

DAVID LEGGE:

A statement by Cecil

OPENING STATEMENT

I first met DAVID LEGGE when he, as a student at the Irish Baptist College, came to speak at a midweek meeting in the church that Margaret and I were then members of. He subsequently became the assistant pastor of a large Baptist church and was then called to be the pastor of The Iron Hall, the fellowship in which he grew up. During that time he did a Monday-night series on various religious cults and non-Christian faiths and I was more than happy to provide some materials to help DAVID as he prepared for a number of those talks. In due course a book entitled “Strongholds Shaken” was written and published by DAVID, based very much on the series that he had preached, and I gladly attended his book launch in The Iron Hall in 2007.

In the latter part of 2013 I received an email from someone who was distressed by what was perceived by them to be a spiritually dangerous change in DAVID’s beliefs and recommended practices (DAVID by the way is no longer pastor of The Iron Hall but now works ‘in faith’ as an itinerant evangelist) and they referred in particular to talks that had been given by DAVID in a church and that had included a questionable book recommendation and quotes from a number of ‘suspect sources’.

This email prompted me to initially write to DAVID and then to meet up with him. **I think the most honest way to alert you to my concerns is to publish relevant portions of the exchanges DAVID and I have had and then to make a final short statement.**

I want to emphasise, as I think will become evident, that at all times our exchanges, including our face-to-face meeting, have been prayerful, cordial and respectful.

Cecil's letter to David of 28 October 2013

Dear David,

Following on from our telephone conversation let me once more re-emphasise right at the outset that this is an issue that I never thought for one minute that I would have to take up and it is certainly not one that I relish in any way. To be truthful I have been really shattered by having to raise this matter even to the point of being sick to the pit of my stomach especially when I think back to times of good fellowship and ministry together. Nevertheless my conscience is captive to the ministry and calling that God has placed upon me and so hence the need to make contact.

As you know my concerns relate to a **'particular practice'** that you recommended and also to some of the **sources** you have quoted and recommended. These relate to sermons that you preached earlier this year in Abbots Cross Congregational. Rather than just rely on my own assessment of what you said I have also contacted a number of brothers in Christ whose opinions I have in times past valued and who in 2 cases have been my guests over here – **Gary Gilley** of Southern View Chapel IL and **Rob Zins** of CWRC in NC. The other 2 brothers are **Mike Oppenheimer** of 'Let us Reason' Ministries based in Hawaii and **Ray Yungen** of 'A Time of Departing' Ministries also based in the USA.

In each case I sent extracts to them from what you had said and asked for their views. **I should say that they represent differing spectrums on being 'reformed or not' on being 'cessationist or non-cessationist' and on being 'a-millennial or pre-millennial'** – whilst we may hold differing views on these issues we nevertheless recognise and value each other as brothers in Christ. **Enclosed with this letter are the responses from 3 of these brothers and attached to Gary Gilley's response is a copy of the sermon extracts I sent to each of them.** In relation to Ray Yungen I am enclosing a copy of his book **'A Time of Departing'** and on pages **146-152** and page **186** you will find helpful information on **'Brother Lawrence. I have also enclosed Gary Gilley's review of 'Hearing God' by Dallas Willard as of course you have a recommendation for it on your web site.** Also enclosed are my own thoughts and reactions to what you said. At this stage David I would invite you to carefully read through these materials and then I would hope that we could perhaps meet up to discuss the issues involved – maybe, when you are ready, you could either email or ring me to arrange such a meeting. Please be assured David that in all of this I have your good and God's glory uppermost in my thinking.

Yours in Christ

Cecil Andrews

Following on from my letter, DAVID contacted me and we arranged to meet on Monday 11 November 2013 for morning refreshments and to discuss the issues at stake.

At this point I think it would also be helpful to publish the following that were referred to in my letter and that were sent to DAVID.

1. The extracts from DAVID's sermons.

2. Gary Gilley's response.

3. Rob Zins' response.

4. Mike Oppenheimer's response.

**The extracts from 3 of DAVID's sermons
that were sent to each Christian friend**

First quotation

<http://www.preachtheword.com/sermon/encounter02.shtml>

Quote ..."You see, we are to believe in God's presence - but we must choose to believe this not just with our intellects, but with our hearts; and it is with our hearts that we will encounter the presence of God. No man ever encountered God with his head. **Brother Lawrence was a Carmelite monk in the 17th century**, and he wrote a classic book entitled '**The Practice of the Presence of God**'. This was his very simple experience, even some of these young people could do this - he said: 'I make it my business to persevere in His holy presence, wherein I keep myself by a simple attention, and a general fond regard to GOD, which I may call an actual presence of GOD; or, to speak better, an habitual, silent, and secret conversation of the soul with GOD, which often causes in me joys and raptures inwardly, and sometimes also outwardly, so great that I am forced to use means to moderate them, and prevent their appearance to others'."

Second quotation

<http://www.preachtheword.com/sermon/encounter03.shtml>

C.S. Lewis, that great author and Christian, said these words: 'Pride is the sin that made the devil the devil.' ... I believe the creed of **G.K. Chesterton**, when he said: 'If a thing is worth doing...' - do you know that saying? His creed was, 'If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing poorly' - and I agree with him! If it's worth doing, you do it - eh? Is that not right? If it's worth doing, you do it. Whether you do it well or not is irrelevant, if it's worth doing you do it, even if it's poorly! A lot of people have fallen into this trap of spiritual perfectionism, another name for it could be legalism, and you've given up because you feel that you don't meet the mark... I learned recently, and what a revelation it was, that my sin nor your sin will never keep you from God, because Jesus died for sin, He has put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, the only thing that will ever keep you away from God is your pride. It will build a wall of shame and guilt around you and prevent you getting to God - or, better, prevent God from getting to you. **Do you know something? It is pride that made our salvation necessary - we need to be saved from our pride!** The means of being saved was the unique humility of our Lord Jesus Christ that we read about from Philippians 2... Have you ever said: 'I thank You, Lord, that I'm not a drunkard, or I'm not...' - and you're looking down at the sinner. Or you say: 'I thank You that I'm not a Roman Catholic', or 'I'm not a Muslim', or 'I thank You, Lord, that I'm not a Presbyterian' - who would say that? - or 'Thank You, Lord, that I'm not a Baptist, or I'm not Brethren, or I'm not Congregational, thank You, Lord, that I'm not Congregational'? Who would say that? But **how many of us look down our noses at people who do not believe what we believe, and that is Pharisaism, it is arrogance, and it has pride at its heart and root: 'I am not like other men'.**

Third quotation

<http://www.preachtheword.com/sermon/encounter04.shtml>

Now, this is instructive because we do know that the disciples, the Apostles, have had some experience of the Holy Spirit previously. They had to be born again, didn't they? That's the Holy Spirit does that. They also, we know from John 20 and 22, experienced the Lord Jesus breathing over them and saying: 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. So these men were not ignorant of the Person and power of the Holy Spirit to a certain extent - **and yet they still needed their Pentecost**, they still needed the promise of the Father in fullness.

The message that the early Christians preached is clear, indeed in Acts chapter 20 **we read that Paul went from house to house preaching repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ - and that, essentially, is all you need to have your sins forgiven, to be justified and be on your way to Heaven, to have the assurance of eternal life as the gift of God:** repentance, changing your mind, turning from your sin, repentance toward God and then faith in Jesus Christ, His message and His sacrifice and resurrection. But, do you know something? **Though that's enough to get your sins cleansed, that was not all there was to the New Testament experience of discipleship - there was more involved. Indeed, I would go as far as to say that Christian initiation was fourfold. Yes, in the early church there was repentance toward God and there was faith in Jesus Christ, but then we see clearly that there was water baptism, and then there was Spirit baptism. Sometimes the Spirit baptism came before the water baptism.**

Now listen carefully: I'm not here to argue terminology with you tonight, and I will not argue with you if you wait behind to get me - that's not why I'm here. **I don't really care whether you call it 'Spirit baptism', 'fullness of the Spirit', 'an infilling of the Spirit', as the Puritans called it and Martyn Lloyd-Jones 'the sealing of the Spirit', John Wesley called it 'perfect love'. I like what Billy Graham said: 'I don't care what you call it, just get it!'** The point that I'm making tonight is clearly biblical: that the dynamic of the Spirit was absolutely essential for early Christianity, for individual Christians and for the witness of the church. **It was the fullness of Christian experience: to repent, to believe, to be baptised in water and baptised by the Spirit.** Both the church and the Christian are designed like an engine to be empowered by ignition - fire, that is. That's why you were saved, that's why the church comes together, that's why it was born at Pentecost: to be a Temple of the Holy Spirit, manifestly so - **but the problem we have, generally speaking here in the West and, yes, in our good old land of Ulster, we have a form of godliness which denies the power right across the board**

This was Gary Gilley's response of 15/10/2013

Hi Cecil,

Well, I have many problems with these quotes. **The first one dealing with the presence of God is purely subjective and finds no basis in Scripture.** As I heard John MacArthur says one time, "I have no idea what the presence of God feels like." Neither do I. **Brother Laurence**, as you know is quite popular, but he was a Roman Catholic monk with poor theology and he certainly was not inspired by the Holy Spirit. And of course he is promoting contemplative prayer and mysticism, neither of which is found in the Bible.

The second quote stems from thoughts by **Chesterton**, another Catholic who is very popular but did not draw his thinking from Scripture. And while pride is a great sin it is not the only one that separates us from God – all sin does.

He also makes a very questionable statement about looking down our noses at people who do not agree with us doctrinally. While he has a point about our attitude, he does not balance it with the importance of right theology.

The last statement is a bit more difficult. I agree with some of it, but **I am not sure where he is going with water baptism.** And I cannot agree with his dismissing biblical terminology as unimportant. **There is in fact a difference between the indwelling, baptizing, filling, and sealing ministries of the Holy Spirit and we would be wise to know what those are and live them out...**

Blessings,

Gary

This was Rob Zins' response of 19/10/2013

Hey Cecil,

Finally had a chance to sit for a while.... As to the quotes from your friend's sermons I grieve with you. I guess I would caution him in a number of ways.

1. It appears that he does not understand that **the text of Scripture is the message** and not his conjectures, suppositions, and speculations.
2. It appears that he is not very well grounded in the Scriptures. **He misses the mark and hides his miss by claiming a pious and sentimental hermeneutic** that in his mind trumps hard exegesis and historical research!
3. It appears that he does not recognize the word "inconsistent". For instance, **while wailing against pride he quotes men who represent the most prideful religion in the world - the Roman Catholic religion.** He seems mesmerized by piety. He cannot seem to think through the real issues of pride.
4. **His honoring of those who preach mysticism and piety** over the revealed word of God **forces him to expand Christianity to include unbelievers.**
5. **He is reckless. He is also guilty of half-truths.** Sorry to say that this form of religious expression cannot be falsified because it is entirely subjective and stems from a mystical base. This makes his use of the Bible haphazard at best. **One sentence from his message shows the incredible lack of depth and preparation in his message.** Here it is:

... **I learned recently, and what a revelation it was, that my sin nor your sin will never keep you from God, because Jesus died for sin, He has put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, the only thing that will ever keep you away from God is your pride. It will build a wall of shame and guilt around you and prevent you getting to God - or, better, prevent God from getting to you.**

6. These two sentences show me the bankruptcy of his thoughtfulness. **He did not learn this from the Bible.** Whatever revelation he claims is not from the text of Scripture. If my sin will never keep me from God then how is it that my pride will keep me from God? Is not pride the apex of all sin? Obviously this man thinks in a peculiar fashion. **He has it that my pride can keep God from getting to me! He has inadvertently introduced another gospel!** I think he wants to say that Christians are eternally secure for the sake of Christ. But our sinning blocks sweet fellowship in that it builds a wall of shame and guilt that causes Christians at times like Adam, to hide from God and distorts our fellowship. But here again he mixes categories without explanation and gives the appearance of flat out contradictions.

Cecil, I do not know if you have corrected him. But he certainly needs it. Every blessing in Him who came to seek and to save the lost of which I am acutely aware having been one of them!

Your brother in mercy, Rob

P.S. Anyone so injudicious as to say that **"they do not care what you call it just get it"** will get it! But what will he get? In most cases a religion of his own, quite apart from God's revelation.

Mike Oppenheimer's response of 26/10/2013 (Cecil – I would classify Mike as a Conservative non-cessationist)

Greetings Cecil,

I did get your letter and here are my short answers.

His using a Carmelite monk ('Brother' Lawrence) is concerning, especially one that would be into other spiritual practices.

C.S. Lewis, that great author and Christian, said these words: 'Pride is the sin that made the devil the devil'...'... **Do you know something? It is pride that made our salvation necessary - we need to be saved from our pride!** The means of being saved was the unique humility of our Lord Jesus Christ that we read about from Philipians 2... Have you ever said: 'I thank You, Lord, that I'm not a drunkard, or I'm not...' - and you're looking down at the sinner. Or you say: 'I thank You that I'm not a Roman Catholic', or 'I'm not a Muslim', or 'I thank You, Lord, that I'm not a Presbyterian' - who would say that? - Or 'Thank You, Lord that I'm not a Baptist, or I'm not Brethren, or I'm not Congregational, thank You, Lord, that I'm not Congregational'? Who would say that? But **how many of us look down our noses at people who do not believe what we believe, and that is Pharisaism, it is arrogance, and it has pride at its heart and root: 'I am not like other men'.**

First of all I don't consider CS Lewis someone I would quote from especially on this topic.

His statement on pride seems to be exercising pride. **He has some concepts mixed up** - Pharisees added to the bible more laws like the Roman Catholics do today. **So what he actually is saying is not to judge what is wrong or right - even with the word.** Besides the Pharisees said thank god I'm not a woman.

Paul described in Corinthians about divisions among them, whom they follow. However I don't think he is meaning it in this way at all when he prefaced it with thanking the Lord I'm not a drunk.

BUT He is missing the point, it is sin that we need to be saved from, Pride is in the sin category, it may be a main one but even if one had no pride they would need salvation

the message that the early Christians preached is clear, indeed in Acts chapter 20 **we read that Paul went from house to house preaching repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ - and that, essentially, is all you need to have your sins forgiven, to be justified and be on your way to Heaven, to have the assurance of eternal life as the gift of God:** repentance, changing your mind, turning from your sin, repentance toward God and then faith in Jesus Christ, His message and His sacrifice and resurrection. But, do you know something?

Though that's enough to get your sins cleansed, that was not all there was to the New Testament experience of discipleship - there was more involved. Indeed, I would go as far as to say that Christian initiation was fourfold. Yes, in the early church there was repentance toward God and there was faith in Jesus Christ, but then we see clearly that there was water baptism, and then there was Spirit baptism. Sometimes the Spirit baptism came before the water baptism.

I don't read that Paul did this; the apostles did before Paul was saved and they were having church in houses and people who were unbelievers saw this and were saved.

Acts 2:44-47

(44) Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, (45) and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. (46) So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, (47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

And as far as this fourfold idea, well its nonsense. **We have three particular groups that experienced spirit baptism to introduce them to the body of Christ. And using the word initiation is foreign to scripture.** But to say that not all one needed is faith in Jesus Christ tells me this man has a different way of salvation. **And water baptism is a ceremony of what took place already spiritually:** it was always a believer's baptism; **spirit baptism is our born-again experience** as it was in Acts 8 and 10. As well as Acts 2 (see Acts 11 as it is described)

Now listen carefully: I'm not here to argue terminology with you tonight, and I will not argue with you if you wait behind to get me - that's not why I'm here. **I don't really care whether you call it 'Spirit baptism', 'fullness of the Spirit', 'an infilling of the Spirit', as the Puritans called it and Martyn Lloyd-Jones 'the sealing of the Spirit', John Wesley called it 'perfect ove'. I like what Billy Graham said: 'I don't care what you call it, just get it!'** The point that I'm making tonight is clearly biblical: that the dynamic of the Spirit was absolutely essential for early Christianity, for individual Christians and for the witness of the church. **It was the fullness of Christian experience: to repent, to believe, to be baptised in water and baptised by the Spirit.** Both the church and the Christian are designed like an engine to be empowered by ignition - fire, that is. That's why you were saved, that's why the church comes together, that's why it was born at Pentecost: to be a Temple of the Holy Spirit, manifestly so - but the problem we have, generally speaking here in the West and, yes, in our good old land of Ulster, we have a form of godliness which denies the power right across the board

This only solidifies this man does not have his theology straight, Spirit baptism is entrance into the body. Christ in you (born again) and you in Christ 1 Corinthians 12:13.

What it appears he is doing is dividing the church into those who have had an experience of what he claims is a separate baptism of the Spirit and those who have not.

While we are to be continually filled, we do not find anywhere we are told to be baptized by the spirit because that is an automatic activity of salvation. BTW I do believe in the spirit giving us power beyond human ability, especially as we minister, but that is not separated from but found in what is described in the scripture.

In Christ's service,
Mike O.

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In my letter to DAVID I also enclosed extracts from Ray Yungen's book **"A Time of Departing"** and a link showing where it can be purchased is http://www.lighthouse-trails.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PRO&D&Store_Code=LTP&Product_Code=ATOD

In my letter to DAVID I also enclosed some of my own 'thoughts and reactions' and this is what I shared with DAVID –

Cecil's thoughts

1. On the first edition of Ray Yungen's book 'A Time of Departing' an endorsement that I gave was printed on the back cover and read as follows –

"Is contemplative prayer really a vehicle to a closer walk with God? *A Time of Departing* documents clearly that far from being such a vehicle, contemplative prayer is more akin to a Trojan horse. You may be very surprised to read of who the prime pawns are in this spiritually dangerous deception."
CECIL ANDREWS 'Take Heed' Ministries Northern Ireland

2. In the video 'Catholicism: Crisis of Faith' that can be viewed on <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6idu97> my dear brother in Christ, **Bart Brewer** (my first invited guest to Northern Ireland and who is now in glory) who was a former Carmelite Priest (same order as Brother Lawrence) speaks of his time and experiences as a Carmelite Priest. You can see Bart's revealing contributions by scrolling to 12.53; 18.43; 30.38; 31.43
3. **Christians are not to employ some 'mystical' technique recommended by a man, Brother Lawrence, who did not know the true and living God** and so did not possess His indwelling presence and because of that he 'devised' some method to try and 'conjure up' that presence. I believe that many sadly unregenerate professing charismatics also seek to conjure up similar 'presence-experiences' and that is evidenced by the Lord's words in Matthew 7:21-23. How do we 'practice the presence of God' - we are to live lives that reflect 'the presence of God' (John 14:16-18) – **"trust and obey"** as the old hymn says – we trust God when he says He indwells us (John 14:23) and we walk in 'obedience to His Word' to demonstrate that truth (John 15:14) and 'to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever' as the catechism says. Romans 12:1-2 would be a good summary of this.

4. We **'encounter God'** with our mind and not with our heart – yes our 'heart' can be touched through feelings and emotions BUT it is through the 'mind' that we receive and process God's truth. In 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 we read **"But if our gospel be hidden, it is hidden to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world [the devil] hath blinded THE MINDS of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them"** and then in verse 6 Paul writes **"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"**.

Why do believers possess **"the knowledge of the glory of God"**? In **1 Corinthians 2:14** the apostle Paul explains why the natural/unregenerate man does not understand God's truth – Paul wrote **"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither CAN he know them because they are spiritually discerned"**. Paul then goes on to talk about the ability of believers to know the mind of the Lord and he writes in verse 16 **"But we have the MIND of Christ"**.

In Romans chapter 7 Paul outlines the struggle that he has as a believer between obeying or disobeying God and he writes in verse 25 **"So then, with the MIND I myself serve the law of God"**. When appealing to the Christians in Philippi to be humble just as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself was, Paul wrote in chapter 2 verse 5 **"Let this MIND be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"**.

When appealing to Christians to live holy lives the Apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:13-15 **"Wherefore, gird up the loins of your MIND, be sober...As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance...be ye holy in all manner of life"**.

When discerning God's will for our lives our minds must never become 'disengaged' in favour of emotions, feelings etc.

5. **C S Lewis** was someone whose writings I examined some years ago and I was shocked by what I discovered and so enclosed herewith is a copy of the article I wrote entitled **'C S Lewis – An Author To Avoid'** – as a result I would never recommend using quotes by him.

6. **Billy Graham** is again someone **I would never quote favourably** as he has done so much damage to the cause of 'evangelical Christianity' by his dreadful 'ecumenical compromise'. The details of that long history can be found in my talk located on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btVPQQQvnG4>
7. **G K Chesterton** (like J R Tolkien that C S Lewis 'spiritually' admired so much) was a Roman Catholic and as such, an unbeliever, and so **I would never quote him favourably**.

In the wake of the meeting with DAVID I then emailed to him later that day my reflections on the meeting that had taken place and this is what I wrote –

Hi David,

First of all a sincere 'thank you' for meeting up with me this morning and I thought I would pen some 'reflections' whilst things are still in my mind.

1. I understand now that over a period of time you have gone from a 'cessationist' standpoint to a 'continuationist' standpoint - basically a reverse of my own 'pilgrimage' but as I said, for me it has not been an issue that has prevented fellowship and over the years I have received much help from what I would term 'conservative continuationists'. When asked by anyone I will of course set out why I believe what I believe but I think there are more pressing issues to address rather than to 'rake over' differences with those on the 'conservative wing' of continuationism (like yourself). Obviously those who go in for 'excesses' such as 'Toronto' 'Lakeland' etc will 'come within my line of fire'.

2. **The 'indirect ecumenism' of quoting favorably practising Roman Catholics like Brother Lawrence, G K Chesterton, 'neo-Catholics' like C S Lewis and 'full-blown ecumenists' like Billy Graham can as I explained have unforeseen ramifications through you being perceived to have put a seal of approval upon Roman Catholicism. I'm heartened that you will think a bit more about this. As I said, if something is truly solid and scriptural there will be alternative solid and scriptural sources to quote.**

3. I have now got a clearer idea of your 'take' on '**Practicing the Presence of God**' and it seems to me that your 'take' on it is in some ways similar to what Brother Lawrence desired but actually very different from what Brother Lawrence practised to try and achieve his desires and also from what Dallas Willard advocates in his book. I feel therefore it would be helpful if you could come up with some other terminology. - maybe something like '**God Awareness for Christians**' - basically some terminology that would distance you from the likes of an unregenerate Roman Catholic priest (Brother Lawrence) and his 'methodology' ('breath prayers' etc) and also someone who is more into 'mysticism' (Dallas Willard). I think you have very valid points to get across to professing believers on '**God Awareness**' but linking them to the people you have cited runs the risk of them being summarily dismissed as happened with the person who contacted you initially on these matters because of that linkage.

I don't want to prolong unnecessarily our discussions but if you felt you wanted to pass any comment on point 3 then I'd be glad to hear from you.

Most warmly in Christ

Cecil

DAVID responded to my email the same day and he said

Hi Cecil

Thank you for today.

Yes, I appreciated today also.

I will give thoughtful consideration to the issue of quoting certain sources.

Regarding, your third suggestion concerning terminology to describe 'practising the presence of God' to distance it from any dangerous activity - yes I will think about this.

May be something like 'God awareness/consciousness' might avoid misunderstanding and yet get my point across.

Thanks and God bless

David

Almost one year on from our meeting and exchanges the text of the sermons that were of concern to me and the book recommendation by David for Dallas Willard's "Hearing God" are still available to the public on David's web site.

In my first letter to **DAVID** I enclosed Gary Gilley's review of that book and it can be viewed by going to this link - <http://www.svchapel.org/resources/book-reviews/4-christian-living/773-hearing-god-developing-a-conversational-relationship-with-god> and Gary Gilley's closing comments are well worth noting. Gary wrote

"The danger of Willard's imaginative teachings on hearing from God through an inner voice can hardly be exaggerated. Rather than turning people to the inspired authoritative Scriptures for God's word today, Willard turns us toward the subjective, unreliable self. The result is a people who believe they have heard from God even as they turn from the Word of God itself."

On the '**Take Heed**' ministry web site I posted two articles that were really prompted by my 'encounter' with **DAVID** (although I did not mention DAVID by name) and in those two articles I gave direct warnings about both '**BROTHER**' **LAWRENCE** and **DALLAS WILLARD**. Those two articles can be viewed on these links –

<http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/February-2014/Brother-Lawrence.pdf>

<http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/February-2014/Dallas-Willard.pdf>

As I mentioned above, nothing concerning the sermons and book recommendation has been removed from DAVID's web site and so on the 17th of this month (October 2014) I sent the following email to DAVID

Dear David,

I hope this email finds you and Barbara well.

In your last email to me (5/2/2014) you wrote - **'As I said to you when we met, you must do what you feel you have to. Don't feel obliged to run it by me (even if I were mentioned in the article). We both must follow our conscience, captive to the Word of God...'**

Despite saying to me that I don't need to **'run things by you'** I feel in this case I ought to - I just want you to know that **for the first time from a platform I mentioned you by name** in relation to **Dallas Willard** and **'Brother' Lawrence** (I did check your web site and find that the book recommendation for Dallas Willard is still there on this link <http://www.preachtheword.com/studies/ssencounter.html>)

I told those listening that I mentioned you with a heavy heart and I hope that all that I said was 'seasoned by grace'.

It is possible that next week I shall post an article to the ministry web site that will comprise of a 'statement' by me and an 'article' sharing some details of our meeting last year and also sharing some of the feedback views expressed by the likes of Gary Gilley, Rob Zins and Mike Oppenheimer. Again I hope that the Lord will at all times graciously guide my thinking. If this 'statement' and 'article' is posted to the web site I shall out of courtesy send you the link.

Your humble servant for Christ

Cecil

This was DAVID's reply to me later that day –

Hi Cecil

Thank you for letting me know.

As I said before, and you cited, I understand you must do what you feel appropriate.

I do pray you and Margaret continue to know God's blessing upon your lives.

Yours in Him

David

CLOSING STATEMENT

It is therefore with sincere and great regret that I can no longer fully endorse certain aspects of the ministry of DAVID LEGGE. My hope and earnest prayer continues to be that through time, and by conviction of the Holy Spirit, DAVID will come to distance and disassociate himself both from the practices he has been promoting and from the book he has been recommending and I invite others to join with me in that hope and prayer.

Cecil Andrews – ‘Take Heed’ Ministries – 20 October 2014

APPENDIX

David’s planned ‘**open ecumenism**’ on 8 September 2018

On page 1 of my article I referred to David’s book ‘**Strongholds Shaken**’ that addressed religious cults and non-Christian faiths.

Chapter 11 addresses the subject of **Roman Catholicism** and on page 219 **David** wrote

‘Paul, however in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 **does not endorse ecumenism** when he exhorts Christians to

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Also, what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? **For ye are the temple of the living God;** as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and **they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,** saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; **and I will receive you.** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty”

Roman Catholicism is an APOSTATE VERSION (Cecil – emphasis mine) **of Christianity. It is a manmade religion that, by their own tradition, has made void the commandments of God**
(as) **Paul warns all Christians in Galatians 1:8-9.**

Then on page 11 of my article I wrote the following –

The 'indirect ecumenism' of quoting favorably practising Roman Catholics like Brother Lawrence, G K Chesterton, 'neo-Catholics' like C S Lewis and 'full-blown ecumenists' like Billy Graham can as I explained have unforeseen ramifications through you being perceived to have put a seal of approval upon Roman Catholicism. I'm heartened that you will think a bit more about this. As I said, if something is truly solid and scriptural there will be alternative solid and scriptural sources to quote.

Almost 4 years on it is **very regrettable** to now see David openly endorsing an event that clearly views '**full-blown**' **Roman Catholic participation** as being compatible with his own participation. By way of explanation I would simply direct you to this link that gives details of an event being held on 8 September 2018. This is the link –

<https://protestantrevival.wordpress.com/2018/08/17/ecumenical-charismaniacs-looking-to-rome-for-revival-at-nutts-corner/>

As you will notice, the article was not written by myself, and perhaps the terminology and tone might differ in places from my own approach on such matters BUT the important point is that factually it does document the now ecumenical track-record of the main participants, including David.

In closing let me mention that it is now somewhat **ironic** that at the start of his book, '**Strongholds Shaken**' David quoted these words of a well-known, powerful hymn

'For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work his woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate –
On earth is not his equal'

These words are from **Martin Luther's** hymn, '**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**' – the words of which are an exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ at the expense of any devilish earthly pretender such as the Pope and David concludes this page in his book with the words of Luther addressed to the Pope at the Diet of Worms –

'Here I stand, I can do no other'.

Sadly, David appears to no longer stand with the Reformers, who in many cases were 'faithful unto death' in their rejection of Roman Catholicism, and whom he also mentioned on page 219 of his book in these words –

'The Reformer's cry ought to be our cry today. "Sola Scriptura", Scripture alone, "Sola Fide", Faith alone and "Only through Christ alone" can we come to God. The eternal salvation of billions depends on these truths.'

Truly tragic that David, because of what I believe to be 'experiential error'
(see points 3 & 4 of what I wrote on pages 9 & 10 and also the rejection of those who analysed David's claim of 'spirit baptism' that is mentioned by him on pages 4 & 5)
has allowed that 'experience' to override the truths contained in God's word.

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