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Dear Friends,

And so we start the Final Countdown which will eventually take us to the 100th edition come February/March time next year. Interestingly, "The Final Countdown" by the band Europe – and I am sure you remember them well? - was the first CD my Margaret remember buying in 1986 when it came out. Doesn't time fly?

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When I started my column it was with the anecdote of a little girl sitting quietly with her Dad drawing a picture. He asks her, "What are you so busy drawing, my love?" to which she replies, "I am drawing God!" He says, "But no one knows what God looks like..." To which she replies, "Perhaps not, but they will as soon as I've finished."

Just maybe some of what I have written over the years may have helped form a picture of Jesus? I hope so. Many of you tell me it has. If this is the case, then thanks be to Him.

I have especially enjoyed writing about Margaret's and my umpteen trips to Denmark and back over many years and of course the precious times spent with Mother – bless her memory – and family and friends in the old country. Remembering how we so often felt Jesus being our companion and very real presence during those long and often difficult car journeys across Holland and Germany to get there. No more driving there now – it's EasyJet from Bristol to Copenhagen next when we go to spend New Year with friends in the not too distant future.

I have also felt the importance of writing about the close and real face to face relationship we all need as thinking and praying human beings with one another in this day and time of high technology and the risk I sometimes perceive of the internet alienating us, drawing us further apart instead of closer together. I still maintain that there is nothing quite like going to your bank and speak to the friendly lady at the till and get your transactions done that way, rather than pressing a few buttons at home on your computer. And it does help keep someone in a job they enjoy and excel in.

So, there we are until next time. God bless you!

**Rev Preben Andersen**