

## UK BIBLE STUDENTS NEWSLETTER

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### NOT ALTOGETHER LIKE YOU

*But to the wicked, God says: What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son. These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was altogether like you. But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face (Psalm 50: 16-21, NIV-UK).*

**The chief difficulty** which stands in the way of believing in God is the general unsatisfactory state of the world. The assumption is that a loving, powerful creator could not tolerate random acts of natural and man-made violence and death. *Ergo*, there is no God. The faith of many has collapsed on this one point. As once steady social elements decay in one direction and magnify in complexity in another, scepticism abounds. Britons in general are now less willing to endorse traditional religion than a generation ago.

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### THE MASTER'S VOICE

**Nipper the terrier** became a world icon in the early part of the 20th century. Looking into the horn of a phonograph, his head cocked, listening attentively for the voice of his beloved owner, he epitomised the patient loyalty of the breed and the supposed fidelity of the sound. His picture appeared on the labels of shellacked cylinders and gramophone discs around the world with the caption, 'His Master's Voice'.

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### In the Rear-View Mirror – 1948

'The day is past in which homemaking was solely a wife's responsibility, with the husband in the role of permanent guest who assumed he was head of the family because he supported it financially. The family today tends to have no head or two heads and homemaking is becoming a joint responsibility of husband and wife. This does not mean necessarily that they divide equally between them all phases of housekeeping, family feeding, purchasing, and child rearing. It does mean that men have a new role to play in the home and that they can no longer assume that domestic illiteracy is the only preparation they need for it.'

– *Marriage for Moderns*, Henry A. Bowman (McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 1948), p.25.

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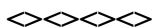
### DRAG-NET –

*Topical items from the Web*

#### **The BBC ruminates on religion and ethics**

*Disagreement over whether a non-Christian should direct the department*

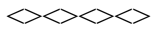
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#### **Water, water, everywhere – but not always**

*Will water shortages lead to conflicts?*

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## **Questioning the old assumptions**

*Religious freedom under fire in lands of liberty*

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