

# Take Heed” Ministries

**DECEMBER 2011**

**Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed’,**

The close of my first year of **‘part-tirement’** is rapidly approaching and I can honestly say that my workload with **‘Take Heed’** has not diminished by any noticeable or dramatic degrees.

Although I no longer issue **‘News From The Front’** I have been extremely busy through being engaged on various writing projects that have been posted to the ministry web site. In addition I have spoken in a wide variety of locations in Northern Ireland on various assorted topics and as ever I have had numerous inquiries for help and information via the Internet from believers in many places dotted around the world.

**As you will read later, 2012 is shaping up to be both busy and challenging, and I commend the matters detailed on the yellow enclosure to your prayerful and, if possible, practical support.**

Since the issue of my interim ‘Review Letter’ to you in June I have been working at writing responses to a number of articles that were sent anonymously to me in the post. These were predominantly pro-Roman Catholic articles. I have received similar anonymous mailings in the past and normally consigned them to the bin but on this occasion I felt exercised to prepare responses to them, showing where Rome goes wrong and of course proclaiming the glorious truths about Christ and Calvary. To date the following responses have been written and posted to the ministry web site –

1. Does Christ’s Sacrifice continue?
2. Is Robert Sungenis right about ‘being saved’?  
[Supposed ‘Evangelical’ convert to Rome]
3. Is the Mass a Propitiatory Sacrifice?
4. Is Christ in The Eucharist? [Part 1]
5. Is Christ in The Eucharist? [Part 2]

I hope to pen a 'third part' response to 'Is Christ in The Eucharist' [dealing with 'grace'] and also to address 'Justification' in a further separate article so your prayers for these matters will be much appreciated.

As well as dealing with these issues the following articles have also been posted over recent months to the ministry web site –

### **ADULTERY**

#### **'Evolutionary Claims versus Christ's Explanation'**

This article was sparked by ludicrous claims reported in a Belfast Telegraph article that according to Dr Helen Fisher of Rutgers University in New Jersey '*From a Darwinian perspective... men are genetically programmed to commit adultery*'. I simply pointed out that such immoral behaviour is not down to 'genetic programming' but to a 'deceitful heart' (Jeremiah 17:9) and adultery and all kinds of sins emanate from it (Matthew 15:18-20).

### **Responding to Allen Sleith's Belfast Telegraph**

#### **'Thought For The Weekend' of 16 July 2011**

On the white photocopy enclosure herewith you will see the article that was penned by Mr Sleith and also my response\* that was published on 20 July 2011.

(Cecil - The heading to my published letter was chosen by the paper and is not to my liking)

### **SHANE CLAIRBORNE in BALLYMENA**

Also on the other side of the white photocopy enclosure you will see an advert that appeared in the Belfast Telegraph of 13 August 2011 giving details of various assorted meetings being held in Ballymena in conjunction with a visit there by Shane Claiborne. In an interview situation some years ago with Tony Campolo, in response to a Claiborne question about whether or not to evangelise Muslims, Campolo asserted that '*We don't have to give up trying to convert each other. What we have to do is show respect to one another. And to speak to each other with a sense that even if people don't convert, they are God's people, God loves them*'.

In response Shane Claiborne said '*That seems like a healthy distinction—between converting and condemning. One of the barriers seems to be the assumption that we have the truth and folks who experience things differently will all go to Hell. How do we unashamedly maintain a healthy desire for others to experience the love of God as we have experienced it without condemning others who experience God differently*'.

Also in the article I quoted where basically Shane Claiborne, viewed by some as an 'emergent Leader' had served part of his 'apprenticeship' by working alongside 'Mother Teresa' in India.

### **VULGAR VISIONS of MARK DRISCOLL**

This article highlighted claims made by Mark Driscoll (leader of a large 'trendy' and supposedly Reformed work in Seattle USA) that God had given him clear visions of problems being experienced by couples due to graphic immoral behaviour that supposedly God had shown to him. Mark Driscoll was the lead speaker at the 2010 Mandate men's conference in Belfast and in the March 2009 News From The Front I warned of 'his approach to preaching' and in a further web site article in 2010 prior to the Mandate conference I again identified his vulgar use of language and vulgar teachings through 'scripture-twisting'.

**US Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney  
IS a MORMON and IS NOT a CHRISTIAN**

This article was prompted by so-called 'Evangelical' Christian personalities openly declaring that they viewed Mitt Romney as a Christian even though he and his forefathers have been leading figures in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century days of Mormonism (His great-great grandfather was a Mormon 'Apostle'). The so-called 'Evangelical' Christians were the elderly Pat Robertson, a former US Presidential candidate himself, who for many years hosted 'The 700 Club' on the American TV 'Christian Broadcasting Network' that he founded and the more youthful Joel Osteen who 'pastors' a very user-friendly 'church' in Houston, Texas. Back in my June 2007 News From The Front I issued a warning about the problems associated with Mr Osteen's 'ministry'. This notion of 'Christians' viewing Mormons as 'fellow Christians' was heavily influenced by such a declaration from former US President Jimmy Carter who for many years was a member of the Southern Baptist grouping in America. The purpose of this article was to totally refute any such notion that Mormons are genuine Christians not to suggest that Mr Romney should be debarred because of his religion from becoming President – many holders of that office have been non-Christians such as the present incumbent despite his claims to the contrary.

**Maynooth Community Church promotes the Jesuit 'cause'**

This article highlighted the almost unbelievable fact that in Maynooth Community Church, the latest congregation (and one located in the Republic of Ireland) to be incorporated into the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, they have been holding special meetings to promote the 'spiritual exercises' of Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits whose mission has of course been to basically overturn the Reformation. What compounded the incredulity was that they didn't engage a Jesuit Priest to give these talks, no, they engaged Presbyterian Minister, Tom Wilson of Kilmakee Presbyterian Church located near Lisburn. Mr Wilson apparently credits these 'exercises' with helping his own spiritual development. My December 2010 (and last) News From The Front reported on a conference that had been held at Maynooth College (where priest are trained) diabolically linking together John Calvin and Ignatius Loyola. These current talks are some of the rotten fruit being harvested from that event.

I mentioned earlier about hopes and plans for 2012. Currently these include firstly, in response to requests, a ministry trip in April [DV] to Wales and Somerset to speak at 3 fellowships and update them on the current deceptions and challenges facing God's people.

Secondly, the 50<sup>th</sup> '**World Eucharistic Congress**' is scheduled to be held in June 2012 in Dublin. I was firmly convinced that the whole issue of '**The Eucharist**' should be openly debated just prior to that congress and so I contacted Roman Catholic priest, Patrick McCafferty, who took part in previous debates that I organised, to see if he would again be willing to participate. He is currently based in Dublin and he was once again very willing to take part. I have asked him to organise a fellow priest to partner him and to debate with my good friend Rob Zins from

America and myself. Rob likewise took part in the previous debates and I also partnered him in debates held in Fresno, USA way back in 1998.

Three public debates will each consider the questions **(1) 'Is the Eucharist Transubstantiated into Christ?'** and **(2) 'Is the Eucharist a Propitiatory Sacrifice?'** The debates will be held firstly in Dundalk Baptist Church on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012, secondly in The Emmaus Centre near Swords on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and thirdly in Northern Ireland on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (venue to be advised) – all to start @ 7.30pm.

When you read what has been happening in Maynooth Community Church, a 'church' that declares itself to be 'Reformed', you get some inkling and understanding of the blindness and ignorance that truly abounds concerning 'The Mass' and 'The Eucharist'.

Obviously these debates and the earlier ministry trip to Wales and Somerset will involve quite a major financial outlay, particularly to cover Rob's airfare from America, travel expenses for all the debaters, advertising/promotion/printing costs and the hire of the Emmaus Centre etc. I am conscious that these are financially very challenging times for everyone but I also know from past experience that God's people have wonderfully supported '**Take Heed**' when there was a worthy cause – I truly believe these opportunities, the debates in particular, will be great opportunities to set God's truth before those who need to hear it.

To that end I'm enclosing a '**Support Form**' (the yellow photocopy enclosure\*\*) and if you are able and feel led to support these 'ventures' then do please complete as per the instructions. Quite understandably, the level of support during the year for '**Take Heed**' has decreased due to '**News From The Front**' no longer being issued (my deep and grateful thanks of course to those who continue to regularly support). Nevertheless the battle for God's truth continues and I commend it and '**Take Heed**' to your ongoing prayerful and practical support. With all good wishes in Christ for 2012.

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**(\*\* Text of the yellow photocopy enclosure)**

**Dear Cecil,**

**I wish to support the ongoing work and ministry of ‘Take Heed’ and enclose herewith my gift of £ (cheques should be made payable to ‘Take Heed’ Ministries).**

**I should like my gift to be allocated as follows –**

**(a) To support costs involved in staging ‘The Eucharist’ debates planned for May 2012 £**

**(b) To support costs involved in the April 2012 ministry trip to Wales/Somerset and the general costs involved in the ongoing work and ministry of ‘Take Heed’ £**

**From:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address:\_\_\_\_\_**

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**\* Text of my response to Allen Sleith's article in the Belfast Telegraph**

Dear Editor,

Allen Sleith's Thought for the Weekend (16 July) demonstrates much of what is wrong with preaching that emanates from many supposedly Christian pulpits. He castigates those whom he labels as being guilty of 'spiritual terrorism' by declaring their emphasis to be wrong in identifying the biblically-confirmed consequences of sin. Endorsing the modern seeker-sensitive or user-friendly approach to preaching he declares 'God loves you' to be the Christian gospel.

Like many others, Mr Sleith elevates God's love to being His supreme attribute - not so! God's supreme attribute, the one that sets Him totally apart from humanity, is His Holiness. Declaring to sinful and fallen humanity that 'God is love' will never stir consciences to acknowledge their sinful lifestyles and all the resulting eternal consequences, but telling them that 'God is Holy' regularly does so as Paul confirmed by his words in Romans 7:7 and Galatians 3:24. The realisation that he was a guilty sinner in the sight of God brought him to Christ for salvation.

For instance, to go out and tell street rioters that 'God loves you' is likely to evoke a response of either 'So... what' or 'that's great, I've nothing to worry about' but to tell them 'God is Holy and so punishes sin' might just cause them to have some anxious thoughts and to look afresh at the true gospel that 'Christ died for our sins' [1st Corinthians 15:3]. That loving action by Christ will only truly be understood when God's Holiness and abhorrence of sin is fully recognised.

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