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The strangle-hold of apostasy on the Church of England



Dr. Jeffrey John

The sodomite canon forced to stand down as Bishop of Reading is to be appointed Dean of St Albans.

The appointing of Dr Jeffrey John to this senior Church of England post demonstrates the dominating hold that apostasy has upon the state church. Many will not require such additional evidence of its descent into rebellion against God and His Word.

Dr John was to become the new Bishop of Reading until he withdrew his acceptance of the post last July, following weeks of argument within the Anglican Church about

whether or not he should be allowed to hold the position, because of his sodomy.

BBC's religious affairs reporter Martha Doyle said: "The Communion is already on the verge of schism over homosexuality. This will do nothing to bring Church conservatives and liberals closer together."

Liberals are overjoyed at what they see as a carefully crafted compromise which recognises, as they see it, Dr John's "undisputed talents as a theologian."

But the choice will anger traditionalists who are already furious over the appointment of a gay bishop in the United States and same-sex blessings in Canada. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams had come in for harsh criticism in the debate over the Reading appointment. He was accused of turning his back on clergy in the developing world after he said he had raised no objection to the appointment.

The Lambeth Commission set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury to resolve the crisis within the church is due to report at the end of this year.