

“Take Heed” Ministries

December 2013

Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed’,

In my **January – June 2013** ministry update sent to you earlier this year I gave details of the sad death of **Doug Harris** who had chaired the two live Revelation TV debates that I had taken part in during 2012. I also mentioned another programme that had been recorded but not broadcast and in which I shared my testimony with Doug and also spoke of the work of **‘Take Heed’**. In addition I enclosed with that ministry update a **‘STOP PRESS’** announcement that this recorded programme was scheduled to be broadcast several times on Revelation TV in the latter part of June and it duly was (and has also been repeated a number of times since then).

Enclosed with this letter is a DVD of that programme and I pray that it may be a blessing to you. For those living outside the UK it is possible that this PAL DVD may only play either on your computer or on a ‘multi-zone’ DVD player – I do apologise to those living outside the UK that I don’t have any NTSC DVD copies. If sadly you can’t play this PAL DVD, there is no need to return it to me.

For those reading this letter ‘ONLINE’ you can view this DVD by going to
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1P7-YAN1hEU>

This year has seen the extent and influence of **‘Take Heed’** worldwide grow considerably, due very much to the enthusiasm and forward-thinking of my volunteer web master. Currently on the ministry **YouTube site** we have around **84 assorted videos and talks** posted and in excess of **68,500 viewings** have been recorded. The televised debate that I had last year with Jesuit priest Keith McMillan on the subject of **‘Mary’** has been viewed over **11,500 times**. The recorded talk that my invited guest, Justin Peters, gave a few years ago in Lurgan Baptist, on the subject of the **‘Health and Wealth Gospel’**, has been seen by almost **10,300 people**. The video of another invited guest, Pastor Gary Gilley, on the subject of **‘The Emerging Church’** has currently **2660 ‘hits’** and the opening session of last year’s debate on **‘The Eucharist’** as presented by my good brother in Christ, Rob Zins, currently has been viewed by **3430 people**.

These videos and talks on **YouTube** (for which ‘subscribers have more than doubled to in excess of 400 since my June letter) have generated considerable feedback – mostly positive and encouraging but on occasions have included challenges from those who disagree and these have often actually resulted in further witnessing opportunities.

Another ‘outlet’ for spreading abroad **‘Take Heed’** information and warnings has been my **Facebook** site that my web master, initially reluctantly on my part, ‘talked me into’ last year – however he has been proved to be absolutely right as again this has been a most useful avenue for widely distributing ‘instant information’.

Just by way of example herewith are extracts from two encouragements received -

Dear Cecil, what a wonderful presentation/message you gave on 'Seducing Spirits'. Be assured that you, your family and ministry are upheld in prayer as you serve/exalt our Lord in this fallen world. From your brother in Christ, D T (Western Australia)

Cecil, your honesty is equal to your zeal to preach the TRUE Word of Christ! Once again, thank you so much for your patience and your directing me to these very helpful links. Your opinions mean a great deal to me as they assist me in furthering my studies and research of the Word in order to remain accurate. As you know, there are so many "Christians", self proclaimed, who preach and teach what Satan wants and not what God wants, and so few who are brave enough to represent the true Gospel publicly and have the motivation to debate as you do. Keep up the great work. I will pray for your ministry and your health. In Christ's service, M L (USA).

As well as **YouTube** and **Facebook** the **ministry web site** itself continues to be visited by many (now over 304,000 visits) and a steady stream of articles have been added since my last letter to you – mostly written by myself but a couple by solid fellow-contenders such as **Shaun Willcock** of '**Bible Based Ministries**' in South Africa and former priest **Richard Bennett** of '**The Berean Beacon**' based in Texas.

The article written by Shaun Willcock examined 'the ministry' of his fellow countryman, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and what a revelation it was of the absolutely horrendous and heretical views of Mr Tutu. Just a few quotes of what Mr Tutu has said on various occasions will suffice to illustrate his diabolical views –

"It may be that Jesus was an illegitimate son"; "The Holy Spirit is not limited to the Christian Church... The Holy Spirit shines through [Gandhi]"; "Thank God I am black. White people will have a lot to answer for at the last judgment"; "I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven... No, I would say sorry, I mean I would much rather go to the other place... I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this".

The article by Richard Bennett examined the supposed revolutionary and reforming views of Pope Francis but showed that in reality he is every bit as traditional as all his predecessors when it comes to defending the core doctrines of Roman Catholicism. In his article Richard wrote –

"Within the Vatican, he is seen as being courageous and as going against the current... initiating a revolution in the Catholic Church... by disturbing superficial bits of the status quo here and there... Do all these revolutionary deeds mean that Pope Francis may be a Martin Luther or a John Calvin in the making? He is anything but! What he has written regarding questions of Vatican doctrine is totally in conformity with traditional Roman dogma... his first Encyclical (his words that truly count) shows him to be the subservient, compliant, traditional servant of the Vatican Curia".

Assorted Warnings for people to 'Take Heed'

As I stated earlier, as well as the 'guest' articles by Shaun and Richard there were also a number of articles written by myself and a few of these included the following

In recent years the influence of an American minister called **Tim Keller** has grown and expanded but in an article I had to confess that I was concerned by some of his views – two in particular. One was his admiration for the teachings of **Ignatius Loyola** who was the founder of **The Jesuits**. The other was his promotion of '**Theistic Evolution**' which of course rejects the truth of God's literal 6-day creation as set forth in Genesis. Also, in a TV interview, Mr. Keller was less than convincing in his response when he was asked if he would affirm that Christ alone is the only Savior and the only way to Heaven. Since writing my article I have read several chapters of a book called '**Engaging with Keller**' in which well qualified pastors and ministers examine a range of theological views held by Mr. Keller and it has been personally encouraging to see them express many of my own reservations about his beliefs and the often questionable sources that have helped shape his views (C S Lewis for example). The book is published by Evangelical Press (ISBN 978-085234-928-1)

A further example of the ongoing assault upon THE central tenet of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, namely '**Penal Substitution**' (that as a substitute for sinners Christ bore the WRATH of God upon The Cross) came to light when one of the American Presbyterian denominations wanted the lines of the hymn '**In Christ Alone**' which read, '**Till on that Cross as Jesus died, the WRATH of God was satisfied**' to be re-written (removing any reference to God's WRATH) otherwise they would not include it in a new hymn book they were assembling. Thankfully the author of the hymn refused to back down in the face of their request and as a result the hymn was excluded. In my article I wrote "**If Christ did not 'satisfy' the wrath of God on the cross in the sense of removing/expiating our guilt as sinners then the wrath of God would still remain on us just as it does with all unsaved people**" (John 3:36).

Two articles addressed very questionable and disturbing contributions on Radio Ulster's '**Thought for the Day**'. As it happened both were by neighboring Presbyterian ministers with congregations on the outskirts of Belfast. One was by a female minister, **Liz Hughes** of Whitehouse and the other was by **John Dickinson** of Carnmoney. In the first, Mrs. Hughes was extolling the blessings of twice having attended Roman Catholic 'Masses' (even though she couldn't participate – a matter of regret for her) and this linked in with a newspaper column in the Belfast Telegraph by one of her elders, **Alf McCreary**, who had also attended separately a Roman Catholic 'Mass' and like Mrs. Hughes lamented the fact that he couldn't participate. This '**Thought**' and the newspaper item led me to question if Mrs. Hughes and Mr. McCreary are quite simply "**Blind leaders of the blind**" (Matthew 15:12-14).

The article dealing with what **John Dickinson** had said on Radio Ulster related to his endorsement of a story originally told by the liberal/ecumenical/politico-social gospel promoter called Jim Wallis. It told of the welcome extended to the establishment of an Islamic Centre in America by a next-door neighbor 'Christian' church. The welcome included allowing their church premises to be used for an Islamic, Ramadan-linked festival and also to the encouragement of social intermingling between the members of the Church and their Muslim neighbors. Quite simply I pointed out that the American church were putting '**love for neighbor**' above '**love for God**' thus reversing the stated order set forth in the 10 Commandments. The first commandment was in my view breached by 'the welcome' extended to the establishment of a centre used for radical non-Christian worship (where the Deity and Death of the Lord Jesus Christ are openly and strongly denied). In addition, the desire to promote active social intermingling ignored the clear warnings given to God's Old Testament people in Joshua 23 & 24 – for example "**they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes**" Joshua 23:13 – warnings which are every bit as relevant for God's people today.

Other worrying aspects of the ministries of these two Radio contributors included their joint hosting of the ecumenical '**Alpha Course**' and the use of a Roman Catholic retreat centre for Alpha's 'Holy Spirit Weekend' – a location also used by another Presbyterian minister, **Allen Sleith** of Newtownards, for a Congregational weekend and which he mentioned in a Belfast Telegraph article. My overall thought in the light of all these happenings was expressed as follows - "**So-called 'evangelicalism' is in a very sorry state in many places in Northern Ireland.**"

As 2014 approaches your prayers in particular for 2 ministry trips are very much coveted. In March I hope (DV) to speak in Stoke on the subject of '**Is Jesus God?**' - using my presentation from the Muslim public debate that I took part in last year in Dublin with Adnan Rashid. Then in May (DV) I hope to be in Canada (ON and BC) where I am due to be speaking on possibly 8-10 occasions in just over three weeks.

I want to close by thanking each of you for your support of '**Take Heed**' whether prayerful or practical and in so many cases both. Please do continue to pray for Margaret and me and if you would like to support practically then please make use of the enclosed yellow ****'support letter'**** Sincerely in Christ,

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