

PREMIER 'Christian' RADIO: Avoid their 'VOICE OF HOPE' daily readings.

PREMIER 'Christian' RADIO have over the past year or so sought to extend their influence in and increase support from all parts of the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland. As with other so-called 'Christian' media outlets the schedule on offer includes good (like 'Grace to You' with John MacArthur) and downright bad (like 'Changing your World' with Creflo Dollar and 'Across the Pond' with Tony Campolo). At least with a good measure of biblical discernment God's people can select the 'good' and discard 'the bad'.

As a means of heightening their profile **PREMIER** have been distributing free printed copies of "**VOICE OF HOPE**" - described as "**Daily Readings to Deepen Your Faith**". I have just browsed through '**ISSUE 5**' and in the light of what I have read I would issue a '**Spiritual Health Warning**' and recommend that these be avoided by God's people.

They appear to have been compiled by **Dr Micha Jazz** whose **HOPE** is expressed in these terms - "**All the staff at premier, along with Micha Jazz, hope that these 40 devotionals will challenge, encourage and build you up in your Christian faith**".

On '**Day 17**' - we read "**Early in my Christian life, as an evangelical charismatic I learnt to be deeply suspicious of Roman Catholics, almost as if they were a cult** (Cecil - which is precisely what Roman Catholicism is)... **Sadly the more we are positional and make judgements of others, especially within the same family of Christians, the less appealing and authentic our message of acceptance, forgiveness and grace appears... Perhaps in place of judging someone else, I might inquire as to why they think the way they do; not to shoot them down the moment they conclude their explanation.**" (Cecil - Paul didn't hesitate to "shoot down" the Judaisers in Galatians 1:6-9 and Roman Catholicism is the modern-day equivalent of the Judaisers).

Then on '**Day 36**' he writes - "**Over the next five days I want you to accompany me through these pages on a pilgrimage... Last year I returned once again to Assisi, Italy, famous as the birthplace of St Francis... Our first point of reflection was the Cathedral of San Rufino and the font where Francis was baptized... it was his initial marking of the cross and the point at which his parents committed him to God by proxy, although they never anticipated how that commitment would express itself through their son's radical later ministry**" (Cecil - Francis remained a loyal, unregenerate Roman Catholic priest during his "later radical ministry").

'Day 37' - "Francis himself slowly discovered the God who was calling him (Cecil – not the God of the Bible). Initially a dream, then the voice of God and finally the embrace of a leper were the divine encounters (Cecil – deceptions once one goes beyond 'Sola Scriptura') that confirmed Francis to lay aside all his earthly privileges and opportunities to dedicate his life solely to God's service. As I lead the pilgrims to the basilica dedicated to St Clare, we gather in the piazza and I explain about the voice that called Francis to his godly work. Inside the basilica hangs the San Damiano cross... a twelfth-century crucifix... As he prayed, gazing upon this cross HE HEARD the voice of God instruct him to 'Repair my church'. Francis in that moment discovered his destiny".

The **'devotions'** for **'Days 38-40'** contain further false suggestions that **'St Francis'** was a bona-fide Christian culminating perhaps in these words **"As pilgrims, back in Assisi, we enter the basilica and make our way to Francis' tomb. HERE WE KNEEL and take time to simply consider our own mortality"**.

Francis of Assisi was a devout Roman Catholic and in the entry for him on the Catholic Encyclopedia web site located on <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06221a.htm> we read

"Francis's lightsomeness had its source in that entire surrender of everything present and passing, in which he had found the interior liberty of the children of God; it drew its strength from his intimate union with Jesus in the Holy Communion. The mystery of the Holy Eucharist, being an extension of the Passion, held a preponderant place in the life of Francis, and he had nothing more at heart than all that concerned the cultus of the Blessed Sacrament. Hence we not only hear of Francis conjuring the clergy to show befitting respect for everything connected with the Sacrifice of the Mass, but we also see him sweeping out poor churches, questing sacred vessels for them, and providing them with altar-breads made by himself".

Francis clearly fully embraced all the false claims that Rome makes for her 'Sacrifice of the Mass'. Interestingly we also read in this entry – **"Recent years have witnessed a truly remarkable up growth of interest in the life and work of St. Francis, more especially among non-Catholics, and Assisi has become in consequence the goal of a new race of pilgrims"**. Presumably **Micha Jazz** and his fellow travellers constitute part of that **"new race of pilgrims"** who appear to be being seduced by Rome's 'gloss' on her 'faithful heroes'.

I hope what I have shared explains fully why I would warn people to **avoid** these **"VOICE OF HOPE"** daily readings issued by **PREMIER 'Christian' Radio**.

