



The faith of Dana - not a faith to be commended

"Beloved . . . earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints,"
Jude 1:3.



Dr Paisley and his wife Eileen along with Dana (centre)

It has been widely reported that at a reception to launch a new book by the singer Dana, Dr Ian Paisley spoke of her as a "a woman of great faith and steel who had stood up for what she believed in, and added: "I'm glad to stand with her" (Belfast Telegraph, 7/11/07). He is also quoted in the same article as saying : "I hope that when everyone on this island reads this book I hope they ponder what it says."

The article began with the words: "It was all smiles last night as the Reverend Ian

Paisley praised Eurovision singer-turned-politician, Dana Rosemary Scallon, on her new book."

That makes very sad reading for all faithful Christians.

To commend the faith of this woman and also her book is not in keeping with the doctrines of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The faith of Dana is that of a faithful Roman Catholic and doubtless her book will be commending the teaching of that religious body to its readers.

To speak of someone who believes the doctrines of Rome as a person of great faith is to suggest that she has embraced the true faith as set forth in the Word of God. That is most certainly not so.

On his own website Dr Paisley rightly refutes the teachings of Rome as unscriptural (<http://www.ianpaisley.org/toc.asp?loc=rome>). He is therefore at variance with his own teachings when he commends the faith of Dana.

Furthermore, he is at variance with the doctrinal basis of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster when he commends Dana's faith. The Westminster Confession of Faith, which every Free Presbyterian minister signs in conjunction with our own Articles of Faith, repudiates the cardinal teachings of Rome as unscriptural and has this to say of the Pope of Rome: "There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ: nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God (chapter 25, paragraph 6).



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That such a statement should have been made by Dr Paisley and the necessity for such a statement as this to be issued is but further evidence of the alarming and sad changes that the emergence of the Stormont coalition has initiated.

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