

The political pals of Rick Warren

In the article on the UK ecumenical venture called **HOPE 2008** that I wrote back in December 2007 and that can be seen on this link - <http://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-december-2007/> I wrote at one point the following -

'It is clear that for decades now governments and global political organisations have sought to enlist the help and co-operation of leading religious figures and religious initiatives [Billy Graham and Rick Warren immediately spring to mind] to further their 'one-world' agenda'.

Somewhere 'along the line' in recent years I also stated that I felt that in many ways Rick Warren was being 'groomed' as the successor to Billy Graham who for decades was 'paraded' as the 'evangelical Christian' voice on special political occasions and I very much had in mind, when I stated that, the American Presidential inaugurations.

For a number of years, I have sought to sound warnings about what I have perceived to be Rick Warren's theological problems and the following 4 links will take you to some examples of my [and others] concerns.

http://www.takeheed.info/Assorted_Articles/Contemporary/the-gospel-according-to-rick-warren.pdf Warren's 'gospel'

<http://www.takeheed.info/joel-osteen-and-rick-warren-the-heretics-are-pastoring-the-church/> Warren's heresy

<http://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-september-2005/>
Warren 'hearing but not doing' [last article]

<http://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-june-2005/>
Warren & 'Christian' Meditation [penultimate article]

Let me state clearly at the outset that according to the Great Commission given by the Lord Himself to His disciples in Matthew 28:18-20 and in Mark 16:15 the mission of Christ's church here on earth is not to repair this broken world for all people but through the preaching of the gospel of 'Jesus Christ and Him Crucified' to rescue and prepare Christ's chosen people for the next world. This

world is destined for fiery divine judgment and not for frantic human rejuvenation.

The preaching of the true and exclusive gospel of ‘Jesus Christ and Him Crucified’ is God’s appointed means for rescuing and preparing His chosen and redeemed people – ‘salvation’ for human beings does not come through Warren’s gospel of ‘marrying’ faith [any brand of ‘faith’] communities to politicians and business men.

To get a clear understanding of Rick Warren’s ‘vision’ for what mission Christians should be involved in then please go to this link and listen to him speak for almost 4 minutes as he sets out his view of how this ‘broken’ world can be ‘repaired’.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je2FDmsrxIA>

He gave this interview just about a year ago, when he attended a conference in Davos in Switzerland. This conference is known as the ‘**World Economic Forum**’ and this link will inform you as to its nature and intent

<http://www.weforum.org/en/events/ArchivedEvents/AnnualMeeting2008/index.htm>

I hope you noticed in his talk that Rick Warren spoke of ‘**2.3 billion Christians in the world**’ – to arrive at such a figure he must of course include members of the Roman Catholic religion and members of the various assorted ‘State-Controlled’ Orthodox churches – so much for discerning gospel truth from error. I hope you also noted that he referred to another of his political dalliances - his membership of America’s ‘**Council on Foreign Relations**’.

In simple response to Rick warren’s ‘vision’ I say this - Peace, prosperity, call it what you like, in this world will not come through the united efforts of a Rick Warren constructed three-legged stool made up of Political Leaders, Business Leaders and People of Faith – it will come through the return of the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as a matter of passing interest there was a further conference at Davos [25-29 August 2008] known as the International Disaster and Risk Conference and the details of it were described as follows on <http://postcarboncities.net/node/3304> –

IDRC Davos 2008 will address a broad range of risks and threats including natural hazards, risks of a technical, biological and chemical nature, but also climate change, pandemics and terrorism, with a clear focus on a consistent and systematic risk management approach, to be able to take effective and efficient decisions for disaster risk reduction and mitigation measures, which lead to transparent and comparable results in different risk situations.

I have absolutely no information that would suggest that Rick Warren attended this particular conference but I would simply say this about all the supposed carbon threat to planet earth - The fact that someone has cut their carbon footprint will cut no ice when they stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Another helpful article that sheds light on Rick Warren and refers to his political dalliances can be found on –

<http://www.lighthouse Trailsresearch.com/blog/index.php?p=1323&more=1&c=1>

I would especially draw attention to this portion from that article –

‘Warren called for “a new reformation” to adapt to the 21st-century world... “You know, 500 years ago, the first Reformation with Luther and then Calvin, was about beliefs. I think a new reformation is going to be about behaviour. The first Reformation was about creeds; I think this one will be about deeds. I think the first one was about what the church believes; I think this one will be about what the church does. The first Reformation actually split Christianity into dozens and then hundreds of different segments. I think this one is actually going to bring them together.”

Warren has convinced millions of people that a new reformation is going to take place via the Purpose Driven Movement: a reformation in which good works (deeds) must be practiced regardless of one's religious beliefs or even lack of them. *What* beliefs one holds is secondary, according to Rick Warren.

At the 2005 United Nations Prayer Breakfast, he told an audience of Christians, Hindus, and Muslims, **“God doesn't care what religion you are.”** He told acclaimed broadcast journalist and

interviewer, Charlie Rose, that his Purpose Driven Peace Plan could include homosexuals, and he told the Pew Forum that his reformation could include Muslims. And when he says that the first reformation “**split Christianity**” and the new one will “**bring them [Catholicism and Protestantism] together**”, it broadens his reformation kingdom even more. Rick Warren's reformation is an earthly, man-inspired movement, and this is why the emphasis cannot be placed on biblical doctrine - it would be too limiting and constricting’.

One of those that featured prominently on the Homepage of the website for the ‘**World Economic Forum**’ [2008] that I gave earlier was former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair. Since resigning from that office, he has established the ‘**Tony Blair Faith Foundation**’ that is pursuing the similar goal of Rick Warren of trying to unite ‘people of faith’ – that of course bears no relation to the Great Commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples.

You can see info on the announcement of Mr Blair’s ‘Foundation’ on this link <http://tonyblairoffice.org/2008/04/tony-blair-announces-faith-fou.html> and also read this interesting quote by him –

“If people of different faiths can co-exist happily, in mutual respect and solidarity, so can our world. And if faith takes its proper place in our lives, then we can live with a purpose beyond ourselves alone, supporting humanity on its journey to fulfilment.”

In the light of such a statement [notice the use of the word ‘purpose’] it should come therefore as no surprise to learn that Rick Warren accepted an invitation to serve on the **Advisory Council** for Mr Blair’s ‘Faith Foundation’.

This Foundation has its own website of
<http://tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/>
and on this link on the website
<http://tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/about-us/who-we-are/advisory-council.html>
we read

those who have agreed to be members [of the Advisory Council] are:

- **Dr Ismail Khudr AL-Shatti, Advisor in Diwan of HH the Prime Minister of Kuwait and former President of the Gulf Institute for Futures and Strategic Studies**
- **HE Dr Mustafa Ceric , Grand Mufti of Bosnia -Herzegovina**
- **The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Richard Chartres, Lord Bishop of London**
- **The Reverend David Coffey, President of the Baptist World Alliance**
- **The Reverend Joel Edwards, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance**
- **Professor Jagtar Singh Grewal, former Chairman of the India Institute of Advanced Study and former Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University**
- **Roshi Joan Halifax, Abbot of the Upaya Zen Center**
- **Right Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Bishop of Kaduna**
- **Anantanand Rambachan, Professor and Chair of the Religion Department at St. Olaf College, Minnesota**
- **Rabbi David Rosen, Chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations**
- **Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth**
- **The Reverend Rick Warren, Founding and Senior Pastor of Saddleback Church**

In addition, HE Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, will join the Advisory Council once he has retired as Archbishop.

After leaving 10 Downing Street Mr Blair did not waste too much time before joining the Roman Catholic church and of course in his new 'faith' roles he is very much serving the Papal agenda as I outlined in the article on this link –

http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/December-2007/Tony_Blair_Poodle.pdf

and by serving on the 'Advisory Council' Rick Warren is likewise serving the aims of the Papal antichrist. This of course was something that Billy Graham has likewise done for decades so my 'guess' that Rick Warren was being 'groomed' as a successor to Billy Graham has not been wide of the mark. It will in fact reach its supreme fulfilment on 20th January when Barack Obama is inaugurated as the next President of the United States.

In the run-up to the Presidential Elections, interviews with the 2 main candidates John McCain and Barack Obama were conducted on American television by surprise, surprise, Rick Warren. It has not come therefore as much of a shock to learn that Mr Obama has invited Rick Warren to 'give the invocation' at his Presidential inauguration and so in this I see Rick Warren very much stepping into the shoes of Billy Graham and that is a sad day for the gospel and great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. In a recent 'end of year' report Mike Oppenheimer of 'Let Us Reason' ministries wrote

'Why have "Christian" leaders joined with humanists, politicians and other world religions in the task of achieving world peace through human efforts? There are many in the church, in particular Robert Schuller and Rick Warren that are willing to work with anyone they can to achieve this unity and peace. Schuller's view on Islam is that we have the same goals in mind. He has said if he came back one hundred years from now and everyone was Muslim it wouldn't bother him. Rick Warren says - who's the man of peace in any village - or it might be a woman of peace - who has the most respect, they're open and they're influential? They don't have to be a Christian. In fact, they could be a Muslim, but they're open and they're influential and you work with them to attack the five giants. And that's going to bring the second Reformation (The Pew Forum on Religion May 23, 2005.) This a Reformation to Unite All Religions not to bring Christianity back to its Biblical roots? The Bible teaches the ones who actually bring peace to others are those who bring the gospel (Romans 10). There are NO people of "faiths," plural. There is only one faith and it was delivered to the saints (Jude 3). It would seem that they by their actions deny that God will save us just as the Humanist Manifesto states "No deity will save us; we must save ourselves." ('Humanist Manifestos I and II, Paul Kurtz, ed.,p. 16.)...Warren's peace plan is still a working model to resolve leading world problems. Being asked to do the inauguration speech for the new presidency of Obama gives him a platform to many more to hear of it'.

Some years ago, Rick Warren unveiled his personal **PEACE** plan for the world and used each letter of peace as an acrostic. Originally the **P** and **E** stood for '**Planting Churches**' and '**Equipping church leaders**'- clearly 'Christian' goals – however these have now been changed to '**Promoting reconciliation** and '**Equipping servant leaders**' – these revised aims will clearly sit much more comfortably with Rick Warren's political pals and he obviously

views that as paramount. . This is how this concept is worded on Rick Warren’s church website –

Pastor Rick and Kay Warren are founders and leaders of Saddleback Valley Community Church, a megachurch located in Lake Forest, Calif., with an average weekly attendance of 22,000. As authors, the Warrens have touched hearts and lives across the world – Rick with the international bestseller “The Purpose Driven Life” and Kay with “Dangerous Surrender,” the chronicle of her journey from suburban housewife to international HIV/AIDS advocate. Recognizing their far-reaching influence, the Warrens are working together, along with churches, businesses and NGOs, to mobilize 1 billion Christians to fight the five global giants of the world through The **P E A C E** Plan – **P**romote reconciliation, **E**quip servant leaders, **A**ssist the poor, **C**are for the sick and **E**ducate the next generation.

By his words and actions over recent years Rick Warren has shown clearly that he prefers to ‘court popularity’ rather than ‘preach Christ’ [alone] and for that he will one day have to give account to the One who alone is truly all powerful “**in heaven and in earth**” [Matthew 28:18].

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APPENDIX

Just a day or so after having this article posted to the website I was reading a 1994 publication ‘**The Tragedy of Compromise: The Origin and Impact of the New Evangelicalism**’ by the late **Dr Ernest Pickering** [a gracious and godly Pastor who I, as a young-in-the-faith believer, had the privilege of meeting at a conference in London in 1990] and I came across these words written by him on pages 18-19 and I was greatly struck by their relevance to the very concerns aired by myself in this article about what would appear to be Rick Warren’s over-riding ‘ministry’ priorities –

‘Certainly, our modern society has many grievous problems which wrench the heart of a believer. But we must follow Scripture and not our emotions. There is no evidence in the New Testament of any church-sponsored social programs organised for the purpose of alleviating human suffering in the unsaved world. Careful study of

the New Testament will reveal that efforts to meet social needs were confined for the most part to believers (Acts 4:32-37). James exhorts us to demonstrate our faith by helping fellow believers who are “naked” or “destitute of daily food” (James 2:15). These and other illustrations show us that the social concern of early believers was primarily aimed at fellow believers and not at the world in general. This is not to say that individual believers cannot and should not show kindness and generosity to the world’s needy. Certainly, such behaviour is appropriate and reflects the spirit of Christ. But...the main work of the churches of Christ is not to minister to outward and physical human needs, but to preach the gospel of the Son of God which speaks to a far deeper and more eternal need – the salvation of the soul’.

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