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The recent outrageous butchery in Paris highlights the stark confrontation of our generation between liberal democracy and extremist fundamentalism. People come onto the streets in their thousands to express a commitment to free speech. We have not always appreciated this freedom until it has been so appallingly violated.

Freedom is abused in the media and in all walks of life but it remains a high ideal. Jesus’ message has revolutionary implications but its effect is essentially personal and for everyone – a new beginning, a re-birth bringing forgiveness and transformation. There is no better offer, no more authentic life, no other hope.

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