

OCCULT activity in Northern Ireland in 1992: Cecil responds on radio to - Fortune telling: Spiritualism: New Age:

Through having some extra time on my hands during this 'lock-down' I decided to sort through lots of audio cassettes that have built up over the years of the ministry. One that I came across was 45 minutes of edited extracts from the Radio Ulster Sunday Sequence programme of 1st November 1992. That date and the preceding day are of course associated by many with occultic and superstitious activity.

The first 24 minutes of the tape featured a number of separate reports dealing with (1) **superstitions** - as explained by a man called Peter Lowry who had published a book on the subject (2) A brief summary from Dublin on the then recently published Catechism of the (Roman) Catholic Church and its views on **fortune-telling** (3) a report by Malachi O'Doherty in which he chatted to people living West Belfast (predominantly Roman Catholic) and their views on **fortune-telling, tea-leaf reading, clairvoyance and tarot cards** and (4) a report by Elizabeth Bouchet that featured spokespersons for the **Spiritualist Church** in Belfast.

The last 24 minutes of the tape then featured a studio debate on the issues by a Franciscan priest, '**Father**' **Dermott Ryan**, a lady called **Christine Savage** who at that time was involved in the production of a basically New Age magazine called 'Network' and then, **yours truly**.

I shall shortly give you the link to enable you to listen to this programme but here are a few links to the background of someone who is mentioned in the panel discussion but not in the earlier reports. They relate to a man called **Finbarr Nolan** who was born **the seventh son of a seventh son** which, as you will see and read, has much superstition attached to it. These are the links –

<https://www.rte.ie/archives/exhibitions/2770-weird-and-wonderful/683021-seventh-son-of-a-seventh-son/>

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/science/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/nolan-finbarr-1952>

This then is the link to the radio broadcast and, whilst the sound quality is not exactly crystal-clear, nevertheless, with concentration, it can be followed –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDBOusIQ99o>

Just in closing, the articles on these links might also serve to compliment the biblical teaching on and appraisal of these subjects –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/February/New-Age-Movement.pdf>

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2017/February/todays-psychic-fare.pdf>

