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“And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch”

Mark 13:37

**NEWSLETTER**

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To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

By the mercy of our God I am spared to communicate with you again, and in spite of many difficulties in body, mind and circumstances, I can say to the Lord's honour and glory, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12).

What an infinite mercy it is that we are privileged to take all our afflictions, burdens and concerns to One who knows our every need and One who is able to do exceedingly more for us than we can ask or ever need. Sometimes we have to be brought low and to our wits end in endeavouring to manage our personal affairs before we realise that the Lord is reminding us of our need of Him to order and manage everything for us. We include a very relevant and encouraging daily portion by the late J. C. Philpot which is in his book "Ears From Harvested Sheaves" - "*And hath put all things under his feet.*" Ephesians 1:22.

This excellent book may be obtained from Gospel Standard Trust Publications, 12(b) Roundwood Lane, Harpenden, AL5 3BZ.

I wish to record my personal thanks to our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ian Henderson, and our Secretary, Mrs. Jean Cummins, for all they have done to assist and progress the work of Christian Watch, whilst I have been afflicted with and following my hip replacement. I also thank all our Members who have so kindly remembered me in their prayers. In addition, I am pleased to report that my Committee colleague, Michael Hobbis, is making a progressive recovery.

We are living in extremely solemn times and I wonder how long the liberty we presently have to promote the Word of God and our Christian faith will be maintained to us. We receive information from some of our Members, particularly those located in Africa and the Middle East, of the terrible persecution that many professing Christians at times have to endure and also the limited amount of food available for them and their families. We should pray earnestly for them and do all we can personally to assist in relieving their trials.

We are required by the Lord to contend for righteousness, particularly in times when evil and wickedness abound. Are we not living in such a time at present? That which is contrary to the commandments of God is publicly promoted in schools and even by those in authority over us. Our silence appears to the world that we support these evils and for this we shall be required to give account in the Day of Judgement. We include an excellent discourse by our good friend and supporter in South Africa, Pastor Shaun Willcock, entitled "**CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH *Against the Heresies of our Times***". It deals with Romanism, Arminianism, Naturalistic Textual Criticism, Evolution, Charismaticism, Ecumenism, Syncretism and Contextual Theology. Many of the errors that are promoted in our day are dealt with and when the Lord determines that His judgement will be upon a nation, He leaves those in authority to be under the deceptions of the Devil. Are we not presently experiencing this situation in many countries? We include an illustration of this under the title **NEWS ITEMS**.

The promotion of the Word of God we believe to be of vital importance in our attempt to stem the tide of wickedness presently swamping the United Kingdom and other nations in the world. It was in consideration of this that a Committee was established to investigate the possibility of establishing a facility to promote Biblical truths to the many people who are presently ignorant of them. With the help and guidance of the Lord the **CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE** has

been established in a central location in England. Details are given of opening times and of forthcoming events.

We are concerned at the increasing amount of false religion that is being promoted at all levels of society. From the creation of the world and the entering of sin - by the failure of Adam and Eve to resist the temptations of Satan - there have only been two kinds of religion, that which is real and God-given and that which is false. How we need to examine ourselves to determine which of the two categories defines our own religion. The same Satan that tempted Adam and Eve is very active and is constantly attempting to lead us into various forms of sin and evil by tempting us in various ways. We include two letters written by the late William Huntingdon under the title **ON TRUE FAITH** in which he identifies the differences between true and false faith. It is a wonderful blessing to be given true faith by the Lord, enabling us to trust in Him at all times, however difficult the situation and circumstances may appear to us. We must always remember that there are no impossibilities with the Lord and we are exhorted to "Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us." *Psalm 62:8*. The hymn by the late John Kent summarises that refuge in the following:

A REFUGE for sinners the Gospel makes known;  
'Tis found in the merits of Jesus alone;  
The weary, the tempted, and burdened by sin.  
Were never exempted from entering therein.

Should conscience accuse us, as oft-times it may,  
Here's blood that can take its defilement away,  
In Jesus the Saviour, the sinner shall view  
A city of refuge and righteousness too.

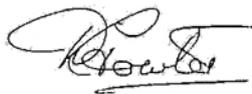
We include a review of a book entitled, **FROM SPARK TO FLAME** - Historic Themes with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Relevance - by George Dawson. We are offering this book for sale as we consider it to be very relevant to the current situation prevailing in our land, as well as in many others throughout the world.

The Christian Watch Annual Public Meeting is scheduled to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and details are included in this Newsletter. We hope to welcome Mr. Graham Chewter, who is a Deputation Speaker for the Trinitarian Bible Society, to give the main address under the title, "**Who is on the Lord's side?**" We shall be pleased to welcome as many of our Members who are able to be present with us and also request the prayerful support of all who are unable to attend.

We desire to thank all our Members for their prayerful and financial support for the work we undertake and we pray the Lord will grant to each one of us all that we need for this present life and also to prepare us each for eternity. The days and months pass so quickly and we know not the length of the period that remains for us upon this earth. May the dear Lord assist us to serve Him and to do all we can to bring honour and glory to His great and holy Name.

May the Lord bless you each with the riches of His grace.

I remain, yours in the Lord's service.



**David Crowter**

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# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## *Against the Heresies of our Times*

by Shaun Willcock

In addition to preaching the Gospel to the lost (Mk.16:15), and teaching all the Word of God to the saved (Matt.28:20), it is also the solemn duty of the Lord's servants to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3); for they are "set for the defence of the Gospel" (Phil.1:17). Thus, not only are they to be "holding forth the word of life" (Phil.2:16), but also, they are to be "holding fast the faithful word" as they have been taught, that they "may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Tit.1:9). They are to actively and vociferously stand against the heretical errors of the age. When a servant of the Lord does this, then only will it be truly said of him, as it was of David of old, that he "served his own generation by the will of God" (Acts 13:36).

Every age has its heresies with which the Church must contend. Some are perennial — they are faced by the Church in almost every age. Romanism, for example, and Arminianism, are evils against which the Church of Christ has had to contend for centuries. Others, however, are peculiar to certain periods in the Church's history.

At the Reformation, Romanism was the great heretical evil of the age, and the English Reformers met this monster head-on, opposing it at every turn, exposing its vile errors, and thereby earnestly contending for the faith. During the time of the eighteenth-century Evangelical Awakening, the men of God had to contend for the faith against the formal, cold, dead ritualism of Anglicanism, against Deism, etc. The nineteenth century saw the rise of such evils as higher criticism, naturalistic textual criticism, and evolutionism, against which the Lord's servants of that age had to contend.

In our own day, the battle rages on a number of fronts. Some of the enemies the Church faces today are the old perennial ones, which are making more rapid progress than they have for centuries. Others began in the nineteenth century and have snowballed since then; and still others are their degenerate offspring, or what could be described as the mature growth of the weeds that were planted back then. It behoves us, living at this critical time in history, to be well acquainted with the primary evils of the age, and to do battle with them. Let none say, as the Israelites of old did, "there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight" (Num.13:33). Giants these evils may be, but where there are giants, there Davids are called for!

In our day, the greatest heresies against which we must earnestly contend are the following:

**1. ROMANISM:** the denial of the Gospel of grace, of justification by faith, of the true doctrine of the Trinity, of the uniqueness of Christ, etc., etc. This is the great evil against which the saints of almost all ages have had to contend. Even in the very earliest centuries of Christianity, this "mystery of iniquity" was already at work in embryonic form (2 Thess.2:7). It is indeed the greatest enemy of the Lord's Church and of the Gospel (Rev.13:5-7; 17:6; 19:2), and it has given birth to a number of other heresies, both in the past, and in our day (Rev.17:5).

And yet today, this vile system, this vast counterfeit of the true Church, this monstrous persecutor of the saints of God, is considered, by the vast majority of professing "Christians", to be a branch of the true Christian Church — in fact, by many it is considered to be, not just a branch (that would be bad enough), but the very *root* and *stem* of the Christian Church! And worldwide, almost without exception, once-Protestant churches and denominations are falling over themselves to embrace the Papal Harlot, and to receive her smile, while she continues to propagate her soul-damning, Christ-denying heresies and to persecute true believers wherever she has the opportunity.

Against this giant, the Lord's remnant must rise up, and lift up their voice! Say not, "It would be

nothing but a voice crying in the wilderness. "However lonely the voice may be, if it is not raised in protest, it sins against its Lord. Are we only to raise our voices when there are many other voices to join with us? What if the prophets of old had taken that stance? Or are we only to raise our voices when success is guaranteed? Ezekiel stands as a rebuke to all who think so (Ezek.3:10,11). There may be only a few voices raised in this wilderness; but take them

away,

and there would be none at all.

And for all you know, perhaps your voice, lifted up and contending for the faith against Popery, will give courage to other fainting hearts, and they will be emboldened to join with you! Over a billion souls are ensnared by Popery in our day, and this giant is striding across the earth with more confidence than it has done for centuries. It remains what it has ever been — the Great Whore, sitting upon peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues, making the inhabitants of the earth drunk, full of names of blasphemy, the Mother of harlots and abominations, drunk with the blood of the saints (see Rev.17:1-6). What was to be done, in a physical sense, to the literal Babylon of old, must be done to the mystical Babylon of today in a spiritual sense: "Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the Lord" (Jer.50:14).

**2. ARMINIANISM:** the denial of the Gospel of the free and sovereign grace of God; an attack upon the omnipotence and omniscience of God and the extent of Christ's work. In one form or another, the Church of Christ has been confronted with this great error down the centuries, and it is still with us. But today, Arminianism is absolutely rampant throughout the professing Church. It is the dominant theology of the age. Never before has it been so widespread as it is today. At one time it was confined almost exclusively to Wesleyan Methodism and a few other institutions, but now it has spread like a cancer throughout churches and denominations that once upheld the doctrines of sovereign grace. Even many which still, on paper, claim to stand for the Gospel of the free and sovereign grace of God, in practice are Arminians, making use of Arminian-style evangelistic outreaches, altar calls, etc. These are worldly methods of soul-winning, and what is their result? Vast numbers of people who assume that they are Christians because they "walked the aisle", or raised their hand when the preacher asked them to, or "repeated a prayer"; but who are, in fact, still dead in trespasses and sins, with no real love for God, or hatred for sin, in their hearts; "instant Christians", stepping off the conveyor-belt with a "decision-card" in one hand and an offering envelope in the other, mass-produced in minutes by free-will "evangelists" who took them by the hand and led them in a "sinner's prayer"; men and women who know nothing of true conviction of sin, brought into church membership before they are born from above, still bound for Hell, though now called "brethren".

Am I being too harsh? He who would say so, knows nothing of the awful tragedy of this situation. Look around you! The churches are filled with unregenerate, worldly, pleasure-loving, holiness-hating souls, who are absolutely convinced that they are Christians because they once made a "decision for Christ"! It is a broad, broad way to destruction (Matt.7:13,14), and multitudes are rushing down it, blissfully singing hymns as they skip merrily on.

Against this perversion of the faith, we must earnestly contend! In earlier decades of this twentieth century, Arthur Pink raised his voice for the truth of Sovereign Grace, while all around him Arminianism held sway. Today, there are far more proclaiming the doctrines of grace than there were then; but, alas! in many circles it has become fashionable to proclaim oneself a "Calvinist", even though there is no corresponding holiness of life, thus revealing that the doctrines of grace are merely held intellectually. Against this gross corruption of the truth, too, we must contend! — for it is as deadly as Arminianism.

**3. NATURALISTIC TEXTUAL CRITICISM:** the denial of the reliability and truthfulness of God's Word; the basis of many other heresies, and the reason why we have such a confusing array of new Bible versions today. In the nineteenth century, the true text of God's Word, known as the Received Text, came under assault; a new text was produced from depraved manuscripts, by naturalistic methods, a text which was radically different from the Received Text; and this, in turn, was used as the basis for new translations of the Scriptures, beginning with the Revised Version in 1881. This evil worsened with the passing of the years, and today we have the horrendous spectacle of dozens of new versions of the Bible, each one claiming to be an improvement over the last, but each one, in fact, altering the Word of God, or omitting

chunks of it, or adding to it. This is nothing less than an all-out assault upon the Bible, the very foundation of our faith (Rev.22:18,19; 2 Cor.2:17; 4:2). And yet it is not even seen to be a minor skirmish, let alone a full-scale war, by most professing Christians! Ever since the seventeenth century, the King James Version has been loved and cherished as the Word of God in English by millions, and faithful servants of the Lord preached from it, knowing that it was based upon the true Hebrew and Greek texts, and that it was a faithful and accurate translation. It was the Bible of generation after generation of God's people. But what is the situation today? In a word: confusion! Confusion over which version is the best; which words should be retained, and which should be removed; confusion in the churches, and confusion in the homes; a generation that is no longer familiar with the very words of Scripture; vast numbers of people tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, because doctrinal confusion is the natural and inevitable consequence of uncertainty regarding what is, and is not, the Word of God.

Without any doubt whatsoever, this is one of the major heresies of the age; and it calls for Christians to clearly understand the issues involved, and to stand up and be counted. This is the work of Satan himself, who delights in casting doubt upon the Word of God (Gen.3:1).

**4. EVOLUTION:** the denial of the Biblical account of the creation, leading to doubt regarding all other aspects of the Word of God. In the nineteenth century the theory of evolution gained scientific respectability, and it was not long before men professing to be the shepherds of God's flock had warmly embraced this "science falsely so called" (1 Tim.6:20), and "erred concerning the faith" (vs.21); and worse still, by teaching this heresy to their flocks, they caused many others to err as well. It was taught that "science" had "proved" that the Genesis account of creation was a myth, and thus was "science" exalted above the Word of God. The Bible was now interpreted in the light of "modern science" by these men. But the "light" of evolution was nothing but gross darkness, and men who claimed to be the ambassadors of Him who is "the light of the world" were groping about in the darkness of unproven (and unprovable) theories of man's origins, eagerly pointing to bits of bone dug out of the earth and claiming that these spoke with more clarity and authority about the origins of man than the inspired and majestic record of the Bible. The creation account in Scripture, it was taught, was written for the ignorant and primitive men of earlier ages, so as to provide them with an explanation of the origins of life which was suited to their intellectual development; but *we* (they asserted) live in a more enlightened age! Faith in the fossils must replace faith in the words of the Bible!

But deny the first few chapters of the Bible, and what then? You overthrow the foundation! If those first few chapters are in error, then how can anyone be certain that the rest of the Bible speaks the truth? If Adam and Eve were merely mythical creatures, then so was the Fall! And if there was no Fall, then what need was there of a Saviour? It was not in the least surprising that, as evolutionary heresy spread its tentacles, the Protestant denominations began to fill with men in leadership positions who denied the very foundational doctrines of the Christian faith!

The theory of evolution is at the root of all kinds of other heresies. And if man is no more than an evolved animal, the highest of the "higher primates", then even the Christian religion is nothing more than the product of his own imagination. And if this is so, then it is on a level with all other religions, and each man may worship God in the way he chooses — for all religions lead to God in the end...or, perhaps, none of them do. Once-Protestant denominations are riddled with men in positions of leadership who do not believe the Bible to be the Word of God; they reject the doctrine of the Trinity; they do not believe that Jesus Christ is the only way truth, and life; they deny the reality of sin, of an eternal Hell, and proclaim that Heaven is something that will occur on earth when a Marxist Utopia is ushered in.

Evolution is the basis of their creed.

Oh, let each and every Christian earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints, against this soul-damning heresy!

**5. CHARISMATICISM:** the denial of the sufficiency of the Word of God, leading to Romanism. What began, around the turn of the century, as a Movement on the very fringes of Protestantism, rightly rejected as unscriptural by those sound in the faith, moved during the second half of the century into the older Protestant denominations. Of course, by this time, what was termed "Protestantism" was, for the most part, a mere shadow of its former self, unscriptural at its very root, riddled with heresy, brim-full of unregenerate souls. Into this doctrinal smorgasbord the Charismatic heresy slithered, and like a rather bland meal that can be made more palatable by the addition of certain spices, cold and lifeless "Protestantism" suddenly seemed to come alive! It seemed as if a new spirit had been breathed into it! There was joy, and shouting, and clapping, and dancing, and strange new sounds as well.

Alas! What the Charismatics thought was "a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind" (Acts 2:2), was in reality the shrieking wind of false doctrine (Eph.4:14), which tossed them to and fro, finally dumping them at the entrance to the Vatican. For the very root of the Charismatic error, despite all their protestations to the contrary, is the denial of the sufficiency of the Word of God. And *that* has been Popery's position for centuries.

This denial of the Bible's sufficiency is why they are open to all kinds of supposed "new revelations", via tongues and prophecy. *This* is why they do not care whether these "new revelations" are even in accordance with Scripture or not. *This* is why experiences are more important than what the Scripture says. *This* is why one outrageous false doctrine after another has been eagerly embraced as the years have rolled by. And *this* is why the Charismatic Movement is sweeping multitudes into the Ecumenical Movement — or what can better be called the Romeward Movement.

For Romanism has *always* denied the sufficiency of Scripture! It has *always* insisted that there are "other revelations": *extra-Biblical* revelations. It has *always* said, "The Bible is not enough!" And now Charismatics are saying, "Forget what the Bible says! Doctrine is not important — experience is all that counts!" To which a pious "Amen" echoes around the corridors of the Vatican. Those in power there know very well that *that* kind of statement sounds the death-knell of Protestantism.

Charismaticism must be opposed for the heresy that it is! Though they will not endure sound doctrine, having itching ears (2 Tim.4:3), yet still sound doctrine must be proclaimed (vs.2)! For by this means, those whom the Lord has ordained to be recovered, will be! Against this ever-rising tide of chaos, we must contend!

**6. ECUMENISM:** the "Inter-Church" Movement; the Romeward Movement; the denial of Biblical separation, of sound doctrine. For centuries, Rome attempted to wipe out Protestantism by murdering Protestants. Fire, the sword, the rack, and a thousand other diabolical methods were employed to destroy Protestants. Today, Rome still persecutes whenever it has the opportunity; but it has hit on another method — in many ways far more effective than persecution — of establishing total control. This is *Ecumenism*.

The Ecumenical Movement is the push for the union of all institutions calling themselves "churches"; for the removal of all doctrines that would stand in the way of the "churches" coming together as one. Jesus, in prayer to the Father for all believers, prayed, "That they all may be one" (Jn.17:21); and this verse has become the rallying-cry of the ecumenicals. "Poor Jesus," they say, "longing to see us all united, and yet we're all so divided!" - as if that beautiful prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ has never been answered! Of course it has — for did not the Lord Jesus say on another occasion, in prayer to the Father, "thou hearest me always" (Jn.11:42)? His prayer was heard, and was answered. All true believers, although they have differing degrees of light, are one in the Father and the Son. So it has ever been, and so it ever will be. But the Ecumenical Movement is Satan's work, whereby he seeks to destroy sound doctrine, and get all who merely *profess* to be Christians (whether they be Papists, Liberals, Charismatics, or supposed "Evangelicals") to come together. The Scriptures say categorically, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers", but "come out from among them, and be ye separate" (2 Cor.6:14,17); but this command to true Christians to separate from

unbelievers (including, of course, all who may profess to be "Christians" but who are not) is completely set aside, and all that one hears, from all quarters, are such statements as the following: "Don't worry about doctrine! Doctrine divides — love unites! We must all come together in love and unity: Roman Catholics, Protestants, everyone! We must all be one!"

Thus we have the World Council of Churches, that diabolical Organisation, made up of every type of Christ-denying, Bible-ignoring institution calling itself a "church" that one could imagine, and filled with every type of false doctrine too, from radical feminism to militant liberation theology; from sodomy to goddess-worship.

And behind it all, pulling the strings, is Popery — the Mother of Harlots, watching her harlot daughters dance to her music, as they cavort on their merry way towards the city on seven hills. For this road leads in only one direction: Rome. The more doctrinally confused Protestantism is, the more readily it stretches out its arms to Rome. The Bible having been laid aside, the various "Protestant" denominations are like ships without rudders, and Rome appears to them to be the only stable religious institution. "Romeward bound!" is the cry. To be a separatist is, as far as the ecumenicals are concerned, to be a narrow-minded, dogmatic, hate-filled, bigoted fanatic, holding on pathetically to archaic doctrines.

Let the unregenerate, heretical ecumenicals mock on! It is a very, very lonely walk for the true Christian in these dark days. But it was so for his Lord as well — and for his disciples. It is a broad way that leads to destruction, and only a very narrow one that leads to life (Matt.7:13,14). If the true Christian is branded as narrow-minded because he preaches that Christ is the only way, truth, and life (Jn.14:6), then so be it! If he is branded as dogmatic because he refuses to "accommodate" the serpent's lies, then so be it! If he is labelled as hate-filled because he tells men the stark truth about the state of their souls, and of their eternal punishment in the lake of fire except they repent, then so be it! We must earnestly contend for the faith against what passes erroneously for "Christianity".

The Ecumenical Movement is not going to simply go away. It is a monster that is growing larger by the day. Against it, the true believer must raise his voice!

**7. SYNCRETISM:** the "Inter-Faith" Movement; the denial of the uniqueness of Christ and his Gospel; and a major step towards a universal religion — Popery. Not only is there a satanic attempt to unite all religious institutions calling themselves "churches" (the Ecumenical Movement), but there is also a satanic attempt to unite all religions in general (the Inter-Faith Movement). Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, "Christians", and all others are moving ever closer together. And once again, behind the entire process is Popery. For the Roman Catholic institution believes itself to be the only true Church, and it sees the Inter-Faith Movement as a means to ultimately eliminate all opposition, by *absorbing* all opposition! Of course, the roots of Romanism are to be found in the religion of ancient Babylon, which was the worship of the god Baal and his mother. And this was the source of all the earth's false religions. So Roman Catholicism has a lot in common with these other religions. The only real difference is in the names and terminology used. All of them proclaim a system of salvation by works.

The Inter-Faith Movement is gaining momentum worldwide. Increasingly, the similarities between the different religions are being emphasised, rather than the differences. "Dialogue" has replaced proselytisation. "We must talk to one another, instead of trying to win converts from one another." There is much back-slapping, much mutual praising of one another's charitable works, and much co-operative effort in matters such as the "war on poverty" and the "fight against oppression".

The Inter-Faith Movement promotes the concept that there are many paths to God; that it does not matter too much which religion one adheres to, as long as one is sincere. But in stark contrast to the Inter-Faith Movement are these words of the Lord Jesus Christ: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (Jn.14:6). Again the Word of God declares: "Neither is there salvation in any other [than Christ]: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). To the true

Christian, then, the idea that all religions lead to God is absolutely abhorrent; and he will always firmly proclaim that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father. There is no salvation in any other.

But, oh! how the world hates this! "Intolerant!" it cries. "Narrow-minded! Bigoted! Dogmatic!" Thus are true Christians despised, just as their Master said they would be. Speaking the truth in love, they are accused of sprouting hate-filled lies. How each and every Christian needs to pray to the Lord for holy boldness to stand against the tide and say with clarity and firmness: "Jesus Christ ALONE is the way, truth, and life!" Few will hear, and believe; but for those few, it must be done. And for the glory of God, it must be done!

**8. CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY:** the denial of the true purpose of the Gospel; an earthly message, proclaiming a political/earthly "salvation". The very word, "contextual", reveals what this so-called "theology" is all about. Its advocates seek to "contextualise" the Bible; to interpret the Bible in the context of political or social conditions prevalent at any given time. In other words, according to them, the Bible speaks to us today, not with the eternal Gospel of liberty for those in spiritual bondage to sin and Satan, but with a message of liberty for those who are "oppressed", or perceived to be so, by prevailing laws or attitudes in society. Sin is perceived to be "structural" (i.e. within the existing structures of any oppressive society), rather than individual. And thus, incredibly, things which the Bible condemns as sinful are, by contextual "theologians", exalted as *good*, if they overthrow what the Bible calls good, but which these men call evil! As an example: violence is exalted as being something good, if it is directed against a Government perceived to be oppressive — even though the Bible calls violence against any Government evil. Another example: exalting women to leadership positions within churches is seen as good, because women are thereby "liberated" from "archaic" and "sexist" restraints — even though the Bible declares that a woman in the ministry is something sinful! "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa.5:20). This is *precisely* what "contextual theology" does.

"Contextual theology" has different branches. For example, there is "liberation theology", which has brought such immense suffering and bloodshed to various South American and African countries. This is the merger of Communism and supposed "Christianity" (the false "Christianity" of Romanism, the World Council of Churches, etc.); the heresy that Christ was a revolutionary, a political freedom fighter, a terrorist and Marxist guerilla, and that the real "gospel" is one of freedom from political oppression by violent means; the heresy that the real "Christians" are those who side with the "oppressed" against the "oppressors", join guerilla armies, and wholeheartedly support Communist revolutions. Let no-one think that liberation theology is a mere flash in the pan, something on the outer fringes of ecclesiastical institutions that will soon pass away. It is an essential part of the activities of both the Papal, and corrupt "Protestant", institutions in the Third World, the number one driving force behind the spread of Communism in countries where the populations are predominantly religious. It is directly responsible for the toppling of Governments and the coming to power of Marxist thugs, from Port-Au-Prince to Pretoria, from Manila to Maputo.

Then there is Feminist Theology. This branch of contextual theology proclaims that women are in bondage to men, and are in need of "salvation" from male domination. Completely distorting, or ignoring, what the Bible says, feminist theologians vociferously and aggressively contend for women in the ministry, for women to be "free" to abort their unwanted babies, etc. Feminist theology is Women's Lib with a religious face, and as with all aspects of contextual theology, the underlying motivation is *rebellion*: rebellion against what is God-ordained, because the unregenerate heart hates it.

Against all forms of contextual theology, the true Christian must boldly speak out! Contextual theology is a vile distortion of Biblical truth, the horrible attempt to make use of God's Holy Word to support what in fact it condemns.

These are the greatest heresies the Church of God faces on the spiritual battlefield today. The

clash of arms should be heard, as the Lord's army charges into battle, and engages these enemies head-on, and as the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit (Eph.6:17), is upheld and proclaimed, from all corners of the field the cry should be going up: "The sword of the Lord!" (Judg.7:18,20). But do we hear a mighty roar like this arising from all across the plains of battle? Alas, no! Here and there a voice or two is thus raised, but in most places the Lord's army is in retreat! Some cannot get their swords out of their sheaths — they are not sufficiently familiar with them, they do not know how to unlock them; others are a little more advanced, they know how to unsheathe them but not how to properly wield them; others, having unsheathed their swords, have found that these are different versions, they are shaped differently and they are blunt, not sharp; still others are being persuaded by the enemy to take a good look at their swords, and to see all kinds of supposed faults with their weapons, filling them with doubt as to their reliability; and then there are still others who have been persuaded by the enemy to sit down with him, laying their swords to one side for a moment, and to negotiate, all the while pointing out all kinds of supposed similarities between them.

Christian soldier! Rise up and be counted! "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor.16:13)! "Is there not a cause?" (1 Sam.17:29). Indeed there is! Go out against these enemies in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom they have defied (1 Sam.17:45). Know your enemy, and set the battle in array! Lift up your voice, and earnestly contend for the faith amidst the utter religious confusion of the times.

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## **NEWS ITEMS**

### **1. Another EU whitewash - Express, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013**

Former Cabinet Minister, John Redwood, is right to cast doubt on the Government's heavily hyped exercise to compile a shopping list of powers it wants back from the European Union.

As he points out, the so-called "balance of competences review" is being supervised by the Foreign Office, the most pro-Brussels Department in Whitehall. In addition, an opening sentence that includes the words "membership of the EU is in the UK's national interests" hardly suggests that the mandarin class is busting a gut to re-assess the lazy pre-conceptions that led to so much sovereignty being given away in the first place.

Mr. Redwood says that what has been published reads like a "whitewash to justify the existing settlement". That's because it is exactly that.

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### **2. From Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund – Christians forced to pay "protection" money to Islamists in Egypt - (19 September, 2013)**

Pay the *jizya*, convert to Islam, leave or be killed. That is the impossible choice facing Christians in parts of Egypt that remain Islamist strongholds over two months after the ousting of President Mohammad Morsi.

The *jizya* is, on the face of it, a protection racket; it is a humiliating tax or tribute historically imposed by Muslims on Christians and Jews in “conquered” territory to safeguard their existence; but its significance runs deeper than that of a mafia-style extortion scheme. The Quran commands that non-Muslims pay the *jizya* “with willing submission and while feeling themselves subdued” (9:29).

It is part of a collection of rules and regulations imposed on those granted *dhimmi* status that are intended to mark them out as inferior to Muslims. So while paying the *jizya* does guarantee a level of protection for Christians and Jews, it comes at the high price of them accepting a sub-class status in which they are not recognised as citizens and their rights are restricted.

The only way for conquered subjects to exempt themselves is to convert to Islam or to leave. Those who refuse to pay are liable to be killed as they are considered to have broken a pact with the Muslims.

This archaic tax is being enforced today in parts of Minya and Assuit, where Islamists remain strong. These provinces both have a large Christian population, Minya, the largest in Egypt, providing ruthless Muslims with ample targets.

Egyptian Christians are particularly loathe to pay the *jizya* – and the acceptance of inferiority that comes with it – as they are descended from the pharaonic Egyptian people who long pre-date the Arab Muslims settlers’ arrival in the country. They understandably resent being made non-citizens by those who came after them.

Minya and Assuit were among the areas worst affected by the anti-Christian violence unleashed by the Muslim Brotherhood in the wake of Morsi’s removal from power; scores of churches were torched, countless Christian homes and businesses destroyed and a number of Christians killed. With such a trail of devastation in their wake, the Islamists’ demand that Christians pay the *jizya* – or else – has been no idle threat.

### **3. French Government foists ‘gender theory’ on schools**

The Christian Institute - 22 August, 2013

The Socialist Government in France has been accused of forcing schools to follow ‘gender theory’.

Earlier this year, the French Government passed a law to introduce genderless marriage. Now an Education Ministry Report wants the deconstruction of gender as early as possible in the school system. France’s Women’s Rights Minister is launching the “ABC of gender equality” in lessons for children aged six to eleven.

In June, France’s top primary school teachers’ union called for pupils to read a book called “Daddy wears a dress”.

But critics say that ignoring the differences between boys and girls could do more harm than good. One French commentator said: “When our little boys are able to play with tea sets and our little girls get interested in racing cars, will our society really be in a better state?”

In January, France’s Education Minister was accused of trying to gag faith schools from criticising same-sex marriage. Vincent Peillon ordered the schools to keep quiet and asked education officials to keep watch and report any ‘anti-gay’ views.

Recently it emerged that a taxpayer-funded group in Scotland had published advice for childcare workers, telling them to dress boys as butterflies. Workers were also warned not to compliment a girl on her hair, and told to let boys dress up as nurses.

Challenging ‘gender stereotypes’ would help tackle domestic violence, the group claimed.

#### **4. Damascus Pastor: 40 Percent of Congregation Has Fled the Country**

Religion Today - 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

A Pastor from Damascus paints a sad picture of the situation in the Syrian capital, Charisma News reports. "The situation is very grim," Pastor Edwards says. "There is deep sadness and much stress and anxiety."

According to the Pastor, approximately 40 per cent of the members of his Church have left the country since the civil war in Syria started two and a half years ago. It is a reality churches in Syria now face; people that have financial means and contacts abroad often leave the war-torn country. Edwards knows that in his Church some members are still waiting for the opportunity to leave Syria. "They are still trying to find a place to go," he says. However, "we see new people coming to Church. Many of the families that we visit and help with a monthly food supply come to our services now."

Although there is no fighting going on in the central area of Damascus, it is a daily reality in several suburbs. "It seems that there is no end in sight," Edwards says. "Christians are like all other people – concerned for their safety and the future of their children." In a way, life goes on for many people in Damascus. People who work in the public sector still go to work, "but their income is worth less and less as the Syrian pound lost 75 per cent of its value, which has caused huge inflation," Edwards says. "After two and a half years, most people are suffering economically and are traumatised emotionally."

But the Pastor also mentions a brighter side: "Church people are closer to the Lord and to each other. The relief work through our Church is still going on. It is becoming more difficult because of the higher risk and the unavailability of materials. In some cases it takes us a couple of weeks to get some of the items for the food packages. But thank God we have committed people who are still doing the job, and the relief package is still one of the very few good things that many displaced families receive. The visiting teams are still doing their wonderful work in personally touching the pain of many families and offering some physical and emotional support..... Thank you so much for your prayers and concern; we as the Church in Syria appreciate your help and support."

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**"And hath put all things under His feet." Ephesians 1:22**

How vast, how numerous, how complicated are the various events and circumstances which attend the Church of God here below, as she travels onward to her Heavenly home! But if all *things* as well as all persons are put under Jesus' feet, there cannot be a single circumstance over which He has not supreme control. Everything in providence and everything in grace are alike subject to His disposal. There is not a trial or temptation, an affliction of body or soul, a loss, a cross, a painful bereavement, a vexation, grief or disappointment, a case, state or condition, which is not put under Jesus' feet. He has sovereign, supreme disposal over all events and circumstances. As possessed of infinite knowledge He sees them; as possessed of infinite wisdom He can manage them, and as possessed of infinite power He can dispose and direct them for our good and His own glory. How much trouble and anxiety should we save ourselves, could we firmly believe, realise and act on this! If we could see by the eye of faith that every foe and every fear, every difficulty and perplexity, every trying or painful circumstance, every looked-for or unlooked-for event, every source of care, whether at present or in prospect, are all, as put under His feet, at His sovereign disposal, what a load of anxiety and care would be often taken off our shoulders!

**J. C. Philpot**

Daily Portions: "Ears from Harvested Sheaves" (29<sup>th</sup> February)

# CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

The Christian Heritage Centre in Rowley Regis was opened in February, 2011. Its aim and purpose is to illustrate and make known the priceless Christian heritage we have here in Great Britain. It is housed in Providence Chapel, Bell End, Rowley Regis. These Chapel premises were in desperate need of repair, well beyond the means of the existing small congregation. In agreement with the congregation and their trustees, the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation, the Christian Heritage Trust agreed to renovate the main Chapel area, in return for its use - at a peppercorn rent - for the housing of the exhibition. This arrangement has enabled the complete sanctuary area of the Chapel to be used to tell the story of our Christian heritage, whilst enabling the congregation of Bell End to continue to meet for worship.

Through a series of almost 50 illustrated and written panels, together with a large collection of fascinating artefacts and objects, the story of Christianity in Britain is told. In general, the message is that Christianity is the safeguard of liberty and free conscience and that its message of salvation through Jesus Christ can provide every member of society with the power and inspiration to live a virtuous and useful life.

Emphasis is given to the fact that Christianity arrived in these islands in the first century, and how it dispelled the darkness and superstition of paganism. It is shown how under Alfred the Great it became the foundation for our legal and education system. It also seeks to show how the Bible, in English, laid the foundations of our democracy; stimulated scientific discovery and helped to establish English as our language, liberating the literary genius of men like Shakespeare and Edmund Spenser. The age of the Puritans, the 18th Century Revival and the massive social reforms inspired by Christianity of the 19th century are also well illustrated.

The Centre is open to the general public almost every week (times of opening on next page) and also opens by arrangement for schools and groups e.g. young people's groups, ladies meetings, Sunday School groups. We have been visited by various organisations including the local Rotary club.

We have held two special days for home-school events, with another to follow, God-willing, this Autumn. We opened at half-term for a day of children's activities and about 30 children came along.

We held a very popular 'Cream Tea and Second-Hand Book Sale' in August to which over 100 people came along, many new faces amongst them. We hope to hold another second-hand book sale at Christmas time. (*Second-hand Christian books or appropriate secular books are always welcome if anyone is seeking to dispose of any*).

We have so far hosted two Saturday afternoons of Special Lectures:

- For our Autumn Lectures, in 2012, the titles were '*The Great Ejection of 1662*' and '*The Life and Ministry of Francis Asbury*'.
- For the Spring Lectures, in 2013, the subjects were '*The Life of Matthew Henry*' and '*The Life of David Livingstone*'.

Our next afternoon of Autumn Lectures will be held on Saturday, 5th October when Roland Burrows will speak on '*John Foxe and the influence of his Book of Martyrs*' (2 p.m.), and Dr. Brian Green will speak on '*The Life of Susannah Spurgeon*' (3 p.m.).

We believe this is a most important project containing a large amount of interesting and rare material. It is vital in our day to make known again to Christians and non-Christians alike, the tremendous impact for good that Christianity has had upon our country. It is imperative that such a heritage is both preserved and propagated in our nation today.

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**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**2 p.m. - 'John Foxe' - Mr. Roland Burrows**

**3 p.m. - 'Susannah Spurgeon' - Dr. Brian Green**

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**Saturday, 2nd November: 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

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**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Ps 119:105)**

**The entrance of thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.**

**(Ps 119:130)**

# ON TRUE FAITH

By William Huntington

(These writings on faith were in the form of letters to an individual and have, therefore, been slightly edited)

## Letter A

The life of faith, joy and peace, and an heartfelt union with the dear Redeemer, as the blessed effect of eternal love; and the doctrine of eternal election in Christ, the Rock of Ages, from whence these soul-satisfying streams perpetually flow, are my favourite themes.

This life of faith is a familiarity and a divine correspondence, carried on between the Most High God and a redeemed soul, by which the mind is ennobled, the understanding enriched with the knowledge of Heavenly treasures, and the affections enflamed with a fervent love to the Father of all mercies. Faith is a fruit of God's Spirit, begotten on the mind by the Holy Ghost; "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." It is called the faith of God's elect, because it is peculiar to them; "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." It is called the faith of the operation of the Holy Ghost, because it is brought forth under his prolific operations. It is a divine and unshaken persuasion of the reality of a divine report, deeply impressed on the mind of man; and is the result of an eternal union which subsisted between Christ and the elect from everlasting; the bond of which union is God's everlasting love to Christ and to His elect in Him. Thus faith firmly credits a divine testimony and makes the happy possessor most assuredly know that he is an heir of all the blessings testified of.

Faith is an eye, and sees the wonderful works of God both in grace and in providence; yea, she pries into His eternal council, and at times sees Him who is invisible. All the ancient saints saw the promised seed at a distance, and spake of Him as present; and the blessed effects of every vision justified the prediction. This proves their life to be a life of dependence on God; they conversed with Him in His promises; their expectations were employed in looking out for the fulfilment of them, and patience waited for the issue; and after they had endured awhile, they inherited the promises. Faith is an undoubted persuasion that fetches in the blessings couched in the promises, and applies them to the renewed and Heavenly mind. Faith doth the same kind offices to the soul that the hand doth to the body; for it lays hold on eternal life, and realises the promises with such a firm assurance of their full and final accomplishment, so as to quicken and enliven every power of the elect soul, and make it joyful, in hope of the glory of God.

Faith eyes the obedience of the Saviour, and applies it to the disquieted conscience; and is attended with the internal witness of the Holy Ghost, assuring the conscience of the sinner that Jesus is his eternal righteousness before the throne of God; while peace, from the atonement made by the great Mediator, sweetly flows in, as a proof that the Most High God is appeased, and the sword of justice sheathed in the Son of God. O mysterious scabbard! Thus, this long and dreadful war between God and sensible sinners is ended, and eternal peace proclaimed to all believers.

Faith eyes the atoning blood of the surety, and a multiplication of pardons are produced therefrom, which faith applies; and thus she purifies the heart from all the filth or guilt daily contracted through our manifold infirmities. And to maintain life in her beloved habitation, she leads her possessor to a throne of grace, and there begs the bread of Heaven, and does her office in attending every good petition: she claims her privileges in her own country, and her freedom in her own city; she will take no denial at a throne of grace, nor will her Father deny her suit.

Faith in us is of high extraction; God ordained her; Christ possesses her; and the Holy Ghost produces her. God has greatly honoured faith, and it is certain she will never dishonour Him. By her allowed fortitude and importunity she glorifies her Father, and her Father will ever honour her. She keeps house at the expense of the Saviour, and fetches all her food from far.

She, being of a divine origin, will exist for ever. In the church militant, faith is both the eye and the hand of the soul; but in the church triumphant she will be only an eye: divine light can never be extinguished.

Faith despises all human inventions and human assistances; and ceases to act when carnal wisdom is invited to take the reins of Government; but always accomplishes the decreed and the desired end, after fleshly sufficiency has left us exposed to ridicule.

Faith, if she is left alone, will make her despicable habitation stand firm against all assaults; for she establishes her house on a rock. She will lead her armies on through the most formidable hosts of opposers; for none overcome the world but believers. In short, that man is eternally rich who has her, for God is his portion; and this she freely declares before every adversary, as it is written, "Rich in faith." He stands firm indeed whom she establishes; and he is sure to hold on his way, if she leads him in the path. Every fallen countenance that appears in a persecutor is an indication of a conquest made on that adversary, either to reduce him to the sceptre of Christ, or leave him to the judgment of God. Faith can blunt the edge of a sword, disarm a flame of its force, stop the mouth of a voracious lion, and make a devil fly to his cave. God himself is her shield, and she is the honourable and victorious hand that wields it. Our wealth, honour, success, victory, safety, and eternal security, lay in the possession of her.

## **Letter B**

As for the faith of Arminianism, I believe it to be worse than the faith of devils; for I have heard Arminians mention the awful decrees of God, and wantonly laugh at them; but devils believe and tremble. True faith holds every revealed truth of the Bible, but opposes none. If you live by faith, Christ, the bread of Heaven, will be the food of thy faith. If you walk by faith, Christ, the living Way, will be the path of faith. If you stand by faith, Christ will be faith's foundation, faith will stand nowhere, but on Christ; and Christ will always bear every weight that faith lays on him. Christ will never suffer faith to fail, nor will faith ever suffer Christ to have a co-partner; Christ will never suffer faith to be confounded; nor will faith ever suffer Christ to be dishonoured.

False faith makes her boast of what she never had; but true faith does what she never can relate.

False faith furnishes the head with notions; but true faith fixes the heart in love. False faith has always much to say, but little to do; her business is to boast, not to work; but true faith does her business in silence first, and talks afterwards: "I believed, therefore have I spoken;" "We believe, and therefore speak."

False faith often relates what she has done for God; but true faith delights to tell what Christ has done for her: Christ loved me, and gave Himself for me; and again, "I am persuaded that neither death nor life shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

False faith is full of good words; but true faith of good fruits.

False faith unites with an erroneous and loose community; but true faith delights in the excellent of the earth, and in such as excel in virtue. False faith flies from a heart-searching, experimental ministry; but true faith roots the deeper under it: "Rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in faith."

False faith triumphs in the testimony of men; but true faith stands in the testimony of God: "He that believes, hath the witness in himself."

False faith credits every word; but true faith looks well to her way.

False faith makes a prating fool; but true faith makes a humble soul.

False faith exalts the creature; but true faith exalts the Saviour.

False faith makes lies her refuge; but true faith makes God's word her shield and buckler.

False faith leads the sinner to be proud of himself; but true faith leads the soul to make her boast of God.

False faith is pleased with words on the tongue; but true faith applies the promises to the heart.

False faith floats in the imagination; but true faith is a root in the heart.

False faith says, Roll yourself on the written word; but true faith says, "Let the Word of God dwell richly in your hearts." False faith is attended with no change of soul; but true faith is attended with regeneration.

False faith rejects the greatest part of the Bible; but true faith credits the whole Word.

False faith denies sound experience; but true faith owns herself a fruit of the Spirit.

False faith defends herself by cunning, and a noise of words; but true faith will have no defence but the Saviour: "But above all, taking the shield of faith."

False faith triumphs in temporal prosperity, and gives up the ghost in adversity; but true faith is lowly in prosperity, and in adversity considers.

In short, false faith can talk, but not work; boast, but not fight; brag, but bring nothing from God; but true faith will work, but not trust in it; fight, but not beat the air; and beg, but not in vain.

**(This article is an excerpt from William Huntington's *Epistle of Faith, Part 1, Letters 3 & 9*)**

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## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **FROM SPARK TO FLAME!**

Historic Themes with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Relevance - by **George Dawson**

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As false ecumenism, even among professing evangelicals, increases, it is useful to look again at the issues of past generations and reflect upon their relevance for this current generation. Those who remain true to the Reformers' doctrine will, without doubt, experience the intolerance experienced by the Reformers, with increasing regularity.

There are 5 chapters covering 5 different characters – John Wycliffe, John Huss, Martin Luther, William Tyndale and John Calvin – and as you read these brief outlines, you will be encouraged to 'stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage' (Galatians chapter 5, verse 1).

The Reformation today is an almost forgotten part of history and is totally neglected in the professing church; and yet from it comes the Bible in our own language, faithful preaching, congregational singing, democracy and civil liberty. In short, the Reformation was the greatest Movement of God since the Day of Pentecost in the Book of Acts.

The Reformers had a sure foundation for their lives. Their lives were established on the Rock, Christ Jesus. Many today, believe that Peter is the rock on which the church is built. That is the teaching of Roman Catholicism. Peter is not the rock; he is but a little stone (a pebble). Christ alone is the Rock; He is the sure foundation.

When the Reformers found a religious practice that was not found in the Bible, they simply rejected it – and raised their voices in opposition to it. Truth and error cannot exist together. The Reformation clearly marked out the divisions between truth and falsehood – and they still exist today.

Prayer was the powerhouse of the Reformation. Luther encourages us to pray – for him it was for real. It was his heart's desire. A return to believing prayer is necessary today – prayer which is specific; prayer which is glorifying to God; prayer which is humbling to man; prayer which is in God's will.

The Reformation was a revival of true religion. God can do it again. When, humanly speaking, all was bleak, God stepped in and using human instruments, transformed the spiritual situation. God works on hearts – and changed hearts change society.

As we look out across our land, there is much to discourage us. There is great spiritual darkness and decline. There is much that offends God. Such was the time prior to the Reformation. It is at such times that the power of God can be seen. As we look at the Reformation, may we, too, long for revival in our day – that God may be glorified and society transformed.

**Ian Henderson**

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