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## **How should we respond to questions about some of the evidence for the Quiet Revival?**

YouGov, which carried out the two surveys for the Bible Society's report about Quiet Revival in 2024, has recently apologised for serious errors in its methodology. The result of these errors meant that respondents outside the country of study, as well as those who attempt the survey multiple times or complete it too quickly or inattentively were not excluded. So, some of the evidence is unreliable.

How should we respond? We should remember that, just because some figures in the report are inflated, that doesn't mean that corrected figures to be publicised in Autumn won't give significant evidence for the Quiet Revival. Also, it is not reasonable to say that because some evidence is unreliable, all of it is unreliable. There can still be a substantial amount of reliable evidence in the report which will be revealed later this year in a corrected report.

More to the point, there is plenty of evidence outside the Bible Society survey that the Quiet Revival is taking place

### **Other evidence in the UK**

Paul Williams, CEO of the Bible Society, said that although some data in its report is unreliable, it does not necessarily mean a quiet revival is not taking place in the UK. He pointed to other sources of evidence as signs in the past year - that Bible sales are soaring, more people are being baptised, there is a rise in participation in the Alpha Course, and record numbers of confirmations in the Catholic Church.

Last year, a Savanta ComRes study found that 12% of non-Christian students say they read the Bible at least once a week. A separate study from the research firm also found 50% of all students said that they viewed the Bible as relevant, and 44% find it to be reliable.

Youth for Christ reported in 2025 that teenagers were having dreams of Jesus which led them to join church youth groups. The Evangelical Alliance reported that 28% of new Christians had started to follow Jesus through spiritual experiences. Philip Knox, evangelism and missiology senior specialist at the Evangelical Alliance, has written that such experiences ("spiritual experiences, dreams and unexplained events") have been reported by the researchers OnePoll, YouGov, ComRes, Gallup and Whitestone Insight, as well as Youth for Christ, Evangelical Alliance, and The Times.

There are many reports by church leaders that "people are just turning up" - sometimes through spontaneous promptings by the Holy Spirit to attend church or spiritual experiences such as dreams.

Sale of Bibles in the UK more than doubled between 2019 and 2025. It increased by 27.7% from 2024-2025.

The Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship reports that "students are engaging with the gospel in ways that haven't been seen for years."

### **Evidence Overseas**

The Baptist Churches of New Zealand's 2025 Annual Report, said that Gen Z's church attendance is increasing. Between 2022 and 2024, youth attendance in Baptist churches grew by 24 per cent. Easter Camps saw a 42 per cent rise in participation between 2023 and 2025, and the KB Youth Leaders Training programme grew by 30 per cent in the last year.

Ethan Miller, Youth Catalyst for the denomination said "We're hearing remarkable stories of young people walking into church with no faith background, curious about Jesus, reading Scripture, and even bringing their Bibles to school; sharing faith, starting Alpha courses, and inviting friends to church.

The Church Mission Society report an "extraordinary spiritual awakening" across countries like Syria and Iran, "at a pace not witnessed in generations ... New believers have reported direct dreams and visions of Jesus, which prompted them to ask others about who he is.

## Our Response

The devil doesn't want us to recognise God's quiet yet remarkable work, his answers to our prayers. He doesn't want us to be encouraged and inspired to pray more. We must resist this temptation and recognise what God is doing.

However, although we should continue to thank God and be encouraged by the quiet Revival, we need to pray that much more will happen.

## We live in an age of Deceit – We need Revival.

We live in an age of widespread deception, far worse than in the past. It is an age when:

- **fake news is prominent in the media, including social media**
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) is able to spread a great deal of false information and to produce very convincing false “evidence”**
- **criminals are able to circulate many convincing scams on social media**
- **conspiracy theories are widespread**
- **leading politicians in the UK and US have been formally accused of serious lying and dishonesty**
- **trust in the honesty of the police in the UK is at a very low level because of deceitful behaviour**
- **trust in church ministers is undermined by the deceitful sexual crimes of a significant number of them in the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England and other denominations**

There has always been deceit in society and the church, but it is much more prevalent and influential today than it has been in the past, exacerbated by modern communication.

Deceit can, of course, affect believers. Jesus refers to sinister false prophets who might even work miracles: “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” “For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect” (Matt 24:24). The words “if possible” is interpreted as referring to the idea of true Christians being so deceived that they forsake their faith. But God will prevent that happening. However, that doesn't mean believers can't be deceived in lesser ways. We need to be on the alert for less obvious deceit in connection with the false prophets Jesus foretold. And there is plenty of it about.

It is important to remember that we Christians can be bolting the front door against one deceit but leaving the back door open to another deceit. So, we might be bolting the front door against mistaken liberal theology but leaving the back door open to mistaken views held by some evangelical Christians. We might think we have discerned fake news when in fact the information on which we have based that opinion is actually fake news. When you think you're discerning deceit in other people, look over your shoulder to check you're not being deceived yourself. Deceit is deceitful! In the USA and publicised to the world, many suspect “prophets” have a huge following.

How we need to pray for Revival to reverse the moral decline in modern society, including the significant undermining of honesty and truth.

## A request to pray for Revival in Australia

I've had a message from Don K Stewart, pastor of For JC Church, Springfield, Queensland, Australia, requesting prayer for revival in Australia. He has spent the last 13 years waiting and working for revival in Australia. Pray for Don, and for Revival in Australia. His address is [loveinternational@bigpond.com](mailto:loveinternational@bigpond.com)

God bless you.

Tony

In Network for Revival God has called us to “make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” This includes:

- Encouraging people to seek holiness and true biblical discipleship.
- Encouraging people to major on prayer for Revival.
- Encouraging churches to be radically biblical in the power of the Spirit (see [Church Development](#) for information and resources).
- Encouraging people to “Watch!” for the return of Jesus (Mk 13:32-37 – see [Eschatology](#)).