

A book for 'black men' to seriously consider: "Inside The Royal Black Institution"

'The mysteries, secrets and rites publicly revealed for the first time in history'

In Northern Ireland there are 3 fraternal organisations known as 'The Loyal Orders'. They comprise 'The Orange Order', 'The Royal Arch Purple Order' and 'The Royal Black Institution'. All 3 would claim to be committed to the defence and promotion of the Evangelical Christian faith. Back in 1999, a former member of all 3 organisations, Paul Malcolmson, published a book called 'Behind Closed Doors' that revealed the 'hidden structure' of the Royal Arch Purple Order. To say that the book 'caused ripples' within the world of 'The Loyal orders' would probably be to understate the reaction to its publication.

10 years on and Paul Malcolmson has just published a further book that this time 'lifts the lid' on what happens within 'The Royal Black Institution'. I attended the book launch in Belfast and as well as the author being there, several other former members, including a former lecturer and a former chaplain, were in attendance. Quite simply I would say to any 'black man' who is an Evangelical Christian that they should prayerfully read this book as I genuinely found some of the information shared at the book launch to be very 'disturbing' to myself as a Christian. Let me just focus on two aspects of 'claim' and 'practice' made and observed within 'The Royal Black Institution'.

As regards 'claim', chapter 15 of the book is titled '**Of the Order of Melchizedek**' and we read [p 249] '**Not only is the Blackman told that he is a high priest and that he belongs to the priestly Levitical tribe, he is also assured that he is a priest in the order of Melchizedek... This is a high priestly order that is exclusively held by the Lord Jesus Christ... instead of having One person of the heavenly order we have countless self-appointed pretenders... Hebrews 7:21-24 says, speaking of Christ "Thou are a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec... But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood". The word interpreted "unchangeable"... comes from the Greek word *aparabatos* which simply means non-transferable... it also describes something that belongs to one person and cannot be transferred to anyone else**'. The irony is that this Institution, that claims to be a staunch defender of Evangelical Christianity, promotes an error that is found within the 'priesthoods' of false systems that claim to be 'Christian' such as Roman Catholicism and Mormonism.

Former Roman Catholic priest, Bart Brewer wrote in his book '**Pilgrimage from Rome**' [p 48] as follows '**June 6 1953 was the day I had waited for – the day of my ordination... I would be a priest "after the order of Melchisedec", a "priest of the most high God". At my bidding during my celebration of the mass, Christ Himself would come down... At that moment I would be equal with Him**'.

Former Mormon priest, Marvin Cowan wrote in his book '**Mormon Claims Answered**' [p 71-73] as follows '**LDS [Mormons] claim that Peter, James and John conferred the high priesthood on Joseph Smith in 1829, but they quote a message given by Oliver Cowdery in 1848 as their historical source. It says "I was also present with Joseph when the higher or Melchizedek Priesthood was conferred by the holy angel on high" (A New Witness for Christ in America. Kirkham, Vol 1, p 72)... All Mormon males over 12 years of age have priesthood certificates showing who ordained them. Thus, they can trace their line of authority back to Joseph Smith, whom they claim got his authority from Peter, James and John, who got it from Christ. But, Christ's priesthood does not pass from person to person because *He lives***

eternally (Hebrews 7:24)... The book of Hebrews repeatedly declares that Jesus Christ is the *only* High Priest after the order (manner) of Melchizedek (Hebrews 3:1; 5, 6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 15, 17, 21, 24, 26; 8:1; 9:11). His “Melchizedek Priesthood” is “unchangeable” (literally “untransferable” or “it passeth not from one to another” Hebrews 7:24)... Since Jesus Christ lives forever as our High Priest, there is no need for other high priests’.

As regards ‘practice’, chapter 4 of the book is titled ‘**The Black Communion**’ and we read [p 68-69] ‘**The Black candidate is asked to take a toast to the memory of Brother Joseph [The Joseph of the Old Testament] being informed that this is his first Black toast. An artefact is then placed into the hand of the blindfolded novice called a “mystic cup”... The candidate then sups from the human skullcap. Whilst the “mystic cup” is customarily an actual human skullcap some preceptories... use a coconut or shell as a representation of a skullcap... It is harrowing enough to observe a skull and bones in the midst of a ‘Christian’ meeting but to be required to handle and then drink from a human skullcap is decidedly sickening’... this mystical sacrament...makes a complete mockery of the Lord’s Table which Christ instituted...Both this rite and the symbolism attached to it mocks the sacred ordinance set up to remember the Saviour’s death... Such an unholy sacrament belongs deep within the murky domain of the kingdom of darkness. It is more akin to the activities of the primitive ancient pagan tribes than a ‘Christian’ gathering in any generation’.**

These 2 matters alone should serve to disturb deeply the conscience of every Christian who is a member of this Institution and to consider the words of **2nd Corinthians 6:14-17** “**what communion hath light with darkness? ...what concord hath Christ with Belial? ...what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? ...Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”.**

The cause of Christ and His gospel is only and best served when Christian men of commitment devote their time and their talents to serving Christ within the ranks of His ‘brotherhood’, His Church, that is made up of the Royal Priesthood of ‘born again’ believers [see 1st Peter 2:9].

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