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Exodus from the C of E threatened - not likely!!!

Copied below is a report contained in the English newspaper, "The Guardian". It was sent to me by a friend. Let me state immediately that I do not believe for a moment what the bishop who is quoted, Julian Henderson, the bishop of Blackburn, says about an 'Exodus'!

He is reported as further saying: "As and when the church gets to the point where it changes its teaching and its liturgy and its practice in these areas, it is going to be a moment for people to have to reconsider their allegiance to the church."

Why do I not believe the Bishop? Simply because the Church of England has for a very long time, indeed for hundreds of years, been abandoning "its teaching and its liturgy and its practice".

There is not one of the 39 Articles which constitute traditional and historic 'Anglicanism' which has not been abandoned and repudiated by bishops, clerics and the pew repeatedly over the years.

There is not one of the 39 doctrinal statements that have not been rejected from pulpits by apostate clerics, and that without a proper Biblical response. "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself," Titus 3:10-11.

Long, long ago, the Church of England rejected the Biblical definition of the person of God, the divinity of Christ and of the Holy Ghost. The Bible is not considered the inerrant Word of God. The Bible's way of salvation is overthrown in favour of man's natural means of redemption, his own works! Baptism, the Communion Table and acts considered meritorious have all replaced the Bible's message of salvation by the precious blood of Christ. The judgment of God upon sinners and the everlasting damnation of the wicked is repudiated. Popery is embraced and its false teachings commonly believed and practised as is seen in the celebrating of the 'Mass' in many, many churches and that without being repudiated, despite what Article 31 plainly says.

All this has gone on and indeed daily increases and yet there is no 'evangelical' exodus. Exodus there has been but it is one of a people misled and misguided into a state of 'spiritual stupor' by the false shepherds in the pulpits. The population of England, which once called itself 'Anglican', today languishes in darkness and pagan unbelief because of the failure of their shepherds to teach them what the Bible says on all things eternal.

IF there were to be an 'Exodus' as suggested by the bishop, it would at best be small. Furthermore, it would be for all the wrong reasons. It would not be out of loyalty to and love for the Lord and His truth. Were there any of those virtues within the clerical body of the Church of England it would have sparked an exodus long, long ago! Today there are openly sodomite perverts within the ranks, there are women ministers and bishops galore. The pulpits and parish newsletters have repudiated God's Word and that with hardly a ripple of protest and certainly no decisive action against the perpetrators. Why should an exodus now be expected??

Any who would leave should the Church of England 'change its stance on sexuality' it could be not be for the right reasons since a 'change of attitude on sexuality' is already universally accepted within the Church of England!

Furthermore, where would the 'dissenters' go? I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, (Amos 7:14) but I am reasonably certain that they would go into the arms of Rome. That would thus prove that the motive for the 'Exodus' was anything but out of a love for the Lord and His truth.

Hundreds amongst the founders of Anglicanism died at the stake, burned alive rather than continue in the beliefs of Rome. A return to that fold in protest by its 'evangelicals' only shows the depths of the apostasy of that body.



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Dear Christian, we must face up to the fact that what happened to the professing Church in Israel, when it rejected and crucified the Saviour, is now happening to the Gentile Church as it follows the Jewish apostasy. Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, spoke of this in Romans 11:13-22.

“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: if by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”

Please note especially the underlined words.

Today, ‘organised’ religion within Christendom is apostate with the exception of a few separated remnant branches holding fast to God’s Word. So it is to be in the day of Christ’s return in glory and power. “Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:8. That absence of fidelity to the truth of God is found everywhere today. What Jude said in the first century may be repeated and amplified in this twenty-first century. “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ,” verses 3-4.

Dear Christian, hear the Saviour’s Word to all His faithful ones today. “But that which ye have already hold fast till I come,” Revelation 2:25.

Bishop says C of E change of stance on sexuality would spark exodus

Bishop of Blackburn says he and others would have to ‘reconsider their allegiance’

The Guardian, 23rd November 2020

A Church of England bishop has said he and other conservative evangelicals may leave the church if it changes traditional teaching on sexuality and identity.



Julian Henderson, the bishop of Blackburn, said such a move would be “a moment for people to have to reconsider their allegiance to the church”.

He made the comments in a slick 30-minute video, produced by the C of E Evangelical Council (CEEC), which sets out orthodox biblical teaching on sexuality and relationships.

The Beautiful Story urges evangelical members of the church to stand for election to the C of E’s ruling body, the General Synod, in order to oppose and vote against any change to traditional teach-



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Henderson, who is president of the CEEC, says on the video: "As and when the church gets to the point where it changes its teaching and its liturgy and its practice in these areas, it is going to be a moment for people to have to reconsider their allegiance to the church.

"At the moment I want to be in the Church of England, I want to fight for the traditional teaching of the church on these matters. But the time may come when it's going to be essential for those who hold to scriptural teaching on marriage and same-sex relationships to say: 'We cannot operate under this particular system and support this kind of doctrine and practice within the life of our church.' And that may then lead to having to look for alternative solutions."

This month C of E leaders said a decision on sexuality and identity issues that have divided the church for decades would be taken in 2022.

At the moment the church does not allow same-sex marriage and does not officially bless same-sex civil marriages. Gay clergy are permitted to be in relationships so long as they are celibate.

The bishops' pledge came after a three-year mission to examine issues of sexuality and identity, known as Living in Love and Faith, produced a raft of materials designed to facilitate yet further discussion by parishes and congregations.

Addressing an online meeting of the synod on Monday, Justin Welby, the archbishop of Canterbury, spoke of the "complexity of the issues" in which there were "few or no binaries". "It is not as simple as some on all sides of the discussion like to pretend," he said.

Jayne Ozanne, a leading campaigner for LGBT equality in the C of E, said the video "sets out the harmful teaching to which many evangelical churches are subjecting their congregations – including their LGBT+ congregants".

She wrote in a blog: "Make no mistake about it, Church of England, this sort of teaching is wrong, harmful, dangerous and must be stopped. What is it going to take? Another young person deciding to take their life?"

She called for an independent inquiry into the "harmful practices and rhetoric that LGBT+ people are being subjected to in our society, and by certain religious groups in particular."