

CARL LENTZ: HILLSONG NYC: 'Take Heed'. APPENDIX added 4th January 2020

CARL LENTZ of HILLSONG NYC is the subject of a very helpful article for which I will give the link. This man is DANGEROUS to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ as you will discern from the excerpts of interviews he has given on a number of occasions.

One of those interviews is with Oprah Winfrey and in the earlier interview segments Mr Lentz reminded me of someone who is now a close friend of Ms Winfrey, namely Rob Bell - why does Mr Lentz remind me of him - for these reasons - (a) when asked a question he uses lots of words but never really addresses the issue clearly and authentically biblically, he's like a bar of soap in the shower, he slithers about and (b) at the conclusion of his interview he goes on and on about 'God' and 'love' and of course that was the dominating theme of Rob Bell's book 'Love wins' that basically promoted unscriptural and heretical universalism.

My two main concerns are these -

1. He says Jesus rarely talked about 'morality' - by his use of the word 'rarely' is he insinuating that 'morality' was not a major issue where the Lord Jesus was concerned? I can immediately think of 2 examples where the Lord Jesus talks about 'morality' and clearly it is a major issue - (a) He tells the adulterous woman who had been brought to Him to "go and sin no more" (John 8:11) and (b) He lists all of the sins that proceed from the human heart and includes in the list "adulteries, fornications" and declares that "these are the things that defile a man" (Matthew 15:19 & 20).
2. When asked by Ms Winfrey if only Christians can be in relationship with God he answered 'NO' and he then explains that in his view Jesus is only a 'road-marker, a map' - on the basis of this answer alone this man is showing himself to have the character of a wolf in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). This relevant portion of his interview with Ms Winfrey begins @ 2.15.

In closing, mention is made of an upcoming (21-23 September) conference at Bethel, Redding CA with Bill Johnson and others, so this once more identifies the close links between these 2 dangerous groupings who are misleading so many today, especially young people. This is the link to the article

<https://handlingthewordoftruth.org/2017/08/25/men-who-must-be-silenced-the-empty-talk-of-carl-lentz-compromised-leader-of-hillsong-new-york/>

PS Please note also that in the first video clip he says at one point '**well my bible says**' - and what is his 'bible' (displayed on the screen behind him) - **THE MESSAGE** by Eugene Peterson which is not a 'bible' in the sense of a faithful translation but is rather a paraphrase that reflects Mr Peterson's own (often questionable) thoughts on

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In my original article I labelled **CARL LENTZ** as being '**DANGEROUS to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ**'. In yet another TV interview (this time with CNN) he has further confirmed just how dangerous he is. This link will take you to an article that shows his latest expressed views on **ABORTION** and **HOMOSEXUALITY** –

<https://nationalfile.com/video-hillsong-pastor-open-to-moderating-views-on-abortion-same-sex-marriage/>

The concerning section of the interview reads as follows

Over the course of the interview, CNN's Powers pushed controversial political topics with Lentz during the interview, asking about Hillsong's position as a gay welcoming church as opposed to gay-affirming one.

"Will you ever change your views on abortion and same-sex marriage?"
Powers asked.

Shifting in his seat, Lentz's answer came quickly. **"Sure, anything is possible."**

Lentz's answer highlights an unwillingness to take strong positions in defense of the Bible — a squish factor for which Hillsong has been roundly criticized within evangelical circles.

This unwillingness to affirm what The Bible clearly teaches on these subjects has been a trend with **Carl Lentz** as the articles on these links show –

<http://christiannews.net/2017/11/02/god-is-the-judge-hillsongs-carl-lentz-tells-the-view-when-asked-whether-or-not-abortion-is-sin/>

http://thefederalist.com/2017/11/06/hillsong-pastor-carl-lentz-provides-moral-cover-abortion-view/#.WqHNM_ZpAC0.facebook

Demonstrating his own dangerous unwillingness to confront outright error

Michael Brown wrote this 'lukewarm' article

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/carl-lentz-and-abortion-dont-throw-him-under-the-bus-206055/>

Concerning my 'reservations' about **Michael Brown** this article may help explain

<https://churchwatchcentral.com/2016/10/16/when-liars-defend-liars-dr-michael-brown-whitewashes-the-heresies-of-bill-johnson/>

The evident 'flip-flop' nature of **Carl Lentz's** understanding of these issues is then seen in this article

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-carl-lentz-clarifies-the-view-abortion-comments-i-do-believe-abortion-is-sinful-205751/>

Following the criticism **Carl Lentz** received about his less than convincing views on **ABORTION** he then responded to his biblical critics by stating that 'they follow a different Jesus'.

I do believe he is right

and these articles take the same line –

<https://churchwatchcentral.com/2017/11/18/hillsongs-carl-lentz-tells-christians-labeling-him-a-coward-you-and-i-know-a-different-jesus/>

[https://bereanresearch.org/hillsongs-carl-lentz-tells-christians-labeling-
coward-know-different-
jesus/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=soci
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This trend by **CARL LENTZ** to try and possibly adapt God's Word to suit the prevailing culture is happening in other 'Christian' circles as the appointment recently of **STEPHEN COTTRELL** as the next Church of England **Archbishop of York** demonstrates. You can read about this on this link –

[https://www.christian.org.uk/news/new-archbishop-of-york-bible-has-to-fit-the-
current-
culture/?fbclid=IwAR2LHEzIOmq4S0f3CQ6OsB7qitOVnNC1rULj3p8p6z6cROt
QUJm6Yeoslc](https://www.christian.org.uk/news/new-archbishop-of-york-bible-has-to-fit-the-current-culture/?fbclid=IwAR2LHEzIOmq4S0f3CQ6OsB7qitOVnNC1rULj3p8p6z6cROtQUJm6Yeoslc)

As a counter to these 'cultural compromisers' within professing Christendom this talk by **Pastor John MacArthur** shines the light of God's truth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qo6ixt65hKs>

In his book 'The Truth War' on page 136 **John MacArthur** wrote -

HOW TO SPOT AN APOSTATE

Jude seems to suggest that the church in his day had been lulled into a similar state of deadly apathy, and the false teachers were having a heyday because of it. Perhaps that is why his warning sounds so shrill. **Ungodly** is one of the key words in Jude's epistle. In verse 15 he uses the word four times... In verse 4 he uses the word as a general description of the apostates themselves. This is their chief characteristic: they were ungodly. **They were without God.** They were godless in their thoughts, their affections, and **their doctrine.** They claimed to belong to God, to represent and to speak for God. **But of all the lies they told, that was probably the most glaringly untrue.**

