

## **Facebook postings by Cecil in the run-up to and subsequent to 'the election' by men of Pope Francis**

I am very conscious that not everyone that takes a keen interest in the ministry web site of '**Take Heed**' Ministries also has access to the Facebook facility linked to the ministry.

That being the case I felt it might be helpful for me to compile this article that will give details of postings made by me to Facebook in recent days in the run-up to and subsequent to 'the election' of Pope Francis by his fellow Cardinals.

**Tuesday 12 March 2013:** 'On tonight's BBC 6 o'clock news in their coverage of the election of a new Pope they 'trotted out' that Peter was the first Pope and that he was the rock on which the church would be built. In relation to the first claim, according to Scripture, Peter failed on several points that would debar him from being 'a pope' and in relation to the second claim the Scriptures teach no such thing about Peter being 'the rock' upon which Christ would build His Church. I addressed this second claim in an article back in 2008 and it can be viewed on'

[http://www.takeheed.net/Assorted\\_Articles/Ecumenism/therock.htm](http://www.takeheed.net/Assorted_Articles/Ecumenism/therock.htm)

**Wednesday 13 March 2013:** 'As the Cardinals continue their task of selecting a new pope it is incredible to read in particular two 'tweets' posted by men viewed by many as influential 'Evangelical' leaders. They are Rick Warren and John Piper and this is what they have 'tweeted' –

'Join me today in fasting and prayer for the 115 Cardinals seeking God's will in a new leader' (Rick Warren)

'O Lord of truth and mercy, put in place a Pope most willing to reform the Catholic Church in accord with your most holy word' (John Piper)

Rick Warren's tweet is simply spiritually dangerous and betrays his ecumenical credentials and ignorance of Rome and its anti-Christian papacy. John Piper's tweet however is not only dangerous but also very deceptive for genuine and faithful believers know that Rome will NEVER 'reform' to conform to God's ONLY 'holy word' namely the Bible.

By their comments these men certainly won't stir up any waves against the tide of false ecumenism lapping at the doors of so many supposed 'evangelical' fellowships and indeed they convey the totally false impression that Roman Catholicism = Christianity.

I'm grateful to Ken Silva of 'Apprising Ministries' for exposing these 'tweets' and his article can be viewed on'

<http://appraising.org/2013/03/12/rick-warren-asks-us-to-fast-and-pray-for-god-to-help-apostates-elect-their-new-pope/>

**Wednesday 13 March 2013:** 'Roman Catholic people have a new pope - the first JESUIT ever to be elected pope - you can read some interesting details about him on'

<http://atheism.about.com/od/papalelections/p/Bergoglio.htm>

**Wednesday 13 March 2013:** 'A little more browsing has led me to this Roman Catholic web site that gives much information about the new pope and clearly he could be described as 'one of the old guard' who was 'runner-up' to Cardinal Ratzinger in the last papal election - the link is'

<http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/2005-conclave-argentine-cardinal-bergoglio-was-second-on-each-ballot/13052>

**Thursday 14 March 2013:** 'In the midst of the worldwide euphoria being expressed in many quarters (including so-called 'Evangelical' circles) it really is time for God's people to have a REALITY check. First and foremost the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is involved in a never-ending spiritual WAR against the dark forces of spiritual evil as we learn from Ephesians 6:12-17. Countless millions are taken captive by the devil who has blinded the understanding of their minds and only THE TRUTH as found in the true Lord Jesus Christ and His true Gospel will set them free.'

**The Roman Catholic religion is the enemy of God's truth as it proclaims a false Christ and a false Gospel – it represents an army that is constantly warring with God's Christ and in battle no-one on the Lord's side should welcome the appointment a new commander in chief of such an opposing force of spiritual evil. This new pope will once more in true antichrist fashion usurp to himself titles that belong exclusively to the Triune Godhead and he and his message will continue to be clearly under the curse of Almighty God (Galatians 1:6-9).**

**Following the example of the Apostle Paul who didn't 'mince his words' when it came to identifying false ministers and false gospel messages C H Spurgeon had some direct words to say on the subject of Roman Catholicism and the Papacy. On Roman Catholicism Spurgeon said "I question if hell can find a more fitting instrument within its infernal lake than the Church of Rome is for the cause of mischief"; concerning the Papacy and in the light of the planned 'enthronement' next Tuesday of Pope Francis the following words of Spurgeon take on such relevance and meaning**

**"Of all the dreams that ever deluded men, and probably of all blasphemies that ever were uttered, there has never been one which is more absurd and which is more fruitful in all manner of mischief than the idea that the Bishop of Rome can be the head of the Church of Jesus Christ. No, these popes die, and how could the Church live if its head were dead? The true Head ever lives and the Church ever lives in Him... Christ did not redeem His Church with His blood that the pope might come in and steal away the glory. He never came from heaven to earth, and poured out His very heart that He might purchase His people, that a poor sinner, a mere man, should be set up on high to be admired by all the nations, and to call himself God's representative on earth. Christ has always been the head of the Church".**

**The election and enthronement of a new pope should be a rallying call to arms to God's people. Let us never forget that this new pope is a JESUIT and that they were formed to counter and overthrow the Reformation that brought again to light the Glorious Gospel of the Grace of God. That Jesuit mission has not changed and believers would do well to listen to Spurgeon's rallying call contained in his thoughts on Joshua 6:26 "Cursed be the man before the Lord that rises up and builds this city Jericho". Spurgeon wrote**

**"SINCE he was cursed who rebuilt Jericho, much more the man who labours to restore Popery among us. In our fathers' days the gigantic walls of Popery fell by the power of their faith, the perseverance of their efforts, and the blast of their gospel**

trumpets; and now there are some who would rebuild that accursed system upon its old foundation.

O Lord, be pleased to thwart their unrighteous endeavours, and pull down every stone which they build. It should be a serious business with us to be thoroughly purged of every error which may have a tendency to foster the spirit of Popery, and when we have made a clean sweep at home we should seek in every way to oppose its all too rapid spread abroad in the church and in the world. This last can be done in secret by fervent prayer and in public by decided testimony.

We must warn with judicious boldness those who are inclined towards the errors of Rome; we must instruct the young in gospel truth, and tell them of the black doings of Popery in the olden times. We must aid in spreading the light more thoroughly through the land, for priests, like owls, hate daylight. Are we doing all we can for Jesus and the gospel? If not, our negligence plays into the hands of the priesthood.

What are we doing to spread the Bible, which is the Pope's bane and poison? Are we casting abroad good, sound gospel writings? Luther once said, "The devil hates goose quills" and, doubtless, he has good reason, for ready writers, by the Holy Spirit's blessing, have done his kingdom much damage. If the thousands who will read this short word this night will do all they can to hinder the rebuilding of this accursed Jericho, the Lord's glory shall speed among the sons of men. Reader, what can you do? What will you do?"

Such REALITIES must motivate in a spirit of true Christian love those who are truly the Lord's people to continue to ever more earnestly present to Roman Catholic neighbours and friends the glorious gospel and glad tidings of Jesus Christ and Him crucified and to pray that God will 'deliver them from evil' and bring them savingly to Himself.

**Thursday 14 March 2013:** 'Just by way of 'fleshing out' my reference in an earlier post to the 'Jesuit Mission' Chris Lawson of SRN has issued a very enlightening article prompted mainly by RICK WARREN'S 'tweet' of welcome to this new Jesuit pope. The article is located on'

[http://www.spiritual-research-network.com/SRN\\_blog/2013/3/Rick-Warren-Welcomes-the-First-Ever-Jesuit-Pope-But-Does-He-Know-the-Jesuit-Agenda-](http://www.spiritual-research-network.com/SRN_blog/2013/3/Rick-Warren-Welcomes-the-First-Ever-Jesuit-Pope-But-Does-He-Know-the-Jesuit-Agenda-)

**If by any chance when you click on this link you get a message to the effect that 'no such post exists' look to the menu on the right hand side of the page listed as 'Recent Posts' and click on the one beginning 'Rick Warren welcomes'**

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