

An answer to Atheist Alex Kane

Alex Kane is an openly avowed atheist. He does not believe in the existence of God - at present. There is a time coming all too soon for him when he will believe that there is a God and that He is indeed the God revealed in the Bible!

However, at present he plays the fool of which David speaks in Psalm 14:1. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

Classified as such by the Word of God, one cannot expect too much sense out of him.

He wrote an article in the Belfast Newsletter of Monday 13th May, 2019, headlined: DUP seems to be preparing to face down the Free Presbyterians.

Personally, if that headlines means what I think it means, the 'facing down' cannot come quickly enough for me! Ever since the DUP entered power-sharing with unrepentant murderers and their political fellow-travellers, I have prayed that every Free Presbyterian would realise that they can have no part with such an ungodly political party as the DUP.

In his article, Mr Kane makes certain assertions centred on his criticism of a short snippet of a sermon by Rev John Greer, preached in his church, Ballymena Free Presbyterian Church, and shown on the BBC Northern Ireland news some days ago and then copied to some of the local newspapers including "The Belfast Newsletter".

Here is what was written in a BBC Northern Ireland News article on its website:

In Rev Greer's sermon from 21 April, prior to the local government elections, he said that Christians were "being conditioned into thinking that things that were once reprobated are now acceptable... such as sodomy."

He described that as an "agenda".

"Now we have the DUP putting up their candidate, who is an out-and-out lesbian, that's what I mean," he said.

"My friend that's what Paul (the Christian apostle) is talking about here, that's the kind of thing that's going on in our own little land, and there we have before our very eyes, what God has to say about the danger of an ungodly world - a corrupt world influencing even the thinking of people who should know better - and have them accept what God abhors."

In his response to Rev Greer's comments, Kane says: 'No Christian in Northern Ireland is being conditioned. They are not being conditioned to condone homosexuality. They are not being conditioned into believing that 'these things' are no longer wrong. They are not being conditioned into thinking that 'certain things' are now acceptable.'

That would be most assuring it were true but of course it's not!

Ever since the fall of Adam, the believer in Christ has been under pressure to accept views that are contrary to God's Word and our own wellbeing and change from what God would have us to be!

Some 2000 years ago, Paul the apostle said: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," Romans 12:2. The word 'conformed' means to 'conform one's self (i.e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern.' Peter uses the same word in 1 Peter 1:14. "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance."

Thus from the counsel of these two inspired Christian writers we are told that there are forces out to change us from what God by His grace has wrought in us by the gospel when we were made "a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2 Corinthians 5:17.

That 'conditioning' is certainly taking place today and Mr Kane, 'The Belfast Newsletter' the DUP and many others are all daily engaged in the effort to 'condition', to change us!!

It is an old tactic for one who is bent on harming you to proffer that which will do just that while telling you, 'Sure it will do you no harm!'

Mr Kane would have us believe that the pro-sodomite, pro-abortion, pro-terrorist, pro-everything that is contrary to God and His truth groups do not want to 'condition' us into accepting them and their agenda and accepting that such wicked influences would do society today no harm!

That which has been condemned of God WE ARE BEING ASKED TO CONDONE AND TO VIEW IT AS SOMETHING THAT IS NO LONGER WRONG!

The DUP has sided with the effort to bring about the Christian condoning the wickedness of sodomy when it fielded a sodomite candidate and urged its supporters to vote for her as, they said, she is an excellent candidate. That is the DUP seeking to 'condition' its electorate even as it has managed to 'condition' some of its office-bearers who are FPs and who appeared in the press to support this decision by their party.

Shame on them!!!

Mr Kane is but the blind promoting blindness and urging its benefits upon the sighted!

Mr Kane goes on to say of Free Presbyterians: "But what they cannot do is impose their beliefs on other people. They cannot decide that people who love and live their lives in a non-Biblical-based way are inferior to them. The decision to legislate in favour of a whole raft of issues across the United Kingdom which Free Presbyterians find objectionable, is a decision taken by Parliament and by a majority of those elected. It is called democracy."

To 'impose' our views on anyone is rather impossible. What Mr Kane means is that we should stop even mentioning our views. That is what he means by 'imposing'!!

What every Free Presbyterian minister would desire to do is to inform the general public what God's Law says and the penalties that will certainly follow the transgressing of God's Law. Is that not, at a lower level, what every policeman does when he encounters a breaker of the civil law? He is not 'imposing' his view but making known the law of the land.

That is what Christians have ever been engaged in and those of the opinion of Mr Kane have ever sought to have them cease from doing!

Paul encountered such on many occasions. Here is one such occasion, recorded in Acts 16:20-21. "And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans." Paul and Silas were simply preaching the gospel when those opposed to it had them thrown in jail!

Just who was doing the 'imposing' there?

It is the Christian's duty to inform men and women what God says. The words of the Lord Jesus sum up well just what that message is. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," John 3:36.

Men are free to reject that, as has Mr Kane, but we are free to express the opinion that to do so makes a person a fool in keeping with the teaching of Holy Scripture. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction," Proverbs 1:7.

Has not Mr Kane, in recent days, called those who murdered Lyra McKee, fools and worse, and clearly intimated that they were 'inferior' to others in society?

Of course he has but then he is allowed to do that but Christians are not!!!

Mr Kane continues his harangue against the Free Presbyterian Church: "But I've never heard a Free Presbyterian minister argue that it is wrong to send any MP from here to that Parliament. I've never heard one argue that the only way to keep Northern Ireland 'a place apart' would be outside the United Kingdom. And here's a fact they are going to have to get used to: at some point, fairly soon by my reckoning, either a majority of MLAs or a majority of MPs is going to vote in favour of same-sex-marriage and abortion law reform. And many, many other things, which the Free Presbyterian Church will be very uncomfortable with. It's called democracy."

If we had, I doubt if Mr Kane would have heard what we had to say! However, the Christian cannot withdraw from this world! We can object to what Parliament legislates and indeed, if it (Parliament) requires that we do that which is contrary to the Law of God, then we must defy Parliament, something that has happened in the past when Christians paid with their blood for their refusal to obey ungodly laws, and for which we owe many of the freedoms we now enjoy!

Paul the apostle had a word to say on Christians forced to live 'cheek by jowl' with ungodliness.

"I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person," 1 Corinthians 5:9-13.

The nation has in recent years decided to throw over the views and indeed, the laws set in place by former generations which honoured the law of God. The nation desires increasingly to depart from God's laws. What can the Christian do?

We can learn from first century Christianity for it came into being in the midst of a world very much given over to the wickednesses that are emerging today. John said: "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness," 1 John 5:19. That is the world into which the first Christians emerged and they had to live amidst such wickedness. I say again, we can learn from them.

We, like them, are called upon to resist the world's sinful influences, to openly protest against such and to avoid the company of those who seek to live in immorality.

That is the path God would have us walk and which Mr Kane objects to us walking!

The stupid man goes on to write: How does he respond to the logic that the same God who made him heterosexual made fellow human beings homosexual? Why pick on the 'sin' of homosexuality when it comes to political representation, while ignoring other examples of behaviour which the Bible might interpret as sin? And a more direct question: would the Rev Greer argue that if voting for a gay DUP candidate is wrong, would it also be wrong to vote for the party which endorsed the candidacy and welcomed the subsequent electoral victory?

What a vile slander he utters against God. The God that condemns sodomy as 'an abomination' cannot have 'created' sodomites any more than he created murderers and thieves! Sodomites are 'made' by themselves!

Here is the Word of God on the origins.

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;," Romans 1:20-28.

God says men abandoned decency and gave themselves up to "the lusts of their own hearts." The wicked, depraved heart of man is the origin of sodomy not the creating hand of God!

He mentions, as his crowning argument, the DUP entering power-sharing with Sinn Fein/IRA. The biggest policy change I saw the DUP execute was when they agreed the deal with Sinn Fein in 2007. A shift of policy on key socio/moral issues is, I reckon, less of an electoral danger than that change. They took a

risk back then and faced down Jim Allister and a new party. I think they're preparing to do something similar fairly soon with Free Presbyterians and some other fundamentalists within the party.

Mr Kane has not eyes to see the impact upon the DUP of that terrible decision in 2007 but there are few Christians who do not recognise that the DUP put its feet upon a slippery slope in 2007 and it has been downhill ever since.

Of course, an atheist like Mr Kane would see such a decision as an upward turn, a wonderful advancement in thinking but let him note what the Lord thinks of him and his ilk.

“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! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” Isaiah 5:20-21.

No endorsement by newspaper hacks or policy changes initiated by party 'whizz-kids' can alter what God says of sodomy and of its impact upon the nation that embraces it.

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