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### What goes around comes around!

The following article appeared on the BBC Northern Ireland news website. When I read the headline I immediately considered a parallel plague that we here in Northern Ireland suffered for over thirty years and which had its origins in the evil philosophy which drives the party of which Mary Lou McDonald is the present leader.

I am of course speaking of the Provisional Sinn Fein/Provisional IRA terror campaign which stretched from the year 1969 up until - well some would say with good reason - the present time with the evil activities of the 'Dissident' republican terrorists, who are but the 'rump' of the 'Provos', using the weaponry they never 'decommissioned', despite their claims and those of Ecumenists to the contrary.

#### **Coronavirus: Mary Lou McDonald says virus 'a horrible experience'**

"Sinn Féin president Mary Lou McDonald has said she will never take her health for granted again after recovering from Covid-19.

Ms McDonald said it had been "a horrible experience" and that she feels "very lucky" to be over it.

The Dublin politician was found to be positive for Covid-19 on 13 April after being tested some weeks previously.

"It's like your whole system has been invaded," she told BBC Radio Ulster's Talkback programme.

"My overall feeling is that I am very, very lucky. I am off all medication."

She added: "The great liberation is to wake up in the morning and to feel well and I will never ever take that for granted again."

Ms McDonald said as she was recovering from the virus, she developed pleurisy in her right lung and it was in the middle of that that she got her test result back.

'Wisest advice'

She said testing was vital and it was not happening as quickly as it needs to.

"The way for us to keep ahead of this virus, not just now, but in the weeks and months ahead is test, test, test, isolate and to trace," she said.

"That is what the World Health Organisation tells us and that is the wisest advice that we will get." (BBC, 22nd April 2020.)

Mary Lou McDonald, in her experience of Covid 19, will have been given an educational lesson to a very small degree, of what the party she leads and its terrorist wing inflicted upon the people of Northern Ireland during the years of 'the troubles'!

#### **1. It is no exaggeration to say that the IRA terror campaign was very like the present plague!**

The IRA is an unnatural and inhuman organisation with the single objective of killing, maiming and bringing misery and grief into the lives of its targets.

It was indiscriminate in its targeting of people. From babies to the most elderly and frail, all were included in its victims. Many who lived for the good of others were targeted for no rational or understandable reason other than that which makes sense to murderers!

They struck in a cowardly manner, often times concealing themselves and striking against their targets, as their victims went about their everyday activities and duties.



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Unlike the Covid 19 crisis, those who unstintingly gave of their time and energy to combat this evil, were vilified by the predecessors of Mary Lou McDonald. Indeed, that spirit is still 'alive and well' in the ranks of Sinn Fein today as is evidenced by its churlishness in seeking to hinder the use of our Army in the providing of facilities and expertise in the battle against Covid 19.

Now there is a public clapping of hands to indicate appreciation for the efforts of all employed in combatting the virus but not so in the days of IRA terror.

I never will forget the report from a Christian nurse of some of her fellow nurses, Roman Catholics, in the old Erne Hospital in Enniskillen, clapping and cheering at the news on the radio of soldiers being killed and injured in a Fermanagh/Monaghan IRA border bombing, way back in the early days of 'the troubles'!

Unlike the coronavirus, there were those who supported the IRA killings, who might otherwise be considered incapable of such wickedness!

It is not so long ago that it was revealed in the press that the late Roman Catholic Primate, Cardinal Conway, was guilty of efforts to conceal the activities of one of his priests who led an IRA unit in Co. Londonderry which was guilty of the murder of many Protestants in a bombing of the village of Claudy. (See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11071321>)

### **2. As with the coronavirus, isolation was the only effective way to combat the IRA.**

Mary Lou McDonald is reported as saying: "The way for us to keep ahead of this virus, not just now, but in the weeks and months ahead is test, test, test, isolate and to trace." However, when the security forces in Ulster attempted to do the equivalent of just that, the Roman Catholic community closed ranks to hide the 'virus', the bombers and murderers of the IRA. The isolation of the Irish Republican terrorist and his/her supporters was the only credible means of combatting the terrorism that began in the late 1960s. 'Isolation' was attempted by seeking to seal off their escape routes across the border and efforts were made to curtail their use of republican strongholds, but the Roman Catholic community, it must be said, rallied to a large degree to the support of the terrorists.

The rise of Sinn Fein as a political entity and the increasing Roman Catholic votes it has received substantiates that claim! Despite Sinn Fein's endorsement of murder, the Roman Catholic electorate switched from John Hume's SDLP and voted almost to a man for the IRA party, and that at the height of the slaughter and terror!

Sadly, 'isolation' from Roman Catholicism in any form was strongly opposed by Rome and the Ecumenical Churches. It was constantly preached by the clerics of apostasy and repeated 'ad nauseam' in the media, that the answer to the IRA terrorism was closer relations with Romanism! By that was meant a yielding to every religious and political demand that Popery made of the Protestant community.

Joint church services and worship, a wicked redefining of Bible doctrine and distorting of God's truth to ally it with the deceits of Rome, integrated educating of children to isolate Protestant pupils from their godly heritage of gospel truth, was the theme of the day during the IRA terrorist campaign. When the 'plague' raged at its highest, man's foolish thinking advised and found acceptance amongst many that 'drinking down a cocktail strongly laced with the 'virus' of popish lies, was the best cure!

The outcome of this evil scheme was the establishing of power-sharing political structures whereby the terrorists of the IRA were 'sanitised' and installed into power over the land.

This was the ecumenists' answer to the plague that emanated from the camp of Sinn Fein. It makes Donald Trump's suggested injection of disinfectants as a cure for Covid 19 pale into insignificance! Injection with disinfectants is the suggestion of a man who really does not know what he is talking about. The integrating of the IRA into the life and structures of government in Northern Ireland was a scheme marked by all the evil craftiness of Satan! Ulster was deceived into drinking a concoction of the 'virus of terrorist death' that



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had cost the lives of thousands in the abominably stupid notion that it would cure our ills!

The programme and objectives of Sinn Fein in government here is finally being recognised, in at least some degree, by media outlets which before had trumpeted the blessings and benefits of power-sharing! I need not quote the recent stories and letters published in our local newspapers in which there is an evident awakening to some degree to Sinn Fein's chicanery. Of course, the voices of the ecumenists are silent and are not heard supporting this recognising of the crude efforts of Sinn Fein to use the coronavirus to further its political ambitions of a 'United Ireland'!

The perverse and deliberately obstructive attempts by Sinn Fein to bring Northern Ireland under the rule of Dublin and to fuse the measures taken by us here with those of the Dublin government in dealing with the coronavirus, and so make it a 'United Ireland' approach, coupled with its stupid opposition to every measure to fight the plague which would involve the British Army, our Army, serves to underscore that the 'virus' that gave rise to the IRA terrorist campaign is still alive and well!

Sadly, as a student of the Bible, I have no hope of the majority of people awakening to the 'curse' at work in our midst! The majority of Ulster Protestants most foolishly supported the iniquitous power-sharing initiative of 2007, which was, I am still saddened to say, promoted by the Democratic Unionist Party, led by Dr Paisley.

Many Christians threw their weight behind that initiative and strongly derided those who dared to object to it. As the years that followed that terrible decision unfolded, many of those Christians realised the folly, the wrong, they had supported and quietly withdrew their support. Very few of them did what they should have done which was, if I might quote Dr Paisley of long ago: "Stand Up, Shout Out and Get Out!!"

It has become ever more obvious that the DUP is in a very wrong place. It has so shifted its former professedly Protestant position to now support sodomy as a life-style and actively engage in the funding of such a perversion. Furthermore, its coalition with pro-abortion parties in the Stormont Assembly Executive surely must make them to share in the terrible guilt of that awful crime!

As a result of this ongoing support by Christians, elements of the error and sin of the DUP have been brought within the camp of the Free Presbyterian Church, in that a small number of prominent members of the party hold office within our denomination.

Sadly, when efforts were made within the Presbytery to combat this contamination, there were elements within the denomination who seemed determined to repeat the folly of the Christians within the DUP in 2007 and side with the offenders and seek to cover over the sin that is involved.

It did not work for the DUP as we see today and it will not work for the Free Presbyterian Church.

Isolation from Covid 19 is the only right reponse and so it is with every form of the devil's virus unleashed upon us in the these last days!

### **3. There is little evidence of Mary Lou McDonald recognising the mercy of God which she has enjoyed.**

To survive coronavirus is a mercy and that from the hand of the Lord. Recent figures show that there have been 1063 deaths from the virus in the Irish Republic. That she was not one of them is a mercy from the Lord bestowed upon Mrs McDonald. She puts it down to 'luck'!!

While men may be incensed against God for 'permitting' such a plague, there seems to be very few survivors who acknowledge His mercy to them! This world deserves to perish beneath the judgment of God. The likes of Mary Lou McDonald and her espousing of a policy of terror and her celebrating of the deeds of terrorists in the past, might appear to qualify her, above all, as a candidate for judgment. But in truth, let it been known that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23, and that "the wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23.



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There is no one who can expect to escape the judgment of God for all are defiled and guilty in His eyes.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes," Romans 3:10-18.

Yet, despite this being so, how kind is God in sparing men and women and not destroying them immediately. Well might we repeat the words of Nehemiah. "Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not," Nehemiah 9:17.

Mary Lou McDonald was spared death by the Lord, BUT it was in order that she might REPENT and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL. That is the only means of salvation. It is not the way that the Roman Catholic Church would teach or apostate Protestant denominations would teach or the great variety of heathen religions would teach, all of which have a common message: man must by his works atone for his sins and purchase redemption!

All religions teach that as their core doctrine!

How different is the Bible's message!

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8-9.

*"But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.,"* Titus 3:4-7.

We utterly repudiate the philosophy and the lifestyle of Mary Lou McDonald and cannot forget the dreadful sorrow, grief and loss that the organisation she leads brought upon young and old, Roman Catholic and Protestant. We neither forget nor is it our prerogative to forgive. She and her ilk have offended God and it is from Him, by the means He has ordained and revealed in His Word, that she is to seek forgiveness.

But despite her views and practices, she no more requires salvation than does the vast majority of Protestant and Roman Catholics in this land.

Paul listed those whose lifestyles barred them from heaven in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

How many funeral services see just such a company 'ushered' into heaven, with the bereaved assured that it is well with their departed loved one! What a day of reckoning is coming for the lying clerics that blight and curse the land today!

To return to what Paul said to the Corinthians. He highlights the glorious mercy of God revealed in the gospel for he went on to say in the very next verse: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God".

For the worst of sinners, there is a washing from all our sins, a sanctifying of our very beings, and a justifying of us before God.

The atoning blood of Christ cleanses the repentant, believing sinner who embraces Christ as his only hope.



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"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:15-16. These are the words of the Saviour Himself.

Faith in Christ's redeeming work on the cross 'justifies' the sinner in God's sight. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 5:1. To be 'justified' means, quite literally, 'to be just as if we had never sinned!' That is how God sees those who believe in Christ. So says the Word of God. "Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back," Isaiah 38:17.

*"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins," Isaiah 43:25.*

*"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea," Micah 7:18-19.*

This is God's answer to that dreadful 'virus' from which many have perished and by which all are infected. Mary Lou McDonald may have recovered from Covid 19 but she has yet to embrace, as do millions like her, God's antidote for sin, even the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please, embrace Him today.

The Lord bless you all.

Rev Ivan Foster (Rtd)

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*Please note: By way of support for my views on Roman Catholicism and its deceitfulness, I suggest readers take a look at an article available on the internet in which a **former IRA man exposes the lies** that organisation and its supporters, including the Church of Rome, put forth and still do!*

*While we do not endorse all of its reasoning, readers will find evidence that supports the criticism that Bible believers have long mounted against Rome and her offspring!!*