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CLITHEROE, England — On a chilly night this winter, this pristine town in some of Britain's most untouched countryside voted to allow a former Christian church to become a mosque.

The New York Times

The narrow vote by the municipal authorities marked the end of a bitter struggle by the tiny Muslim population to establish a place of worship, one that will put a mosque in an imposing stone Methodist church that had been used as a factory since its congregation dwindled away 40 years ago.

The battle underscored Britain's unease with its Muslim minority, and particularly the infiltration of terrorist cells among the faithful, whose devotion has challenged an increasingly secular Britain's sense of itself.

Britain may continue to regard itself as a Christian nation. But practicing Muslims are likely to outnumber church-attending Christians in several decades, according to a recent survey by Christian Research, a group that specializes in documenting the status of Christianity in Britain.

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This has already been happening for many years in Britain. Across Canada churches are closing down and the buildings are being used for theaters, bookstores, and other religious groups like Buddhist are even taking them over. All those old beautiful churches in Britain are mostly being converted into living quarters for people and renovated inside to be a home. This is a very popular thing now in Europe. This trend has been escalating in the recent decade. May God stir us to pray for revival. Here is a recent article I posted that will stir us to prayer:

**Why is the Church Powerless? by William MacDonald**

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**Re:, on: 2007/12/31 19:41**

They are just buildings!

The Church may lament over other religious groups taking over Christian Church buildings, but I can see the same with the world lamenting over an old theatre or other notable buildings being converted to a Church.

Think about what's closing down. A Church building that houses unconverted people is not a Church, it's just a meeting house. Parishneers can say they are Christian in name and be just as dead as the Moslems who took over the building.

We got to ask ourselves, is the World the Kingdom of God? The world will do what the world does, rebel. But we who have passed from this world into the Kingdom of His dear Son are obedient, or at least we should be.

There was an old theatre that was converted into a Church building, it housed a move of God in it's hayday. The Church using that theatre was packed to the hilt, so they bought a larger theatre across the street. The old theatre was then used as a mission for small meetings. Over time they moved on and the theatre is now housing the B'hai's. After using the larger theatre for over 40 years, the building which was old to begin with was in bad need of repair. The city stepped forward and offered an attractive price to take the delapidated building off their hands and the Pentecostals built another Church building. The theatre was gutted and rebuilt to it's former glory and it's now a theatre for the arts.

Things change, people move on.

**Re:, on: 2008/1/1 17:34**

In the past when revival has happened anywhere, we saw spiritual things happen, but what tangible earthly changes did we see in the midst of those revivals? We saw souls saved but what else? Did we see people change their thinking in everything, including government. Did we see them distance themselves from the community, the state, the nation? What exactly would we see today, if a large city broke out in revival and in a large number of it's citizen's hearts? Would it spill over into earthly changes or would they only have their mind on heavenly things? If revival broke out in the heart of a website, what would we see? Would they call sin sin and wrong wrong? Would they speak truth only when it kept down a disagreement and strife? Some things to ponder! Would they stand with the truth and throw out the rest?