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Apostasy enthroned in the Church of England (with some help from the Church of Ireland!!)

As an ecclesiastical society, the Church of England is undoubtedly apostate. The majority of its clerics and its members no longer give even the semblance of regard to the doctrinal standards of the church, the 39 Articles of Religion. Such has been the case for many decades. The Articles have been pushed aside in order that the denomination may pursue union with Rome, embrace the blasphemies of modern theology and the uncleanness of liberal morality.

The Articles, fundamentally reformed and Protestant in character, were the fruit of the labours of reformers and martyrs in 16th century England, though men such as John Knox of Scotland had a substantial influence in their formulation. Their utter rejection by the powers that be in the Church of England were signalled on February 27th, with the enthronement of Dr. Rowan Williams as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury in a ceremony attended by senior members of the Royal Family, leading politicians and representatives of the major faiths in Britain including Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists. Two leading Roman Catholic clerics took part in the ceremony, Cardinal Kasper of the Vatican and Cardinal Cormac O'Connor. Archbishop Eames, leader of the Church of Ireland announced the "blessing" at the end.

Dr. Williams has been particularly outspoken in his support for sodomite clerics, of which there are quite a few in the Church of England. Doubtless, with a prelate that smiles upon such wickedness, many who have kept their sin a secret, will now more openly acknowledge their predilection. Many others will see the welcome sign on the door and seek to enter the ministry of the Church of England. It will happen to the Church of England as it happened to ancient societies which went away from God. There will be an increasing and accelerating departure from God as moral restraint is lifted. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie," 2 Thessalonians 2:11.

CRITICS

Dr. Williams has his critics and opponents within the Church of England. Some of them are undoubtedly true believers who have genuine concerns regarding the doctrines of their new leader. Their voices were raised at the enthronement service. Dr. Williams has upset some by saying he could "see a case" for acknowledging "faithful same-sex relationships" and has admitted ordaining a practising sodomite man in the past. The Rev Tim Chapman, a vicar in Little Shelford, near Cambridge, said he was organising a group of protesters, some of whom would be outside the cathedral wearing black armbands. He said: "We need to be visible but we do not want to wave banners or placards - none of us have done this before - we are just ordinary Anglican ministers keen to express concern about Rowan Wil-

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liams' appointment."

RIGHT RESPONSE

Is expressing "concern" by way of a very polite protest by a few the right response by a true Christian within the Church of England? Doubtless, it will go some way to quell the demands of a Christian's conscience to "do something" to register dissent with the new Archbishop, but is it what the Lord would have His people do? I think not! For a start, the day is long past when true Christians should shake the dust of the Church of England off their garments. It has sold out the gospel of Jesus Christ a long time ago and any who have the interests of the Redeemer at heart, should have obeyed His word and gone "forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach," Hebrews 13:13. It is not enough to protest by wearing a black armband for an hour or so outside Canterbury Cathedral and then, once more, take your place within the structures of the Church of England, under the man whose evil doctrines provoked the protest!

LATTER DAY APOSTASY

The Church of England is now an integral part of the latter-day apostasy and to all who are within it comes the call: "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:4-5.



A teddy bear "lookalike" of the new archbishop which is being sold by a satirical "Christian" online magazine. One has the feeling that the bear would give better leadership than its "lookalike"!