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Church will survive sodomite crisis, says Eames



Archbishop Robin Eames—Church of Ireland leader

Writing in a recent edition of the Church of Ireland Gazette, Archbishop Eames, Church of Ireland Primate, said Anglicanism will survive the crisis that has arisen within its ranks over the appointment of a sodomite bishop in the USA, Dr. Gene Robinson.

The question, he writes, will be: 'In what form?' His comments are in advance of a special meeting of Anglican Primates from round the world at Lambeth next month to discuss the way ahead. Already there have been demands for the expulsion of the Episcopal Church of the USA, which appointed Mr. Robinson, from the Anglican Communion. Dr. Eames does not think that is possible.

His comments expose the thinking of a modern "Christian" leader. For him the visible "church" is some sort of entity with an indestructible existence which nothing may challenge. He confuses the visible church with the elect of God. The former is made up of those who profess to be Christians whereas the latter consists only of those whom God from all eternity has chosen unto life in Christ (John 17:2), those for whom Christ died at the cross (John 10:11, 15), those whom the Holy Spirit will graciously quicken by creating them as new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17), those whom Christ will preserve until the appearing of His everlasting kingdom (Matthew 16:18).

The visible church has no guarantee of surviving crises. This is what the people of Israel believed in the days of Isaiah and Jeremiah and refused therefore to believe that God would judge the nation and bring it into captivity under their ancient enemies. But God did just that.

The Anglican church worldwide is wrestling with two difficulties.

- (1) The mounting aggressiveness of the sodomites whom they have allowed into positions within their ranks and the ripples of opposition to them.
- (2) How to solve the problem without losing any significant number of constituent churches.

Compromise is the order of the day. For Dr. Eames and the other Anglican "politicians", what God has to say and His call for complete separation from all wickedness such as sodomy, have really no bearing on the issue. If they had, then they would have acted differently with regards all the other sins and moral plagues which have been accommodated within the Anglican Communion for a very long time.

No. Dr. Eames has a very different agenda from the Lord. Dr. Eames would preserve his organisation intact while Christ will preserve His church holy and pure.