

It's about time

It's October. We must remember that at the end of the month we alter the clocks. But which way do they go?

Spring forward, fall back.

They go back. That means we gain an hour. Wahey! But do we?

I've done a quick count of the number of clocks I will need to change. We have 8 in the house, one in the garden, and 2 watches. It's going to take me 10 minutes to alter all those. So I will only gain 50 minutes! Some of you are thinking, "Surely it won't take 10 minutes." You're right - but you don't realise that the one in the kitchen only takes 15 seconds to alter but at least 3 minutes to get back on the hook! And the one in the garden is the other side of the fish pond. It calls for a little bit of tricky manoeuvring and balancing. I only put it up in the summer so I've never had to change it before. I will let you know how I get on.

Of course we are changing from British Summer Time back to Greenwich Mean Time. So for the last 6 months we've been wrong and now we are going to put ourselves right. Would you believe that the European Union are considering making it compulsory for all Member States to stay on British Summer Time (or I suppose they call it Daylight Savings Time) all year round. What fascinates me is they put it out for consultation and only 0.01% responded. But they are still thinking of doing it! How crazy. Roll on Brexit is what I say.

But, of course, if they do make it European law it won't be the worse lie that a Government has imposed upon the people will it? We live in a world, desperately trying to squeeze us into its mould. We need to be transformed.

I think it is in C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters where some demons are arguing as to the best way to deceive humans about the need for salvation. Several ways are put forward but are quickly dismissed because if people just took a few moments to think it through reason would win. Eventually one demon wins the argument. He says, I won't tell them that there is no God, because it's obvious there is. I won't tell them that they are good enough because deep down they know that they are not. I will tell them that they need to be saved ... but I will tell them they don't need to do it now. They have time.

What time is it? Jeremiah 50v4 and Hosea 10v12 get it right. Out of the mouth of two witnesses "It is time to seek the Lord."

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