipients of the ministry are safe. If you have any questions or concerns please do contact David, our Safeguarding Officer in the UK and Ireland - david.mcmullan@langham.org





How books are **equipping** Zambia's pastors for a **changing world**

In Central Africa, the Church is growing rapidly and local Bible colleges play an essential role in equipping pastors for ministry. But these colleges often struggle to obtain the books they need for this important task.

The United Church of Zambia University (UCZU) in Kitwe, Zambia, was one such institution.

Meet **Pastor Saviour Kabaso Chipendano**, a UCZU graduate, who says that without being equipped and educated you will “simply become irrelevant”, as we’re living “in a very dynamic world”.

“In my congregation, we have high levels of unemployment and of course, poverty levels. So, when people come to church, you have to be very conscious of that fact that these people have these challenges.”

A huge demand for ministers

Muimui Sinyama, a Theology Lecturer at UCZU, said there is a huge demand for ministers in their region:

“You’ll find churches coming up, but there are no ministers to pastor those churches.”

Some years ago, the University had a vision to introduce a Masters Programme in Theology, but recognised that they needed qualified staff and a well-stocked library.

Fellow lecturer **Jeremiah Chenge** explained:

“The first question was, would we have enough resources in the library? It

was a dream, but it would not come true until the materials were available.”

And Head Librarian Ntawa Nakazwe said it would break her heart when someone really needed certain materials but she couldn’t find them in the library.

Langham partners with UCZU

Starting in 2014, Langham partnered with UCZU to provide sound, contextually relevant books to help grow their library.

Jonathan Kangwa, UCZU’s Vice Chancellor, praised the scheme: “Through Langham **we got brilliant books, books in ethics, dictionaries, counselling.** Through Langham we are able to get these books and to meet the requirement for starting the Masters of Theology Programme.”

Ntawa Nakazwe says the partnership with Langham has been “amazing” because “without Langham, I think most of the books we have here would have been outdated.”



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Pastor Saviour shares that before the library was well-stocked, research was an “uphill battle” – but that has changed.

“Graduating from this institution with a Masters in Theology means everything to me. **I’m well equipped for the challenges that affect our people**, that affects society, that affects the nation. And also that affects me personally as a pastor. I’m really excited, super excited. It’s historic actually!”



Churches in Zambia face many challenges such as high levels of unemployment and poverty.

More than 700 Bible colleges in the Majority World greatly benefit from Langham Literature’s Library Grants Scheme every year.

62% of those colleges have added a new degree programme because of the books Langham has provided.

You can help keep this momentum going

Your gift will provide life-changing resources that prepare pastors to serve churches and transform communities across Zambia and the Majority World.

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting Langham Literature’s Library Grants Scheme, either online or using the giving form.

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Watch a video about the impact of Langham’s Library Grant Scheme in Zambia



‘I want to see the **light in the darkest**’: putting theology into practice in Greece

Greece is a major gateway into Europe, with 80% of migration flowing through its borders. Where there is migration, traffickers follow. Approximately 40,000 women and children aged 12-25 are trafficked in Greece every year.

One Langham Graduate is using her platform as a professor at the Greek Bible College (GBC), Athens, to put theology into practice and speak up for vulnerable women.

Myrto Theocharous teaches Old Testament and is also the president of **Nea Zoi**, an anti-trafficking ministry.



Langham Scholar Theo Karvounakis is the Director of the Greek Bible College.

Work on the streets

She said: “I love the Old Testament. The book of Deuteronomy reveals to me **God’s heart for the oppressed, God’s heart for the poor...** God’s liberation from slavery, a new life being given to them, a new blueprint of living life.”

She was fascinated by Nea Zoi’s work on the streets and in brothels.

“This ministry helps me to focus better on what needs to be answered, what Christ came to do on this earth.

“He came to liberate people. He came to liberate slaves. This is how the whole story started, right? I want to see a God of justice there. **I want to see the light in the darkest**”, Myrto explained.

Restoring lives to fullness

A Nea Zoi staff member, Anna, shared that their goal is to “reach men and women in prostitution, to support them, and help them to restore their lives to fullness.

“And we hope for them to find their voice again, being able to express who they are. But it’s a long, long journey here.”

Myrto was the first evangelical woman in Greece to gain a Theological PhD, graduating from Cambridge University in 2011 (through the Langham Scholars programme).

Seeking voices from the margins

Theo Karvounakis, the Director of GBC, is also a Langham Scholar – he explained that Myrto lives out her faith “in a brilliant way”, bridging theology and practice.

Myrto says it has been “extremely useful” to have a PhD as it has opened many doors.

character... then listening to the Spirit means that you will express yourself in your ministry in this way.”

“So if I had anything to do with teaching my students to listen, to pay attention to those who are less privileged than they are, then I am a successful teacher.”

Myrto’s former students include co-founders of a homeless ministry in Athens, a church planter for refugee families, a children’s book author, fellow college staff and more.

Langham Scholars impact millions

Myrto is one of 340 Langham Scholars around the world. On average, each Langham Scholar will train 9,478 students across their career. Together, they will impact millions of church leaders’ lives.

A key aspect of the Langham Scholars programme is pastoral care – **read about the amazing impact of Langham Scholar Care Coordinators Liz and Malcolm McGregor on p6-7.**



“I’m very grateful for Langham! For me, Langham is the way that all organisations should be like, to really seek out the voices from these places, from the margins especially, and see what the spirit is telling the churches.”

She added: “It makes me so happy to see my students, listening to the Spirit, calling them to serve the poor and the oppressed of this world. If this is God’s

Myrto Theocharous was the first evangelical woman in Greece to gain a Theological PhD.

SEE MORE

Watch a video featuring Myrto and others putting faith in to practice in Athens, Greece.



‘It’s been a **privilege** PhD journey with s

The McGregors, now in their mid-70s, were missionaries with SIM in Ethiopia, during a time of famine and civil war in the 80s/90s. Yet they chose to stay in the country, discipling many students till they returned to the UK eleven years later. Malcolm worked for SIM, later becoming the International Director.

As they were approaching retirement age, Liz was asked by Rev Dr Chris Wright (Langham’s International Ambassador) to join Langham as a Scholar Care Coordinator. This would involve looking after international Scholars studying for theological PhDs in the UK. Malcolm joined in a similar role a few years later.

In the footsteps of John Stott

Investing in the whole person is at the core of the Langham Scholars programme, so the spiritual side is not forgotten. Langham’s founder John Stott spent time caring for Scholars when they were studying in the UK, recognising that a PhD is not an end in itself.

Now, Langham has a team of eleven Scholar Care Coordinators working around the world, with 106 Langham Scholars currently studying for a PhD.

Liz and Malcolm spoke to LPUK’s Vic Marsay recently about their experiences. Liz began by explaining why the role of a Scholar Care Coordinator is crucial:

“We rarely have had any anxiety about a Langham Scholar because Langham chooses their Scholars well.

“But we never know what they’re going to face along the journey. **That is the joy of being a Scholar Care Coordinator.**

Walking the journey with Scholars

“Some of them, being away from home, being in a new culture, things happen at home, they get sick, so many things come their way. The privilege for us is just walking that journey with them through thick and thin, as they continue to pursue their studies.

In June we bade a fond farewell to our dear colleagues and friends Liz and Malcolm McGregor, who served faithfully as Langham Scholar Care Coordinators for 20 years between them.

“Doing a PhD is like putting you through the mill. It’s not easy to find that, for example, you are struggling with loneliness, or you actually don’t like where you’re studying or you hate that it gets dark.

“We have been able to help scholars grow and mature as people”.

Malcolm added: “We also hold them to account in terms of their involvement in a church. We want to see them keep growing spiritually, having a spiritual life outside of the PhD.

“Their life and walk with God is far more important than that degree”.

Institutions blessed by Langham Scholars

Even the institutions themselves have expressed their gratitude for Scholar Care Coordinators. Liz shared:



Liz and Malcolm McGregor live in Edinburgh, Scotland.

“I can think in at least three academic institutions in the UK, a professor or head of department has said to us ‘We are so blessed to have Langham Scholars here in our school because we know that Langham looks after its people’”.



“I can’t thank you enough for the wonderful friendship you’ve shown me over the years – you’ve truly made a difference in my life!

Filipino Scholar **Beatrice Ang**, who studied at Edinburgh University.

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“Knowing that there are people who care and pray for us is always invaluable encouragement for the long journey of pursuing a PhD.”

Japanese Scholar **Surya Harefa**, who studied in the Netherlands.

Malcolm shared some of their highlights from over the years:

“Graduation day is always a joy. The graduation day is great, but just to hear from them that they have passed!

“But the standout for me is **seeing them go back**, knowing they’re heading into **situations of great need**. They’re returning with a huge new level of skills and abilities that they’ve gained and then being able to stay in touch with them and hear how they’re doing.

“The sorts of things we hear from some of our Scholars around the world, they’re doing amazing things, not just in their own situations, but in their regions, how they’re blessing many others through the gifts that God has given them in teaching and in writing.”

The ‘Langham Connection’ continues

Liz shared that she is hugely encouraged when she learns that a Scholar whom they have cared for has had a book published by Langham or is involved with

our scholars are under pressure to study, they’re coping with enormous concerns for their families back home.”

The McGregors see it as “such a privilege” to support the Scholars in prayer as they return to serve in their home countries, having cared for **50-60 Scholars** between them.

One recent example is a graduate and her husband, who were supposed to be teaching in a seminary in a South Asian country, but due to political unrest plans were on hold. Liz said:

“They text us and say, ‘Will you pray? We’re not sure what to do’.”

Passing on the baton

Liz and Malcolm have passed on the baton to **Reuben Aspden**, who also lives in Scotland, and will be primarily overseeing the pastoral care of Scholars in the UK.

But for the McGregors, their important work hasn’t ended. Liz explained:



Liz and Malcolm at the graduation of Emmanuel Ndikumana, from Burundi.

Langham Preaching in their country.

“It’s very rewarding to see the ongoing connection”, Liz said.

“It’s been very meaningful and important for us to stick with people from countries that are in turmoil. We’ve felt so privileged to meet scholars from places like Ukraine [and other sensitive countries]. When

“For us, working with the Langham Scholars has been about relationship, friendship and fellowship, and **that doesn’t switch off**.”

There are now over 340 Langham Graduates serving God around the world, including Myrto Theocharous working with vulnerable women in Greece. **Read more on page 5.**

Supporter's Page

We need you!

■ **Laura Lewry** is our new Supporter Development Officer, focusing on volunteers, and she would love to see more volunteers getting the word out about Langham. There are many different ways to get involved: through

volunteering on a stand at a convention, speaking at a prayer meeting, administration, organising a coffee morning... the list is endless! Please get in touch with Laura to find out more: laura.lewry@langham.org



New resource 'Understanding Mission' launched

■ In September, over 100 people gathered from around the world for the online launch of 'Understanding Mission', by Langham's International Ambassador Rev Dr Chris Wright. During the event, several contributors gave endorsements for the course,

including Arne Tielburger from the Lausanne Movement, who said:

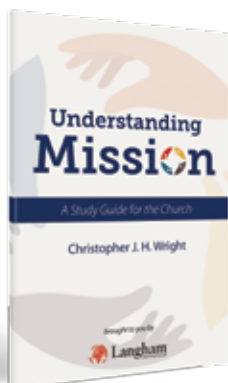
"Understanding Mission is a fabulous resource, which helps us to dismantle misconceptions and highlights that the biblical narrative goes



from creation to new creation... and highlights the fact that **every single believer is called to partake in God's global mission.**"

Other contributors included Langham Graduate Beatrice Ang from the Lausanne Movement, Langham Preaching's West Europe Coordinator David Valdez and Lois Baillie from Tearfund.

Each of the 8 sessions in the course includes a video presented by Chris and study questions for individual or group use. Visit understandingmission.org to watch the global launch and access the course for free.



We love hearing from you! Here are some quotes from our amazing supporters:

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"I believe in the ministry"

"There is a great need and many opportunities"

"Langham does a great work"

"I love what you're doing"

Langham Preaching Indonesia **translates 17 books** for **remote pastors**

Vic Marsay recently chatted to Hamdani Tedja, Langham Preaching's Coordinator for Indonesia. So far, over 6,000 preachers in Indonesia have been trained by Langham.

VM: Tell me about yourself and your role with Langham Preaching

HT: I've been with Langham since 2010, the first time Langham Preaching came to Indonesia. I took part in three seminars, finishing in 2011.

Around 30 of us were invited by Langham Preaching Director Paul Windsor to join the 'Training of Trainers' group. After that, we wanted to share it with others, because we thought 'Langham is very good, it is transforming us'.

I became the preaching movement coordinator in 2014.

Praise God that Langham has quickly spread around Indonesia since then. Many churches see the need for Langham training for their pastors, resulting in more faithful, clear and relevant preaching. It's only by the grace of God!



Hamdani Tedja with his wife and family.

VM: Your team has worked on translating 17 books for preachers, can you share more about that?

HT: The more we are involved in Langham Preaching training, the more we see the needs of preachers in remote areas. They need books that are not too theoretical and help them train themselves and others in a simpler way.

VM: Is training pastors in remote areas a big challenge?

HT: Yes definitely - to reach them is so much effort and flights are so expensive.

But thank God for technology, though sometimes the internet is not good

in remote areas especially if the rain comes. Even in Jakarta, sometimes that happens. If the church is in a remote area, they have to go far to go to the bookstore. Even in a big city it's hard to find good Christian books.

Every time we deliver a seminar, we bring books. Especially thin ones, so we can bring more. When flying, I pack few clothes but many books!



Group work during a Langham Preaching training event last year.

VM: How does Langham Preaching equip people to equip others?

HT: We encourage every pastor who has attended Level One training to start a preaching club. When the pastor equips the elders, there are many testimonies that the church grows.

In Indonesia, pastors are so powerful. Pastors are respected, people see them



Hamdani with Chris Wright's book 'Sweeter than Honey' translated into Indonesian.

as making no mistakes. So if the pastor humbly teaches them and shows integrity, it has a huge impact in their church.

VM: How can we pray for the preaching movement in Indonesia?

HT: Please pray for more trainers, especially from the next generation. Thank God that we are now training our third batch of trainers, 15 people who have completed all three Langham Preaching levels and the 'Training of Trainers' course.

Please pray for the sustainability of the movement, as we hope to grow to five movements within Indonesia rather than one.

Please pray for more funding, so that our volunteers can travel to remote areas to equip more pastors - Indonesia consists of 17,000 islands.

New Langham Live podcast now available

For over five years, Langham supporters have been gathering on Zoom on the last Thursday and Friday of each month to meet a member of the Langham family, hear prayer requests and share fellowship. Many have found these times hugely encouraging and inspiring, as believers from around the world, (not just the UK and Ireland), have gathered to lift Langham's ministries to the Lord.

Now, the recording of the interview on Langham Live is being turned into a podcast so that you can catch



up any time you like! Maybe when you're in the car, doing the dishes or walking the dog. Episodes so far include interviews with Langham Preaching's Takana Nakesu from Fiji, Esteban Améstegui from Bolivia and Mary Evans from the UK.

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Word on the World

Chris Wright seeks a biblical perspective on current events

Biblical Building Regulations?

A BBC news report on 13 August 2025 told us that, tragically, 16 children, mostly under 10, have died by falling from high-rise apartment windows since 2019, and others suffered serious injuries¹. Several “entirely preventable” child deaths each year. Sixteen families devastated by the grief, remorse, and trauma of such horrific bereavements. Most of these were in rented and social housing where faulty windows or broken safety catches had been reported to landlords but never fixed.

Responsibility for such accidents is complex (in some cases parents had over-ridden safety catches to open windows wider in hot weather), but some blame must surely rest with construction companies, landlords, housing associations etc., for culpable negligence over something that is by its very nature potentially lethal - namely, inadequately protected windows that open at great height above the unforgiving ground below, in homes where very young children are known to live.

Does God have anything to say about such things? Well, actually, yes.

Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the LORD
Leviticus 19:16

When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from the roof.

Deuteronomy 22:8

These are interesting examples of what in our legal system also is recognised as criminal negligence. You don't have to push somebody off your roof to be guilty of homicide. If you fail to take reasonable and practical steps that would prevent

them falling off it themselves, you have incurred blood-guilt. Under Old Testament law that would not have been dealt with as intentional murder (they knew the difference between that and unintentional homicide “without malice aforethought” - see Deuteronomy 19:4-7). But it was still something that needed to be taken seriously - as culpable failure, as a “sin of omission.”

Churches and Christian agencies these days are acutely aware of the legal responsibility of “Safeguarding” - taking as many precautions as

reasonably possible to prevent harm of any kind to children or vulnerable adults. And a good thing too. Yet how rarely do we hear of any specific persons been held to account and brought to justice for bad practices and blatant failures (whether due to corruption or simple lack of care and diligence), failures that result in illness, injury and death to others - often those whose lives are already blighted by poverty, debt, food insecurity, and other forms of social and economic vulnerability. The same social housing situations that have suffered child deaths from faulty windows tend to be those that are also plagued by persistent damp and health-threatening levels of black mould. The apparent lack of legal accountability under charges of culpable negligence reflects the even greater scale of injustice felt by thousands whose lives have been ruined or lost in other scandals - the Windrush generation, Grenfell Tower, the Post Office accounting scandal- and doubtless more to come.



Credit: Nick Fewing / Unsplash

God had a lot to say about the kind of society he wanted Israel to be - a society that would arouse admiration, or curiosity at least, among surrounding nations, not only for their distinctive religious faith and the nearness of their God, but also for the high ethical quality of their social legislation.

What other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? (Deut. 4:6-8)

God's detailed attention to many areas of ordinary social life in Israel is remarkable, but much neglected for the principles and values embedded in "this body of laws." How many Christian MPs or local councillors turn to the Bible as a source of ethical guidance - or even hints - for public policy and the kind of social objectives that would benefit the body politic, "for our good", as Deuteronomy says so often? Here are just a few of the things God cared enough about to give laws and advice.

Trading standards, workers' rights, redundancy payment

Do not have two differing weights in your bag—one heavy, one light.... You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. For the LORD your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly (Deut. 25:13-16).

Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt (Lev. 19:35-36).

Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns. Pay them their wages each day before sunset, because they are poor and are counting on it. Otherwise they may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin (Deut. 24:14-15).

If any of your people—Hebrew men or women—sell themselves to you and serve you six years, in the seventh year you must let them go free. And

This God who thinks of everything is still the living God. Sadly, our society (not excluding ourselves) so often fail to follow his example.

when you release them, do not send them away empty-handed. Supply them liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to them as the LORD your God has blessed you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today (Deut. 15:12-15).

Care for animals, birds and trees

Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain. That is, a working animal deserves to be fed from what it is providing for you (Deut. 25:4)

If you see your fellow Israelite's ox or sheep straying, do not ignore it but be sure to take it back to its owner. If they do not live near you or if you do not know who owns it, take it home with you and keep it until they come looking for it. Then give it back.... If you see your fellow Israelite's donkey or ox fallen on the road, do not ignore it. Help the owner get it to its feet (Deut. 22:1-4).

If you come across a bird's nest beside the road, either in a tree or on the ground, and the mother is sitting on the young or on the eggs, do not take the mother with the young. You may take the young, but be sure to let the mother go (Deut. 22:6-7).

When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an axe to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees people, that you should besiege them? However, you may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees ... (Deut. 20:19-20).

People trafficking, exploitation of the disabled, racial equality

If someone is caught kidnapping a fellow Israelite and treating or selling them as a slave, the kidnapper must die. You must purge the evil from among you (Deut. 24:7)

Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind,

but fear your God. I am the LORD (Lev. 19:14).

"Cursed is anyone who leads the blind astray on the road." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!" (Deut. 27:18).

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God (Lev. 19:33).

Sanitation, sewage disposal

Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement. A law that - even that most basic level - would transform public health in some parts of the world. (Deut. 23:12-14),

And that's just a sample. There is so much in Old Testament law that still speaks across the centuries, once we discern the principles and objectives that God wanted Israel (and us) to learn.²

"This God thinks of everything,"

So said a young man to me once in India. He had found a Bible on his bed when he went to university. It had been put there by the Union of Evangelical Students of India. He was a Hindu and had never read the Bible before and was curious about the "god" of the Christians. So he started from the beginning, and when he eventually got to Deuteronomy, that was his astonished conclusion.

This God who thinks of everything is still the living God. Sadly, our society (not excluding ourselves) so often fail to follow his example.

¹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqjyye0yn5o>

² I have explored all this social and economic material in the Old Testament law, and how we can discern its ongoing relevance as Christians today, in Christopher J.H. Wright, *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God* (IVP, 2004).

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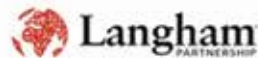
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