
Towards a Second Reformation

At a time when Roman Catholics are being saved in the millions throughout Latin America and the Philippines, and are renouncing Roman Catholicism as pagan, why are so many evangelicals accepting Roman Catholicism as Christian?

Rome's essential *de fide* doctrines all remain intact and unchanged. Teachings that salvation is by the sacraments and not new birth, that we burn in purgatory to atone for our own sins, that we should pray to the dead, that Mary co-redeemed us, that we should worship transubstantiated bread and wine as Christ incarnate (and then eat Him in an act of cannibalism after He has died again as He did on Calvary in the Mass), and that the Pope is infallible whenever he speaks *ex cathedra*.

"Positive thinking" preacher, Robert Schuler now teaches that Protestants should go to the Pope and ask the way home.

A Pact with Rome

Yet Chuck Colson (Richard Nixon's former Chief of Staff who, for his Watergate crimes, went to prison where he was saved), CBN President Pat Robertson, J.I.Packer, and Campus Crusades For Christ founder Bill Bright have all signed a pact with Rome agreeing to accept this heresy as Christian and not evangelize Roman Catholics who are on their way to hell without Jesus (members of my own family among them).

Mike Reed, a respected English preacher now dresses up in a Babylonian costume with a bishop's mitre and adopts the title Bishop.

To see Pentecostal ministers adopting a pompous style of religiosity copied from paganism, and not being visibly distinct from Roman Catholicism has disturbed a number of people.

In his book, *The Meeting of Waters*, George Carey (who has also disenfranchised Jewish evangelism) has pandered to Rome and her heresy in a way that Thomas Cranmer, the first evangelical Archbishop of Canterbury, William Tyndale, Bishop John Hooper, Nicholas Ridley, Hugh Latimer, and the other founders of Evangelical Anglicanism chose to be burned alive rather than compromise with.

New Age male bonding

Meanwhile, ecumenical Promise Keepers meetings addressed by Roman Catholic clergy take place in an Elim Pentecostal church in New Zealand.

Promise Keepers is an ecumenical seduction based not on male fellowship in the biblical sense, but rather male bonding in the New Age sense.

In one stadium rally in Colorado, 50,000 copies of the New Age book *The Masculine Journey*, pushing phallic symbolism (but no mention of Jesus) were distributed by its Vineyard promoters.

Vineyard of course also gave us Kansas City and Toronto—unbiblical, dead end routes to revival, so now, with Mormon and Roman Catholic involvement, we have their next sham.

Billy Graham, a Baptist, places converts into Roman Catholic churches. In the U.K. the Baptist Union, in rejection of the heritage of John Bunyan and Charles Spurgeon, to say nothing of the droves of Baptists murdered by Rome for rejecting the same doctrines Rome still holds, has voted over-whelmingly to enter the ecumenical 'Churches Together' movement with Rome and liberal Protestantism.

Morris Cerullo guilty

Meanwhile, the U.K. Advertising Standards Council has found Morris Cerullo guilty of all four charges against him, as American TV money preachers who have already made Born Again a household joke in America buy up the broadcast time on British and European cable and satellite TV so they can likewise convince the British and European unsaved public that being saved is a financial con job.

As sex scandal upon sex scandal, such as The Nine O'Clock Service in an Evangelical Charismatic Anglican Church in Sheffield England or at London Healing Mission, among other Toronto Experience churches, destroy our testimony, a financial insurance scandal rocks the Australian Assemblies of God.

Meanwhile, from New Zealand to England, New Age and Islam continue to go from strength to strength as Evangelical Christianity declines doctrinally, morally, spiritually, numerically, and financially as my fellow Pentecostals and Charismatics choose to roll on the floor in hysterics and bark like dogs while their society goes to the dogs.

Lessons from history

Is there a common thread of these and other seemingly irreversible trends?

Has anything like this scenario happened before, and can we learn anything from history that will help us to understand this very clear decline of Christianity in Western civilization, and the moral disintegration of western society itself as its church and church leaders fail miserably?

One way to grasp what is happening is to understand the parallels between now and what transpired at the advent of the Protestant Reformation, what led up to it, and what mistakes the Reformers made in trying to correct it.

At the heart of what took place during the Sixteenth century and what we see today are two features: financial corruption of the church with a perversion of the gospel to accommodate it and doctrinal corruption influenced by Eastern religion.

Building Programmes and Money Making Gospels

In the aftermath of the Renaissance, a rediscovery of Classical culture fuelled massive Florentine building programmes.

Self glorifying clergy built cathedrals on the backs of the people whom they financially exploited by perverting the scriptures and preaching what Paul called "another Gospel".

This was based on sacramental soteriology instead of new birth, and espoused false doctrine of purgatory, teaching that people would atone in a temporary hell for their own sin, instead of, as the bible teaches, the blood of Jesus cleansing us from all sin.

One could get out of purgatory earlier or get one's deceased loved ones out by indulgences from 'The Treasury of Merits' - that is the grace dead canonized saints did not need which is dispensed or sold by the church.

Hence the sale of these indulgences by such con men as the Dominican indulgence merchant Tetzl, as one example, financed the construction of St. Peter's in Rome.

Another gospel was invented and the true one rejected in order to get money. Those not accepting this were branded heretics.

The Dominicans alone had already tortured and murdered hundreds of thousands in the inquisitions that preceded the Reformation, often so the church could seize the assets and properties of "heretics", so by the 13th century when indulgences were being sold, few dared complain.

Today we see the same. Influenced by E.W. Kenyon who drew his beliefs from Christian Science, we see TV preachers like **Kenneth Copeland** and **Kenneth Hagin** preaching a different gospel to get money for their TV arena churches and the air time to broadcast this foreign gospel which teaches that Satan, and not Jesus, got the victory on the cross.

Copeland taught that he could have died on the cross instead of Jesus Christ, because he too is born again as Jesus was born again in hell, after Jesus became a demon in hell of one nature with Satan and was tortured by the devil. Since the Cross is not central to the gospel of money preachers like Copeland, neither is it central to their view of the Christian life.

Instead of carrying our cross and exchanging it one day for a crown, it becomes 'Name It And Claim It' in a false definition of faith bearing no relation to the biblical faith of Hebrews 11.

Such men teach not faith in Christ, but faith in faith.

Anti-Israel preachers

I have recently come under attack from *Focus On Israel*, particularly by their chairman and co-chairman, **Dr. Tony Stone** and **Rev. Tilley** who circulated a letter against me recently (out of nowhere), after telling me that they wished to have good relationships. The letter said that though they agree with me doctrinally, they deplore my attitude against anti-Israel preachers such as **Rick Godwin**.

They remain angry that I would not hide from a major messianic pop singer the fact that Mr Godwin, with whom she was scheduled to appear, teaches against Israel. If the Jewish media had found out that she shared a platform with a Christian anti-zionist it would have demolished her testimony to the Jewish community.

These men wrote to every Pentecostal minister in the UK (letters which were then circulated as far afield as Australia) falsely denouncing me as not allowing for meaningful dialogue.

Indeed, they know this to be untrue as my attempts at meaningful dialogue did not prevent Elim from inviting **Mike Evans** (of the famous Copeland /Howard-Browne clowning in tongues video) as key note speaker to their next conference, neither did it do anything to halt the promotion of **Morris Cerullo**.

While these men admit they personally object to Morris Cerullo and his promotion by *Direction* magazine, Rev Tilley elects to allow the *Direction* magazine to be distributed amongst the sheep (for whose welfare he will one day give account for to Christ) in his church, thus pleasing the religious establishment at the expense of his flock.

I can only fear for such men, and become aware of my own short comings.

What prompts such men to attack those with whom they agree, and protect those with whom they disagree? What fear of man, or concern with theocratic game playing and denominational politics causes them to sacrifice the good of these whose souls they claim to be guardians of?

The only thing such men appear willing to take a stand against are those willing to take a stand! Men like this were around during the Reformation and we have no shortage of them today.

Simony, Relics and Fetishism

The sale of indulgences during and before the Reformation was matched by the sale of bogus relics and miracle working objects.

Even when such miracles authentically happened as in Acts 19:12, they were never sold or given as gifts only when a contribution was made (as we see with Morris Cerullo's £25 Holy Ghost miracle handkerchiefs to take away debt). In the 16th Century it was bogus splinters of the cross and vials of Mary's breast milk. Today it is Morris Cerullo.

During the Middle Ages the rival banking families of Italy such as the Borgia and Medici families bought and sold the papacy which was a brokerage house of international banking. To this very day the Vatican Bank is called 'The Ministry of Religious Work' and even on a casual visit to Italy one will see 'The Bank of The Holy Spirit', and The 'Catholic Bank of Venuto'.

A trail of corruption and of murder in the Ambrosiano Bank scandal and Calvi affair (which cost the Vatican hundreds of millions to buy itself out of, and which saw Bishop Paul Marcinkus, President of the Vatican bank, taking refuge from the police inside the Vatican at the behest of Pope John Paul II.)

The Vatican and the Prosperity preachers have something in common, the same god—both worship mammon and call it "Christianity". As in the medieval church, we again have the sin of simony (Acts 8:9-22), that is, buying or selling the power of the Holy Spirit.

Inquisition, Antisemitism, and 'Christian' Sanhedrins

When the Sanhedrin could neither refute what Jesus said, nor deny the issues He raised, they instead attacked Him for saying it and sought to discredit Him personally in order to avoid the issues.

Religious hypocrites are basically cowardly people who know they are wrong and have always behaved this way: "If you can't refute what someone says, destroy them for saying it."

When the Pope could not refute a single one of Luther's *Ninety-five Theses*, a bull was instead issued attacking Luther as "evil", and accusing him of "hating the church", when in fact he tried to save it from its own corruption and heresy. Today we see the same reaction. No matter what we may feel about **Hank Hanegraaff**, the issue is what he says in his book *Christianity in Crisis*, and not Hank Hanegraaff.

Yet, while Copeland refuses to debate him, **Paul Crouch** (who gave a platform to the false predictions of John Hinkle that "Evil Would Be Ripped From The Earth in June of 1994"), called down judgement on Hanegraaff, while being unable to refute what he says.

Elim—Not worth defending...

When I challenged **Wynn Lewis** to public debate over his involvement with Cerullo, Rodney Browne, and Mike Evans (who resigned his American Assemblies of God credentials last year under pressure, only to be brought as a featured speaker at the Elim - Assemblies of God U.K. conference by Wynn Lewis), I got the same cowardly and hypocritical reaction.

In order to avoid the issues, he and his associate **Gordon Hills** issued a Papal Bull against me. I was accused of hating Elim. Indeed, it is I who tried to warn Elim from its now probably irreversible self destruction.

While the U.K. Assemblies of God has an organized *Link Movement* of bible based ministers who stand against the false doctrine and bad management of their leadership, apart from the isolated independent Elim minister such as **Jim McConnell** who preached that "Kenneth Copeland and Rodney Browne are blasphemers who are going to hell", most Elim ministers fall into two basic categories.

The first are those like **David Blake** who advocate barking like a dog (and who also refuses to debate me on the biblical basis for his beliefs). The others are those Elim ministers who know these things are wrong but do not love their Lord, their sheep, their bible, or the lost in whose eyes the gospel is being discredited by the spiritual maniac antics of jokers like David Blake, to stand up to their leaders who are destroying Elim.

This is why we know Elim will go the way of the Methodists and have no future—it is not mainly because of men like Wynn Lewis and Gordon Hills who have lead Elim astray, but because of the cowardice of the Elim ministers who see the abomination but remain silent. A church whose own ministers will not fight for it is a church not worth defending. The hand of Christ shall write *Ichabod* all over it.

This mainly happens because the properties are centrally held and Elim, like Roman Catholicism, is hierarchical, and can invoke inquisition to those challenging the party line.

The best thing to do now is to appeal directly to the Elim people, and let them know that similar to the Roman Church and the Church of England, a hefty percentage of their tithes and offerings paid to their local church is shaved off for Elim headquarters to fund the architects of spiritual deception and the wholesale destruction of the credibility of the church.

We can only recall Stanley Frodsham's prophetic warning to Elim in 1965 that seducing spirits would one day invade Elim.

False prophets are protected

Jill Austin, a false teacher associated with the *Vineyard Movement*, has called for an international board to defend those who falsely predict things in the Name of the Lord against those who challenge them on the basis of Deuteronomy 18 and Jeremiah 28.

A proven false prophet named **Rick Joyner** (who predicted a triumph of Communism prior to the Iron Curtain collapsing) claimed to have been raptured to heaven, and saw as the lowest person in heaven someone who taught Christians to have discernment and to beware of proven false prophets. As in the days of Jeremiah the false prophets are protected (Jeremiah 5:30-31), and the true ones stoned.

In America, the wife of an Episcopal bishop wrote an article admitting such people have prophesied falsely, yet urge people to ignore the plain teaching of God's Word and accept them anyway because good can come from false prediction in The Lord's Name.

Medieval inquisitional practices

Trends towards such Medieval inquisitional practices again abound today.

When I met with **Wynn Lewis**, he denied a statement I made that he had promoted Rodney Browne in Wales. I retracted, only to later discover the leaflet prompting the event with himself as sponsor. Someone tells lies somewhere.

Mr. Lewis then claimed I had apologized for my attitude towards him. Our agreement not to speak about each other in public until a further meeting could be held appears to have violated by himself according to the reports of other Elim ministers (he denies this but refuses to prove it is not so by releasing the Elim conference tapes. I do wonder if he is being truthful).

Again, this kind of behaviour to try and placate opposition in this manner is precisely how the Pope handled John Huss in the 15th Century at Lake Konstanz.

We have a new letter from David Shearman saying he would not meet with me one-on-one (I also wanted my board to meet his), yet I was issued a virtual summons to appear before his board by myself, able to bring only one friend with me providing they knew who it would be. This is Roman Catholic Inquisition. It is also U.K. Pentecostalism.

The Spanish Inquisition

We also note that the Reformation of 1513 came literally on the coat tails of the Spanish Inquisition of 1492. Much of this had to do with antisemitism. A Protestant antisemitism was then promulgated by Luther, whose sermons later inspired Adolph Hitler and the holocaust.

One only needs to see the rise of anti-Israel preachers such as Rick Godwin to see the rise of what many people see as something comparable today.

Obsession with demons

Much of inquisitional theology however stemmed from an obsession with demons and finding them in people. Protestant versions of this later led to witch burnings by Calvinists, such as Presbyterians in Scotland and Puritans in America.

Today, we must understand that excessive stress on things like deliverance (which is not even a biblical practice as it is usually practised today), is in essence of the same root.

We see people like **Randy Clark** teaching that demons should only be cast out of believers, and such unbiblical views defended by **William DeArtega**.

DeArtega openly advocates occult New Age books, misunderstands the theological implications of quantum physics and nonlocality by taking an eastern mystical view of it, confuses discernment with the materialist- rationalism of the old Newtonian physics, and above all falsely accuses **Dave Hunt** of being cessationist (believing the gifts of the Spirit no longer operate) who quenches the Spirit.

In fact Dave Hunt himself is a moderate charismatic, who went against his own Brethren background over the issue. Dave Hunt has stood with nobility against the seductions of New Age infiltration into the church, and ecumenism. Yet Wynn Lewis endorses DeArtega's book to refute the problems caused by Dave Hunt. Again, inquisitorial behaviour.

Pentecostal Popes

One must only read the descriptions of Pope Julius by Erasmus at the outset of The Reformation in his Praise of Folly to understand the mentality of modern day Pentecostal Popes like Wynn Lewis today.

In the 16th Century Ptolomean astronomy was replaced by Galileo, Copernicus, and Kepler. As a result feudalism collapsed and the Holy Roman Empire (which was neither holy, nor mainly Roman) with it. As revolutions happened in science and technology, the political, economic, social, and cultural sphere changed with it. Astronomy was divorced from Astrology, Pharmacy and Chemistry from Alchemy, and rationalism was born.

Today, just such a series of changes are again happening.

Only instead of the fall of a non democratic Holy Roman Empire with one false church, through the advent of the EEC and Ecumenism, we are seeing the destruction of the democratic nation state and the rise of a Roman Empire with one false church.

Then the church was divided, first between those rewriting Christianity as a Platonic religion against the Scholastic followers of Aquinas who rewrote it as an Aristotelian religion, but later between those wishing a biblical faith at odds with those inventing their own doctrines.

Today however, it is those wishing man-made doctrine taking issue with those wishing the Word of God. Today, instead of science being divorced from the occult, the occult is again coming into science.

Just as the 16th century humanists tried, and largely failed, to define a correct theological understanding of the new science, so too men like DeArtega are doing today. DeArtega's attempts rather approximate to the New Age Paradigm shift than to a biblical view of man's intellectual development.

Above all, when Popes were unable to refute Luther, they tried to find intellectuals like John Eck to do it for them, much the same as people like Marilyn Hickey and Wynn Lewis will do with William DeArtega today.