

# “Take Heed” Ministries

December 2021

**Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed’,**

I want to begin this ministry letter by saying a huge **‘THANK YOU’** to the many who responded to the support letter enclosed with my **January-June** ministry update letter. This was to help fund the printing of articles (in **CHICHEWA**) on **‘Evolution’**, **‘Purgatory’** and the **‘Jehovah’s Witnesses’**. On 8<sup>th</sup> September **Pastor ‘JJ’**, my contact for these materials in Africa, posted the following comment and photos on Facebook –

I am with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Malawi and we have had good meetings at Bandanga in Thyolo today. We also distributed books on Songs of the Spirit and some tracts on fallacies of the Jehovah Witnesses, Purgatory and Evolution.



Towards the end of June, **Pastor ‘JJ’** sent me the following message –

I want also to share good news. After distributing the tracts on Islam, three (3) Muslims have abandoned Islam and joined (the) Christian church. I replied by saying - **That is very encouraging - all praise to the Lord. Are they 'seeking' or would they profess now to be 'saved'?** Pastor ‘JJ’ replied - According to them they think Christianity is the only true religion and that Christ is their saviour.

These 3 men, if genuinely converted, will now be in great danger so please pray for their protection and their growth in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This ‘door’ into Africa for the distribution of **‘Take Heed’** materials is truly exciting so your ongoing prayers for the work of **Pastor ‘JJ’** will also be greatly appreciated. I’ll close this portion concerning the work of our brother by copying his Facebook post of 5<sup>th</sup> October – wow!

After cruising for 11 hrs, we finally arrived in Senanga weak and tired. It’s a small trading centre on the upper Zambezi river-bank and one hour drive to Namibia and two hours drive to Angola among the Lozi speaking communities. The region was formally called Barotseland by the British colonial masters. Meeting and teaching began at 4:00 PM till 8:00 PM. We hope to cruise to Kapiro Mposhi in the central province, about 860 KM, soon after our lessons today.

Returning again to my **January-June 2021** ministry update I mentioned in it my article called

## **‘PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY’: Is anything but ‘PROGRESSIVE’**

Two **APPENDIXES** were subsequently added to it. One related to the resignation of **Ian Carton** from his position as a long-standing minister in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This is an excerpt from that first **APPENDIX** and details views expressed by **Mr Carton** –

“Many of you will know **June** and I have been far from comfortable with the current direction that the Presbyterian Church seems to be going in. We have found it painful and hard. It seems to be in our view and to our mind, it seems to be excluding people that we would like to welcome. Over the last couple of years, we have tried to the best of our ability to continue to minister. But the time has come when we are going to have to leave. You’ve seen how I have been; you know how **June** has been. **June took the decision last October that she didn’t feel comfortable coming to a Presbyterian Church anymore.** She felt, if it was a church that was saying to anybody that ‘you are not welcome, you are not invited’ on the basis of gender on the basis of your sexual orientation, that that wasn’t a place she could be”.

I then shared how his wife, June, is a leading figure in a very pro LGBT+ organisation called **‘Left-Side-Up’** and I concluded the **APPENDIX** with these thoughts –

In the light of this, perhaps it comes as no surprise that Mr Carton has taken the action that he has in resigning from his position as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. At his ordination he would have avowed that the Bible was his Supreme Standard of Faith and that the Westminster Confession of Faith was his Subordinate Standard of faith – one can really only assume that he has now disavowed those views.

The second **APPENDIX** related to the views expressed in an article by a lady called **LINDSAY ROBINSON**, wife of East Belfast MP, **GAVIN ROBINSON** (DUP). In the article she wrote –

However, for many people, I have become increasingly aware the Church feels ‘out of touch’ with life in today’s modern world including attitudes towards our LGBT+ community, women, difference, disability and diversity. I grew up in traditional conservative evangelical church context however **these days my faith is probably best described ‘progressive’.** Last year, I joined the team of **Left Side Up — a progressive faith organisation based in Belfast in which I lead the Faith and Mental Health Project.**

Those with knowledge of the Northern Ireland political scene and the history of the founding principles of the **DUP (Democratic Unionist Party)** will recognise that these expressed views would have, in times past, been at odds with those founding principles – but today they are the publicly expressed views of the wife of a **DUP** MP and they perhaps explain why, during his pre-election campaign, **Gavin Robinson** was photographed with campaigners for so-called same-sex-marriage. The wording inside the hearts says **‘Love Equality’** – championing a biblical abomination. This is not in any way **‘progress’** in Christianity. Like **Ian Carton**, has **Gavin Robinson** been influenced by the views of his wife? (Adam and Eve comes to mind!)



Another article posted to the ministry web site referred to the views of former Anglican Bishop, **N T Wright** who sadly is highly revered in some professing evangelical circles. The article is

## **N. T. WRIGHT is N. T. WRONG:**

**Facebook post of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

The main focus of the article was an article published by **Banner of Truth** concerning a book called **'The Lost World of Adam and Eve: Genesis 2-3 and the Human Origins Debate'** by Professor John Walton. In the book **N T Wright** contributed a chapter called **"Paul's Use of Adam Is More Interested in the Effect of Sin on the Cosmos Than in the Effect of Sin on Humanity and Has Nothing to Say About Human Origins."** The author of the **Banner of Truth** article wrote this excellent reaction to the chapter title adopted by **N T Wright** –

This single chapter heading is truly amazing. It has successfully encapsulated almost everything that's wrong with Wright's theology. Let me explain what I mean. This chapter heading contains Wright's low view of Scripture, his re-interpretation of Paul's writings, his minimizing the importance of the salvation of individuals, his emphasis on the redemption of the cosmos, and his belief in the evolutionary origins of humanity.

I concluded my own article by quoting **N T Wright's** endorsement of **Steve Chalke's** book **'The Lost Message of Jesus'** in which **Chalke** refers to the gospel, biblical truth of **'Penal Substitution'** as **'cosmic child abuse'** (p 182). **Steve Chalke**, like **N T Wright** is also a zealous denier of 6-day creation. This was **N T Wright's** endorsement for **Chalke's** book -

**'Steve Chalke's new book is rooted in good scholarship, but its clear, punchy style makes it accessible to anyone and everyone. Its message is stark and exciting: Jesus of Nazareth was far more challenging in his own day, and remains far more relevant to ours, than the church has dared to believe, let alone preach.'**

Another article prompted by the annual **Christian Aid** fund-raising week held in May was –

## **'CHRISTIAN AID':**

**Is it a 'Christian' organisation?**

In this article I detailed the track record of this organisation in supporting ecumenism and terror-based organisations in places like South Africa. It was a very detailed article quoting many informed and reliable sources and my answer to the question posed in the title was in the negative, but I also added –

**'I have no doubt that there have been and perhaps there are many well-meaning but sadly misguided believers who have thrown their support behind this organisation – but should they? In 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6, amongst a number of rhetorical questions, the Apostle Paul asks "what concord hath Christ with Belial" (v 15). The lead-in to those rhetorical questions posed by Paul says this – "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" – no cause, no matter how 'noble' it may appear should be designated as 'Christian' if it means disobeying this clear command of the Scriptures.**

Finally, concerning new articles, this topical one was also posted to the web site –

## **WOKE:**

**Does the Bible support the 'WOKE' agenda?**

At the outset I cited a dictionary definition of **WOKE** – **"originally: well-informed, up-to-date. Now chiefly: alert to racial or social discrimination and injustice"**. I then critiqued an article in the magazine **'Premier Christianity'** that sought biblical support for the **WOKE** agenda and I concluded by saying – **'As an example of 'eisegesis-desperation' to try and make a case then this article must come close to 'taking the biscuit'. It seems that the author is more hung-up with skin colour than with the blood shed by the Lord Jesus.'**

I am pleased to report that the Lord still has His 'angels' who encourage me –

Hi there, very happy today to discover your site as I was doing some checking into Max Lucado's theology. Our Church recently began a study on 1st and 2nd Thessalonians using his study guide. I have had some experience of his books and teaching, having heard him speak at a Promise Keepers conference some years ago in Syracuse USA. At the time I was younger in the faith and should have known better but it soon became evident that his theological position was questionable in many areas. I currently fellowship in a Baptist congregation but am increasingly becoming troubled by rapid changes in practice and in the direction, we are headed. I am so happy to see that there are still clarion voices speaking out against all the shallow fluff that is flooding into the church today. I pray that the Lord will bless your ministry as you seek to raise awareness of the increasing darkness and confusion of the age. AMcQ

Hello, my name is xxxxxx. I recently watched your sermon at Moira Presbyterian Church concerning the soul-damning teaching of "progressive" Christianity. I am most grateful to men like Cecil who will speak truth not only concerning "progressive" Christianity but also about false religions and cults. Keep fighting the good fight and running the race before you. Truth still matters. T

The months since I issued my mid-year ministry letter have been increasingly busy with both speaking and preaching engagements, despite COVID difficulties. A number of scheduled meetings have also already been lined up for 2022 (DV) so your ongoing prayers for physical and spiritual stamina will be greatly appreciated.

The African connection with **Pastor 'JJ'** continues to develop and there is the possibility that another pertinent article may be translated into **CHICHEWA** – it has however still to be written so your prayers for that matter would be welcomed.

There is also the possibility of some changes on the domestic work-front where my wife Margaret is concerned. Without Margaret's faithful and steadfast work as a nurse over the years of **'Take Heed'** it is doubtful if the ministry could have functioned, so your prayers for wisdom and guidance as to possible changes in this area, in the relatively near future (DV), would be very much appreciated.

As I bring this letter to a conclusion, I want, as always, to express my deep gratitude to you for all your prayerful and practical support of the Lord's work here at **'Take Heed'** and, once again, if you would like to continue to support **'Take Heed'** in a practical manner, then please make use of the enclosed yellow **'support letter'** (see on page 5). **ONLINE DONATIONS** in support of **'Take Heed'** can also be made by going to this link –

<http://www.takeheed.info/donations/>

With appreciation from both Margaret and me and with all good wishes for 2022.

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