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Have you noticed everything seems to be getting more informal? In some ways it has progressed over the years, but has it sped up because of lockdown? Staying at home we can all be worried, but it is in casual dress. I have not put on a suit for weeks.

The television is a good barometer. Years ago the programmes were always introduced by a link announcer. If you can go back sixty years or so there were just two hours of programmes a night. McDonald Hobley always wore a dinner jacket; the lady announcers Mary Malcolm and Sylvia Peters were in evening dress! How things have changed.

Even today newsreaders always give confidence in the news they are reading by wearing suit, collar and tie! The dress of the lady readers suggest the same confidence! Notice those who report political matters dress in a fairly formal way again to give confidence to the message. All other reporting is done in a much more informal way, dress included!

Let's think about that! The lockdown has brought many people together. People have discovered the name of their next door neighbours!! Folk are more relaxed with each other. We are all in it together. Reflection on newsreaders shows the trend in our daily lives.

Think, we are basically the same, with concerns, needs and support. God in creation makes us all equal. How well do we work on the blueprint He has given us?