

Facebook – some postings (July 2013) on the subject of Archbishop Justin Welby and ‘WONGA pay-day loans’

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It has been evident for many years now that the Church of England is in a pitiful state spiritually when you see its 'dealings' with issues like homosexuality and women 'vicars'. There had been some hopes that when Justin Welby became Archbishop of Canterbury that things might improve 'evangelically' but he is proving to be just the latest 'disaster' to hold that office. He appears to want to bring business 'acumen and ethics' to the fore rather than the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that deals with THE greatest problem in the world - that of SIN.

His latest 'ploy' to take on those who give out 'pay-day loans' has turned into a farce as it appears that some of the C of E's £5.2 BILLION assets are actually indirectly invested in companies supplying these 'pay-day loans'. Rather than challenging today's culture Mr Welby appears to want the Church to ape the culture, but, from a supposedly moral-high-ground position.

Recently I was reading Warren Wiersbe's commentary on Ephesians and the following (especially the closing sentence) seems particularly apt in the light of Mr Welby's approach.

Commenting on Ephesians 2:11-12 under a heading of "Separation: What the Gentiles were" Mr Wiersbe finishes the section in these words - "Israel was to be a light to the Gentiles that they too might be saved. But, sad to say, Israel became like the Gentiles, and the light burned but dimly. This fact is a warning to the church today. **When the church is least like the world, it does the most for the world**".

- [Alison Davies](#), [Nigel Taylor](#), [Anne Araya](#) and [12 others](#) like this.



[Cecil Andrews](#) Have just been listening to the godless John Humphreys interviewing Mr Welby on the Radio 4 Today programme on this subject and Humphreys has been 'running rings round' the hapless Archbishop at the hypocrisy of the Church of England actually being allowed by its own rules to invest in such ventures and even in ventures that involve pornography and gambling. Our Lord has promised to build His Church but this supposed 'church' reflects no image of Christ's true Church.

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[Sue Richardson](#) Doesn't sound as though the Archbishop has done his homework!

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• [Paul Dowling](#) Yes its not a Church Biblically speaking. I prefer to call it the 'Cult of England'

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby's venture into the world of 'pay-day loans' has been 'manna from heaven' for the likes of the anti-Christian BBC as has just been seen on their BBC One o'clock news coverage - they are having a field day at Mr Welby's embarrassment over this issue.

Seeing 'the Church' trying to involve itself so directly in this matter has reminded me of a brilliant quote that I have used on quite a number of occasions and it is always worth repeating when 'ecclesiastical social do-gooders' seek to portray 'the Church' as being called to be champions for change on social issues. These are the details of that quote –

Lorraine Boettner in his classic book "Roman Catholicism" wrote on pages 30-31 under a sub-heading of "The Church in Politics" –

"She must not allow herself to be used as a pressure group for the securing of certain rights and temporal benefits for men, nor to pressure the state for reform measures even though such reforms may be needed and desirable from the Christian viewpoint. Christians as individuals are indeed to work for whatever reforms may be needed but the Church is not to do so in her corporate capacity. Such action on the part of the Church almost invariably will detract from her primary mission of the proclamation of The Gospel and ministering to the spiritual needs of men and will tend to give people a wrong conception as to what her mission really is".

- [Oscar Berean Garcia](#), [Daniel Francuz](#), [Stephen Currie](#) and [9 others](#) like this.



• [Anne Araya](#) Thank you, Cecil. This helps to clarify things for me. When I was a Roman Catholic I was often following social justice initiatives and yet feeling something was wrong. The Gospel was neglected and the poor were given worldly bread not the Word of God.

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[Phil Wipperman](#) Loraine Boettner! I thought I was the only one that had that book!

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[Alison Davies](#) Love the quote Cecil. I grew up attending the Church of England and I won't tell you how old I was when I realised the 'corporate church' was a big deception.

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