

LYNDA BRYANS: 'SPIRITUALLY SUSPECT'

Over quite a period of time now, the Belfast Telegraph Religious Affairs correspondent, **ALF McCREARY**, has published the results of a set of questions he has posed to well-known figures who would have usually some religious 'attachments'. On rare occasions some have featured sound biblical Christians, but as I said, they are 'rare'.

On Saturday 8th May, 2021 the person whose responses to his questions were published was **LYNDA BRYANS**, described as '**a former Ulster Television presenter and currently a television and radio broadcaster and journalism lecturer**'. I had some personal interaction with **LYNDA** in the late 1990's and in 2000. At that time, she was happily married to fellow-broadcaster Mike Nesbitt (sadly they have in the last year separated because of his infidelity) and whilst **LYNDA** professed to being a Christian, he described himself as 'an agnostic waiting to be convinced'. At that time, Billy Patterson of the Irish Home Mission was preaching at a mission in Carr Baptist Church and so I sent audio cassettes of those sermons to **LYNDA** (c/o UTV) and said perhaps Mike might like to listen.

On Monday, 25th September 2000, I went to 'observe' a talk given by **Nicky Gumbel** in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast. **Nicky** is the main '**ALPHA-COURSE**' man and he was there that night to 'extol its virtues'. My report on the meeting and my analysis of his talk can be viewed on this link - <https://www.takeheed.info/an-alpha-assessment-nicky-gumbels-gospel/> During the course of the meeting **LYNDA** was invited onto the stage and spoke favourably of the impact of the **Alpha Course** in her life. At the close of the meeting, I saw that **LYNDA** was seated not too far from me and so I went over and introduced myself to her. I was warmly received and she expressed her appreciation for the tapes that I had sent.

Later her husband, Mike Nesbitt, entered the 'field' of politics as a member of the Ulster Unionist Party and in due time became leader of it. In June 2014, following some of his public pronouncements about '**we Christians**' I wrote to him firstly to clarify that he was no longer 'an agnostic waiting to be convinced', secondly to graciously challenge his views that '**we Christians**' included Roman Catholics (as he had clearly inferred) and thirdly to challenge his support for the location of a '**Mosque**' to be sought out. In his reply to me Mike wrote '**My religious/spiritual journey has changed slightly since the days of agnosticism waiting to be converted to the position of being a struggling Christian, progress of sorts, I hope**'.

For me that was not a convincing ‘testimony’ to having become a Christian – for one thing, when a person is truly ‘**converted**’ their life does not change ‘**slightly**’ it changes **radically** – “**If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new**” (2nd Corinthians 5:17). In March 2017 I also wrote to Mike on the subject of so-called ‘**Same-Sex-Marriage**’ to outline what a true Christian assessment of that should be in the light of what God’s Word says on ‘**marriage**’. On Monday, 5th August 2019 the Irish News reported on the ‘**Belfast Pride**’ parade that had taken place on Saturday, 3rd August 2019 and they included the following photograph and caption in their report –



Ulster Unionist members including MLAs Mike Nesbitt and Doug Beattie and former MP Danny Kinahan pictured during Saturday's Pride parade in Belfast

Mike Nesbitt is in the centre of the back row (wearing glasses) and the recently elected leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, Doug Beattie, is on the right of the back row (also wearing glasses). At the time, I wondered to myself how Mike's wife, **LYNDA**, a professing Christian, reacted to his participation in this shameful, ungodly event. I thought she would have had grave reservations about it – how wrong I was as the answers that she gave in the Belfast Telegraph will clearly demonstrate. I propose now to list in one column the questions posed. Then in a second column I will give **LYNDA's** answers and then in a third column I will post my observations on her answers.

Question:	Lynda's answer:	Cecil's observations:
<p>1. Can you tell us something about your background?</p>	<p>I am a TV and radio broadcaster and I lecture on journalism at Belfast Met Film and Television School. I have two grown-up sons, Peter and Chris and I live in Belfast. I co-host an online monthly faith-based chat show, called 'Spiritual Answers to Human Questions, with Roisin Campbell of 'Rainbow Lighthouse'. People can access this at www.rainbowlighthouse.net</p>	<p>A visit to the website LYNDA referenced was certainly eye-opening. It was chock-full of items that are overtly NEW AGE, MARIAN-APPARITION friendly, (including details of a 'retreat' to MEDJUGORJE) and OCCULT, such as 'New Earth Meditations' that was available during June where you could have entered 'the new earth doorway of Gemini. The Twin Self ... Gemini is our breath, to breathe, to unite the voices of our twin self ... what message do you need to hear from the silent twin waiting in your light or waiting in your shadow. The silent voice has to be heard and unify a new way of communication with Self, Spirit, & God.' Seeking spiritual truth by such methods is an open-door into the world of the OCCULT and draws people away from the only source of spiritual truth, God's Word. NO faithful Christian should be 'yoked' with such a website in the light of 2nd Corinthians 6:14-18.</p>
<p>2. How and when did you come to faith?</p>	<p>I grew up in Saintfield and went to a Presbyterian Church, which was our family tradition. I also went to Sunday School at a local gospel hall, but it wasn't until my late teenage years that I made a commitment to faith. My Sunday School teacher, Winifred Gregg, had a huge influence on me and my faith. She lived out the Christian life daily. We are still in touch occasionally.</p>	<p>'Commitment' has crept more and more into Christian vocabulary over recent decades and in many ways has been used to circumvent the saving biblical requirement of 'conversion'. In 2015 I penned an article on this issue and it can be viewed on https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/March/Commitment-is-not-Conversion.pdf I mention the term 'Decisional Regeneration' (another deception) in the article and this link goes to the text of a very helpful booklet so-named - https://www.semperreformanda.com/doctrine-2/decisional-regeneration-by-james-adams/ The fact that LYNDA testifies to 'commitment' and not 'conversion', that she is comfortable to 'partner' with a lady heavily promoting Roman Catholicism and 'Occult-type' healing - these would all resonate with the 'spirit of Alpha' but not with the Spirit of Truth who inspired the Holy Scriptures. I think LYNDA would do well to prayerfully ponder long and hard 2nd Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith; prove (test) your own selves". Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be reprobates" (except you fail the test). Those are very challenging words for every professing Christian.</p>

<p>3. Does this faith play a real part in your life, or is it only for Sundays?</p>	<p>My faith is definitely not just for Sundays – it’s based on a full-time relationship. In fact, throughout this past year, which has been very challenging for many reasons, I feel my faith has deepened like never before. I wander off the path occasionally, but I always realise I can’t do life without God.</p>	<p>LYNDA refers to ‘faith’ and to ‘God’ – the question to be faced is this – are they the ‘faith’ and the ‘God’ which the Bible speaks of and reveals. I think the answer to that question will become more evident as we progress through LYNDA’s answers to other questions that were put to her. Again, another sobering verse for all professing Christians, including LYNDA, to prayerfully ponder is Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven”. God’s will for His children here on earth is that they should live lives of obedience to His commands – the Lord Himself said in John 14:15 “If you love me, keep my commandments”</p>
<p>4. Have you ever had a crisis of faith, or a gnawing doubt about your faith?</p>	<p>I haven’t had a crisis of faith, but there have been times when I have not been able to feel the presence of God in my life. When I had clinical depression many years ago, this was probably the worst time.</p>	<p>Many professing Christians talk about ‘feeling the presence of God’ – it is a constant ‘mantra’ in many professing Christian circles. Whilst I was truly sorry to read of LYNDA’s period of depression I think Christians need to realise that our ‘awareness’ of God in our life should not be dictated by our ‘feelings’. Those who veer towards that thinking run the risk of going down a ‘mystical-experience’ avenue which might in part explain LYNDA’s willingness to ‘partner’ with Roisin Campbell on ‘Spiritual Answers to Human Questions’. This article is very helpful in this context - https://sukofamily.org/can-you-feel-gods-presence/ It features comments by John MacArthur, some of which the author of the article accepts, but questions others. Rather than relying on ‘feelings’ we should, like the hymn, ‘trust and obey’ – take God at His Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) and as we do that, we will see and experience tangible Holy Spirit-driven results in our lives. Commit whatever is troubling us to the Lord in prayer and His peace will guard and protect our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-7).</p>
<p>5. Have you ever been angry with God, and if so, why?</p>	<p>I can’t say I’ve been angry with God. While I’ve had ups and downs in my life, like anyone, I am truly blessed beyond my imagination. I think it’s all too easy to blame God for things that go wrong in our lives, or don’t work out as we would want.</p>	<p>This is a very good answer that some professing Christians would do well to consider and ponder. Biblically, I suppose the one person who might have had, humanly speaking, just cause to be angry with God would have been Job. Certainly, his wife thought so as she said, “Curse God and die” (Job 2:9). But Job’s measured response was “What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil (adversity)? In all this did not Job sin with his lips” (Job 2:10). Being a believer does not render that person immune to tragedies in life and Job teaches us how to react and how not to react.</p>
<p>6. Do you ever get criticised for your faith and are you able to live with that criticism?</p>	<p>I haven’t been criticised, but I have had a few people challenge my belief and try to argue with me.</p>	<p>Again, an honest answer from LYNDA, and it reflects the Lord’s warning that professing Christians will encounter “tribulation” (John 16:33) and “persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12). However, other groups, some cultish and claiming to be ‘Christian’ use these verses to claim that opposition to them validates their claims to be ‘Christian’. Being ‘challenged’ is not a confirmation of being a true ‘Christian’.</p>

<p>7. Are you ever ashamed of your own Church or denomination?</p>	<p>I was a member of the Presbyterian Church until a few years ago. I couldn't stay there after the vote the PCI took about same-sex relationships, particularly the refusal to baptise children of gay couples. It's so sad that they felt it necessary: it was cruel, not reflective of Jesus' love.</p>	<p>This reply by LYNDA contains a number of worrying, disturbing and unscriptural views. She refers to her being 'a member of the Presbyterian Church' and she would have been aware that the PCI regards The Bible as its Supreme Standard of Faith and the Westminster Confession of Faith as its Subordinate Standard of Faith. On 'MARRIAGE', the WCF states 'MARRIAGE is between one man and one woman ... MARRIAGE ought not to be within the degrees of consanguinity (blood relationship) or affinity (attraction) forbidden by the Word' – this mention of 'affinity' (attraction) reflects the many passages of scripture that show clearly God's view of so-called 'same-sex relationships' – they are in His eyes an 'abomination' and so they are utterly unacceptable lifestyles as far as He is concerned. LYNDA refers to 'children of gay couples' – these children are NOT 'children of gay couples' but are children of a 'gay couple' and a 'third party' – again an 'abomination' in the sight of God in the light of Hebrews 13:4. The 'love' of Jesus does not extend to condoning SIN (sexual) as He clearly states in John 8:11 "go and sin no more".</p>
<p>8. Are you afraid to die, or can you look beyond death?</p>	<p>No – I feel the presence of God within me and around all things. All creation has its own cycle of birth and death and we all return to earthly dust, but our divine self is a constant eternal sacredness and we transform into divine oneness with God.</p>	<p>Once more LYNDA looks to 'feelings' (see Q 4) to validate something both internal and external. The evidence of 'the presence of God' will not be verified solely by 'feelings' but will be evidenced by a totally changed way of living and obedience to God's Word – see 2 Corinthians 5:17 and John 14:15. Her mention of a 'cycle of birth and death, of 'our divine self' and of 'divine oneness with God' all resonate with New Age/ Hinduistic terminology and not correctly understood biblical truth. Again, it may help to explain her friendship and co-operation with Roisin Campbell (see Q 1). These articles shed more light on Hindu thinking - https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/October/Hinduism.pdf and https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/December-2014/Hare-Krishnas.pdf</p>
<p>9. Are you afraid of hell?</p>	<p>I don't believe hell exists in the way we have been conditioned to think it does. I think hell is different states of being – states of our mind and emotions – and prayer is our spiritual connection to receive the light we need to transform our hell states of being.</p>	<p>When LYNDA refers to being 'conditioned' I think it is fair to assume she is referring to the Orthodox Christian teaching on 'hell' that she would have been exposed to during her early church and gospel hall attendance and her later membership of the PCI. Her 'changed' views on 'hell' fall squarely into the camp of so-called 'PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY' – a subject that I have both written on and spoken of – see https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2021/March/progressive-christianity.pdf and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lawfq1TLMk&t=3338s HELL is not about 'states of our mind and emotions' as LYNDA claims but rather is a place as the Lord Himself clearly taught in Matthew 10:28 when He said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy (not annihilate but strip of all well-being) both soul and body IN HELL".</p>

10. Do you believe in a resurrection, if so, what will it be like?

I believe in the resurrection – Jesus died so I could live in the truth of God’s light. I am here to learn from the choices I make and the actions I take and to search for God’s meaning in all I do. The love of God meets my pain and lifts my suffering, supporting me to trust and have faith.

This is a somewhat ‘vague’ response by LYNDIA to the 2 questions posed. She was asked if she believed in ‘a’ resurrection, presumably meaning for all people but she affirms belief in ‘the’ resurrection which could in her mind be only ‘the’ resurrection of Christ because she makes no reference to ‘what it will be like’ if she believes in ‘a’ resurrection for all. Rather, she goes on to outline her understanding of why Jesus died and how she believes that affects her in the here and now. There is no reference whatsoever to the ‘spiritual blessings’ that flow to us (believers) as a result of our faith alone for salvation in the death of Christ – adopted into the family of God, accepted by God because of Christ, redeemed, forgiven, heirs to a heavenly inheritance, indwelt by the Holy Spirit – see Ephesians 1:3-14. THE great blessing for believers that flows from the resurrection of Christ is JUSTIFICATION (perfectly and permanently pardoned Romans 5:1 & Romans 8:1) and that is affirmed in Romans 4:25. The closing sentence refers to ‘the love of God’ and circumstances in which it helps – that love manifests itself in the Lord’s promise of John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”. In verse 26 the Lord also promises the gift of “the Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost” – that was conditional upon the death, burial, resurrection and ascension to glory of the Lord – see John 7:39.

‘Searching for meaning in all we do’ seems to me to be putting the cart before the horse – rather we should be searching God’s Word before we do anything and that will enable us to fulfil what God requires of us, namely, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2). God’s infallible, divine Word is to be our tutor, not our fallible, human choices, from which of course we can learn, often painful lessons, when we disobey God’s Word.

In conclusion, the Bible clearly answers the 2 questions posed. As regards ‘a resurrection’ we read “all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth” (John 5:28-29. As regards “what it will be like” we read “the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed, for this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1st Corinthians 15:52-53). In Philippians 3: 20-21 Paul speaks of the longing of the hearts of believers who “look for (the coming from heaven of) the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body”.

11. What about people of other denominations and faiths?

We all worship the same God, the same creator – it's always seemed odd to me that we do this in our different buildings, using different rituals and styles, but I think this is where faith becomes religion. Warren George says the Church has become all too familiar; with a God we hardly know. In Hosea 6:6, God indicates He requires a relationship with us – a love that lasts, not more religion. The Message version of the Bible puts it this way 'I want you to know God, not go to more prayer meetings.' I believe you can have a deep relationship with God, whatever building you choose to go into – or not – on a Sunday morning.

If I were to attempt to respond fully to LYNDA's answer, it would in itself comprise a whole article because her answer is just SO wrong. The question 'lumped together' other denominations (presumably claiming to be Christian) and faiths (presumably non-Christian). As for 'other denominations', the 'God' of the Methodists is not the God revealed in the Bible as this article demonstrates - <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/2-july/news/uk/methodists-agree-to-same-sex-weddings-in-church> The relevant standing order is a classic example of 'double-mindedness' referred to in James 1:8. The 'God' of Roman Catholicism is not the God of the Bible as apparently his anger against sin is 'propitiated' by an unbloody sacrifice, offered through the invocation and hands of sinful 'priests' and claimed to be a perpetuation of the finished Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross of Calvary - 'Therefore, the actual sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the sacrifice of the Mass are inseparably united as one single sacrifice: The Council of Trent in response to Protestant objections decreed, "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered Himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different," and "In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered Himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner." For this reason, just as Christ washed away our sins with His blood on the altar of the cross, the sacrifice of the Mass is also truly propitiatory. The Lord grants grace and the gift of repentance, He pardons wrong doings and sins. (cf. Council of Trent, Doctrine on the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass) - from <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-sacrifice-of-the-mass.html> The 'God' of Unitarians, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, all of whom claim to be 'Christian' is not the God of the bible. The 'God' of non-Christian faiths like Islam and Hinduism is not the God of the Bible. Many 'Gods' were worshipped in Athens but Paul didn't say, 'well, we all worship the same God, the same creator' – instead he said concerning the only true and living God that the inhabitants did not know "him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:23). Christians are to witness to the lost, not worship with them. ALL of these 'Gods' that LYNDA thinks are the same as the God of the Bible have their own 'plans of salvation' and in most cases they flatly contradict the Biblical truth concerning salvation. As for LYNDA's claim that 'you can have a deep relationship with God, whatever building you choose to go into – or not- on a Sunday morning' – the words of John 4:21-24 and 2nd Corinthians 6:14-18 totally repudiate that false assertion. "Truth" underpins a living relationship with God and "truth" resides alone in the Christ of the Bible (John 14:6) Christian 'love' rejoices only in "the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6)

<p>12. Would you be comfortable in stepping out from your own faith and trying to learn something from people of other faiths and denominations?</p>	<p>We all can learn something from people of other faiths and denominations.</p>	<p>The main thing we learn from 'people of other faiths and denominations' is usually how many of them reject the true God, Christ and Gospel as revealed in the Bible. False 'versions' of Christianity and non-Christian faiths teach us nothing about the truths that Salvation is by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone according to the Scriptures Alone and all to the Glory of God Alone. We also learn as I said in my comments on Q 11 that it is our responsibility to witness to such people (Acts 1:8). A final thing we might learn from them is to be as zealous to proclaim God's truths as they are to promote Satan's errors.</p>
<p>13. Are the churches here fulfilling their mission?</p>	<p>Many of them are. I see churches that (in normal times) are packed out, experiencing revival and walking in the spirit. Others are cold and dead. All things must evolve, or they become stuck, dated and out of touch. All should feel they are welcome in God's house and the Church must open to new ways of teaching without losing Jesus' key message.</p>	<p>Nowhere does LYNDIA specifically identify the mission of the Church. For me this mission is identified in Acts 2:42 - believers "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and prayers". The Church is to be a 'spiritual feeding station' for God's people and this verse outlines a good pattern for that mission. The comments about numbers, revival, walking in the spirit, are utterly subjective and bearing in mind some groupings that might in the eyes of many, fit the description, are no reliable guide to a 'mission-fulfilling' church. The injunction in God's Word "Believe not every spirit, but try (test) the spirits whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1) should be paramount in the age we are living in. Others referred to as being cold and dead may appear so to people like LYNDIA, but the Lord Himself might have a very different view – His assessment of the Church in Smyrna (Acts 2:8-11) would most likely run contrary to 'popular opinion' in many Church circles today. Finally, LYNDIA referred to 'Jesus' key message' – she doesn't define that 'key message' but perhaps it is about some sort of all-embracing love considering her answer to Q 7. For me the 'key message' of Jesus is summed up in these verses – Mark 1:15 "REPENT ye, and believe the gospel": Luke 13: 3 & 5 "Except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish". Paul confirmed this 'key message' in Acts 17:30 "But now (God) commandeth all men everywhere to REPENT". The mission of the Church is to 'spiritually feed' the saved and to 'evangelise' the lost. Unsaved are of course to be welcomed to Church services but, that aside, they should feel distinctly uncomfortable with what they hear and see – if not, that Church is not fulfilling its mission.</p>
<p>14. Why are so many people turning their backs on organised religion?</p>	<p>Because many churches have made it about religion and ritual and not about a relationship with God.</p>	<p>True Christians, in 'a relationship with God' recognise that the Bible shows clearly that 'the assembling of ourselves together' (Hebrews 10:25) will involve elements of 'religion' (defined as 'a system of faith and worship') and 'ritual' (such as 'baptism' and observing 'communion'). Acts 2:42 that I quoted in my comments on Q 13 is a good summary of those truly 'related' to God. Those who 'turn their backs' on such are more than likely Pseudo-Christians or unregenerate 'tares' as mentioned in the parable in Matthew 13:24-30.</p>

<p>15. Has religion helped or hindered the people of Northern Ireland?</p>	<p>Religion has been used as an excuse by too many people to justify intolerance and hatred. Religion with focus on love and respect – I'm all for that.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, in Northern Ireland, professing to be a Christian has at times been linked to holding to a particular political viewpoint or to having a particular sporting allegiance. Those links are wrong. The way for true Christians to 'love and respect' non-Christians is to acknowledge the 'great spiritual gulf' (Luke 16:26) that exists and to live as 'salt' and 'light' before them (Matthew 5:13-16). We must respect non-Christians as 'lost' fellow human beings (as we were: Ephesians 2:1-3) but we must not 'respect' (defined - 'to treat with esteem') any false religion (Exodus 20:1-2; John 4:23-24). True, biblical 'religion' has of course been to both the temporal and eternal benefit of countless people/souls in Northern Ireland.</p>
<p>16. What is your favourite film, book, music and why?</p>	<p>I love the Lord of the Rings trilogy and I'm a recent convert to audio books and podcasts. Books? Star of the Sea by Joseph O'Connor, The Red Tent by Anita Diamant and The Prophet by Kahil Gibran. Music? Anything played by my son Chris on his guitar – his music soothes me.</p>	<p>It was interesting to read LYNDA's selection of movies and books. I have to confess that Margaret and I went to see the first 'Lord of the Rings' film and only lasted about 45 minutes – it was just not 'our cup of tea'. Perhaps the most interesting point to note about LYNDA's choices were the religious views of those associated with them. J R R Tolkien who wrote 'Lord of the Rings' was a VERY devout 'Roman Catholic' (who influenced C S Lewis greatly); Joseph O'Connor was raised as a 'Roman Catholic' (his sister is the singer Sinead who has had a 'colourful mixture' of religious links in her life); Anita Diamant is actively involved in a 'modern' promotion of 'Judaism' (see https://www.mayyimhayyim.org/about/); Kahil Gibran was raised as a 'Maronite' (Eastern Catholic) but was later open to 'Theosophy' and 'Sufism'. Just as an observation, it was sad to note that no genuine Christian author was listed among her selection of favourite books.</p>
<p>17. Where do you feel closest to God?</p>	<p>In my garden, sowing, planting and growing.</p>	<p>This is quite a common response made by people when asked this question. I'm not sure that God wants His people to go down such a line of thinking. I think He wants us to 'know' and to 'feel' His closeness 24/7. He has promised "Io, I am with you ALWAYS" (Matthew 28:20), "I will NEVER leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5) and I believe He wants us to 'feel' the comfort of those promises at ALL times, whether in 'good' or 'bad' circumstances.</p>
<p>18. What inscription would you like on your gravestone, if any?</p>	<p>'I am not here. I am everywhere. And always present'.</p>	<p>In the light of biblical truth this is not what a faithful Christian would want on their gravestone. The person's body most certainly is there but their eternal soul is in one of two possible locations. Only God is 'everywhere' and 'always present'. The memory of someone may be 'always present' with those who mourn their passing but I am not persuaded that LYNDA was thinking of such in her answer – but I am open to correction. Elements of 'New Age' in all this.</p>
<p>19. Finally, have you any regrets?</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>As a Christian, I think my answer would have been along the lines of this article - http://www.inthineheart.com/2015/05/23/ill-wish-i-had-given-him-more/ and summed up in these words – 'I'll wish I had given Him more'.</p>

The sub-title of this article about **LYNDA** is '**Spiritually Suspect**'. The word '**Suspect**' in the **THESAURUS** of the **Collins English Dictionary** contains these definitions '**dubious, dodgy, iffy, questionable**' and those are the senses in which I have used the word because in the light of God's Word her '**spiritual**' views and beliefs are most definitely '**suspect**'.

My hope and prayer are that **LYNDA**, who possesses and exhibits many fine human qualities, will, by God's grace, be brought to a genuine understanding of "**Jesus Christ and him crucified**" (**1st Corinthians 2:2**) because in the light of her answers, on this core 'plank' of true Christianity, she is most certainly '**Spiritually Suspect**'.

Cecil Andrews – 'Take Heed' Ministries – 7th July 2021