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The close of another chapter

We have decided to bring our online publication - "The Burning Bush" to a close - well almost!

"The Burning Bush" first appeared in March 1970, though it had been preceded by other publications which I periodically produced in order to warn of the dangers of the ecumenical apostasy.

It was delineated as "A witness of protest in a day of apostasy", because 'protest' was born in my soul as a result of my joining Dr Ian Paisley's congregation on the Ravenhill Road in Belfast, within a short time of beginning to attend his church the Sabbath after my conversion, April 12th, 1964.

Dr. Paisley was a master at setting forth God's protest in the Bible and I can still recall the first time I heard him defend his own ministry of protest from Jeremiah 11:7: "For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice."

Newspaper columns were closed in those days (as they are to a large degree still) to any Bible-based admonitions about the spiritually deviant paths upon which the mainline churches were leading their people. The only alternative was to print the warnings and seek to distribute them as best one could. In truth, such a course of action was born of the burden of heart that God's servants felt regarding the betrayal of the truth of the gospel back then.

"The Burning Bush" was published intermittently as necessity demanded until the Enniskillen "Poppy Day Massacre" on November 8th, 1987. That terrible event saw the printing of an article which ran to some 50,000 copies and it had a wide distribution. (Read it [here](#))

It also moved me to upgrade "The Burning Bush" to a monthly publication. Desk-top computer publishing had advanced so rapidly it was then possible at home to produce quite a professional 'Tabloid' newspaper format.

The format of the upgraded publication was basically a presentation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and a publicising of events linked to the apostasy and a challenging and refuting of the lies and deceptions of those in the religious and political world determined to take us off "the old paths" in to 'the by-path meadows' of liberal and ecumenical follies that could result only in the damnation of those who heeded their siren cries! This we continued to do, in tandem with an online edition, until 2007 when I ceased the printed edition and concentrated upon an online edition only.

Over the years, we have had the support of many, many faithful believers here in Ulster and also abroad, particularly in the United States, Canada and Australia. We have made many friends through the publication and I am still in contact with those of "like precious faith" who were drawn to us through the witness of the "The Burning Bush".

My own age and state of health have decided the matter for me. There is a great need, indeed, a greater need than ever for a witness of protest in this day of deepening apostasy and for that reason I say that the "The Burning Bush" will be 'almost' closing! Its present monthly format with almost daily updates will cease.

The website will stay online and all its articles will still be accessible to viewers and I am sure that periodically I or others will add an article of particular interest and importance or bring forward from the archives an article from former days which still has a message for today.

But the present format of the publication will end at the close of this year.

I can only thank all who have supported the witness financially and practically, who have encouraged me through letters, phone calls and emails and most importantly have prayed for us.

Above all, I must bless the Lord for His enabling grace to maintain the witness, despite my many weakness-



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es and lack of ability and skill. I owe a great debt to my dear wife Ann, my 'spelling and grammar checker supreme' as well as my 'ready Bible concordance' since those early days nearly 50 years ago.

Indeed, I am indebted to all my family, the members of which I often 'recruited' as couriers when copies of "The Burning Bush" needed to be delivered to churches. Many a mile I added to their journeys as they helped their 'oul Da', without too much murmuring, in this way. My son, Andy, who has managed the website now for the past 10 years is especially owed a debt of gratitude, though that account will remain open since he will still be looking after the website in its new form.

A long-time friend, Mr Billy Sterritt, looked after the printing of "The Burning Bush" from 1988 unto the final printed edition and I owe much to his help, advice, support and kindness.

To all our readers: my sincere thanks in the Saviour's name.

Please continue to pray for the "witness of protest" here in Ulster and across the world in these final days. The apostasy is deepening. Men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

If ever there was a need for the continuing voice of protest to be heard it is now. May the Lord Jesus, the Only Head of the Church, Who mercifully helped us over the last 46 years to join with the many other faithful souls across the world in raising our voice against the enemy, be pleased to cause the banner of protest to continue to be lifted up in the face of the enemy. I know that He will.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," Jude 3.

Ivan Foster.

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