

## **After ECT will there be an EMT?**

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In March 1994 the Evangelical Christian world was somewhat surprised and even rocked by the publication of the document '**Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission for the Third Millennium**'. Its publication was a major step forward in the accelerating apostasy that is everywhere rampant. Of course, the preparation and issue of this **ECT** document did not happen overnight but it was rather the end product of a process that had been in motion for a number of years.

The **Arizona Republic** newspaper of **Wednesday 30 March 1994** reported in an article headed '**Catholics, Evangelicals urged to be as one flock**' the following – '**leading Catholics and Evangelicals are asking their flocks to make a remarkable leap of faith. To finally accept each other as Christians...Charles Colson on Tuesday joined conservative Roman Catholic leaders in upholding the ties of faith that bind the nation's largest and most politically active religious groups...The consultation was started in 1992 by Colson...and the Rev ['Father'] Richard Neuhaus...The document...was drafted over the next two years by a group of Evangelical and Catholic scholars**'.

Looking back on its issue we can see how several key 'players' and strategies were employed in an attempt to prepare evangelicalism to accept the oxymoronic notion of '**Evangelicals and Catholics Together**'. For decades leading 'evangelist' **Billy Graham** had been co-operating with Rome in his crusades [viewing them as fellow Christians and happily sending supposed converts back into the fold of Roman Catholicism] and of course he took great pride and delight in telling how he was preaching in the Cathedral of Polish Roman Catholic Cardinal, Karol Wojtyla on the day that he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II. I personally do not believe that this was mere coincidence – I think there are much more sinister forces at work behind the scenes shaping both the political and spiritual landscape of the world.

Then, supposed high profile evangelical, **Charles Colson** began meeting with Roman Catholic priest, '**Father**' **Richard John Neuhaus** in an attempt to forge a common Christian theological alliance between evangelicalism and Roman Catholicism. Their efforts were at all times monitored by **the Vatican** in the form of Cardinal Idris Cassidy. A document was produced and to give it an air of evangelical legitimacy the approval of a leading supposed evangelical academic/theologian was sought and obtained in the person of **J I Packer**. That then is a very brief 'thumbnail' history of how **ECT** came to see the light of day.

So what does the **EMT** in the title of this article stand for? Well, it stands for '**Evangelicals and Mormons Together**'. Since last year I have been receiving details of meetings [both public and private] that have been taking place in America and it seems to me that they are following the same pattern established in producing **ECT**. The following is part of an article that was published in the **Casper Star & Tribune [Wyoming]** on Friday 19 November 2004

‘An evangelical preacher, philosopher and author has graced the pulpit at the Tabernacle on Temple Square in what a fellow speaker called an "historic occasion." When Ravi Zacharias took the stage last weekend it was the first time in 105 years a preacher of another faith appeared in the pulpit of the Tabernacle. Zacharias was invited by **Standing Together**, a network of 100 evangelical churches trying to improve relations with members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The lecture, where nearly 5,000 evangelicals and Latter-day Saints sat together on Temple Square, was heralded as the beginning of a new era to replace one of mistrust’... Zacharias, a native of India raised in Canada, acknowledged there are doctrinal differences between traditional Christianity and the LDS faith. His hour-long sermon emphasized aspects of Christian doctrine for which Mormons have a different understanding, such as sin, salvation through the cross and the Trinity. But his overarching message -- that Jesus Christ is the answer to the longing in all human hearts -- was one that resonated with both evangelical Christians and Mormons. "When you get the Son, you get the way, the truth and the life," Zacharias said. **Sisters Sylvia and Liz Wilcox, who are members of the LDS Church, said they were impressed with Zacharias' message."It was beautiful," said Liz Wilcox. "I loved the focus on the unity. They did a beautiful job of finding common ground."**

Just how ‘evangelical’ is **Ravi Zacharias**? After visiting his website to put together a response to an inquirer I discovered the following that I included in my response to that inquirer –

‘After receiving your email I went to his web site and noted the following which rang alarm bells for me.

1. **Ravi Zacharias** is listed as being a 'Visiting Professor' with Wycliffe Hall in Oxford. This is a pseudo-evangelical college where Alister McGrath [close friend of compromiser J I Packer] is one of the main figures there. McGrath is actually mentioned on the **Ravi Zacharias International Ministries** web site's page about Wycliffe Hall. I wrote an article about Alister McGrath and his views on the Catholic Catechism and you can see it by following the ministry newsletter link on my web site [http://www.takeheed.net/News\\_From\\_The\\_Front/MARCH2004.htm](http://www.takeheed.net/News_From_The_Front/MARCH2004.htm)

2. In **Ravi Zacharias's** details on the web site mention is made that he spoke 3 times in Amsterdam [1983, 1986 & 2000] at the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists - and who asked him to speak there - **BILLY GRAHAM!**

3. One of the '**Ministry Team**' listed on the web site is **Dale Fincher** who is described as 'a professional actor and apologist' - that in itself seems rather 'odd'. However he has performed in the '**Muggeridge Centenary**' at Wheaton College and also performs '**Malcolm Muggeridge: The Man who didn't belong**'...

**Malcolm Muggeridge** held views that were in opposition to God's revealed truth. In his book '**Jesus Rediscovered**' Mr Muggeridge wrote 'I firmly believe there is a divine light in every human being ever born or to be born' [p167]. Shortly after he wrote 'On that same visit to the Holy Land I came to feel quite certain that not even Judas had irretrievably cut himself off from the love of God' [p168]. When asked what he thought was going on at Calvary Mr Muggeridge stated [p170] 'I think that men had to be shown that the way to revelation [not redemption?] was through suffering...that the image of a man dying because of the truth he embodied [not giving his life a ransom for many?] established for ever what truth is – something you die for'. When asked if that was how he understood the atonement Mr Muggeridge replied '**Absolutely, absolutely**'. Speaking of the devil Mr Muggeridge said 'I am not particular about a personal devil. I shan't be distressed if there isn't one' [p172].

On page 173 when asked '**Do you think that Jesus was a product of evolution or do you think that this was a miraculous intervention?**' Mr Muggeridge replied 'I'm always allergic to miraculous interventions because I don't observe them in life [every spiritual 'new birth' is a miracle!] and I don't think that it makes Jesus any more remarkable if he represents a miraculous intervention...how Christ came into the world doesn't matter'. Having supposedly '**Rediscovered Jesus**' which church did Mr Muggeridge then proceed to join? – **The Roman Catholic Church**'.

I think that we can see from this that **Ravi Zacharias** is an 'evangelical' in the **Billy Graham** mould and that should immediately ring alarm bells for all true and faithful evangelicals. So, if an **EMT** agreement is in the offing, who better than **Ravi Zacharias** could be found to prepare the 'evangelical' ground to accept such a notion just as Billy Graham, over many years, prepared the 'evangelical' ground for the notion of **ECT**? So in the preparatory strategy there is a role for an 'evangelist'. Do we then have in the preparation for a possible **EMT**, equivalents to the roles played by **Charles Colson** [Evangelical] and 'Father' **Richard John Neuhaus** [Roman Catholic] in the formulation of **ECT**? The report in the **Casper Star & Tribune** [Wyoming] of Friday 19 November 2004 also said –

'Zacharias was invited by **Standing Together**, a network of 100 evangelical churches trying to improve relations with members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints'.

The ministry referred to here – and known as '**Standing Together**' - is headed up by a man called **Greg Johnson**. In a then-available website report by **Religious News Service** [<http://religionjournal.com/showarticle.asp?id=628>] we read

'**Evangelicals and Mormons get to know each other better**. Meetings between top theologians of the two religions have promoted increasing understanding, according to the **Rev. Greg Johnson**, an evangelical leader who attends the sessions, held twice a year...**Evangelical and Mormon theologians began meeting after the 1997 publication of "How Wide the Divide," a landmark book that helped each faith community understand the other's beliefs**...The Evangelical-Mormon meetings were arranged by **Richard Mouw**, president of [Fuller Theological Seminary](#), and **Robert Millet**, a professor at Brigham Young. They are held alternately at Fuller and the Mormon campus...**Johnson is involved in a separate Evangelical-Mormon dialogue**. Since 1997, he and Millet have been holding approximately eight public, interactive dialogues a year on theological issues. **Johnson told religionjournal.com that the depth and breadth of discussions taking place between evangelicals and Mormons in various places today is unprecedented. "God is up to something," Johnson said. "This kind of interaction has never gone on before."**

So, representing the 'Evangelical' camp there is **Greg Johnson** and as you will have read, representing the **Mormon** camp is Brigham Young University Professor **Robert Millet** – they are in effect paralleling the roles played by **Charles Colson** and 'Father' **Richard John Neuhaus** in the preparation of the **ECT** document and agreement. Earlier I also mentioned the role played in **ECT** by the supposed evangelical academic/theologian **J I Packer** and how his endorsement and defence of it gave 'an air of evangelical legitimacy' to **ECT**.

Well, is there an equivalent supposed evangelical academic/theologian involved in the possible formulation of a future **EMT** agreement? The answer is 'yes' and his name appeared in the **Religious News Service** report. He is **Richard Mouw**, president of [Fuller Theological Seminary](#).

**It might be very worthwhile pointing out at this stage that Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary also gave his endorsement to the Evangelicals and Catholics Together agreement of 1994.**

**Richard Mouw** really 'opened a can of worms' by his introductory remarks at the Mormon Tabernacle meeting that **Ravi Zacharias** spoke at. Here are some excerpts of what he said –

'Here in Utah, the **Standing Together** ministry has been willing to take some considerable risks in countering the more aggressive and disruptive evangelical attacks against the LDS church. And Pastor Greg Johnson's well-attended dialogues with Professor Bob Millet have done much to model a new spirit of frank but friendly exchange about important faith topics... I am now convinced that we evangelicals have often seriously misrepresented the beliefs and practices of the Mormon community. Indeed, let me state it bluntly to the LDS folks here this evening: we have sinned against you. The God of the Scriptures makes it clear that it is a terrible thing to bear false witness against our neighbours, and we have been guilty of that sort of transgression in things we have said about you... Indeed, we have even on occasion demonised you... But we can now discuss these topics as friends And tonight many more of our friends have come together in this place for a very public and large-scale "Evening of Friendship." God be praised... What a wonderful thing it is that we can meet together to talk about the Lord Jesus and about who he is and what he has done on our behalf. There is much here to talk about. I personally take great encouragement from words that Joseph Smith uttered on the occasion of the founding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in April of 1830: "we know," Joseph said, "that all men must repent and believe on the name of Jesus Christ, and worship the Father in his name, and endure in faith on his name to the end, or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God."... I greet you this evening in that spirit... This is the spirit in which Ravi Zacharias is going to speak to us this evening - the spirit of devotion to the One whose name is above every name, the One who alone is mighty to save, and before whom someday every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that he is Lord to the glory of the Father'.

On the actual evening **Ravi Zacharias** made no attempt to distance himself from this attack by **Richard Mouw** upon Evangelicals and their past attempts to identify Mormonism for the cult that it is. Subsequent attempts by Bud Press of Christian Research Service, have failed to elicit any personal comment on this issue from **Ravi Zacharias**.

In recent times a book has been published called 'A Different Jesus?' authored by Brigham Young Professor **Robert Millet**. There is a foreword written by **Richard Mouw** in which he says –

'In rather lengthy discussions about Jesus with Mormon scholars over the past several years, I am the one who has been tempted to say accusingly "Not your Jesus! Not your Jesus!"... Let me say right up front that I still have some serious misgivings. But I also have to admit that the misgivings do not run quite as deep as they did earlier...

Robert Millet, the author of this book and I... have become good friends. Indeed I encouraged him to write this book... In our Evangelical-Mormon dialogues we have talked at length about many important theological topics. But none is more important than the subject of this book.

The question of what a person believes about Jesus Christ is not only a central issue for theological discussion; it is one that has eternal significance for all human beings... In this book Robert Millet addresses the key topics with refreshing candour... he does not shrink from setting forth distinctive LDS beliefs about Jesus and his redemptive mission. But he also explores important commonalities with our convictions about Christ's person and work... I hope then that traditional Christians will read this book with an open mind... That is what Robert Millet is asking in this book. And we owe him that hearing.'

Do we 'owe a hearing' to anyone who presents 'A Different Jesus' to the 'Jesus' of what **Richard Mouw** refers to as the 'Jesus' of 'traditional Christians' and by that I assume that he means the 'Jesus' of orthodox, biblical, evangelical Christians. Well, before I answer that let me establish that the 'Jesus' of Mormonism is not the Jesus of 'traditional Christians'. In a report by James Walker of the Christian apologetic ministry known as **Watchman Fellowship Inc.** he reported as follows –

**'Paris, France: In a surprising admission during last month's three-nation European speaking trip, Mormon President Gordon B Hinckley stated that the Christ he believes in is not the same Christ as the one followed by those outside the LDS Church. Hinckley quoted unnamed critics of the LDS Church who claim that Mormons do not believe in the traditional Christ and then he agreed with them [could these 'unnamed' critics be some of the evangelicals that Richard Mouw took to task in his opening remarks before Ravi Zacharias spoke?]**

**The LDS news reported: "In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ, President Hinckley spoke of those outside the Church who say Latter-day Saints 'do not believe in the traditional Christ'. No I don't. The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times" [June 20 1998].**

**The President of the Mormon Church stated openly that his 'Jesus' is not the 'Jesus' of traditional Christianity.**

Later in his report James Walker also writes –

**'Although they are rare, there are similar statements by LDS leaders in the last 25 years. For example, Elder Bernard P Brockbank, of the First quorum of Seventy, speaking from the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City during General conference quotes a June 18, 1976 London Times article that states in part "In fact there is good reason for regarding them [Mormons] as a new religion rather than as another variety of Christianity... the Christ followed by Mormons is not the Christ followed by traditional Christianity". Elder Brockbank then adds a very frank admission "It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ than is worshipped by the Mormons or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints". But Brockbank's frankness may be the exception that proves the rule. LDS Apostle, Bruce R McConkie was one of the last LDS leaders to openly state that the Christ of traditional Christianity was different than the LDS Christ, and false... McConkie said Christians worship "false Christs". He specifically named Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists and included all Christianity by implication'.**

Earlier I asked – Do we 'owe a hearing' to anyone who presents 'A Different Jesus' to the 'Jesus' of 'traditional Christians'. Mormonism affirms that the 'Jesus' of 'traditional Christians' is not their Jesus and so we look to God's Word for direction and we find it in **Galatians 1:9** where Paul writes "**If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed**".

**The Mormon 'Jesus' is one of the "false Christs" the Lord warned of in Matthew 24:24, dreamt up by one of the "false prophets" [Joseph Smith] that the Lord warned of in the same verse.**

Both **Richard Mouw** and **Greg Johnson** epitomise the fears expressed by Paul in **2 Corinthians 11:4** when he wrote "**For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached...ye might well bear with him**". Mormonism [Book of Mormon: 2 Nephi 25:23 'For we know that it is by grace that we are saved after all that we can do'] like Roman Catholicism seeks to blend 'grace' and 'good works' in an 'unholy gospel' and to bring people into bondage rather than liberate them.

Paul again warns against falling into such a trap when he writes "**Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage**" [Galatians 5:1].

For more helpful information visit [www.christianresearchservice.com](http://www.christianresearchservice.com) where Bud Press writes about many of the other issues involved in this latest attempt to depict a 'false' Christ as the real Christ. Bud wrote about the book 'A Different Jesus?' –

Christian Research Service has obtained a copy of Robert Millet's latest book, 'A Different Jesus? The Christ of the Latter-Day Saints'. The following paragraph from the Glossary (page 198) is just one of the things that separates Mormonism from Historic Christianity forever: "**Godhead: The Godhead consists of three distinct personages and three Gods--the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father and Son have bodies of flesh and bones, while the Holy Spirit is a spirit personage.**"

It is worth noting that an organisation known as **FAIR** said this concerning the criticism of evangelicals by **Richard Mouw** before **Ravi Zacharias** spoke –

"We at **FAIR** welcome Dr Mouw's comments and believe they will help in promoting understanding between our communities. They come to us as a breath of fresh air. But not everyone agrees. There are some in the evangelical community who were upset by his comments, believing they might "give credence to the Mormon message by muddying the waters," and "[send] a message to Mormons that they are a part of mainstream Christianity."

Who then is the organisation known as **FAIR**? According to their own website <http://www.fairlds.org/pubs/journal/FJ200411.html>

"**FAIR** is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing well-documented answers to criticisms of LDS doctrine, belief and practice...The **Foundation for Apologetic Information & Research (FAIR)** was formed in late 1997 by a group of LDS defenders of the faith who frequented the America Online Mormonism message boards. In defending the Church against detractors there, this small group realized that they had no way of sharing their information with each other, much less the rest of the Church. As a result of this, **FAIR** was born. Incorporated as a non-profit organization in November 1997, the fledgling organization put up its first Web site in March 1998."

In conclusion and by way of illustrating the potential similarities between the formulation of the existing **ECT** agreement and the formulation of a possible future **EMT** agreement I have drawn up this little table that I hope will help.

<b>ECT</b>	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>EMT</b>
<b>Billy Graham</b>	<b>Evangelist</b>	<b>Ravi Zacharias</b>
<b>J I Packer</b>	<b>Theologian/Academic</b>	<b>Richard Mouw</b>
<b>Charles Colson</b>	<b>'Evangelical'</b>	<b>Greg Johnson</b>
<b>'Father' Neuhaus</b>	<b>Catholic - Mormon</b>	<b>Professor Millet</b>
<b>The Vatican</b>	<b>Overseers</b>	<b>FAIR</b>

What I have written is of course speculation and not prophecy but I hope it will serve as a warning against possible future apostasy in 'evangelicalism'.

**Cecil Andrews – 'Take Heed' Ministries**

(Article that first appeared in the June 2005 ministry newsletter)

# APPENDIX (1)

Recently I learned that **Dr Al Mohler**, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary would, on Monday 21 October 2013, address Mormons at meeting in Brigham Young University and you can read details of this announcement on

<http://standupforthetruth.com/2013/10/should-christian-leaders-lecture-at-byu/>

In the course of the post on that link the writer made reference to previous public writings by **Dr Mohler** on the subject of '**Are Mormons Christians?**' and this link was given

<http://www.albertmohler.com/2007/07/26/are-mormons-christians-ending-where-i-began/>

**From an evangelical, biblical Christian standpoint it was encouraging to read the comments of Dr Mohler when he wrote –**

For me, and as the question was posed to me (Are Mormons Christians?), **the issue is theological.** That is why I cannot answer the question except as I have from the start.

Here is the bottom line. **As an Evangelical Christian** – a Christian who holds to the “traditional Christian orthodoxy” of the Church – **I do not believe that Mormonism leads to salvation.** To the contrary, **I believe that it is a false gospel that, however sincere and kind its adherents may be, leads to eternal death rather than to eternal life.**

**Indeed, I believe that Mormonism is a prime example of what the Apostle Paul warned the Church to reject – “a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you”** [Galatians 1:8-9].

And thus I must end where I began. **Mormonism is not just another form of Christianity – it is incompatible with “traditional Christian orthodoxy.”**

A second link to previous public writings by **Dr Mohler** on the subject of ‘Mormonism’ (sparked by the fact that Mormon, Mitt Romney’ was a candidate to be President of the United States) was also given for an article entitled “**Mormonism, Democracy, and the Urgent Need for Evangelical thinking**”. That link was

<http://www.albertmohler.com/2011/10/10/mormonism-democracy-and-the-urgent-need-for-evangelical-thinking/>

**Again it was heartening to read these words of Dr Mohler –**

By its very nature, **Mormonism** borrows Christian themes, personalities, and narratives. Nevertheless, it **rejects what orthodox Christianity affirms and it affirms what orthodox Christianity rejects. It is not orthodox Christianity in a new form or another branch of the Christian tradition.** By its own teachings and claims, it rejects any claim of continuity with orthodox Christianity. **Insofar as an individual Mormon holds to the teachings of the Latter-Day Saints, he or she repudiates biblical Christianity.** There are, no doubt, many Mormons who are not fully aware of the teachings of their church. Nevertheless, the doctrines and teachings of the LDS church are there for all to see.

**It is neither slander nor condescension to state clearly that Mormonism is not Christianity. Taking Mormonism on its own terms, one finds a comprehensive set of teachings and doctrines that are self-consciously set against historic Christianity. The larger world may be confused about this, but biblical Christians cannot make this error, for we are certain that the consequences are eternal.**

The writer of the article announcing details of this BYU meeting also wrote this –

**‘Dr. Mohler is the pastor who boldly wrote, “Are Mormons Christians?” and “Mormonism, Democracy, and the Urgent Need for Evangelical thinking”. Will he share those sentiments with BYU students?’**

On this link <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865588850/At-BYU-Baptist-says-Mormons-and-evangelicals-may-go-to-jail-together.html?pg=all> I was able to read details of what **Dr Mohler** said to around 400 BYU students at the meeting held in the Varsity Theater in the Wilkinson Student Center.

Here are some quoted extracts –

**‘while Mormons and evangelicals are divided theologically,** they share "common concerns and urgencies" about "unprecedented and ominous" attacks on religious freedom... **"I do not believe that we are going to heaven together,** but I do believe we may go to jail together,"

**Dr Mohler’s clear statement regarding the ‘theological divide’ and the ‘differing eternal destinies’ when comparing Mormonism with Evangelicalism are certainly very welcome and to be commended.**

**However the report also contained these comments that demonstrate the still ongoing push for greater ‘togetherness’ between Evangelicals and Mormons**

While Mohler's noteworthy speech once might have been considered rare, today it fits within a larger framework of interfaith outreach. **In 2004, evangelical leader Ravi Zacharias, introduced by Richard Mouw of the Fuller Theological Seminary, spoke at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City...** In 2010, Cardinal Francis George spoke to 12,000 people at a BYU campus forum... Last month, BYU separately hosted prominent Christian leaders Richard Land, president of the Southern Evangelical Seminary, and George Wood, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Both met with LDS Church officials and each spoke as part of the "Faith, Family and Society" lecture series that Mohler joined Monday...

"I believe it's the year of the evangelical at BYU," said **Greg Johnson, president of Standing Together**, (Cecil – Mr. Johnson is mentioned in the table at the close of my original article) a ministry that seeks unity among Utah's evangelical churches and facilitates evangelical/LDS dialogues... **In January, the Deseret News has confirmed, Zacharias will return to Temple Square to speak from the Tabernacle pulpit again.**

Finally the report again quoted some solid comments made by **Dr Mohler** –

**"Mohler clearly stated his doctrinal differences with Mormons, perhaps as an effort to blunt criticism...** "The conflict of liberties we're now experiencing is unprecedented and it's ominous," he said. "Forced to choose between erotic liberty and religious liberty, 'many' Americans would clearly sacrifice freedom of religion. How long before the 'many' becomes 'most?' "This is what brings me to Brigham Young University today. **I'm not here because I believe we're going to heaven together. I do not believe that. I believe that salvation comes only to those who believe and trust only in Christ and in his substitutionary atonement for salvation. I believe in justification by faith alone and Christ alone.** I love and respect you as friends and as friends we would speak only what we believe to be true, especially on matters of eternal significance. **We inhabit separate and irreconcilable theological worlds, made clear with the doctrine of the Trinity**, and yet I am here, and gladly so. We will speak to one another of what we most sincerely believe to be true, precisely because we love and respect one another.

**"I do not believe that we are going to heaven together**, but I do believe we may go to jail together. I do not mean to exaggerate, though we're living in the shadow of a great moral revolution that we commonly believe will have great and devastating human consequences. Your faith has held high the importance of marriage and family. Your theology requires such an affirmation and it is lovingly lived out by millions of Mormon families. We stand together for the natural family, for natural marriage, for the integrity of sexuality within marriage alone, and for the hope of human flourishing. **"I come in the hope of much further conversation, conversations about urgencies both temporal and eternal.** I am unashamed to stand with you in the defense of marriage and family and the defense of human sexual integrity. I am urgently ready to speak and act in your defense, against threats to your religious liberty, even as you have shown equal willingness to speak and act in defense of mine."

The text of Dr Mohler's lecture, "**A Clear and Present Danger: Religious Liberty, Marriage and Family in the Late Modern Age**," is available on his website, [www.albertmohler.com](http://www.albertmohler.com)

**Dr Mohler** has made it clear that he personally cannot countenance any theological 'meeting of minds' with Mormons, similar to the compromise of Biblical truth that was enshrined in the '**Evangelicals and Catholics Together**' document back in 1994.

However, I would still be worried that a possible future '**Evangelicals and Mormons Together**' document might still be cobbled together by others involved in this whole 'dialogue' scene and my worries have only been heightened by the news that **Ravi Zacharias** is to pay a return visit to speak next January from the Mormon Tabernacle pulpit.

Cecil Andrews – 'Take Heed' Ministries – 22 October 2013

## APPENDIX (2)

In **APPENDIX (1)** the following information was included near the end –

**In January, the Deseret News has confirmed, Zacharias will return to Temple Square to speak from the Tabernacle pulpit again.**

That return visit took place on **17-18 January 2014** where according to reports Mr Zacharias addressed some 3500 Mormons. A brief but helpful report on this visit has been produced by **The Berean Call** – it is located on <http://www.thebereancall.org/content/ravi-zacharias-asks-faiths-oppose-lost-morality-together> and herewith is the text of that report –

### **Ravi Zacharias Asks Faiths to Oppose 'Lost Morality' Together**

January 29 2014

Ravi Zacharias: Popular Christian Apologist Speaks to 3,500 at Mormon Temple; Asks Faiths to Oppose 'Lost Morality' Together [Excerpts]

Christian apologist and writer Ravi Zacharias addressed 3,500 evangelicals and Mormons at the LDS Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, asking that people from the two faiths stand together to oppose "relativism" and "lost morality."

The two-day "Freedom and Friendship" event held [January 17-18, 2014] marked the second time that Zacharias had spoken at the Tabernacle. The apologist's first meeting occurred 10 years ago, when he became the first non-Mormon speaker in the Tabernacle in 105 years.

Zacharias focused on how Christians and Mormons should make sense of a culture that increasingly relies on a "pragmatic philosophy with no accountability," during his talk on Saturday.

Zacharias also put the onus on evangelicals and Mormons to first change themselves—through reading the Bible and asking God to "make you right with Him" before seeking to change culture."

"Once we do that, the world will see the beauty that is Christ and want to follow him," he said, reported The Salt Lake City Tribune.

Zacharias' talk was presented by Standing Together, a coalition of evangelical Churches who seek to "be a catalyst for uniting the Utah Christian community through relational efforts of prayer, worship, and strategic evangelism."

Among its outreach efforts are organizing "LDS/evangelical scholarly dialogues" and providing "resources for interfaith dialogue." The coalition also helped organize Zacharias' 2004 event.

Standing Together President Rev. Gregory Johnson told audience members on Saturday that the conference was an opportunity for Mormons and Christians to gather and acknowledge their common interests.

"Tonight is another night for us to meet ... not as warring factions, but as friends," said Johnson. "We have significant theological differences. We don't undermine that, but tonight is an opportunity to hear from a great Christian leader to hear about a topic we all care about — freedom of religion."

**Church elder and former president of Brigham Young University Jeffrey Holland introduced Zacharias and credited Mormons' and Christians' "shared love for the Lord Jesus Christ" for bringing them together "in true brotherhood and sisterhood tonight and always."**

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/ravi-zacharias-popular-christian-apologist-speaks-to-3500-at-mormon-temple-asks-faiths-to-oppose-lost-morality-together-112985/>

**TBC:** **Mormonism has never changed its unbiblical "gospel."** **Consequently, there is no "true brotherhood and sisterhood" between Mormonism and true Bible believers.** "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Corinthians:6: 14-15). **"Shared love for the Lord Jesus Christ"? That would only be viable if the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the biblical Jesus were one and the same.** No, the former is the spiritual brother of Lucifer, i.e., Satan, according to Mormon doctrine. Zacharias, rather than looking to Mormons for "moral" help, needs to obey the Scriptures: II John:1: 9-10: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed".

Based upon this report **Ravi Zacharias** has once again encouraged ‘**social cohesion**’ at the Mormon Tabernacle and has yet again avoided preaching the gospel to Mormons who are spiritually lost and in need of ‘**soul conversion**’. So far he could never write to those Mormons in the same way Paul wrote to the Galatians when he said “**Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?**” (**Galatians 4:16**).

There are striking similarities between this ‘**non-gospel**’ approach of **Mr Zacharias** and two other gospel-compromisers namely the late **Charles Colson** and **Rick Warren**.

In his Foreword to the book ‘**Evangelical Catholics?**’ by Roman Catholic **Keith Fournier** Charles Colson wrote –

‘The Church has often been plagued by wars within her walls, crippling her in her battle against the encroaching armies of secularism... It’s high time that all of us are Christians come together, **regardless of the difference of our confessions and our traditions and make common cause to bring Christian values to bear in our society. When the barbarians are scaling the walls there is no time for PETTY quarrelling in the camp**’.

What Mr Colson referred to as ‘**petty quarrelling**’ took many of the Lord’s people to a fiery death on the stake during Reformation Times.

In similar ‘non-gospel’ fashion Rick Warren some years ago when addressing thousands of Muslims avoided confronting them with their ‘spiritual lost-ness’ and instead made a ‘pitch’ for ‘social cohesion’.

In my article located on [http://www.takeheed.net/Take\\_Heed\\_2011/Current\\_Concerns/March\\_2011/The\\_menace\\_of\\_Chislam.htm](http://www.takeheed.net/Take_Heed_2011/Current_Concerns/March_2011/The_menace_of_Chislam.htm) I wrote the following –

On July 4, 2010, Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Community Church in California, addressed the convention of nearly 8,000 Muslims at the Islamic Society of North America. Warren stated that Muslims and Christians must work together to combat stereotypes, promote peace and freedom, and solve global problems.

Warren called on Muslims and Christians to form an interfaith coalition to combat prejudice and stereotypes.

“**Tolerance is not enough,**” Warren said. “**People don’t want to be tolerated, they want to be respected, they want to be listened to. They want to be valued.**” Armed with four ideas for action, Warren called on Muslims and Christians to work together to create respect, restore civility to civilization, promote peace and tackle major world problems. “**I am not interested in interfaith dialogue, I am interested in interfaith projects,**” Warren said.

“**Talk is cheap ... but love is something we do together,**” he added. “**As the two largest faiths on this planet - more than 1 billion Muslims and 2 billion Christians [Cecil – note that Warren is obviously including Roman Catholics and the various shades of Orthodox in his calculations for the number of Christians in the world] - as Muslims and Christians, we must believe in this. As more than half the world, we must do something to model what it is to live in peace, to live in harmony.**”

Christians and Moslems – faith mates, soul mates and now work mates! = **Chislam!**

The most 'damning indictment' of **Mr Zacharias'** appearance there is summed up by these words from the report – **“Church elder and former president of Brigham Young University Jeffrey Holland introduced Zacharias and credited Mormons' and Christians' "shared love for the Lord Jesus Christ" for bringing them together "in true brotherhood and sisterhood tonight and always."**

No true Christian would have let that statement go unchallenged but, from the report it appears that **Mr Zacharias** did, so I leave readers to draw their own conclusions.

Cecil Andrews – 'Take Heed' Ministries – 3 February 2014

## APPENDIX (3)

Relevant to this subject I posted the following on FACEBOOK on 9 September 2016

Back in 2005 I wrote an article in 'News From The Front' called –

### **'After ECT will there be an EMT?'**

**ECT** referred of course to the infamous **'Evangelicals and Catholics Together'** document that was published in March 1994 that, at the expense of the truth of the true gospel, claimed that Evangelicals and Roman Catholics were fellow Christians with a common mission.

**EMT** referred to a possible **'Evangelicals and Mormons Together'** document being issued at some stage in the future making similar claims for common Christian recognition by the two groups with again a common mission.

I was therefore particularly interested to come across a link to an article in 'Christianity Today' that touches on this possibility and details possibilities and problems associated with such a concept. The link to that article is -

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2016/june-web-only/mormons-and-christians-so-close-yet-so-far-away.html>

The link to my original 2005 (but now updated) article is

[http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/current-concerns-2013/After\\_ECT\\_will\\_there\\_be\\_an\\_EMT.pdf](http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/current-concerns-2013/After_ECT_will_there_be_an_EMT.pdf)

**All I would say is "Take Heed" and watch this space.**

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