

CHURCH of ENGLAND:

'IGNORA SCRIPTURA'

Today the Church of England unveiled their nomination for the next Archbishop of Canterbury. In the wake of that announcement I posted the following on Facebook –

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The nomination for the new 'Archbishop' of Canterbury has been announced as you can read on this link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2lxyxqzxxkdo>

It is a lady called Sarah Mullally. I don't know if there is such a Latin word as 'Ignora' (even though I passed A level Latin 😊) but I think most people will know what I'm getting at namely that for the Church of England 'Sola Scriptura' is clearly a totally foreign concept.

GOD's WORD states in 1st Timothy 2: 11-12

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man but to be in silence."

John MacArthur's commentary on these verses is helpful –

'Women are not to be public teachers when the church assembles, but neither are they to be shut out of the learning process ... Paul is commanding that women be taught in the church. That was a novel concept, since neither first century Judaism nor Greek culture held women in high esteem. Some of the women in Ephesus probably ... took advantage of their opportunity in the church by seeking a dominant role in leadership. "Silence" (quiet) and "submission" (to line up under) were to characterize the role of a woman as a learner in the context of the church assembly.

Paul explains his meaning in v 12: Women are to be silent by not teaching, and they are to demonstrate submission by not usurping the authority of the pastors or elders' ... Paul is forbidding women from filling the office and role of the pastor or teacher. He is not prohibiting them from teaching in other appropriate conditions and circumstances (cf. Acts 18:26; Titus 2:3-4) ... Paul forbids women from exercising any type of authority over men in the church assembly, since the elders are those who rule. They are all to be men (as is clear from the requirements in Titus 3: 2, 5).

GOD's WORD has clearly been totally ignored ('ignora') with this nomination.

I could also have cited the comments of Matthew Henry who wrote

According to Paul, women must be learners, and are not allowed to be public teachers in the church; for teaching is an office of authority, and the woman must not usurp authority over the man, but is to be in silence.

But, notwithstanding this prohibition, good women may and ought to teach their children at home the principles of religion.

Timothy from a child had known the holy scriptures; and who should teach him but his mother and grandmother? 2 Timothy 3:15.

Aquila and his wife Priscilla expounded unto Apollos the way of God more perfectly; but then they did it privately,
for they took him unto them, Acts 18:26.

In the recent decades of rampant ecumenism the incumbent Archbishops of Canterbury have often been welcomed to meet their 'brother in Christ' the Pope at the Vatican. It will be interesting to see how the current Pope Leo XIV reacts to this planned appointment especially with the upcoming visit of King Charles and his wife to the Vatican – see –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn0xykpdje8o>

Also, keep in mind that King Charles holds the position of
'The Supreme Governor of The Church of England.'

In an article on <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance>
we read the following –

'The King appoints archbishops, bishops and deans of cathedrals on the advice of the Prime Minister.' The Prime Minister is of course Sir Keir Starmer who reportedly has said **'I am not of faith, I don't believe in god, but I can see the power of faith and the way it brings people together,'** - see article on

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2022/09/10/atheist-keir-starmer-avoids-reference-god-pledge-loyalty-king/>

The signs over The Vatican and Canterbury should both read

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