

“Take Heed” Ministries: January – June 2014

Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed’,

The first, almost 6 months of 2014, have been on a number of fronts, namely ministry and personal, really quite frenetic and I hope in this update letter to detail some of the events that have kept me ultra-busy. **Firstly on the ministry front –**

Ministry web site articles:

Since January there were so many issues that needed to be addressed that it became almost a conveyor belt of articles that I was penning and publishing on the web site. Due to space limitations the only way to simply convey to you the range of issues addressed is to publish in the following table the titles of the articles that were published.

Paul Crouch deceased: A misguided and misplaced tribute by The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.	The Hutterites: A way OF life or A way TO life?	‘The Church of Christ Scientist’ (Christian Science): Tragically twisting Christ’s views on medical help.
‘Alpha: Attend or Avoid’? The text of the ALPHA section in my book ‘Try the spirits: Volume 1’ was published online.	‘SHAMANISM’ comes to Northern Ireland	ALPHA team up with Rick Warren for their ‘London Leadership’ conference.
After ECT will there be an EMT? Further APPENDIX added after the latest visit of Ravi Zacharias to the Mormon Temple, Salt Lake City in January 2014.	Should I ‘like’ (Facebook-style) Max Lucado?	Archdeacon Stephen McBride basically challenges ‘Plenary-Verbal Inspiration’ in ‘Thought For The Day’ on 6 February 2014.
Can ‘Brother Lawrence’ be viewed as a true ‘Brother in Christ’?	Kenneth Copeland welcomes ‘the blessing’ of Pope Francis.	Is Dallas Willard to be trusted when he writes about ‘Hearing God’.

Ministry YouTube activity:

In my December 2013 ministry letter I gave details of some of the activity associated with this relatively new dimension to the ministry. At that time there were **84** assorted videos and talks available to visitors – that number has now increased to **110**; viewings were in excess of **68,500** – that number has now increased to almost **155,000**; subscribers were over **400** – that number now stands at **710**. Viewings of my televised ‘**Mary**’ debate have gone from over **11,500** to **13,044**. Viewings of Justin Peter’s talk on ‘**Health and Wealth**’ have gone from **10,300** to over **18,000**. A new video showing what happened when some **Hutterites** were ‘**born again**’ has attracted over **12.550** viewings. All in all a great ministry ‘vehicle’.

Ministry FACEBOOK site

Once again the zeal of my volunteer web master has been vindicated as the ministry FACEBOOK site has enabled me to comment ‘instantly’ and globally on matters that arise. By way of example, whilst in Canada, a ‘storm’ arose locally here over comments made by a Belfast pastor on the nature of ISLAM. It even reverberated in political circles and led to one party leader, Mike Nesbitt of the Ulster Unionist Party calling for urgent action to speed up finding a location for a Mosque. Apart from commenting on ISLAM I also wrote to Mike Nesbitt and **a copy of my letter to him is enclosed**. A further example of FACEBOOK’s usefulness relates to an encounter I had on my doorstep with 2 Mormon Missionaries and **a copy of my FACEBOOK post is again enclosed along with the information I gave to them**.

Ministry inquiries and encouragements:

In December my web master persuaded me that the ministry web site needed a ‘make-over’ which he willingly undertook and the results have been SO encouraging. Visits to the web site have risen from **304,000** to **394,863** and a new feedback facility has generated quite a number of inquiries and requests for help. Encouragements continue to be received –

"I have greatly enjoyed the little bit I have heard from you and now subscribe to your YouTube channel. God bless and use you for His glory... If you ever have a prayer request I would be honored to pray for you and with you. Thank you. Give them Heaven". – John (Florida)

"I just wanted to say that I saw you on Rev TV debating with the Jesuit priest. I thought it was really good and so is your website. Thank you for your witness. God saved me and brought me out of that form of religion by grace through faith and it was good to see the show. Even if you meet with opposition, please be encouraged. This testimony is vital in these times. God bless you". - A M (Kilkeel)

Subject: The Eucharist Debate with Rob Zins: "Thank you so much for posting this debate and others with Rob Zins and the priest named Patrick. They are invaluable resources to use in my ministry to Catholics and I am passing the links on to others with the same mission as myself. I can't tell you how thorough they are for my purposes". – P R

Ministry trips to Stoke in March and to Canada in May:

On Saturday evening, 22 March I gave my presentation on the subject of **"Is Jesus God"** to a very well attended meeting in Milton Baptist Church and the recording of that meeting has subsequently been posted to our ministry YouTube site. Then for just over 3 weeks in May Margaret accompanied me on a ministry trip to Canada that involved speaking engagements in Toronto, London (Ontario), Tillsonburg (near London), Mission (near Vancouver), Penticton, Kelowna and Victoria (on Vancouver Island). The trip was a combination of teaching, preaching, ministry reporting plus a conference contribution by way of interview. On all occasions the fellowship was sweet and the feedback was in every case positive and encouraging.

Secondly, on the personal front, these months brought their long-distance challenges and sorrows. My eldest brother Mervyn (who lived in Kelowna in Canada) was diagnosed last July with a form of cancer that accelerated rapidly in January of this year. Margaret and I went out to Canada for 2 weeks at the beginning of March to try and be of practical help to both him and his wife Linda – we knew when we left we would not see him alive again. He died on 5 April and I again went out to Canada to speak at a celebration/remembrance for him on 17 April. It was not a 'religious' occasion but I was able to testify as to how the Lord had sustained and strengthened both Margaret and me through this time of sickness, sadness and sorrow.

I close by once more re-stating my sincere thanks to you for all your prayerful and practical support – so encouraging as together we **"press toward the mark" (Philippians 3:14)**.

Sincerely in Christ

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Dear Mike,

Some years ago I sent audio tapes to you (via Linda when then at UTV) of sermons preached by an evangelist with the Presbyterian Church called Billy Patterson and in subsequent conversations with Linda I understand that they were well received. If my memory serves me right I had done so because I had read somewhere that at that time you described yourself as “an agnostic waiting to be convinced”.

In the wake of the recent controversy over statements made about Islam I caught briefly some comments you made at Stormont where you referred to “**we Christians**” as having places of worship such as “**churches and chapels**” and you then went on to call for a suitable location for a “**mosque**” to be sought out.

There is no doubt that “**Christians**” know they have been called to engage in what could be termed ‘**spiritual warfare**’ – we know this as Paul reminds us that on a daily basis we are to “**put on the whole armour of God**” (**Ephesians 6:11**) and we are to “**earnestly contend for the faith**” (**Jude 3**). Being therefore ‘**Christian soldiers**’ a couple of questions spring to mind that are directly related to the views you have expressed.

1. Would our ‘commander in chief’ (The Lord Jesus Christ) be pleased to see Roman Catholicism (“**chapels**”) being publicly identified with “**we Christians**”?
2. Would our ‘commander in chief’ (The Lord Jesus Christ) be pleased to see the call being made for the location of a “**Mosque**” to be sought out?

The short and simple answer to both questions is “**no**” and I express that view, not in anger, but in ‘spiritual’ sorrow. Why such an answer? Well, enclosed herewith are a number of items that I hope you (and/or Linda) may, when time permits, examine and ponder.

The green booklet was something that I sent to all Roman Catholic priests in Great Britain when the new ‘millennium’ dawned back in 2000. The ‘Dear Muslim Neighbour’ tract was printed about 6 years ago and of the 10,000 printed I am down now to my last half dozen. The DVD is of a talk on Islam from a Christian perspective that I gave in England back in 2007. The printed article outlines an assessment of Islam by a former Muslim, Magdi Allam. I hope and pray you will find them informative and instructive and should you ever wish to chat with me about any or all of them then I am your servant for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Message posted on Facebook on 8 June 2014
following call at my house by 2 Mormon Missionaries**

Have just had a truly wonderful conversation on my doorstep with 2 young Mormon Missionaries. I was able to witness with great liberty to them and I explained how whilst in Canada recently I had spoken with one of their colleagues who had not been very happy when I asked him a question and then explained to him that his answer did not line up with the teaching of his church. The 2 young men on my doorstep wanted to know what my question had been and it was this –

"How did Jesus Christ obtain His earthly body"? One of the young men today said it was through Mary by the power of the Holy Ghost. I confirmed that was what the Bible teaches but I shared with them that official sources within Mormonism do not teach that and I mentioned some of them by name. These sources teach that the Mormon heavenly Father ('Elohim') came to earth and had a literal sexual encounter with a virgin called Mary and this resulted in the fleshly body of their Jesus Christ.

I was also able to say to them that the Aaronic priesthood was made 'redundant' by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ ("The Lamb of God") on the cross and that according to the Book of Hebrews the only holder of the Melchizedec priesthood is the Lord Jesus Christ – (see Hebrews 7:17, 21-25). Young Mormon men are inducted firstly into their 'Aaronic' priesthood and then subsequently into their 'Melchizedec' priesthood.

I also shared that ALL true believers are viewed as a 'Royal Priesthood' (1 Peter 2:5 & 9). I also explained that there are no 'apostles' and 'prophets' today as the foundation of the church rested upon the teaching of the biblical 'apostles and prophets' and supremely upon 'Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone' (Ephesians 2:19-20).

I also shared that salvation is by 'grace alone' - our 'good works' don't play any part in our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5) but that our 'good works' are evidence of, flow from and are testimony to our salvation (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 3:8). Mormonism teaches that 'salvation' is a blend of 'grace' and 'works' - in the Book of Mormon it states 'for we know that it is by grace that we are saved AFTER all we can do' (2 Nephi 25:23). I invited them to visit my ministry web site and to check out the quotes and they each accepted my card with the web site details.

After they left I hurriedly printed off the relevant quotes and caught up with them further up the street and gave them each a copy. They were VERY grateful and told me that they had intended to go to the web site. Please pray for them - one of them is 'Elder' Spackman and his colleague (I didn't catch his name). The Mormon quotes that I printed off and gave to them can be found under the heading of 'MORMON MISSIONARIES' in the newsletter located on

<http://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-january-2003/>

(A copy of these quotes are also enclosed herewith)

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Official Mormon quotes concerning the birth of their Jesus Christ

Bruce R McConkie [one of the Mormon “Twelve Apostles” until 1985] in ‘Mormon Doctrine’ (1966 Edition: p 546-547) – ‘These name-titles all signify that our Lord is the only Son of the Father in the flesh. Each of the words is to be understood literally. Only means only; Begotten means begotten; and Son means son. Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers’.

Bruce R McConkie [one of the Mormon “Twelve Apostles” until 1985] in ‘Mormon Doctrine’ (1966 Edition: p 742) – ‘And Christ was born into the world as the literal Son of this Holy being; he was born in the same personal, real and literal sense that any son is born to a mortals father. There is nothing figurative about his paternity; he was begotten, conceived and born in the normal natural course of events...Christ is the Son of Man, meaning that his Father (the Eternal God) is a Holy Man’.

Joseph Fielding Smith [10th President of the Mormon Church] in ‘Doctrines of Salvation’ (Vol:1 p19) – ‘They tell us the Book of Mormon states that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Ghost. I challenge that statement. The Book of Mormon teaches no such thing! Neither does the bible.’

Joseph Fielding Smith [10th President of the Mormon Church] in ‘Doctrines of Salvation’ (Vol:1 p18) – ‘Christ was begotten of God. He was not born without the aid of Man and that Man was God’.

Heber C Kimball [one of the original Mormon “Twelve Apostles”] in ‘Journal of Discourses’ (Vol:8 p211) – ‘I was naturally begotten; so was my father and also my Saviour Jesus Christ. According to the Scriptures, he is the first begotten of his father in the flesh and there is nothing unnatural about it’.

Quote from ‘Family Home Evening Manual’ (1972 Edition: p125) – ‘Well, now for the benefit of the older ones, how are children begotten? I answer – just as Jesus Christ was begotten of his father’.

Brigham Young [Successor to Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism] in ‘Journal of Discourses 1860’ (Vol:8 p 115) – ‘The birth of our Saviour was as natural as are the births of our children: it was the result of natural action. He partook of flesh and blood – was begotten of his father as we were of our fathers’.

Brigham Young [Successor to Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism] in 'Journal of Discourses 1857' (Vol:4 p 218) – 'When the time came that His first born, the Saviour, should come into the world and take a tabernacle (body) the Father came Himself and favoured that spirit with a tabernacle instead of letting any other man do it'.

Brigham Young [Successor to Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism] in 'Journal of Discourses' (Vol:1 p 151) – 'Now remember from this time forth and for ever that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost'.

It is also worth remembering that Brigham Young taught that this 'Father God-Man' was none other than Adam. Here is what Brigham Young taught

Brigham Young in 'Journal of Discourses 1852' (Vol: 1 p50) – 'Now hear it inhabitants of the earth, Jew and gentile, Saint and sinner! When our father ADAM came into the garden of Eden he came into it with a celestial body and brought Eve, one of his wives, with him. He helped to make and organise this world. He is MICHAEL the Archangel, the ANCIENT OF DAYS! About whom holy men have written and spoken – He is our FATHER and our God and the only God with whom we have to do. Every man upon the earth, professing Christian or non-professing must hear it and will know it sooner or later'

Brigham Young in 'Journal of Discourses 1852' (Vol: 1 p50) – 'When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the father? He is the first of the human family; and when he took a tabernacle it was begotten by his Father in heaven'.

Brigham Young in 'Desert News' (October 10, 1866) – 'The man Joseph, the husband of Mary, did not, that we know of, have more than one wife, but Mary, the wife of Joseph, had another husband'.

In June 1998, the 'LDS Church News' referred to comments made by their **President, Gordon B Hinckley** during a visit to Europe. They stated '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"' and President Hinckley added by way of clarification 'He [the Christ of whom I speak] together with His Father, appeared to the boy Joseph Smith in the year 1820, and when Joseph left the grove that day, he knew more of the nature of God than all the learned ministers of the gospel of the ages'.

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