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The 'tears' of Martin McGuinness

The following is a report in 'The Belfast Telegraph' of a new documentary on the life of Martin McGuinness which is to be shown on RTE on this Wednesday evening. It will serve to show that he was a hypocritical liar who lived to murder and terrorise.

I found it especially grieving that the wife of the late Dr Ian Paisley was quoted as saying: "Baroness Eileen Paisley, the widow of former DUP leader Ian Paisley, with whom McGuinness formed an unlikely friendship, said he "did his best to bring peace and reconciliation and succeeded in a large measure."

She recalled how he had been "tearful" as he paid his respects to her husband following his death in September 2014. "He bowed his head over the coffin and said to me that he had lost a friend," she said.

"I thought that said more than anything else that could be said."

I find these words so impossible to understand, coming especially from one who claims to believe the Bible! For the tears of Martin McGuinness at the coffin of Dr Paisley to be considered in any way genuine, one would have to have seen tears shed over the coffins of the many, many innocent victims, Roman Catholic and Protestant, whose deaths he was responsible for!

It should be remembered that McGuinness had enough 'admirers' in the world of stage and screen to have learned one of the tricks of acting — the producing of 'tears' at will!

I would believe that his tears were as genuine as those of Ishmael the son of Nethaniah of whom we read in Jeremiah 41:5-7: "There came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him."

The 'tender mercies' of McGuinness were akin to those of Ishmael the son of Nethaniah!

Whether he shed tears in the past, genuine or fake, Martin McGuinness is shedding tears now. Heed the words of the Saviour. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear," Matthew 13:41-43.

Surely McGuinness is presently amongst those that "offend, and them which do iniquity" and has a full understanding of the wickedness of the life he lived!

Such is the fate of the wicked and the words spoken over them after their death by those who were deceived by them will not alter that fact.

Maybe there will be those offended and outraged at me saying such things! My response to such is simple.

If I were able to find just one plain and sincere apology or evidence of remorse expressed by McGuinness regarding the campaign of terror he and his associates mounted and of which he was one of the chief instigators, then I would certainly hesitate to pass such a judgment upon him.

In truth, however, never once did Martin McGuinness utter anything by way of apology that was not in truth a justification of the murderous deeds of the the IRA. He frequently repeated the 'mantra' that republicans



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had no alternative to their war of terror!

Other republicans did not find it necessary to engage in terrorism. Maybe that is why the IRA often murdered such, calling them traitors to their 'cause'!

McGuinness's tears, if he did in truth shed them over Dr Paisley's coffin, only make him a greater hypocritical villain than he was!

He lived a life of deceit, lies, of blood shedding and cruelty. Of that the documentary on his life will, if it is in any way truthful, give abundant evidence! A few fake tears, for the benefit of the gullible, do not disannul such a career of defiance of God and His truth. It is entirely wrong to suggest that it does.

It is but to join McGuinness in his hypocrisy!!

A suitable line to close this article is that taken from a poem about John Graham of Claverhouse, 1st Viscount Dundee, rightly named the 'The de'il (devil) o Dundee' by the Scots Covenanters he persecuted unto death!

The second verse of the poem has the Provost of Dundee expressing his thoughts on Graham.

*Dundee he is mounted, he rides doon the street,
The bells they ring backwards, the drums they are beat,
But the Provost, douce (gentle) man, says "Just e'en let him be,
For the toon is well rid of that de'il o' Dundee."*

That is a sentiment I am sure that many in Ulster, myself amongst them, harbour over the death of Martin McGuinness!

Ulster is well rid of him!

Rev Ivan Foster (Rtd)

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Martin McGuinness leaves divided legacy, says mother of teen bomb victim Paul Maxwell

Mountbatten blast relative tells documentary of ex-Deputy First Minister's contradictions



Tangled web: Martin McGuinness, By Lauren Harte, Belfast Telegraph
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The mother of a Co Fermanagh teenager murdered by the IRA alongside Lord Louis Mountbatten has said Martin McGuinness left behind "many broken hearts, maimed bodies, minds in turmoil as well as peace".

Paul Maxwell (15), from Enniskillen, was working as a boat boy in the Co Sligo village of Mullaghmore when an IRA bomb exploded on Lord Mountbatten's Shadow V fishing boat on August 27, 1979.

Paul's mother Mary Hornsey makes her comments in a new documentary



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on the life and legacy of the former Deputy First Minister and IRA commander, to be screened on RTE on Wednesday night.

Lord Mountbatten's 14-year-old grandson Nicholas Knatchbull was also killed, with the Dowager Lady Brabourne (83) dying of injuries the next day.

McGuinness died in March 2017 at the age of 66.

Three years on, the programme explores the late Sinn Fein figure's iconic status within republicanism, his dedication to the peace process and lays out his complexities and contradictions.

Former IRA intelligence director Kieran Conway, who appears in the documentary, previously claimed that Mr McGuinness directed the assassination 41 years ago.

Journalist Ed Moloney tells the programme: "To say that Martin McGuinness had no knowledge of the operation to assassinate Mountbatten would be a bit like saying that General Eisenhower didn't know about the D-Day landings until they had happened.

"He was intimately involved and he had to be. He was the IRA's commander-in-chief."

The documentary also includes candid assessments of McGuinness from some of the major political figures who knew, encountered and negotiated with him, including former US President Bill Clinton, former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and the DUP's Gregory Campbell .

"He proved that someone who had spent a lifetime fighting could accept a victory that was shared," Mr Clinton said.

"I felt that he had changed in quite a fundamental way his attitude to those with whom he had been at war," Mr Blair added.

Former priest and vice-chairman of the Policing Board Denis Bradley said: "You either admired him or you thought he was the devil incarnate."

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The warmth and jocularly of the rapport that developed between the two men during their time in charge of Stormont led to them being dubbed 'the Chuckle Brothers'.

"They both laughed at the name and so did we, but their laughing was just the joy in both their hearts to think that 'Well, the past is past and we've got to make a new future'," Baroness Paisley said.



Baroness Eileen Paisley

The programme also features contributions from journalists Kathryn Johnston and Eamonn McCann alongside Belfast Telegraph's political editor Suzanne Breen.

McGuinness will be broadcast on RTE One at 9.35pm on Wednesday night.