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The shocking apostasy of the World Council of Churches

A report by Rev John Douglas DD.

The World Council of Churches held an Assembly in Canberra, Australia. How some members felt regarding what went on in Canberra is evidence enough of the galloping pace at which the apostasy is advancing. It is outrunning even its most ardent admirers. It is a monster of uncleanness that is gaining momentum. One woman delegate to the Assembly said, "The politics of the WCC stink to high heaven". Even the Archbishop of Canterbury said of one of the featured speakers, Dr Chung, "She is dangerously near to christian heresy!" He also called for the break-up of the WCC. The Archbishop of York said, "The Church of England needs to take stock of its membership of the WCC." One female cleric, complaining of the molesting of female delegates by male delegates, said, "Women have fled in tears. . . it has been a nightmare for some". This assembly of abomination had representatives from the Church of Ireland and the Irish Methodist Church. Presbyterian minister, Dr Gordon Gray, a prominent ecumenist was there as a photographer, unofficially representing his church no doubt!

Jer 5: 30, 31, "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof? "

1Tim 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

Having taken part in a protest witness against the WCC as far back as the Uppsala Assembly in 1968, (the 4th assembly), and with a lot of ecumenical reading behind me, I felt I knew what to expect at Canberra. I could not have been more wrong.

No, I cannot report that the WCC has repented and reformed itself. No outsider with objectivity can assert the WCC has become better. Rather it has grown more corrupt, more pagan, more ungodly in this comparatively short length of time. Views expressed in the secular press of late will support what we are saying.

Rev David Mc Ilveen, Rev Michael Patrick, minister of Port Lincoln Free Presbyterian Church and I augmented the number from Dr Brian Wenham's Church in Sydney and together with other friends representing the Free Presbyterian Church of South Australia, who had motored some two days to reach Canberra, we put the battle in array. A small group of other friends joined us to make our total in the combined protest up to 33. The Bible Presbyterian Church raised their protest at the Convention Centre while we had ours at the worship tent itself. Two large contingents also came along from the Greek Orthodox, complete with banners to where we were at the worship tent. In the extreme heat of the summer, the 3,500 seater tent with its sides removed was just right for the witness of the protest. Placards and banners faced into the tent, only calling distance away, all of them easily and unavoidably readable from the speaker's platform within.

Dr Emilio Castro, president, made reference to our presence when he talked about the WCC basis of belief. Some he said, felt it was too strong, while others like our friends out there, think it is not strong enough, for we have not declared ourselves for the inerrancy of the Bible nor the Virgin Birth of Christ. I thanked the Lord that he knew where the Free



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church and others like us stood.

Around the feet of the South Australian contingent and stretching their way over several yards were large bold words of meaningful conviction, "The Free Presbyterian Churches of Australia oppose the apostasy of the WCC." The witness proved very effective, and we came away feeling it was the best protest we had ever been at. Certainly some, unconvinced as to the wielding of a placard when they came along, were decided in a moment as to where their loyalties lay, once they saw and heard for themselves.

Notable Points From Canberra.

*** Worship.**

Worship commenced with WCC churchmen passing through the ritual smoke of an Aboriginal ceremony. The grossly spiritistic religion proclaims the smoke is necessary for the purification of body, mind and spirit.

At least they recognized the WCC leaders are unclean! However, more than smoke would be needed to cleanse that bunch. Lurid press reports show that too. Importantly, the ashes of this fire were to remain undisturbed the whole time of the assembly.

*** Holy Water and the Mass.**

Special services provided members with other "benefits". A priest sprinkled many in the tent liberally with "holy water" -- the vessels being left all day inside for the use and good of the worshippers. Sunday 10th February saw the celebration of the Lima liturgy. A large crucifix, the figure of Christ sketched on it, headed the procession toward the "altar". The priest called on the "Creator Spirit" to "transfigure" the bread, to make IT " the Bread of Life". He besought GOD to accept the Eucharist AS HE HAD THE SACRIFICE AT CALVARY.

*** All Night Fasting and Prayer.**

Prior to this Mass a whole night of Fasting had to be observed in keeping with Romanist tradition. An all night prayer meeting took place also. One will say: Does this mean these Ecumenists prayed all night for repentance and forgiveness for themselves? Did they pray for God to bestow reverence toward His word upon them or for Revival, for the salvation of sinners, that God would keep them out of Hell? No, not a hint of any of this. This night - long "vigil" would focus on the CONFLICTS of the world. These men meditated on trouble till morning, as those who have done so much to foment it, anywhere they have turned in the earth. They concentrate busily on lighting up the fires of trouble only to go away later to leave others to find the solution.

*** Prayers for the Dead.**

During the Mass, prayers for the dead came to be offered as usual. These prayers included those who died in the "peace of Christ"!!! --as well as those whose faith is not known !!! Mary as Virgin mother came in for mention here, doubtless having taken over the role of Mediator, giving Christ the Redeemer no place. There is no faith in an instantaneous, everlasting and certain salvation.

• The Bible Conspicuous.

The Bible was conspicuous in every service -- conspicuous by its absence. Even the



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leaders in the Bible class sessions, as far as we could see, had no Bibles.

* **Demonic Artwork.**

The gaily coloured banners inside the worship tent really portrayed Aboriginal art. The great "Creator Spirit" to the Aboriginal, is the devil, nearly everywhere depicted by the banners as the (old) serpent! "Worship" took place under these banners. There "faith" mixed in with heathenism for four elements constitute life to aboriginal man: air, water, fire, and earth -- with colours in order being, blue, green, red, (the prominent colour all round the "altar"-- is this dominant red for marxism or could it be put there in deference to Rev 17?) and ochre --these bore relation to Truth! Unity, the Spirit, and Life.

We have known for a long time that modernistic religion is natural religion --truth is in the air, an intangible something, changeable by the moment and perhaps never seeable in any definite form.

Green water most often is redolent of stagnation, a thriving community of corruption.

The fire I saw stood like an Icon on the tent platform , with little lights on top, each one kindled by Emilio Castro himself, otherwise there would never have been any light. A false fire through and through. The fire of the savage warms him but cannot bring him any nearer God.

The earth is the heaven of the infidel as well as the heathen -- both are on the one level and share the same religion in spite of the differences in intellectual accomplishment. While the natural man has the world, God and Heaven are far above out of his sight!

* **Gross Uncleaness.**

(Eph 5 : 3-7.) Pornography and lesbianism surfaced, each in its own way, bringing a tally of evil results in their train, but without judgment or repentance.

* **Opposition to the Gulf War.**

An amendment calling for support for the UN resolutions, and Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait (although not before a cease-fire), suffered a heavy defeat in favour of an unconditional and immediate cease-fire. Delegates gathered round the table to put their signatures to the petition in the good old anti-American and anti-Jewish way. Many seemed anxious to follow the Pope's lead in reaching out a sympathetic hand to the Moslems besides showing care not to offend them by saying too much about Saddam. One could have, therefore, more reason to lament a rocket attack on Iraq than to deplore a Scud attack against Israel.

* **Invocation of evil spirits.**

Dr Chung is professor of Theology from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. She drew a standing ovation for her performance as a featured speaker. The first section of her speech is called "Invocation" in the official transcript issued by the WCC. But what kind of invocation? She explains, with reference to the performers capering around her, "We are dancing to prepare the way of the spirit." Again, what spirit is this?

Dr Chung has 18 invocations to offer. Her first cry is to the spirit of Hagar:-- "Come. The spirit of Hagar, Egyptian, black slave woman exploited and abandoned by Abraham and



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Sarah, the ancestors of our faith."

Next, she calls upon the spirit of Uriah to come to the Assembly. "Come. The spirit of Uriah, loyal soldier sent and killed in the battlefield by the great King David out of the King's greed for his wife, Bathsheba."

An array of spirits are summoned in this fashion, among the notable being, the spirits of: "Mahatma Ghandi, Steve Biko, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Victor Jara, Oscar Romero and many unnamed women freedom fighters who died in the struggle for the liberation of their people."

As Dr Chung warms to her theme, she identifies the Holy Spirit with the spirits of Han. Korea is a 'land of spirits full of Han '. Han is several things: chiefly anger, resentment, bitterness. These spirits of the dead are, she claims, "agents through whom the Holy spirit has spoken her compassion and wisdom for life. Without hearing the cries of these spirits we cannot hear the voice of the Holy spirit. {small 's' -- twice}

I hope the presence of all our ancestors spirits here with us shall not make you uncomfortable. For us they are the icons of the Holy Spirit who became tangible and visible to us. Because of them we can feel, touch and taste the concrete bodily historical presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst." [Emphasis mine throughout]

The reader should keep in mind Dr. Chung is a Professor of Theology and as such knows full well the literal force of all the words she uses here.

* The unity of Babylon desired.

We are advised by Dr Chung, further, how Pentecost undid God's stroke of judgment at Babel. "The common language they lost at the greedy tower of Babel was restored in a radical new way at Pentecost. . . It was a language of liberation, connection and unification from below. The wild wind of God breaks down the Babel tower and all the divisions it produced within us ". . . Here she goes completely off the rails again. Just to mention one point, the language of Babylonish unity was not restored at Pentecost. Babylonish unity is evil throughout. God did not restore there the very thing He judged and scattered before at Babel. Babel's tower did not 'produce the divisions', God did --He brought the confusion to Babel and He will not be party to restoring that accursed thing which He condemned in judgment then and condemned forever.

*Holy Spirit likened to heathen goddess.

This Babylonish teacher, Dr Chung, admits that her image of the Holy Spirit is unscriptural and anti-scriptural. Her image. . ."does not come from (her) academic training as a systematic theologian but from (her) gut feeling . . . (with) thousands of years of spirituality" (i.e. spiritism). "For me," she continues, "the image of the Holy Spirit comes from the image of Kwan In. She is venerated as Goddess of compassion and wisdom . . . She is a bodhisattva, enlightened being. She can go into Nirvana any time she wants to, but refuses to go into Nirvana by herself. "

Nirvana is the Buddhist state of blessedness with the extinction of individual existence and absorption into the supreme spirit as the final "reward." This heathenism promises the extinction of individual existence. What an empty hope heathenism is when put up against Holy Scripture. Worst of all, if the illustration is taken at face value, this woman leaves her followers with the notion that the Holy Spirit also may eventually elect to go into extinction.



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Dr Chung covered some familiar ground so popular in WCC circles: subjects like liberation theology and feminist theology before launching into the infamous material (cited above) which the Archbishop of Canterbury called 'very exciting', 'very unnerving'. He desired to buy time by saying, "I want to read more of her writings" . . .doubtless to see if she really was in error. I wonder how much more he would need to read before being helped to a conclusion.

These WCC leaders passed through the smoke of purification to begin the Assembly. This passing through the smoke is the first act in the rites of initiation into the occult superstition of aboriginal religion. The Aboriginals then had a dance and incantation to begin the proceedings. The creator spirit of the Aboriginals is the devil*, depicted on banners in serpent form many times round the inside of the tent used for worship by the WCC. The theme of the Assembly was: Come, Creator Spirit. This meant one thing to the spiritist Aboriginal, whatever it meant to WCC men. There was to be a crying to the devil to come among them. Dr Chung prayed boldly to the devil and sensed his presence in some concrete bodily way. The outbreak of the plague of uncleanness among them may have some connection with these wicked works of devil worship and necromancy. 1 Tim 4:1 says that those who depart from the faith cannot abide in a spiritual vacuum. They give heed to something else when they give up faith in the Bible. They give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

What is the WCC trying to do?

These men are following the principles of syncretism whereby, abandoning the Bible, they will take on board every sort of religion, including the heathen religion of savages. They are intent on marrying God and the Devil!

Ecumenical churchmen are often the epitome of intellectual pride, yet they will debase themselves by dabbling in fetish practices which would disgust a child. How God humbles the vain pride of man! Of them it may well be said, "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."

What are you going to do?

If you are a child of God caught up in the apostasy, there is only one thing left. Act positively and come out. The command of God is indisputably clear:--

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you . . ." -- II Corinthians 6:17.

Footnote *

Out of the many banners in the tent bearing the emblem of the serpents, one of the serpent-like forms carries an inscription calling this evil spirit Bunjii and claiming, "Bunjii is seen as a god-like figure, benevolent, old and wise. He is the maker of earth, trees and man."