

## **Christmas Greetings**



### ***Mar Saba Monastery and Shepherds' Fields, Bethlehem.***

Warmest seasonal greetings to you all.

What a year of remarkable political and legal developments it has been.

It is less than 12 months since my presentation at the Villa Marina, Douglas on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 titled "*Human Rights and Civil Wrongs during the pandemic.*"

At that time we were contending with the gathering international storm of vaccine mandates, for instance proof of Covid-19 vaccination already being required to enter nightclubs and large sporting venues in Scotland, a *Super Green Pass* hastily introduced in Italy on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 requiring proof of vaccination to enter all work places, cafes and shops, full vaccination necessary to board a plane or inter-state train in Canada and Austrian Chancellor *Alexander Schallenburg* despicably announcing that from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 there would be compulsory Covid-19 vaccination for all persons aged 14 and over in Austria with non-compliance punishable by a substantial fine of up to €3,600.00 every three months.



***21<sup>st</sup> Century social exclusion and segregation.***

In that dark and worrying period, it genuinely seemed as if the tide was flowing fast in the direction of increasing constraints, intimidation and blatant discrimination against the unvaccinated.

However, the New Year brought a surprising but very welcome turn of the tide. It was announced in February 2022 that the proposed Covid vaccine mandate for all *NHS* workers in England and Wales was to be dropped. The coercive vaccination plans in Austria were withdrawn and month by month nations around the world gradually eased their travel entry requirements. Thankfully the unvaccinated can now enter most countries, save for a few current exceptions such as the USA.

Although the removal of legal restrictions on the unvaccinated was most pleasing, regrettably what we have openly witnessed with the various Covid mandates is our political leaders in their true dictatorial and bullying colours, even more surprisingly the case in so-called liberal democracies such as France, Australia and New Zealand.

Against that sinister backdrop, how truly inspirational it was to see the Canadian truckers **Freedom Convoy** boldly protesting against statutory vaccine decrees in Ottawa, Canada, NHS staff defiantly burning their uniforms in Trafalgar Square in protest at proposed hospital workplace vaccine regulations, the cunning evening "strolls" of individual folk in Freiberg (when "assemblies" of protesters were officially banned in Saxony, Germany), the thousands of New York firefighters bravely striking against a vaccine employment mandate and the happy pro-choice protesters massed outside Parliament House, Wellington, New Zealand.

Men and women, young and old, black and white on every continent determinedly marched, wrote conscientious letters, held hands, cheerfully sang and danced, passionately demonstrated, rang radio chat lines and gathered to peacefully protest in many languages, all united as one universal family against the evil of draconian restrictions on civil liberties and the unreasonable interference with fundamental human rights.

Perhaps we may venture to say that an uneasy or temporary truce has been reached, but *authoritarianism* has certainly not been vanquished.

At this special time of year, Christians of all denominations around the world celebrate the holy birth of Christ in Bethlehem. This is the one about whom it was prophesised, "**till he leads justice to victory and in his name all nations will put their hope.**"

Of course, many people are not religious but still have faith. An enduring faith in justice. A profound faith in truth. And a sincere faith in humanity. Above all, bound together by a paramount and unbreakable belief in freedom. I'm one of them.

On a personal note, our new website was successfully launched on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and now contains all of our various publications including latest news articles, open letters and *Freedom of Information* queries.

Wholehearted thanks to all of you, whether friends or strangers, who have kindly offered support and made encouraging contributions in relation to our various activities and on-line material.



***Hope never melts away!***

With love and very best wishes for a blessed 2023.

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Christmas/New Year Office Closure:

Please note that this office will close

at 1.00 pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

and re-open at 9.00 am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.