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# CHRISTIANS AWAKE !

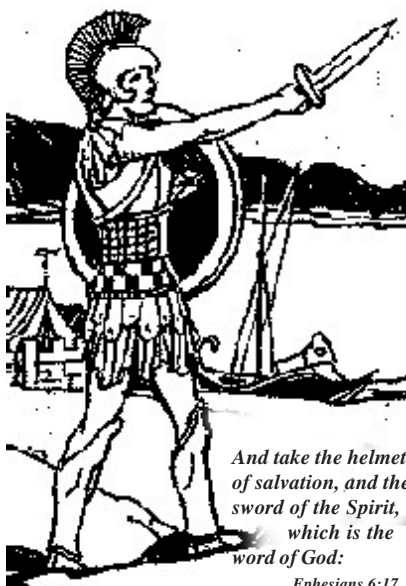
'Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.' Romans chapter 13 verses 10-12.

The apostle Paul is urging the saints of his own era and no doubt ourselves to live in the light of the second coming of our Lord. He is urging them to awake to the realisation of its nearness, to be aroused from spiritual stupor, to throw off the garments of slumber and the putting on of the armour of God. These words of scripture are not there for some of God's people to take up and for others to lay aside. Some of God's people have weakened themselves and their

*By Mr Jack Bell*

testimony to a great extent through compromise with evil, forgetting Paul's words to the Ephesians, 'and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.' God is still calling his people today to stand separate from all evil, religious apostasy included. The arch enemy of our God is flooding our nation with false religion and political correctness and unless repented of will bring judgement and destruction upon us. The decline of Christianity and its gradual withdrawal from public life may not be noticed by all, but marginalisation is having a profound effect upon our society. This will leave a spiritual and moral vacuum which will be filled with the secular agenda. For centuries we have enjoyed the fruits of the reformation, but no fruit will survive without the tending of the roots that gave us the growth in the first place. It seems to be that most of our Christian values are being publicly denigrated at the highest level, so this is not the day for Christians to hide, but to pray that God will give us great boldness in the Lord. Our government is discriminating against Christians in order to appease minority groups. It is time for

God's people to tell our government that we are not in the business of blessing what God has cursed. The evangelical awakening of the 18<sup>th</sup> century saved our country from the horrors of the French Revolution. The ascendancy of secularism today calls for us to cry like Habakkuk, 'O Lord revive the work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.' 'Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.' Proverbs 14 verse 34.



*And take the helmet  
of salvation, and the  
sword of the Spirit,  
which is the  
word of God:*  
*Ephesians 6:17*

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By Tom Whitehead

Home Affairs Correspondent

GAY police group was condemned yesterday for a newspaper advert blaming Christians for a rise in crime against homosexuals.

The Gay Police Associations of Scotland, England and Wales placed an ad showing a Bible and a pool of blood under the heading "in the name of the father" and said religiously motivated incidents against gays had risen 74 per cent in a year.

The slur sparked 553 complaints, the highest so far this year to the Advertising Standards Authority, which ruled yesterday that the group had breached its code. They were warned not to offend again.

Rev George Hargreaves, Leader of the Scottish Christian Party, called for disciplinary action against the officers involved.

He said: "It is not acceptable for any section of the police to cause to be published offensive and misleading information. Officers swear an oath to impartially uphold the law and those involved have broken this oath.

"If their superiors are not prepared to take action, we will take them before the courts in order to see that justice is done, and proper policing standards are upheld."

Rev Hargreaves has already instigated a Professional Standards Board investigation of Metropolitan Police officers involved in the advert.

The gays' advert was in a newspaper supplement on homosexual rights. It said: "In the last 12 months the Gay Police Association has recorded a 74 per cent increase in homophobic incidents where the sole or primary motivating factor was the religious belief of the perpetrator."

Religious groups and the public called the advert "offensive and derogatory" to Christians. The Evangelical Alliance and others said it

# Outrage as gay police blame Christians for rise in assaults

## in the name of the father

In the last 12 months, the Gay Police Association has recorded a 74 per cent increase in homophobic incidents, where the sole or primary motivating factor was the religious belief of the perpetrator.

Verbal abuse and physical assault against gay men and women is a criminal offence and should always be reported to the police.

Discrimination against gay people in the workplace is also unlawful and should be reported to employers, who have a duty of care to prevent it.

Homophobia can never be justified and must never be tolerated.

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OFFENSIVE: The Gay Police Association advert using images of the Bible and blood to attack Christians

implied that the Bible and Christianity were responsible for and condoned violence against homosexuals. In its response to the ASA, the Gay Police Association said the Archbishop of Canterbury had reminded Christians that the Bible did not permit gay discrimination.

But it added: "The Pope and other Christian leaders continue to preach hatred against gays."

The ASA said the advert was likely to offend Christians and implied all the alleged incidents involved physical injury. It added that there was no evidence to back claims of a 74 per cent rise in homophobic incidents driven by religious belief.

The Gay Police Association said its helpline had received

almost 250 calls related to homophobic incidents in the year to March 2006 - up 74 per cent on the previous year. Most of those incidents were "weighted against Christianity" while around 25 per cent referred to Islam, the GPA said.

It also rejected complaints that the advert could incite violence against Christians or that it implied the religion was responsible for violence against gays.

Daily Express, Oct 2006

## Woman wins top Kirk role

A FEMALE minister is to be the next moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Reverend Sheilagh Kesting, secretary of the Church Ecumenical Relations committee, started at St John's Renfield Church in Glasgow and was minister at Overtown, Wishaw.

First female moderator was Alison Elliot.



### EDITORIAL COMMENT

It goes without saying that not only will Sheilagh be a woman out of place according to the bible, but a devoted ecumenist as well.

# Black church leaders speak out

**A letter protesting against the Labour Government's sexual orientation regulations appeared in the *Telegraph* newspaper in July. The letter was signed by 177 pastors of black churches and helpfully highlighted the discrimination felt by many Christians at attempts being made by the Government to impose an obligation on Christian organisations to accept homosexuality as morally equivalent to heterosexuality. The text of the letter reads:**

'Sir, We write as pastors on behalf of tens of thousands of black British Christians. Many members of our congregations in London left their home countries to come to England to experience the freedom of living according to their Christian beliefs

in a Christian democratic country.

'But increasingly the Labour Government is discriminating against Christians in order to appease minority groups. From the Government's behaviour, it seems that those minority groups have disproportionate access to the ears of politicians and use that access to promote views and values that are contrary to the views and values which have been at the centre of protecting and promoting British families, schools and local communities for centuries.

'The latest discrimination against Christians is the new law called the Sexual Orientation Regulations, said to combat the problem of homophobia in Britain. It alarms us that the Government's only evidence for a problem actually existing is

"accounts in national newspapers".'

'The regulations force Christians in churches, businesses, charities and informal associations to accept and even promote the idea that homosexuality is equal to heterosexuality.

'For the sake of clarity, this is not what the Bible teaches and it is not what we believe to be the truth. In our view, these regulations are an affront to our freedom to be Christians.

'If the Government thinks that we will accept this law lying down, they are mistaken. This sort of Christianophobia from the Government is no longer acceptable.'

*Evangelical Times*

## Rejoicing as Stephen Green case is dropped

**There was public rejoicing outside the Cardiff Magistrate's Court on September 29 when the Crown Prosecution Service dropped its case against anti-homosexual protester Mr Stephen Green.**

Mr Green, 55, National Director of Christian Voice, had refused to stop distributing tracts condemning homosexuality to people entering Bute Park, Cardiff, where the Mardi Gras event was being held on 2 September. The leaflet said, "Turn from your sins, call upon the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Do that today because you could die tomorrow." Nor would Mr Green accept a formal caution.

He was arrested by a police officer, wearing a fluorescent vest bearing the words 'Minorities Support Unit', and charged with using, 'threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress thereby, contrary to section 5(1) and (6) of the Public Order Act 1986'.

The Crown Prosecution Service decided there was insufficient evidence to proceed. According to the report in *The Daily Mail*, "The reviewing lawyer took into account decisions in other cases and whether the contents of the leaflets

which were quotes from the Bible could be said to be insulting".

Our Welsh correspondent writes, "About forty supporters of Mr. Green gathered in the corridor outside the small courtroom No. 8 before the hearing. The ten or so seats for the public had already been occupied, so when Stephen Green was called those who had been waiting outside had to stand round the

walls of the courtroom. The presiding magistrate said that the proceedings were a pre-trial review; the defendant had pleaded "not guilty" at a previous hearing. The magistrate said that a notice had been received the previous day from the Cardiff Division of the C.P.S. that there was insufficient evidence against the defendant to secure a conviction. Someone shouted, 'Hallelujah,' and there was a round of applause. It was all over by eleven o'clock, the scheduled time of starting."

A crowd of about 60 persons greeted Mr Green outside the Court. There were hymns, prayers and a public reading of Psalm 2. The press and television were present.

When asked outside the court what lessons could be drawn from this case, Mr Green told the *British Church Newspaper*, "Police should not act as a law unto themselves. There should not be any special minority support unit whose sole function appears to be to stop a certain section of the population from having their feathers ruffled."

Mr Green is considering suing for wrongful arrest.

The South Wales Police are reported to have said that they, "will continue to take a firm stand when we feel victims of maltreatment are at risk".

Mr Green said, "What I did, standing up to the pompous Police Inspector in charge of this ridiculous 'Minorities Support Unit' seemed a small thing to do at the time, but it has struck a huge chord with Christians. They, like me, are fed up with seeing the police engaging in crude social engineering, going round trying to intimidate Christians into silence."

*British Church Newspaper October 2006*



Mr Green outside the court

# JOHN OGILVIE

This week Roman Catholics all over Scotland are celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonisation of John Ogilvie. They are also remembering the involvement of John Fagan whose recovery from cancer was attributed to the prayers of the parishioners of St John Ogilvie's in Easterhouse. Their prayers were directed to John Ogilvie. The local priest was quick to attribute the amazing recovery to John Ogilvie, claiming nothing short of a miracle. In the report from the Scottish Catholic Observer below, the 4,000 Scots who travelled to Rome had a great day of joy, but one thing that the report missed out was of the three fellow Scots who also travelled to Rome and stole something of their joy. Pastor Glass and two members of Zion Baptist Church stood in front of thousands in St Peter's Square and protested. The protest was on the Bible basis that all prayer must be directed to God with Christ being the only mediator between God and men and that Ogilvie was no saint, but a traitor to his country for which he was hung.



Mr Jack Bell

## “There was a real feeling of triumph”

FR Joe Cairns of St Bernadette's, Carntyne, in the east end of Glasgow, was at the canonisation of St John Ogilvie and has a great devotion to the saint.

He remembers it as a great day: “The canonisation was a joyous occasion. I was there with Fr Peter Marr and it was the first time I'd seen a live Pope.”

Approximately 4000 Scots made the journey to Rome, which is a remarkable number in an age when foreign travel was rare. As Fr Cairns remembers, this helped create a great sense of national feeling: I really felt like a pilgrim from Scotland, not just from Glasgow.”

Of course, St John Ogilvie's unique status had lent itself towards a sense of national pride. As Fr Cairns tries to explain: “St John Ogilvie was the first Scottish saint to be canonised since St Margaret in 1250. Our earlier saints, like St Columba or St Patrick, were made saints by acclamation rather than canonisation, which didn't start until the 13<sup>th</sup> century. So St John Ogilvie was the first Scot to have been canonised in hundreds and hundreds of years. So there was a real sense of history in Rome that day.”

The significant celebratory nature of the event was noted by SCO at the time, in reporting the joyous nature of the pilgrims: “We Scots take a pride in being a canny lot, not keen in making a show of ourselves to strangers, and no, not ever, demonstrating emotion in public. This self image was demolished in the Canonisation Room. The impact made by the Scots pilgrims was as flamboyant, gay, and emotional as the Eternal City has seen in quite some time.”

Thirty years on Fr Cairns feels St John Ogilvie continues to be a tremendous influence: “He gives a great example of steadfastness, which is important. It reminds us that, at one time, we were a persecuted and even a proscribed Church, a forbidden Church. John Ogilvie was killed because he was what he was and he was doing what he was doing, practicing his faith. There is no other reason.”

It's only recently that the influence of such persecution of Catholics has started to wane, in Fr Cairns' view that helps explain why the canonisation was so joyous.

“There was a real feeling of triumph,” he states, “that we were coming out of the shadow of persecution. St John Ogilvie was a reminder of that persecution but also a symbol of how we overcame it.”

*Scottish Catholic Observer, Oct 2006*



Pastor Jack Glass protesting in St Peter's Square, Rome

## ‘Ogilvie was not a Saint’

Pastor Jack Glass led a demonstration outside St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, today at the opening ceremony of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Pastor Glass and a large number of his supporters in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation Movement carried banners which stated: “Ogilvie was not

a Saint but a traitor who was hanged for treason.”

Just outside the Sheriff Courthouse, members of the movement held up a mock gallows from which hung an effigy of John Ogilvie, clad in a black cloak.

The crowds, that usually gather to watch the procession from St Giles' to the Assembly

Hall, appeared to be very much thinner than in former years.

There was a ripple of applause from the crowds when Tory leader Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her husband arrived by car at the hall.

*Flashback  
Evening Times 18.5.76*



## FLASHBACK TO SCOTTISH PROTESTANT VIEW OCTOBER 1976

# Ogilvie - Canonised Conspirator

**This month Rome will canonise Ogilvie, a Jesuit involved in a conspiracy to overthrow the King of Scotland in the 17th century. The lying propaganda machine of Rome would give the impression that Ogilvie died for his faith and that the so called martyr was in a sense a freedom fighter. Of course, some of the Romanist clergy would say the same of the Provisional I.R.A. Perhaps Rome will canonise some of the Provos some day. After all, she still gives their dying the last rites and refuses to excommunicate their living. The Church of Rome may even make Ogilvie the patron saint of terrorists for from such strange material Rome fashions her "saints".**

The truth of the matter is that Ogilvie was hanged not for his faith, but for his treason.

The following is an acrostic on Ogilvie which will help to summarise his character and his activities.

**O** is for the Obstacle that Ogilvie has been to the Ecumenical Movement. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Professor Torrance, the editor of "Life and Work", the Church of Scotland magazine, ex-Moderator Reid and their disapproval of the canonisation.

Of course, we who are enemies of the apostate ecumenical movement are rejoicing that the ecumenical ship is floundering on the rocks of the mediaeval myth of the Ogilvie cult. We told the ecumenical extremists Rome would not change and this canonisation proves that she is still the same church built on fable and superstition.

When we stand firm for the old Calvinistic truth of the Reformation, we are called reactionaries who are living 400 years too late, bigots and extremists who should be ignored. But when Rome resurrects a traitor to canonise him she is not lambasted by the press and the majority of the ecumenical church as reactionary and bigoted. She is allowed to "perpetuate division by giving unnecessary offence" in reviving memories of an event 400 years old. Old hat is permissible talk it would seem if it is Cardinal's hat, but let Protestants talk about Rome's persecution of the martyrs and reformers here in Scotland and we are labelled blind bigots and extremists. At least our martyrs were burned for their faith, not treason. It would seem one is allowed to be a bigoted Catholic without being called an extremist by the press but no such tolerance is shown to Protestants. Rome says the Ogilvie canonisation is an inspiration to those who die for freedom of conscience. When did Rome believe in freedom of conscience?

She has a history of totalitarianism and persecution. But hearken yet again to Rome.

She says with regard to the canonisation and the hindrance it has caused to ecumenical relations - truth must not be compromised for unity. All good stuff if you are a Catholic, but let Protestants outside the ecumenical camp state the same and we are branded as agitators who rock the boat. Alas such is the fanatical zeal for unity with Rome shown by the ecumeniacs in the so called Protestant churches that even, this provocative display of Roman obdurance will not quench their zeal for capitulation. They are also too drunk with the

imported wine of Roman abomination.

**G** is for the guile of Ogilvie: he was a Jesuit. The word Jesuit is proverbial - it stands for the equivocation, prevarication, hypocrisy and the end justifies the means. The order is not always trusted by others in the Church of Rome. Ogilvie was a fine example of Jesuitical intrigue, and well trained for his part of treason.

**I** is for the idolatry of Ogilvie. He believed in the pagan idolatry of the Mass and Mariolatry. We are informed he led the young people he met in devotion of Mary. The 39 articles of the Church of England call the Mass a blasphemous fable and a dangerous deceit.

**L** is for the loyalty of Ogilvie. This was to the Pope alone. In contrast to the Covenanters who denied only the spiritual authority of the king, Ogilvie denied both the political and spiritual authority of the king. He believed the Pope was supreme in both political and spiritual matters. He believed that the Pope had the power to excommunicate the king of Scotland and if necessary exterminate him. So Ogilvie tried to further the end of the Jesuits by planning to assassinate the king and foment rebellion. King James the 6th of Scotland said he was not to be tortured, nor hanged for being a Jesuit and practising Mass but only for treason.

**V** is for the veneration of Ogilvie. This veneration of Ogilvie is an insult to Jesus Christ and His finished work. It denies the sufficiency of Christ's atonement. The atonement and intercession of Christ are enough we don't need mediatrix Mary or the Judas of the Jesuits that is Ogilvie to plead for us. No priest but Christ, no sacrifice but Calvary, no confessional but the throne of grace, and no authority but the Word of God. The Bible says there is only one mediator between God and men and that is Christ (1 Tim. 2:5). It is not Christ who is being exalted at the canonisation but Ogilvie. Anyway, we don't believe only in dead saints but in living saints (Philippians 1: 1).

**I** is for the ignorance of Ogilvie. Obviously he was ignorant of the true gospel of free and sovereign grace, and died in the darkness of Rome. His so called merit will stand him no good at the judgement seat. We are not saved by works or human merit but by Christ and his free grace. By grace are ye saved and not by works says the Scriptures. Pray that God will open the blinded eyes of the Romanist to see that neither his church nor priest will save him but Christ alone for neither is there salvation in any other.

**E** is for the eternity of Ogilvie. According to a booklet issued by the Catholic Truth Society we are informed "Before his death he throws his rosary into the crowd: it strikes a Hungarian visitor to the city and becomes the instrument of his conversion." So Ogilvie passed clinging to the superstitions of Rome. The rosary would neither save him nor the Hungarian visitor, but only the precious blood of Christ saves. If you are depending on the rosary of Catholicism you will be lost like Ogilvie. Better to be saved by depending on the redemption of Christ. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

# THE POPE, THE PROPHET & THE PROTESTANT PERSPECTIVE

By Dr Alan Clifford

The row over Pope Benedict XVI's highly controversial I Regensburg citation from the Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus (1391-1425) rumbles on. Besides apologising for the offence caused he now denies that the Emperor's views are his own. So, does he now deny the truth he quoted? Does he now deny that the Qur'an is full of violence and hatred and that Muhammad's jihadist agenda was blood thirsty? In view of his capitulation, it is frankly appalling that the Pope could so soon express respect for such a religion. Clearly he must now be a disappointment for the many including atheists and non-Catholics who see the Pope as a defender of Christendom and Christian culture.

No, the Pope was not guilty of identifying the 'evil' and 'inhumanity' of Islam, both past and present. His error is a failure unreservedly to acknowledge that his organisation has been - for a long time part of the problem. In short, the track record of the Roman Catholic Church is nothing to rejoice in where violence and inhumanity are concerned. Interestingly, as all this controversy assumes an increasingly medieval character, the pro-Muslim Western secularists are utterly naive if they think they can manipulate the liberal elements in the contesting parties according to their strictly materialistic economic criteria. Indeed, Islamicists, once they have established themselves by exploiting democracy, only to replace it with their own barbaric ethos, will erase secular democracy for ever.

## THE FALLACIES OF THE PAPACY

In what seems to be a two cornered contest, it is imperative to recall an easily forgotten 'umpire'. I mean the 'Protestant perspective'. In short, the wisdom of the Protestant Reformation provides a double critique of the fallacies of both the Prophet and the Papacy. Thus it remains infallibly true that conversion to the Roman Catholic Church is a retrograde

and tragic step. While the weak condition of many Protestant Churches gives sufficient cause for disillusionment, the Roman option cannot provide a safe or satisfying spirituality. Pope Benedict, formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, will, of course, pursue the policies expressed in his own doctrinal declaration 'Dominus Iesus' (2000). However, his claims that Rome is the only correct church could not be more invalid. The proof is as follows:

1. The doctrines of the Roman Church are utterly inconsistent with the plain teaching of the New Testament. The finality of Christ's unique sacrifice and His priestly intercession (see Hebrews 9:28; 10:11-12) rule out the sacrifice of the mass and a human priesthood. The theory of transubstantiation is an absurd philosophical fiction and utterly detrimental to the simple symbolism of the Lord's Supper - a memorial of our Saviour's once for all sacrifice. Thus His blood shedding is remembered not repeated, on a table not an altar (hence ministers are pastors not priests); His real presence is spiritual, not physical, in the hearts of His people and not in the bread and wine.

2. Justification by faith in Christ's merit alone (see Romans 5:1-9) and direct access to Him as sole Mediator (see Matthew 11:28; 1 Timothy 2:5) rule out the false and pretentious teaching that Mary is mediatrix, auxiliatrix, advocatrix, etc. The idea that the merits of the faithful are a necessary contribution to their salvation undermines the all sufficiency of Christ's merit. Rome's traditional mistake in making sanctification a part of justification arises from her reliance on the Latin 'justificare' instead of the Greek 'dikaioo'. While the former verb means to make righteous, the latter means to declare righteous by the remission of sins through faith in the blood of Christ (see Romans 4:5-8; 5:1,9). While good works are a necessary and certain fruit of saving faith (see Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 2:8-10), their imperfection rules them out from justifying us. Our persons and our performances alike always require pardon. That said,

Christian sainthood is the present status of true though imperfect believers (see Ephesians 1:1-2) not that of dead believers canonised by the Church of Rome.

3. Thus purgatory and prayers for the dead (including requiem masses) have no apostolic warrant. Those who die in Christ have no need of our prayers. Those who die otherwise cannot be helped by them. Besides corrupting baptism and the holy communion, Rome arrogantly added five more supposed sacraments to those commanded by Christ. Her realignment of the Ten Commandments - combining the first two and dividing the tenth - obscure in summary form God's prohibition of the idolatry of such popular graven images as crucifixes and statues of Mary. Other distortions of divine truth are no less serious. The Pope's title Holy Father is a blasphemous insult to God the Father (see John 17:11). His claim to be the Vicar of Christ is a further insult to the Holy Spirit, Christ's true representative on earth (see John 14:16-17). Indeed, for all its profession of the Holy Trinity, Rome's doctrine of salvation tramples on Trinitarian truth. The political claims of a highly fallible Papacy conflict with Christ's words that His kingdom is 'not of this world' (John 18:36). Rome's growing ambition to dominate Europe as in the days of the Holy Roman Empire is a re-emerging tyranny to be resisted by individual Christians and national governments alike. Her arrogance is at odds with Christ's liberating truth (see John 8:32,36; Galatians 5:1).

4. In addition to theological objections, the track record of Roman Catholicism does not commend itself. For violent and bloody persecution, no organization can compete with Rome. Since the true Church of Christ is 'persecuted' rather than 'persecutor', this one consideration alone makes Rome's claim to correctness null and void (see John 15:20-1; 2 Timothy 3:12). Besides the burnings of the sixteenth century British reformers, the dreadful cruelties inflicted on the ancient Waldensians, the French Huguenots, the

Dutch Protestants and others (including Jews, Muslims and Eastern Orthodox) have never been truly repented of - since the doctrine directing these atrocities remains in tact. Indeed, under another name - 'The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith', the Inquisition still exists. Current persecution of Protestants in Central and South America shows no change in Rome's methods where she has a free hand. The intrigue and corrupting influence of the Jesuits knows no parallel. Vatican complicity in the rise of Hitler and the Nazi holocaust is well attested. The evils of the confessional and the unholy wed-lock of supposedly celibate priests refute Rome's sanctimonious image. While marital failure among Protestant pastors is to be lamented, is it any wonder that paedophilia and HIV are rife among sexually frustrated and homosexual Roman priests?

5. Considering the post-reformation dogmas of Mary's immaculate conception (1854), papal infallibility (1870) and the Assumption of Mary (1950), the Church of Rome is even more apostate than she was in Luther's day. Thus any form of ecumenism on Rome's terms is nothing but satanic delusion (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). Especially in the wake of 'Dominus Iesus', when naive and gullible evangelicals, charismatics and others try to persuade us that Rome is changing, ask them which of her anti-biblical dogmas has Rome renounced?

## THE FALLACIES OF THE PROPHET

When the violence of Islam is criticised, the usual responses by Muslims and others are: What about the Crusades? What about Northern Ireland? Isn't Christian history as bloody as Islamic history? However, such a simplistic comparison ignores a fundamental difference between the two religions, and evades pertinent truth. While the piety behind the crusades - initially a response to cries of help from Eastern Christians invaded by Muslims was a failure on the part of medieval Roman Catholicism to obey the New Testament (see Matthew 5:43-5; 26:52; Luke 9:56; Romans 13: 10; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Ephesians 6:12), Islamic violence is in perfect harmony with the dictates of the Qur'an (see Suras 2:178,244; 4:84,96; 9:5,12,41,73,122).

So, a 'christian response' to Islam demands careful definition. In short, by the standard of the Bible, both Islam and the Roman Catholic Church are guilty. Furthermore, Muslims were not the only targets of Vatican violence. Jews and Protestants have also been victims. While some early Protestants had difficulty in shaking off the violent and unbiblical legacy of Rome, the Reformed Churches appealed to the Bible against both Islamic and Roman persecution. Of all Rome's protestant victims, the Reformed Churches of France suffered the most.

From (and even before) the St Bartholomew Massacre of 1572 to the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685), the catalogue of crimes against French Reformed believers defies the imagination. Indeed, Rome's methods were hardly different from those of Islam.

The root cause of Rome's policy against the Huguenots was the latter's rejection of papal tyranny and tradition in favour of a pure attachment to biblical doctrine and practice. Thus, the authentic 'Christian response' to both Rome and Islam is the 'Reformed response'....

....So may the Huguenots enable us to assess correctly the religious dimension of the current world crisis. While guilty terrorists must be pursued and brought to justice, a coalition crusade must be avoided against peaceable Muslims who, at present, might be converted to authentic Christianity. May they only be targeted with truth and lured by love. May God in His infinite grace and mercy bring Muslims and inconsistent Christians to a true confession and expression of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only then will the world begin to know peace and harmony.

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*Extracts from  
English Churchmen Sep-Oct 2006*

## My way to fill empty pews? Stop fretting

THE leader in waiting of the Church of Scotland last night unveiled her radical plan to reverse a dramatic slump in worshippers - stop worrying about it.

The Rev Sheila Kesting claimed dwindling congregations were not unduly alarming and said people were becoming too 'hung up' about the issue.

Her remarks come amid fears that the Church faces a massive crisis as disillusioned worshippers desert the pews in droves.

Miss Kesting, 53, yesterday became the first woman minister to be elected Moderator Designate of the Kirk's General Assembly.

Asked afterwards what she would do to stop the slide in worshippers, she said people should stop 'beating themselves over the back'.

Her comments follow mounting criticism

of liberal attitudes in the Kirk after officials backed plans to allow gay and unmarried couples to adopt children, despite fierce opposition from many members.

Asked how the fall in Kirk membership could be halted, Miss Kesting - whose duties as Moderator begin next May - said: 'Stop worrying about it. We can be too inward-looking and obsessed - living a life of faith is the best attraction for people rather than worrying about numbers.'

'I'm not entirely sure we make ourselves attractive when we beat ourselves over the back about it.'

Miss Kesting called for a debate over whether Muslim women should wear veils but warned against 'quick conclusions'. She refused to back airport worker Nadia Eweida, whom British Airways has banned from wearing a cross on duty.

Last night, Dr Gordon Macdonald of the

Christian group CARE, which represents traditionalist Catholics, individual Church of Scotland members and Baptists, said: 'I think all churches should worry about the fall in worshippers.'

'People in secular society are not attracted by churches - including the Kirk - that are equivocal about what their beliefs are.'

Ann Allen, a member of several Kirk committees, said: 'A great many people who are striving to do something about the decline in worshipper numbers are getting out into the community and doing outreach and missionary work.'

The Church of Scotland's membership has fallen by nearly 60 per cent since 1960, from almost 1.36 million to only 536,000 in 2004. The Scottish Daily Mail revealed last month that the Kirk was backing a group that wants companies to allow workers to access lurid gay websites in company time.  
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Scots want a bigger say on issues like Trident, claims churchman

# Independence day is 'inevitable' says cardinal

By Stuart Nicolson

THE leader of Scotland's Catholic church, Cardinal Keith O'Brien, has backed independence and predicted it will happen "before too long".

Cardinal O'Brien, 68, said he would be "happy" if Scots chose independence as it often brings prosperity to small nations.

His views were echoed by multi-millionaire Kwik Fit founder and SNP benefactor Sir Tom Farmer, who also believes independence is "inevitable". Sir Tom also described the current devolved Scottish Parliament as a "halfway house."

The Cardinal also voiced his frustration with the Scottish Parliament and the limited influence it has over issues like Trident nuclear missiles.

The Cardinal said: "In my travels I have had much experience of small countries and I have seen what benefits independence can bring.

"There is currently some frustration among the Scots about the say they have over what happens here.

"That is part of what is pushing the independence movement.

"I can see this coming, perhaps not in the next few years, but before too long."

Cardinal O'Brien pointed out that he leads a Scottish church which is itself independent from England.

He added: "It is difficult to argue that ecclesiastical independence is acceptable but political independence is not. Ireland would be an example of a country which has prospered since achieving independence. Other northern European countries such as Norway and Denmark exemplify the prosperity which self-determination can bring."

Cardinal O'Brien pointed to Trident nuclear missiles as an example of an issue the Scottish parliament had no control over.

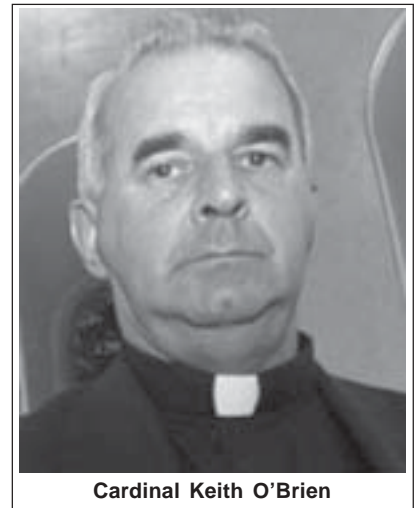
He said: "The groundswell of feeling in Scotland against the Trident missile system has highlighted a deep sense of frustration among many Scots.

"We have no wish to pay for or host these evil weapons, yet we have no power to remove them."

Sir Tom Farmer, who recently donated £100,000 to the SNP, agreed with the Cardinal.

He said: "Maybe there's an opportunity here that we should be reaching out and grasping. None of us has a crystal ball, but there is a very, very high chance that we will end up with independence." The Cardinal's comments were met with dismay by the Labour party, who say religious figures should keep out of politics.

But they were welcomed by the SNP, who closed their conference at the weekend in



Cardinal Keith O'Brien

buoyant mood.

Leader Alex Salmond said: "Cardinal Keith O'Brien and Sir Tom Farmer are both men of vision and stature in Scotland. I am delighted they have both issued positive signals about independence and self-determination for the nation."

A Labour insider said: "It's not helpful, but the only consolation is that it's a long time since Catholic voters did exactly what they were told by their Church."

An official Labour spokesman said: "Cardinal O'Brien is entitled to his views, and the Catholic Church has a long history of taking a position on Trident."

Daily Express Oct 16, 2006

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

*Surely it is not pure coincidence that Cardinal O'Brien should support independence for Scotland at the same time that Alex Salmond is wooing the Catholic vote as reported in the last edition of the SPV. It would seem that the Cardinal is following the footsteps of his predecessor, Cardinal Winning who also supported nationalism. Is this another step in the forging of an alliance between Popery and Scottish Nationalism?*

## BABYLON SHALL FALL: ANTICIPATE THE HOUR

What, my friends, the Devil conquer our God? Never! Rome triumphant over Zion? Never. Rome has been very Cunning; the Devil has done his best in Roman Catholicism; there is no more wisdom left in the Devil than he has put into that concern, and if that is confounded he has lost all. That is his ultimatum, the course of his hellish craft can go no further. He has staked all his power on the Church of Rome, and to a certainty she will be driven before the Church of Christ like the chaff before the wind. They shall ask and say, "Where is this harlot city that made the nations drunk with the wine of her fornication, that rode upon the scarlet beast up and down upon the earth, and had written upon her brow, 'Mystery

Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots'? Vain will it be to ask, "here is she? For they shall answer, "Did you not hear the splash of the millstone as the angel hurled it into the flood, and said Thus terribly shalt Babylon fall, and thus no more be found at all?"

Then shall go up the shout "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

Let us anticipate the hour. Even now let every heart shout,

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah" and yet again let us say, "Hallelujah, the Lord reigneth, and all must be well."

C.H.Spurgeon



# Christless Christmas

By PASTOR JACK GLASS

## THERE WAS NO ROOM IN THE INN (Luke 2:7)

In recent years in the December issues of this magazine I have pointed out that Christmas is not a Protestant occasion but a pagan festival catholicised by Rome. The Protestant Reformers such as John Knox removed it from Scotland, but with the revival of Popery in Scotland it has returned. Certainly we can say Christmas as we know it is Christless. The situation today in Scotland is similar to that of the day of Christ's birth - men and women had no room for Christ then and neither have they any room for Him today.

### 1. THE PLEASURES OF THIS WORLD

There is no room today for Christ in the pleasures of this world. There will be Christmas parties without Christ. Of course there will be Santa Claus, drunkenness, permissive sex, mistletoe, holly and ivy and an exchange of gifts but there will be no room for Christ at the party held in His name. As in Christ's day neither palace, parliament nor people will have room for Him.

### 2. THE PULPITS OF THIS WORLD

There is no room today for Christ in many of the pulpits of this world. There will be Christmas services held in churches to commemorate Christ's birth but the ministers in the pulpits will deny His deity and His virgin birth. They will lead their congregations in such hymns as "Hark the herald angels sing" with the lines "Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb" or 'Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate deity" and the hypocritical apostates won't believe a word of them. The congregation on their part will sing carols with nothing but a sickly sentimentality but no real conviction. They will continue in their sins while they sing "peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

### 3. THE PRACTICE OF THIS WORLD

There is no room today for Christ in the business practice of this world. Businessmen who are either atheists or agnostics will cash in on the Christmas buying



spree. They will vie with each other in trying to convince the gullible people that they are the cheapest in town. They can't all be the cheapest, somebody's telling lies.

### 4. THE PRESS OF THIS WORLD

There is no room today for Christ in the press - that is the news media. The press has room for the Papal Antichrist as we have witnessed over the past months during the deaths and installations of the Popes, but no room for Christ or the true gospel. One has got to be a papist or ecumenist to get quoted substantially.

### 5. THE POLITICS OF THIS WORLD

Finally there is no room in the politics of this world for Christ. When did our Prime Minister call for a day of prayer for the nation?

Thank God I have room for Christ in my life. Have you?

*Scottish Protestant View, December 1978*

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# CHARLES WILL BE CROWNED TWICE

## Prince rips up 1,000 years of tradition to embrace all faiths

**PRINCE Charles plans to include a multi-faith ceremony in his coronation, it was claimed last night.**

He has told courtiers that he wants a separate service involving Muslims, Jews and Buddhists to show he represents people of all religions.

This means that Charles will effectively be crowned twice.

The first ceremony will be a Christian coronation in Westminster Abbey in which he will be made King "by the grace of God"

But, turning his back on 1,000 years of tradition, he will insist on a second service in Westminster Hall.

A royal courtier said the Prince had become even more determined to get his way following the controversies over Muslim veils and Christian crosses in recent weeks.

The courtier said: "As sovereign, he will wish to demonstrate that he can set an example for the entire country to follow."

It also emerged last night that the Prince is insisting his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall should become Queen when he becomes King.

But his wish drew criticism last night. Conservative MP Philip Davies warned that the Prince was "playing a dangerous game".

He said: "This country is a Christian country. It's our heritage and we should defend it.

"This pandering to other religions does not impress me. I don't think it impresses people of other faiths either. They might respect our religion more if we respected it in the way they respect theirs. The Prince is playing a dangerous game. Once you start chipping away at important parts of our heritage, like the coronation, what's to stop other parts being done away with?

"It could return to bite him and he could find the Royal Family is the next target."

The coronation ceremony dates back to



"The whole constitution could unravel if people start messing around with the coronation service. It is so explicitly Christian and ingrained into British life.

"You simply cannot adopt a smorgasbord view to faiths as Prince Charles seemingly does."

But Labour MP

before 1066. Since the Reformation in the 16th century it has been overseen by the Church of England.

Last night, a leading member of the C of E branded the Prince's suggestion as "total hypocrisy".

Alison Ruoff, who serves on the General Synod, the Church's parliament, said Charles could not go ahead with a multi-faith ceremony as this would compromise entirely the Westminster Abbey coronation.

She said: "As part of the coronation ceremony he has to take an oath to be 'Defender Of The Faith', so if he misses this out I cannot see how he could become King.

"He cannot sit with one foot in both camps. He cannot be 'Defender Of Faiths' because other faiths are in complete opposition to the Christian faith."

Stephen Green, national director of Christian Voice, said: "Prince Charles cannot start rewriting the constitution on a whim to include other faiths because the job description is that he is a Christian, so he cannot then say that he is also the Defender Of Islam, for example, which is diametrically opposed to Christianity.

Chris Bryant, a former priest, said: "It would be inconceivable if the next coronation looked like the one we had in 1953. It would look like ancient mumbo jumbo and do the Church no great service."

The Prince has expressed his wish to appeal to many religions before. He told his biographer Jonathan Dimbleby in 1994 that he wanted to be seen as a Defender Of Faith, rather than Defender Of The Faith.

He is understood to want the second ceremony to take place in Westminster Hall, the most ancient part of the Palace of Westminster which has been used for coronations since the 12th century. It would not take place immediately following the coronation proper but would follow at a "later date". Prince Charles is also understood to be demanding Camilla, Duchess of Rothesay, is made his Queen, rather than consort according to the constitution.

A spokesman for Clarence House said last night: "The Prince of Wales is not, and has not been, involved in any discussions or planning for the next coronation."

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

*One wonders just how dumb the Prince of Wales can be in regards to his preference for being a defender of faiths. If two of these faiths be Christianity plus Islam then his position would actually be impossible. In Christianity God has spoken through His Son, a view vehemently denied by Muslims who believe that Allah has spoken by Mohammed. God save us from anyone who tampers with our Protestant heritage.*

# ARCHBISHOP CONTI MAKES HISTORIC SPEECH

**DONNA NICHOLSON**

**ARCHBISHOP Marlo Conti of Glasgow has made history by becoming the first ever Catholic bishop to address the Kirk's Presbytery Of Glasgow.**

Speaking of the sectarianism that blights the city, the Archbishop used the occasion to highlight the progress that has been made between Christian communities since the early 1980s.

And he called on ever closer links to tackle the deprivation and spiritual poverty that blights the lives of many across Glasgow.

In a momentous speech on Tuesday, Archbishop Conti lectured to more than 200 Church Of Scotland ministers and elders from Kirks across Glasgow at the Presbytery meeting in New Govan Church.

His Grace said he was "honoured" to address the meeting and described the ecumenical invitation to take part as a "privilege" and a "significant milestone in our ongoing pilgrimage as Christians in Glasgow."

He referred to Pope John Paul II's visit to Glasgow in 1982 as a pivotal point in the history of ecumenism in Glasgow, when he addressed all Scots in his message, stating: 'We are only pilgrims on this earth, making our way towards that heavenly Kingdom promised to us as God's children. Beloved

Brethren in Christ, for the future, can we not make that pilgrimage together, hand in hand?'

"In our meeting tonight we can acknowledge the progress which has been made in the last 24 years since that speech was made," said the Archbishop.

"Since coming to the Archdiocese I have been keen to put ecumenical affairs at the top of my agenda. I noted early that in a city known too often for bigotry and intolerance, Christian communities had a responsibility to work together and give a more authentic witness to what the apostle Peter refers to as 'the hope that is in us'."

Archbishop Conti has remained a strong supporter of ecumenism and in recent years has overseen the establishment of an ecumenical commission for the Archdiocese, which is in the process of nominating parish ecumenical contacts to ensure that dialogue and working together permeate all levels of church life.

## Future

Looking to the future he said inter-faith dialogue and more social action was needed, adding: 'When I came to Glasgow I was struck by the contrast between the fine work of regeneration which we see all around us, expressed architecturally and in a cultural

renaissance and the continuing, perhaps worsening cultural and spiritual poverty of our fellow citizens.

"You know as well as I do the scenario too many lives lived in a penumbra of poverty, addiction, idleness, family breakdown, lawlessness, poor health, and despair. That is the landscape in which an alarming number of our fellow citizens live. As Christians we are called to combat such evils and to bind up such broken lives."

Signs of hope, he said, lay in the work of initiatives such as 'Faith in Community' and Glasgow Churches Social Action Alliance, and referred to a conference to be held in the city in February '07 to examine the 'transcending poverties' in the life of the city.

I think that conference will be an excellent opportunity to reflect together on how we as Christians can co-operate with other agencies in opening the horizons of our fellow 'children of Mungo' so that they may truly 'have life and have it in abundance'."

I believe that it is in ventures like this that the Archdiocese and the Presbytery Of Glasgow will grow closer and bear much fruit," he added.

*Scottish Catholic Observer, Oct 2006*

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

*All I can say as a biblical Protestant is that both the Kirk and the Bishop deserve each other's company as both stand condemned for undermining people's acceptance of the Word of God. 1 Timothy chapter 4 verses 1 and 2. 'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.'*

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello Boys and Girls,

Last time I wrote this column I told you of my visit to India and I told you about the children in the Home and also of the young girl Manga who had had an operation to strengthen her leg.

Now I want to tell you of a little boy I saw in a school for blind children. Just for a moment, close your eyes and put your hands tightly over your ears and as you do this just think how awful it would be to be like this all the time and also not be able to speak. Well this little boy was like this, deaf, blind and also unable to speak. For some reason, perhaps lack of funds, there was no specialist teacher to help him, He was being fed and dressed and led around, but nothing else, for no-one could communicate with him. My heart went out to that little boy. He just seemed to be in a little world of his own and no one could enter into his world. But the lovely thing is that Jesus can break down barriers and he can get through to that little boy. Please pray for him. I am hoping that I will hear more about him soon.



# WOMEN'S VIEW

Hello Everyone,

In our last edition I told you of my trip to India and I said I would share some more of my experiences with you in the following months.

When I came home I looked up India on an atlas. I had already done this a few times before my trip, but I was now looking for the places I had visited. One thing struck me and that was how very large a country India is, and then when I looked at Britain I saw how very small it was in comparison. And I was reminded of how good God has been to us in Britain. It wasn't to a large country that the gospel was given, it was to a very small country and from that very small country missionaries were sent all over the world, including India. That should make us feel very privileged and thankful to God.

One thing I noticed about all the churches I visited in India, they all have a number of outreaches to neighbouring villages. They feel very strongly that it is their responsibility to bring the gospel message to others.

And that leads me on to another story. One of the places I visited in India was a village that had been destroyed by the Tsunami. Through overseas aid most of the houses has been rebuilt and new boats given to replace the lost ones, but the most important thing I heard was that until the Tsunami struck, this village had been opposed to the gospel and wouldn't allow any Christians in to evangelise. However, since then their attitude had completely changed and not only were Christians allowed in, but a bible study was now being held once a week. I was really rejoicing when I heard this. This was the Lord bringing a good thing out of a terrible event. The Lord is sovereign.



God bless. M.Glass

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