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After all the talk of how *long* it is since what might be recognised as 'revival', either in the US or the UK, a couple of days ago I suddenly remembered standing in the Edinburgh city centre in the late 60s, to hear Arthur Blessitt speak - not that I remember being able to *hear*, ;-) actually - and buying tin lapel badges with various scripture verses, pictures, and one favourite where the middle 'no' of 'know' was highlighted so it read round the edge 'KNOW GOD, KNOW LOVE'.

This was the beginning of any hope I had of knowing God in a more personal way than as the invisible presence who seemed to have dogged my days all my life, but who to my *mind*, seemed far and unknowable.

We knew, back then, that 'the Jesus Revolution' had already hit America with a revival of belief in the gifts of the Spirit, and certainly, I was soon greatly affected my meeting an American on Iona, who oozed holiness, apparently because of the baptism in the Spirit.

But, was Arthur Blessitt really instrumental in either of these large scale events?

Billy Graham had had a crusade in 1955 in the UK.

Perhaps the 'festival of Light' which followed on the heels of Arthur Blessitt's ministry (This was before he had the 12ft cross with which he's walked round the world.) and which seemed to precede the development of several strands of the house-church movement here, was part of the same move of God, from which we are still benefitting today?

I'd be interested in hearing if anyone on either side of the Atlantic (or elsewhere), came to the Lord because of Arthur Blessitt's preaching and testimony, or knows someone who did.