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Unless noted otherwise, Scripture references are to the New International Version, Anglicised version (NIV-UK). If not quoted, you can read the entire Scripture text by clicking on its citation.

HOLY GROUND

Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground

Exodus 3: 5 (King James Version)

Reverence is of first-order importance in any approach to God. It is a solemn and holy awe, and often rendered ‘fear’ in the King James Bible (*KJV*), because at its root it shares something in common with that emotion. A respectful tremble in the presence of the Almighty is entirely appropriate. [More>](#)

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Q&A: *Does any government have the right to practise capital punishment? Is this state-sponsored murder?*

Capital punishment is the legally authorized killing of someone as punishment for a capital crime. In exacting legal justice it also renders the guilty individual incapable of inflicting further harm. [More>](#)

A NEW GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL

In the toxic mix of religion and politics which is the Middle East, a change of leadership in Israel is always fraught with uncertainty. [More>](#)

MEMORIALISING THE LORD’S SUPPER

For those of our subscribers who choose to commemorate the Last Supper once a year, the date falls this year on Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 18:00 (6 p.m.). For details on how we have calculated this and for background information, go to our Website and read or download the [.pdf](#).

DRAG-NET

Faith-related items of interest from the Web

Blair Receives Dan David Prize in Tel Aviv

Britain’s former Prime Minister, now Middle East Quartet Representative for US, EU, UN and Russia, is awarded £697,000 for outstanding leadership. Most of the money will go to the Tony Blair Faith Foundation:

<http://www.dandavidprize.org/index.php/laureates/laureates-2009/105-2009-present-leadership/242-tony-blair.html>

Stunning!

The tail of the peacock and what it says – or doesn’t say – about Evolution:

http://www.mercatornet.com/articles/view/consider_the_peacocks_tail/

God is back on the bus

The church responds to the atheist bus posters:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/london/7875457.stm

Praying for the Sick

What would Florence Nightingale have done?:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/4548047/Hospitals-betray-their-history-by-banishing-prayer.html>

AUDIO

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