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Speaking out against Islam and annoying its allies and sympathisers

There has been quite a stir in the Northern Ireland press, following the publicised statements by Pastor James McConnell of Metropolitan Tabernacle Church in Belfast.

While having serious issues with Pastor McConnell's theology in the past, what he has said in general about the faith of Islam is Biblical and correct.

Among the things Mr McConnell reportedly told his congregation were:

"Islam is heathen, Islam is satanic, Islam is a doctrine spawned in hell. Fifteen years ago Britain was concerned of IRA cells right throughout the nation," he said. "They done a deal with the IRA because they were frightened of being bombed. Today a new evil has arisen. There are cells of Muslims right throughout Britain, can I hear an Amen, right throughout Britain, and this nation is going to enter into a great tribulation, a great trial."

Islam is a heathen invention of men and is totally repudiated by the Word of God. It is a Christ-denying blasphemy which sets itself up as the only means of salvation whereas the Word of God states clearly that: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:6, KJV.

Furthermore, the salvation of the sinner comes about as a result of the Saviour's death on the cross and not as a result of any series of self-works as taught by Islam.

" . . . and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1:7, KJV.

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13, KJV.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost," Titus 3:5, KJV.

But Islam not merely sets itself up as a rival to the Word of God and Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world, it declares all who reject its teaching as damned and worthy of death at the hands of the "faithful" adherents of Islam. This it has preached and PRACTISED throughout the ages. This is evident as is illustrated by the case of the Sudanese woman, Meriam Ibrahim, 26, who was sentenced to death in Sudan on Thursday for refusing to recant her Christianity and for marrying a Christian. **Read a news report here.**

Raied Al-Wazzan, of the Belfast Islamic Centre, told the BBC's Nolan Show regarding Pastor McConnell's statements, "This is inflammatory language and it definitely is not acceptable."

He has been joined in condemning Pastor McConnell by none other than former IRA gunman, Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness. McGuinness is quoted in the Belfast Newsletter of 22nd May, 2014. "Martin McGuinness described the comments made in recent days as "hate mongering" and said they "must be condemned in the strongest possible terms". "My party colleague Caitríona Ruane will be raising Pastor James McConnell's comments at the Policing Board." The Sinn Fein MLA added: "It is essential that there is a full and thorough investigation of these comments and their potential to generate further racist attacks."

This is ripe coming from the leader of a band of murderous IRA thugs who came to political power, as a result of a campaign of terror which saw hundreds murdered and thousands injured. Of course we must ever bear in mind that the IRA received training and support from the notorious Muslim terrorists of the PLO!

The police would be better employed investigating McGuinness's self-acknowledged activities in the IRA during the height of its murder campaign. However, the police will more willingly pursue a Pastor McConnell than do anything to rock the sham "peace" set-up at Stormont.



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His condemnation does serve to underline the camaraderie that exists between the terrorism of Islam and Sinn Fein. Both have exploited the freedoms enjoyed in democratic societies in order to undermine and destroy those very freedoms.

McGuinness has blood on his hands, not least by his membership of a terrorist organisation and involvement in its terror campaign. Yet he dares to raise his voice in condemnation of James McConnell for declaring the truth. He and Raied Al-Wazzan make a good double-act, one being an echo of the other. Both men represent organisations which are steeped in the blood of innocent victims, killed to further their own wicked cause.

What a comfort it is to the child of God to read in God's Word what the end shall be for all deceitful liars and proponents of wickedness! It is stated in God's Word regarding Babylon, the epitome of wickedness on the earth, "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth," Revelation 18:24, KJV.

Here is the source of all the murders committed since the dawn of time, not just the murder of Christians. As Christ is the fountain of all life and "this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son," 1 John 5:11, KJV, even so is the Devil the source of all murder. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it," John 8:44, KJV.

Babylonianism is the system of religion established by the Devil and it is the mother of all false religions. This is why all false religions have a commonality of teaching and stand apart from the teaching and theology of true Biblical Christianity. God clearly states that all deniers of Christ and His Word will meet with His wrath.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17, KJV.

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matthew 25:41-46, KJV.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day." 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, KJV.

The outburst of condemnation against James McConnell by Raied Al-Wazzan, of the Belfast Islamic Centre, and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein is but par for the course for these two disciples of Babylonianism and is an aligning of supposed opponents in repetition of an ancient joining in common cause by the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves," Luke 23:11, 12, KJV.

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