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Time has exposed the falsehood of the ecumenical 'gospel'

Below is my response to an article in Saturday's (February 6th) edition of the Belfast Newsletter.

It more or less was an honouring of the 'words' of a leading Ecumenist from some 40 years ago.

I felt that the 'proof of the puddings' cooked up by ecumenical chefs was all around us and that the newspaper had missed that fact by an Irish mile!

How can intelligent people fail to see the utter worthlessness, the eternal costliness, of the preaching of the false prophets of today's liberal and apostate age?

In the Belfast Newsletter of Saturday 6th February 2021, as part of a series of articles from its archives entitled **Stepping Back In Time**, there was a report of a Church of Ireland Bishop's address at his ordination as Bishop of Connor in Lisburn Cathedral.

Part of the headline read: 'Bishop outlines the way forward to lasting peace.' The report stated: "In his address at his enthronement service at Lisburn Cathedral in January 1982, Bishop McCappin said Irish men and women hung their heads in shame because of the dreadful tale of violence and counter-violence.

"My predecessor, Bishop Arthur Butler, came to the Diocese of Connor in 1969. We are grateful for his outstanding leadership during his episcopate in Connor – but he never knew the diocese in peace," he said.

"My devout prayer is that through the mercy of God there will be an end to 'the troubles' during my term as bishop. I am not without hope. I have great respect and hope and faith in the middle ground."



Bishop McCappin

Bishop McCappin pointed out that 90 per cent of people in Ulster wanted nothing better than to live their lives in peace and security.

'They are heartily sick of the extremists and diehards of all kinds – of violence, intimidation and punishment shootings – of the intransigence and inflexibility from wherever it may come,' he said.

'They are the people who in the critical third week in November – a week before my consecration as bishop turned away from the path to anarchy and civil war.

'They knew that their future lay in peace which can only come through tolerance, understanding and reconciliation.' "

It is this final statement that I would have you consider. "Peace . . . can only come through tolerance, understanding and reconciliation."

Here is the ecumenical and deceitful gospel that the state of Ulster today emphatically proves was a lie!

We lie under the yoke of Sinn Fein/IRA with a weak and miserably inadequate Unionist leadership that, because it was suckled on the milk of ecumenism, like Samson shorn of his hair, is utterly powerless before the onslaught of our enemies.

We have been robbed of virtually every means of defence and that because of the clamorous demands of Irish republican terrorism. We have 'friends' in Westminster who bend over backwards to betray us into the hands of terrorist murderers.



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at a republican gathering because the Covid restriction on crowd numbers was being breached and who then apologised to the republicans, is a example of the sheepishness of the police force leaders in the face of Irish republican defiance!

These are but a few of the fruits of the 'Ecumenical Lie'!

We must mention the moral harvest that has followed the preaching of the ecumenists.

This is not meant to be a 'treatise', with extensive documentation of every statement attached. Rather, it is a simple stating of that which is evident to every honest reader. Should any wish to challenge any of my conclusions they are free to do so!

Surely it is clear that since McCappin uttered these words there has been an emptying of churches! Buildings once filled and well frequented are now bereft of hearers and it is because of the poisoning impact of modernistic, Bible-denying theology that is the standard message of the churchmen of Bishop McCappin's ilk.

Sodomy has been embraced by the church councils and sanctioned as something that is 'God-ordained and God-blessed'. This is evident at the sodomite 'wedding' blessings, conducted by so-called ministers and that have been sanctioned by the hierarchy of the modernistic churches.

We have 'same-sex marriages' likewise sanctioned and blessed. We have the murder of the unborn sanctioned and embraced by our society under its political leaders. Marriage, as an institution of God has almost been abandoned and 'living in sin' has ceased to be a sin as the Church of England decreed some 25 years ago! The streets of our land are the territory of the drug-takers, the robbers, the murderers, the molesters of children, the violent abusers of old women and men.

This is the 'promised land' into which the 'Ecumenical Gospel Preachers' have led Ulster!

A look around Ulster will reveal the terrible consequences that listening to and heeding the erroneous teaching of the McCappins over the last 70 years and more!

The 'Ecumenical' Gospel Examined

Please consider the terms of the gospel preached by the Ecumenists and expressed by McCappin in his Cathedral sermon.

"Peace . . . can only come through tolerance, understanding and reconciliation." Here is the way of peace as outlined by this man, dead some 30 years ago.

Before examining what he says, perhaps we could consider just what the Lord says is the means by which a people enjoy peace.

For the individual, peace comes through faith in the atoning work of the Saviour upon the cross.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 5:1.

"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight," Colossians 1:19-22.

For the nation, peace comes through obedience to God's commands as set forth in the Bible.

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein," Jeremiah 6:16.



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"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," 2 Chronicles 7:13-14.

These verses set forth the way of true peace for individuals and communities and nations. These verses differ greatly from the message McCappin and those of his stamp have been proclaiming in our land for some two generations at least. As a result we today are reaping their sowing of the 'tares' of error and lies.

Just what was the message of this bishop. Well, he tells us in the sentence I have already highlighted.

Peace, he says "can only come through tolerance, understanding and reconciliation."

What did he mean by this?

1. Tolerance. It was common for Ecumenists to call for open-mindedness amongst their people. They meant that their flock should open their minds to teaching, views and notions to which their minds were closed in former times. That which the Bible rejected, the great Reformation Confessions and Creeds rejected, were now to be accepted and welcomed as 'new truths'!

This was the 'new morality' which was to replace what the Ecumenists termed the outdated doctrines of orthodoxy.

Where did today's acceptance of sodomy, abortion, same-sex marriages, living in sin, immorality in public life as we have with our Prime Minister, Boris Johnston and many others in positions of authority and influence? It came from the preaching of 'tolerance' by McCappin & Co!

Everything that the Bible forbids is to be tolerated and everything the Bible commends is to be rejected!

That is the essence of the Ecumenists' message.

Every packet of flower seeds has a picture of what the seeds, when planted, will develop into. The seeds that McCappin and his ilk sowed in Ulster were likewise pictured as producing PEACE! We have only to look around the 'flowerbed' of Ulster and see just what the ecumenical lies produced — the weeds of depravity and corruption rather than the sweet blooms of gospel grace!!

2. Understanding. This is but an extension of 'tolerance'. We have not merely to allow people to hold other views without criticising them but we have to embrace and accept their views into our own minds and abandon any notion that such is wrong, no matter how bizarre and unconventional or even immoral their views and actions may be!

Thus it is forbidden to criticise publicly sodomite relationships and label such as does the Bible. Open-air preachers have been arrested and brought to court for being offensive for merely reading out what the Bible says about such immorality.

You can offend publicly the moral code of the Bible but you must not give expression to God's view of such activities! That is an utter lack of 'understanding' and will not be tolerated!

That is what the Ecumenists were seeking to have the people embrace!

3. Reconciliation. From a theological point of view, this chiefly meant the embracing of Roman Catholicism as being a Biblical religion and a rejecting of the general views of Romanism that were proclaimed by the Reformers, views which have the full support of the Bible!

Thus today, Protestants share worship with Romanists and adopt her forms of worship in many instances. They attend the mass, her assemblies to pray, called 'Novenas', take part in her adoration of Mary — all of



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which was castigated by the Reformers and utterly forbidden by the Word of God.

But now we must be 'reconciled', make peace with such abominations, say the Ecumenists. And their flocks have listened to their teaching. Oh how they have listened to and heeded the enticing lies!

Many Bible-believers have found it difficult to comprehend how Roman Catholics can remain faithful to their 'church' in the light of the many, many revelations of the abominations committed by their cardinals, bishops, priests and nuns and that against the weak and helpless! Yet, how much more incredible it is to see Protestants, so-called, flocking to Romish ceremonies and rituals in the face of such wicked atrocities!

In consequence, the judgment of God is upon our land. The name 'Northern Ireland' has become synonymous with lawlessness, murder, terror, gangsterism and immorality!

That which the Lord said would overtake Israel as a result of their heeding false prophets and their rejecting of God's Word has overtaken us, at least to some degree. It will overwhelm us much more severely if Ulster goes on in the path outlined by the Ecumenist!

"And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy," Leviticus 26:23-25.

How often In Israel's history did the Lord not act in judgment against straying Israel. His threats were not empty!

"And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: for they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight," 2 Kings 17:9-20.

"Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies: but turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel: so that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men; and delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand. He



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gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance. The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage. Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation," Psalm 78:56-64.

How many in the past and now still at this present time, have mistaken the patience and longsuffering and mercy of the Lord as evidence that He does not care what men do or even, that He does not exist!

Such foolish notions will garner a most terrible harvest.

May Ulster yet take heed to the warnings of God and reject the deceptions of the ecumenical false prophets in our midst.

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