

# JOURNEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY: 'Rip-Off Antrim'

A very popular consumer-protection programme on British TV is called **'RIP-OFF BRITAIN'** – one popular web site describes it in these terms **'Rip-Off Britain is a BBC One daytime series which exposes Britain's Rip-Offs.'**

The purpose of this article is to **'expose'** a **'Rip-Off'** that is being peddled by the self-styled **'Journey Community Church Antrim.'** This is not the first time that I have written about this group that styles itself as 'Christian' and later in this article I will give link-details and quote extracts from other warning articles I have written.

So, what is this latest cause for concern? Well the following link will take you to the web site of what they refer to as their **'JOURNEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY'** –

[https://www.journeyschoolofministry.com/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR7WE2e8cU9GF18VIKum36-IfpyBs2\\_nq6BcuLSylqzVLtTurGcVLQnWPRVDfw\\_aem\\_sF4BETiq7bDuPOQIMdZNMw](https://www.journeyschoolofministry.com/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR7WE2e8cU9GF18VIKum36-IfpyBs2_nq6BcuLSylqzVLtTurGcVLQnWPRVDfw_aem_sF4BETiq7bDuPOQIMdZNMw)

From the web site we learn – **'Journey School of Ministry will start on 7th September (2025) and finish on 31st May (2026)'** and will be split over 3 **'Semesters'**. Those enrolling can either be on a part-time or a full-time basis – **'a part-time option ... will cover most topics but some of the more advanced modules won't be included.'**

So, why have I sub-titled this article **'Rip-Off Antrim.'** Well, the first reason is that what is being offered is very 'far-removed' from what God's Word teaches and secondly the charges for the courses are, to say the least, exorbitant considering what is being offered.

What then is being offered? On the web site Homepage, under a 'banner' that reads **'WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?'** there are 4 headings –

## 1. SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY:

In this module, we will explore what it means to live life in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

We will cover topics such as spiritual gifts, the history of revival, **the five-fold ministry**, and the vital role of prophecy, evangelism, and prayer in advancing God's Kingdom.

We will also be studying healing, miracles, and **deliverance**, with the aim of equipping you to transform communities, empower believers, and walk boldly in the supernatural call of God on your life.

Prepare to be equipped and inspired to move in the fullness of God's power and presence.

As 'Journey Community Church' is virtually a satellite 'church' of the **BETHEL** 'Church' in Redding, California it is no surprise that they include reference to '**the five-fold ministry.**' What does this refer to? Well we find good help on this web site link –

<https://www.gotquestions.org/five-fold-ministry.html>

Here are some extracts from that article –

'The concept of the five-fold ministry comes from Ephesians 4: 11, "It was he who gave some to be (1) apostles, some to be (2) prophets, some to be (3) evangelists, and some to be (4) pastors and (5) teachers." Primarily as a result of this verse, some believe God has restored, or is restoring, the offices of apostle and prophet in the church today. Ephesians 4:12-13 tells us that the purpose of the five-fold ministry is, "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." **So, since the body of Christ definitely is not built up to unity in the faith and has not attained to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ, the thinking goes, the offices of apostle and prophet must still be in effect.**

However, Ephesians 2:20 informs us that the church is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone." If the apostles and prophets were the foundation of the church, are we still building the foundation? Although Jesus Christ is most definitely active in the church today, His role as the cornerstone of the church was completed with His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. **If the work of the cornerstone is, in that sense, complete, so must the work of the apostles and prophets, who were the foundation, be complete.**

The ongoing work of the apostles and prophets is manifested in the Holy Spirit speaking through and teaching us God's Word. **In that sense, the five-fold ministry is still active**

The 'mother-church' of **Journey**, namely **BETHEL**, claim that God does have living '**apostles**' and '**prophets**' today and for them that refers to '**apostle**' **Bill Johnson** and '**prophet**' **Kris Vallotton**. These claims are in short, spiritually fraudulent. The following articles are very helpful in this respect –

<https://www.scionofzion.com/apostles.htm>

<https://www.scionofzion.com/prophets.htm>

I also highlighted in **red** the term '**deliverance.**' This represents another fraudulent claim that permeates large swathes of charismatic 'Christianity.' Some years ago I wrote an article that included a section on supposed '**deliverance.**' The relevant portion of that article located on - <https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/July/Ellel-Ministries.pdf> read as follows –

**ELLEL MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

<http://ellel.org/>

This is a grouping that I came across many years ago and they were renowned for their very extreme charismatic views and practices. A former fellow contender, Alan Morrison, when he had a ministry and web site dedicated to exposing false teachings, heresies etc wrote an article that included the testimony of someone who had 'suffered' greatly through attending meetings at **ELLEL** so at this point I think the best thing to do is to give a link that will take you to that article. It is located on –

<http://www.spiritwatch.org/firstiversurvivor.htm>

Among the many videos I have had on my shelves is one that I recorded from TV back about 1995. It addressed a number of 'Christian' issues including 'healing' and '**deliverance.**' In the context of the latter there were some portions focusing on some very 'strange happenings' at **ELLEL**. As a follow-up and really to show that the lady in Alan Morrison's article was not exaggerating about the 'strange' goings-on at **ELLEL** you can view these segments on the following link –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4np2vNdGTI>

Moving from my own article, another helpful resource /article is located on this link

<https://sermons.logos.com/sermons/1068127-the-dangers-of-deliverance-ministries>

The next heading under '**WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?**' reads –

## **2. THEOLOGY:**

In this module, we will journey through the foundations of the Christian faith, diving into key topics such as apologetics, church history, and an in-depth study of both the Old and New Testaments.

We will also explore the significance of a biblical worldview, equipping you to understand and defend your faith with clarity and conviction.

This module will strengthen your **theological foundation**, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and empower you to live out your faith in a world that needs the truth of the Gospel.

That all sounds very good but unfortunately the 'track record' of **Journey Community** in Antrim shows that their practices and beliefs are at odds with a true and genuine biblical '**theological foundation.**'

By way of illustration of that let me cite several examples from articles I have written in previous times and which I referred to on page 1. In **March 2019** I wrote an article that can be viewed on this link –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2019/March/Kingdom-Come-Conference-April-2019.pdf>

The article warned against a conference (**Kingdom Come**) being staged by **Journey Community** in Belfast (**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April 2019**). Here are some extracts from it that illustrate the bad **'theological foundation'** of Journey –

### **EXTRACT 1:**

On this link <https://journeycommunity.co.uk/core-values> details are given of the group's **'Core Values'** – amounting to ten in number. I want to comment on **number 8**

**God is Good:**

**We believe that God is not mad at us, He desires for us to prosper. Jesus reveals the love and priorities of the Father in His life and sacrifice as we see described in Hebrews 1:2-3.**

No true believer would deny that **'God is Good'** but the words that then follow need to be carefully scrutinised. It is true that for genuine believers **'God is not mad at us'** because the shed blood of our Saviour has propitiated His wrath (**Romans 3:25**).

However, any unbeliever looking at this statement, might mistakenly think this phrase **'God is not mad at us'** applied to him or her when of course it doesn't because the words of **John 3:36** are quite clear **"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God ABIDETH on him."**

**Cecil** – interestingly the wording of **'number 8'** has been 'tweaked' since I wrote my article and now reads in part – **'We believe that God is not against us but for us, His judgement was finalised through the cross of Christ. He desires for us to prosper.'** Despite these changes the lack of distinguishing clarity between the state of a believer and an unbeliever still remains.

### **EXTRACT 2:**

On this link <https://journeycommunity.co.uk/journeycounselling> we read the following

**'Journey Counselling is overseen by Dr Julia Muir who has over 25 years counselling experience as a Theotherapist. Theotherapy was pioneered by Dr Mark Rivera and is used all over the world, it is governed by Christian Counselling International.'**

Possibly you are thinking to yourself – what on earth is **Theotherapy** – well, if so, join the club, for this was also new terminology to me. However, after some research, I have discovered that it is simply the latest re-packaging of **an occultic practice** that has been 'doing the rounds' for decades within professing Christendom.

**Cecil** – over the next several pages of my article I show how **Theotherapy** is just the latest ‘manifestation’ of an occultic practice that has been particularly promoted by what is known as ‘**The New Age Movement.**’

### **EXTRACT 3:**

The link to the upcoming conference <https://www.kingdomcomeconference.com/> gives details of those from **Bethel** who will be speaking at the conference, namely **Eric Johnson, Chris Cruz, Jordan DiMarco and Kristene DiMarco**. On this link <http://bethelredding.com/staff/senior-team> you will see that **Eric Johnson’s** name is there and he is in fact the son of the main senior leaders, ‘**Apostle**’ **Bill Johnson** and his wife, **Beni**.

In relation to **Jordan DiMarco** his photo is linked to the **Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry** (listed on this link <http://www.bethelredding.com/ministries>) and then on this link, we learn that students from the **BSSM** will be at the conference <https://www.kingdomcomeconference.com/bssm>

Should we have any concerns about this **Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry**? The answer is most definitely ‘**yes**’. This link will take you to an informative article - <https://bereanresearch.org/bethel-school-of-supernatural-ministry-soaking-declaring-and-spinning-into-delusion/> and the article begins with these words –

‘Rick Becker exposes the **occult practices** that are going on inside Bethel Church in Redding CA through its **School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM)**, or as students like to call it “**Christian Hogwarts.**” Becker shows the ways in which undiscerning “**Christians,**” especially the younger generation, are being deceived by wolves in sheep’s clothing who are looked up to, some even idolized, because of their celebrity status. Two highly esteemed Bethel Church celebs are Bethel’s Senior Wizard Pastor and so-called “**apostle**” **Bill Johnson**, and Senior Associate Wizard Leader and one of BSSM’s founders **Kris Vallotton.**’

**Cecil** – sadly, as I write this article, a team from the **Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry** along with a man called **Paul Manwaring** (who was heavily influenced by BSSM many years ago) are preparing to take part in a conference in Belfast organised by ‘**Crown Jesus Ministries**’ – a major red-flag for where **CJM** is concerned. In conclusion, this ‘**Kingdom Come**’ article also details a number of other issues that ‘fly in the face’ of a sound ‘**theological foundation.**’

In **July 2022** I again wrote about another upcoming ‘**Kingdom Come**’ conference and that article can be viewed on this link –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2022/July/kingdom-come-conference-antrim-august-2022.pdf>

Having just mentioned **'Crown Jesus Ministries'** there is reference to them and also other matters of concern in **my closing summary** to that article which reads as follows  
Is there anything that I would add by way of warning to what I wrote back in 2019? Well, there are a number of things.

1. If you have access to Facebook then this page is **well worth visiting** - <https://www.facebook.com/BethelChurchandChristianity>
2. One of the speakers at this year's conference is **Keith 'Mitch' Mitchell** of **'Crown Jesus Ministries** – his participation in this conference is yet more evidence of why he and **CJM** are not to be trusted as I pointed out in my previous articles located on –
  - (a) <https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2020/March/crown-jesus-ministries-team-concerns.pdf>
  - (b) <https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2019/October/Crown-Jesus-Ministries.pdf>
3. A recent helpful article on the subject of **'Bethel and Healing'** can be accessed on this link - <https://fitl.co.za/2022/04/28/bethels-false-teaching-on-healing/>
4. Another speaker listed for August is **Dr Julia Muir**, mentioned in my previous article in connection with a **'hocus-pocus'** practice known as **THEOTHERAPY**. You can read about its **'dark pedigree'** from page 3 onwards in my 2019 article.
5. In my (final) closing comments below I make reference to **the dark supernatural realm** that Bethel will introduce people to – am I alone in this assessment – 'no' – as this helpful article details - <https://fitl.co.za/2021/07/13/rediscovering-bethel-divination-mysticism-and-vain-imaginations/>

**Cecil** – once more the sand-based **'theological foundation'** of **Journey Community** (and to a degree **'Crown Jesus Ministries'**) has been laid bare.

I wrote a further article in **July 2023** about the upcoming **'Kingdom Come'** conference being staged in August of that year and it can be viewed on this link –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2023/July/kingdom-come-conference-antrim-august-2023.pdf>

In the article I critiqued the track records of two of the guest speakers lined up namely **Paul Reid** and **Lou Engle** and I concluded with these words –

**'Taken together, Paul Reid and Lou Engle are sufficient reasons for faithful Christians to avoid like the plague this Kingdom Come conference as it is not biblically designed to advance the true 'kingdom' of the Lord Jesus Christ.'**

The whole **'theological foundation'** of that conference was just as **UNSTABLE** as the foundations of the previous conferences organised by **Journey Community**.

The next heading under **'WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?'** reads –

### **3. IDENTITY:**

In our Identity module we will explore what it means to walk in the fullness of who God made you to be.

We will cover topics such as the concept of **the home, healthy leadership, and the foundations of Christian ethics**.

We'll examine **the role of parenting** and how to make godly lifestyle choices that align with our identity in Christ.

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 I posted a short article (based on an earlier Facebook post I had made) in relation to a 'sermon' delivered by **JOHN ASHE** the senior 'pastor' of **Journey Community**. The link to that article is –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2025/January/john-ashe-vulgarity.pdf>

Virtually the opening words of my article read as follows –

Last Sunday morning, 12th January 2025, the subject of 'Pastor' John Ashe's 'sermon' was sex. I was alerted to it by a friend and in consequence today I listened to it or perhaps 'endured' it might be a better word.

It was unbelievably and utterly vulgar to say the least and of course filled with much coarse 'humour' which some in the audience obviously appreciated.

Towards the end of the article I wrote –

In closing I want to make mention of his closing heresy. He stated that **Adam was the 'first transgender'** because he was both male and female and claimed the Bible taught this. This is a total perversion of Genesis 1: 27 & 28. There we read –

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he HIM; male and female created he THEM. And God blessed THEM, and God said unto THEM, be fruitful and multiply".

If you like, in these verses we see a 'prequel' to what is revealed in more detail in Genesis 2: 18, 21-25.

The Lord Himself endorsed this truth in Mark 10: 6 "But from the beginning of the creation God made THEM male and female" and also in Matthew 19: 4 "Have ye not read that he which made THEM at the beginning made THEM male and female".

Where did John Ashe get this unbiblical nonsense from - most likely from 'Prophet' Kris Vallotton of the NAR BETHEL 'church' in Redding CA who have turned Journey Community Antrim into virtually a 'satellite church' of their group.

This was written by Mr Vallotton - 'What I'm getting at is that God, it takes a male and a female. To actually represent the nature of God, because **God made Adam both male and female.**'

<https://podcast.krisvallotton.com/womens-liberation>

If you can 'stomach it' the 'sermon' can be viewed on the following link  
(from 51.45)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACrZtm6qme0>

Moving on from that 'sermon' I want now to focus on an incident that happened involving a baptised male member of **Journey Community** and a 13-year-old girl that he met at the church. The details of what happened can be read on this link –

<https://www.sundayworld.com/crime/courts/paedophile-who-preyed-on-schoolgirl-13-he-met-through-church-is-jailed/a1712009520.html>

This is how another newspaper covered the story

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# Church predator left schoolgirl with PTSD

**13-YEAR-OLD PLAGUED BY NIGHTMARES AFTER PERVERT'S SEX ATTACK**

**By Paul Higgins**

**THIS is the predator who sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl he met through a church.**

Matthew Higham admitted attacking his victim, who was left plagued with PTSD and nightmares, on June 23 this year.

Antrim Crown Court heard a further charge of sexual assault by penetration was to be left on the books.

Freeing Higham, from Coolsythe Road in Randalstown, on bail, Judge Alistair Devlin urged him to cooperate with probation services ahead of sentencing on January 11.

He added that given the guilty plea, he was required to sign the sex offenders register.

Speaking out after the case, the victim's mum said Higham feigned concern for her daughter's wellbeing.

"He is an absolute predator and he's left my daughter suffering from PTSD, flashbacks and nightmares to such an extent that I'm having to sleep on her floor every night and she's been prescribed beta blockers and sedatives. Just imagine having to drug your 13-year-old daughter.

"Higham added loads of young ones and women at the church to his social media profiles, and I'm convinced he used the Snapchat app because he knows that messages disappear."

Two weeks before he attacked the schoolgirl, Higham texted her mum.

Referencing the murder of Chloe Mitchell in Ballymena, he said he hoped she didn't mind, but he had texted her daughter to "make sure when she's out to keep safe and close to home and [have] her phone on her at all times".

He continued: "I literally feel sick at the thought of what's happened to that poor girl."

While the details of the case have not been outlined, Higham is understood to have touched the schoolgirl inappropriately.

Afterwards, he posted on social media he had just been on a six-mile hike and his mind had "never been as clear".

The case is not the first time Higham has faced accusations of sexual impropriety.

A woman claimed to police that he raped her in the summer of 2020.

While officers looked into the allegations, the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) wrote to him in June last year to say it had decided to take the case no further action "based on the evidence available".

The schoolgirl's mum is convinced Higham has carried out more than one attack.

She said: "I am sure that my daughter is not the only victim, but she's the one who's been brave enough to come forward and expose this creep for what he is.

"If there are any others out there, maybe they should do the same."

Asked about the decision not to prosecute, a spokesperson for the PPS said: "It would be inappropriate to make any comment about offences not before the court until after sentencing."

**VIL: Matthew Higham**



And this was the 'predator' being baptised with  
'Pastor' John Ashe on the right at the back



My only comment is that both **Journey Community** and **John Ashe** failed miserably when confronted with this situation.

In the light of these 2 instances, I have no doubt that **Journey Community, John Ashe** in particular, are the last people to be giving advice on **'the foundations of Christian ethics'** and **'the role of parenting.'**

The next heading under **'WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?'** reads –

#### **4. WE SERVE OPPORTUNITIES:**

For our full time students there will be lots of opportunities to serve our communities throughout the week with our **We Serve initiative**. This will include being involved in projects that help the most vulnerable in our society to feel loved and valued. (Cecil – reproduced as posted by JCC)

**John Ashe** was supposedly saved out of a Roman Catholic background although that hasn't stopped him being involved with Roman Catholics in ecumenical initiatives such as the ecumenical 'Healing the Land' prayer gathering at Nutts Corner – I am working from memory on that one and am more than willing to be corrected and apologise if wrong. Perhaps that background influences his thinking on the **We Serve Initiative**.

So, in conclusion, why did I subtitle this article 'Rip-Off Antrim?' On this link <https://www.journeyschoolofministry.com/faq> the question is posed 'How much does it cost?' and the answer given is as follows –

**Full Time course - £1,450**

**Part Time course - £850**

**Payments can be made in full on or before 31st August.**

**An installment plan is available where payments can be made during the course of the year in 4 Equal Payments.**

**Payment 1 - Before August 31st**

**Payment 2 - Before November 15th**

**Payment 3 - Before February 15th**

**Payment 4 - Before April 30<sup>th</sup>**

One online definition of the term 'rip-off' reads as follows – **“Rip-off” is an informal term that refers to something that is overpriced or a scam, or an act of cheating someone by making them pay too much or selling them something of poor quality.** In the light of that definition there is no doubt in my mind that this 'Journey School of Ministry' is **overpriced** and represents **something of poor quality**.

My prayer is that not many, if any, will be seduced into parting with their money to attend this planned 'school.'

**Cecil Andrews – 'Take Heed' Ministries – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**