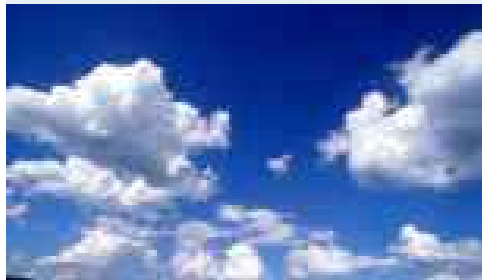


Time to share it

Jim Smith has been writing and teaching about God's global vision for some time. This material is available, either from our Office or from our website.

There is a variety of material— from very brief to very long! Contact us, or visit www.serving-africa.org.

Jim is also available to speak about this subject at any time. Contact him at the Office number.



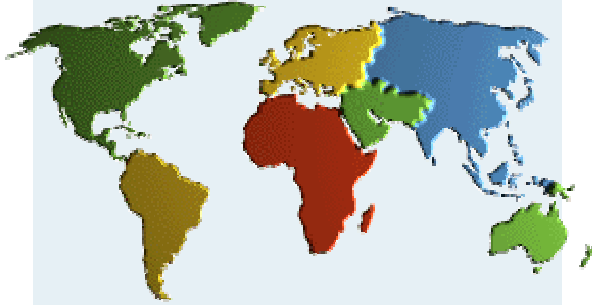
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A world vision?

Does God have a world wide view, and if he does, what might that look like?

And anyway, even if he does, who cares? As life has become global, the Christian family seems to have become ever more parochial, concerning itself with what goes on within its walls, and leaving the wider world to fend for itself.

Other Faiths have a clear world view, and both a global strategy and the means to put such a strategy into place.

Meanwhile, the Christian church sleeps on, holding on to the irrational belief that all is well.

How have we come to this?

God has always had a world vision for His people. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Somehow, between the Lord's words and the twenty first century, we have got too narrow in our focus. This has serious consequences for us:-

God's people have concentrated on their own Church, and perhaps their town.

Calls for National response have fallen on deaf ears and closed minds.

Those who want to alert us to wider flows within the heart of God, for Nations, Continents and the world have been pushed to the margins. Does it matter? Does it matter that there are now 18 million Muslims in Europe? Does it matter that by 2020, for the first time ever, there will be more Muslims than Christians in the world? Does it matter that God's world is falling under the control of those who do not acknowledge Him as God and father of the Lord Jesus Christ?

If this does not matter to us, then what will ever matter to us?

God's global voice

God has never stopped speaking about the whole of his created order. It's rather that we have stopped listening, have forgotten how to listen, or, among the many voices that crowd our ears, we have forgotten what his voice sounds like.

In 2006, prophet Jim Smith began to hear from God about God's global vision. It was very hard to hear, and even harder to hold in the mind and heart, especially the heart. Prophets have to feel the heart of God for any circumstance. Theirs is not just an intellectual exercise. For Jim Smith, the great grief in the heart of God for the waste of his creation, yet his unceasing love for it, was very painful.

Yet within all this turmoil, a real thread of hope began to emerge. God still has plans for his creation—all of it!

The result of this experience has led to VisionWorld27

