

FRANCIS CHAN: Coming to Coleraine – “Take Heed”.

I was informed that **FRANCIS CHAN** is coming to speak at an event in the University in **COLERAINE** and when I visited his ‘**Crazy Love Ministries**’ web site this is listed on his speaking page on this link - <https://www.crazylove.org/speaking>

April 8th

UNITED, Ulster University

Tickets for the event can be purchased via this link

<https://www.wildfireministries.online/event-details/united-2023-1?fbclid=IwAR26FfGEOqh2ncQCByPqUx7xNsHuSq1ES5KGIIldL9c23R5iUtWa0f98O2eA>

FRANCIS CHAN studied at The Master’s Seminary founded by Pastor John MacArthur so one might have expected him to be ‘conservative’ and certainly ‘non-ecumenical’. Perhaps that was his position when he graduated from The Master’s Seminary but sadly that is certainly not his position now. Over recent years he has been found regularly and comfortably in both ecumenical and extreme-charismatic company. The first article that alerted me to the ecumenical path that **FRANCIS CHAN** was pursuing is located on this link

<https://protestia.com/2021/03/03/francis-chan-joins-priests-and-nuns-to-speak-at-roman-catholic-conference/>

In that article there is this very important section that reads –

‘The trajectory is clearly there. Last year he gave a childlike, disoriented sermon that was laden with Roman Catholic propaganda talking points, where he [told the congregants](#): (The portion underlined links to video of **Mr Chan** saying the following)

I didn’t know that for the first 1,500 years of Church history, everyone saw it as the literal body and blood of Christ. And it wasn’t until 500 years ago that someone popularized the thought that it’s just a symbol and nothing more. I didn’t know that. I thought, ‘Wow, that’s something to consider.’ ... For 1,500 years, it was never one guy and his pulpit being the centre of the church, it was the body and blood of Christ.

This assertion by **Mr Chan**, concerning the elements of bread and wine during Communion/The Lord’s supper/The breaking of bread, that **for the first 1,500 years of Church history, everyone saw it as the literal body and blood of Christ** is simply just not true and is in fact a lie. And what of Paul’s instruction to young Pastor Timothy, **“PREACH THE WORD”** (2 Timothy 4:2)

Bill Jackson who led a ministry called **C.E.C. (Christians Evangelising Catholics)** wrote a book called **The Noble Army of “Heretics”**. In his Foreword Mr Jackson wrote –

‘Heretics or martyrs – what is the difference. We hope this book will enlighten you. A Jesuit priest wrote a booklet several years ago in which he enumerated many “heretical” groups, some of which fully deserve the name. Among these groups were 30 of real interest starting with the Paulicians in the first century to the Salvation Army in the nineteenth. These groups were researched regarding ten points of doctrine, all of which the priest said were heresies.

These doctrines are listed below. Next to the belief is given the number of the 30 groups studied who subscribed to that particular teaching. Then, as you read this book, we will look more closely at many of these groups, and see what the scriptural conclusion must be: martyr or heretic?

The theory of Transubstantiation, which is central to the Mass, was not formally decreed by a Council until 1215, so that would account why some of the earlier “heresies” did not reject it.

Regarding the doctrines mentioned, the list included ‘**transubstantiation**’ – the claim that at mass/communion etc the bread and wine become literally **the body and blood of Christ** – this, **Mr Chan** stated, was believed by **ALL** Christians **for the first 1,500 years of Church history**. In Mr Jackson’s Foreword, it is listed as being **REJECTED** by 16 groups. It would serve **Mr Chan** well to read carefully chapter 5 that looks specifically at the **Waldenses**. These believers in Italy trace their heritage centuries back before the Reformation. In chapter 5 we read –

‘The Noble Lesson of the Waldenses is translated and given to us in “Never Failing Light” by R.M. Stevens. They begin their statement of faith by admonishing all to search the scriptures to find God’s truth. They clearly state the fundamentals, champion justification by faith and Bible reading, and reject images, relics, purgatory, celibacy, confession and papal supremacy. They did not mention transubstantiation because the Noble Lesson was written before that doctrine was defined in the Fourth Lateran Council [1215]’. (pp 57-58)

Although ‘**transubstantiation**’ was not specifically mentioned for the reason given, the fact that the **Waldenses** in 1532 ‘**under the trees in the Valley of Agogna they held the Synod of Chamforan. After four days discussion, the Waldenses joined the Reformation**’ (p 64) and ‘**The Reformers marvelled that the light had been shining in the remote valleys of the Cottian Alps for so many centuries**’ (p 64) seems a clear indication to me that they never subscribed to the view that the elements of communion were literally **the body and blood of Christ** as Rome claims and teaches.

Pastor Keith Malcomson, in his book, **The Scarlet Woman** wrote this about the **Waldenses** –

‘The Waldensians generally traced their reception of the gospel back to the days **prior to Constantine** (Cecil – 4th century). It was an ancient movement that was preserved by God for centuries before sending missionaries into many European countries ... When news reached this people concerning the Reformation, they rejoiced to know that this was a genuine work of the Lord. The Reformers in Germany and Switzerland also rejoiced in hearing of **this ancient movement** that had remained so faithful to the Word of God. In 1532 they met with leaders of the Reformation at the Synod of Chamforan and united in the work of God’. (pp 97-98)

Dr Ronald N Cooke in his monumental book entitled ‘**Antichrist Exposed: The Reformed and Puritan View of the Antichrist**’ wrote the following –

‘It is now necessary to go back and pick up the testimony that was raised against Antichrist by those outside of the fold of Rome ... The various groups, which existed at times **in the earlier and later Middle Ages** sought to raise a testimony against the religious monstrosity that persecuted them to death ... These groups fall into two major divisions: the well-known larger groups like the ... Waldensians ... All these groups, with others, looked upon the Roman Catholic Church as the antichurch, and the Mass as unscriptural and blasphemous (pp 81-82) ... The Waldenses as they became more scriptural and more spiritual began to spread rapidly across the south of France. This glorious revival of scriptural truth so troubled Pope Innocent III (Cecil – **Pope from 1198-1216**) that he decided to launch a crusade against the Cathars and the Waldenses, and any other heretics who might be lurking in the woods, that would crush completely all before it (p 98) ... Of the innumerable Waldensian martyrs who suffered under the cruelty of the Roman antichrist, one account stands out as an example of their collective sufferings. It is the martyrdom of Louis Pascale ... When he reached the scaffold, he turned and addressed the crowd, which listened for a time in silence – **If I am put to death, it is not for any crime, but for having confessed with truth and boldness, the Doctrines of my Divine Master and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As to those who hold the Pope to be God on earth, and the vicar of Jesus Christ, they are strangely mistaken, seeing that in everything and everywhere, he shows himself to be the mortal enemy of His doctrine and true service, and of pure religion, and by his actions that he is manifestly the real Antichrist** He could say no more, the Inquisitors on hearing him identify the pope with Antichrist, gave the signal to the executioner, who then strangled him and threw his body on the flames. Later they scattered his ashes in the Tiber (p 100-101) ... The doctrinal views of the Waldenses were drawn from the Scriptures. They viewed the Holy Scriptures as their supreme authority ... **As early as 1240** some Waldenses designated the Roman Catholic Church as the Great Beast of the Apocalypse ... They viewed the Pope’s pardons as worthless ... **They were accused of scoffing at the doctrine of transubstantiation**’ (pp 101-102).

Returning once more to **Bill Jackson’s** book **The Noble Army of “Heretics”** we find further helpful information contained in chapter 4 that deals with the **Albigenses**. **Mr Jackson** refers to a number of early groups that might well have had influence in the eventual emergence of the **Albigenses**. Herewith are a number of extracts from this particular chapter –

‘The Berengarians were followers of Berengarius of Tours who died in 1088. **He taught that the substance of bread and wine remain unchanged** ... Karl Keating (Cecil – a prominent Roman Catholic apologist) credits Berengarius as being **the first theologian of note to oppose the doctrine of transubstantiation** which of course was not formally imposed until the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 and was in the stage of development in the eleventh century ... If the Berengarians were heretics, so are we’ (p 33).

It’s very interesting to read the account of the life of Berengarius of Tours on the Roman Catholic ‘New Advent’ website. They detail how he did oppose what later was formally proposed in 1215 as ‘transubstantiation’. He was summoned by the ‘hierarchy’ of the Church to appear before them on a number of occasions and did in consequence ‘recant’ but later each time repudiated his ‘recantation’. This account can be accessed on this link –

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02487a.htm>

Dr Ronald Cooke in his book 'Antichrist Exposed' writes this about Berengarius –

'Berengarius is a classic example of the type of harassment scholars faced if they disagreed with the religious system of the time. He repudiated transubstantiation around 1040. He was excommunicated by Pope Leo IX in the year 1050. He was also condemned at the Synods of Brienne and Vercelli ... In 1055 he was cited to appear at the Synod of Tours where he had to sign a retraction of his views. However, he had not really changed his mind on the issue. He was again condemned at Rome in 1059. He was again required to retract his teaching and sign a confession drawn up by Cardinal Humbertus. Upon his return to France he again retracted his recantation, and published another work in defence of his original position. Several other Synods then condemned him again ... and Rome in 1078. At Rome he had to confess that Transubstantiation was true in order to save himself from being burned at the stake as a heretic. As soon as he got clear of Rome and back to his native France, he withdrew the confession he had made at Rome in order to save his life. He said of Pope Leo IX "In him I found by no means a saint, by no means a Lion of the Tribe of Judah, not even an upright man. To be declared a heretic by him I account as nothing" ... the treatment he received demonstrates the difficulty of writing anything opposed to the errors of Rome at this time in history.' (pp 39-40)

Returning once more to Bill Jackson's book The Noble Army of "Heretics" –

'The Petrobrusians rejected the baptism of infants; they rejected Mass and Holy Eucharist ... B K Kuiper in "The Church in History" follows the Roman Catholic logic about these early Christians ... (and) lumps all these early groups together in what he states came to be called Albigenses ... A further understanding of the biblical position from Roman Catholic history may be found by consulting the book against the Petrobrusians written by Peter the Venerable, Abbott of Cluny ... the abbot sums up the errors of the Petrobrusians under 5 heads ... The fourth error was that they denied sacramental grace and especially the doctrine of transubstantiation. They are quoted by Peter as saying "Oh people, do not believe the bishops, priests and clergy who seduce you; who ... deceive you when they falsely profess to make the body of Christ, and give it to you for the salvation of your souls. They clearly lie"'. (pp34-36)

Dr Ronald Cooke in 'Antichrist exposed' wrote –

'Following the advent of the new millennium certain preachers arose in France who preached the true Gospel. Peter Bruis or Peter de Bruys was a follower of Berengarius ... He preached in the area of Toulouse, which seems to have been a region where evangelical truth had flourished for many years ... De Bruys appeared around the year 1100 and was considered a reformer by some, and a heretic by Rome. He laboured from about 1105 to 1126, when he was apprehended and burned at the stake by the Church of Rome because of his views ... Albert Newman (Cecil - Albert Newman (1852-1933) was an American church historian) remarks about the evangelistic work that Peter de Bruys and Henry of Lausanne carried on in France at this time. When the official "church" was basically apostate ... some godly men outside of it preached the Gospel and many souls were converted to the Lord ... De Bruys laboured chiefly in the south of France in Provence and Languedoc. The Abbot of Cluny wrote a treatise against De Bruis and his followers in which he charged them with several "heresies". The chief of these were ... they did not believe in the efficacy of prayers for the dead, in the veneration of crucifixes and in transubstantiation'. (pp 113-114)

Please keep in mind that according to Bill Jackson it was a JESUIT who labelled these groups as "heretics". Jesuits submit to a series of 'Exercises' drawn up by their founder, Ignatius Loyola – much detail can be found about Loyola and his 'Exercises' in my 2010 article located on –

https://www.takeheed.info/Assorted_Articles/Ecumenism/maynooth-conference-on-calvin-and-loyola.pdf

On page 6, Under a heading of ‘**Rules to have the true sentiment in the** (Roman Catholic) **Church**’ – **Rule 13 states** –

To be right in everything, **we ought always to hold that the white which I see, is black, if the Hierarchical Church so decides it**, believing that between Christ our Lord, the Bridegroom, and the Church, His Bride, there is the same Spirit which governs and directs us for the salvation of our souls.

Because by the same Spirit and our Lord Who gave the ten Commandments, our holy Mother the Church is directed and governed. **[Cecil’s comment – Slavish and dishonest obedience to ‘The Church’ commanded]** To be branded a “heretic” by a **JESUIT** is in my view not a ‘**Condemnation**’ but just might well actually be a worthy ‘**Commendation**’

As well as reading the article (the link given on page one of this article) please be sure to **FOLLOW THE LINKS** in it as they visibly highlight the errors and idolatry of Rome and the interview with the Roman Catholic ‘**Our Sunday Visitor**’ illustrates that **FRANCIS CHAN** does not recognise the fact that the ‘**Jesus**’ of Roman Catholicism is “**another Jesus**” and that the ‘**gospel**’ of Roman Catholicism is “**another gospel**” preached and promoted by “**another spirit**” (2 Corinthians 11:4).

Another article that shows **Mr Chan’s** close ‘flirtation’ with Rome and what it teaches is located on the following link – be sure to watch the short video discussion he has with a **Preston Sprinkle** who likewise seems to be somewhat ‘taken-in’ by Rome’s ‘scripture-usage charm offensive’.

<https://disntr.com/2021/05/03/francis-chan-says-catholic-understanding-of-gospel-is-very-similar-if-not-the-same-as-his/>

In winding up this section of the article let me state this -

It is clear from history, as evidenced by the various quotes I have cited, that **Francis Chan** is completely wrong to assert concerning the elements of bread and wine that **for the first 1,500 years of Church history, everyone saw it as the literal body and blood of Christ** – that is just not true.

The truth that **Francis Chan** fails to discern is that when it comes to Roman Catholicism, no faithful Christian can be **UNITED** with it in the cause of proclaiming the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Moving on now, when it comes to **Mr Chan** being comfortable in **extreme-charismatic company** the article on the following link is most informative -

<https://pulpitandpen.org/2020/05/19/francis-chan-explains-how-he-became-a-bill-johnson-loving-charismatic/>

In the article we read –

'This prompted Francis Chan to chime in with how much he, in turn, valued Bill Johnson ... "Can I just say something in response to that? Bill, you blow me away with your words and your heart behind them. You need to know that it's that heart that changed me. It's that type of character and kindness that can only come from the spirit, to love like that in the midst of slander ... I mean, I was one of those guys, coming out of seminary, I was one of those guys ... I used to ridicule anyone who spoke in tongues, anyone who thought he had a gift of prophecy, I really did. And the thing about it is, and this is why I'm so glad you have such a heart toward these people (the other speakers), I really thought I was doing it for God. You don't know what you don't know. And in my mind, when someone would say a phrase like this "this charismatic theologian" I just thought that's an oxymoron. There's no charismatic theologian – they don't even study the word, they just dream and have visions. I mean that's really what I believed, so I thought "I will protect the church from these people who are getting away from the word of God and just chasing their fantasies, and I got to save the church from them. So I don't think I was evil...I know I was arrogant...like off the charts arrogant, but there was almost this side of me that felt "God, I'm doing this for you." And what changed me, was I was on this board with this guy named Jack Hayford ... And so when I hear your heart, Bill, man I sure hope there are people listening that maybe come from the camp I came from ... And so Bill, everything you shared...just, I just want to apologize even though I don't think I slammed you directly,

Predominantly I want to focus on **Mr Chan's 'change of heart'** towards **Bill Johnson** but let me begin by referring briefly to his reference to the now, late **Jack Hayford**. The article on the following link identifies many serious concerns about the 'ministry' of **Mr Hayford** – concerns that **Mr Chan** was either oblivious to or was willing to turn a blind eye to.

<https://disntr.com/2021/04/22/expose-of-charismatic-false-teacher-jack-hayford-of-foursquare-church-international/>

Now, is **Francis Chan** right to 'ditch' the reservations he apparently initially had about the 'ministry' of **Bill Johnson** who heads up the hyper-charismatic **Bethel Church** in **Redding CA**? Is **Bill Johnson** one of those "faithful men who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2) as **Francis Chan** now evidently believes and someone, we can be **UNITED** with in the cause of proclaiming the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

There is SO much that I could direct you, the reader, to, that would highlight the devilish, dangerous nature of the 'ministry' of **Bill Johnson** but I'll confine my thoughts to **two particular instances** and then list links to other helpful resources that warn about **Bill Johnson**.

In the first instance, back in 2008, in Lakeland in Florida, there was a supposed 'healing revival' headed up by a man called **Todd Bentley**. It was a complete and utter fraud and certainly NO MOVE of the Holy Spirit. However, leaders in what is known as the '**New Apostolic Reformation**', and that includes **Bill Johnson**, all made their way to Lakeland to hold a grand 'commissioning service' for **Todd Bentley**.

They all laid hands on him and variously 'prophesied' over him about how God was going to use him in a mighty way. A few weeks later the news broke that **Todd Bentley** had been engaging in an adulterous affair whilst in Lakeland – so much for all the 'prophecies' from the **NAR** self-appointed 'prophets' and 'apostles', including **Bill Johnson**. The following link speaks of that infamous day –

<https://www.themessedupchurch.com/blog/the-charismatic-day-of-infamy-june-28th-2008-at8gl-82ajl-kt2c3>

In the excellent book '**A Hidden Path: Bethel Redding and Beyond**' we read the prophecy given by **Bill Johnson** on that infamous day –

'We shape the course of history by partnering with you [Todd Bentley] giving honour where it's due. **You welcome the glory as well as anybody I've ever seen in life. I long to learn from you in that.** And I bless you, and I pray with the rest of these that the measure of glory would increase. That Moses would no longer be considered the high-water mark where the glory shone from his face, but instead the revelation of the goodness of God would change the face of the Church. And that He would use your voice, He would use your grace, your anointing **to alter the face of the Church before this world.** That the goodness of the Lord would be seen once again. I pray this over you in Jesus Name'. (pp 102-103)

History since that day attests to the complete and utter nonsense contained in that 'prophecy' given by '**Apostle**' **Bill Johnson** – yes, he had the office of '**Apostle**' conferred upon him by the late **Peter Wagner** who was the main founding-force behind the '**New Apostolic Reformation**' as you can read on this informative link –

<https://christianresearchnetwork.org/2018/07/20/bethel-churchs-apostle-bill-johnson-a-comedy-of-errors-part-1/>

Towards the end of the '**day of infamy**' article that I mentioned first, there is video of **Bill Johnson** promoting a **Todd Bentley** event that was scheduled to happen in New York in August 2021 and claiming that there would be '**massive conversions and massive miracles**', yet another, much more recent failed **Bill Johnson** 'prophecy' linked to **Todd Bentley**.

In the second instance, in January 2023 **Bill Johnson** had the arch, health and wealth gospel heretic, **Kenneth Copeland** along to preach in his **Bethel** church. The news of that preaching engagement was posted by **Kenneth Copeland Ministries** on this link –

https://www.kcm.org/events/bethel-church?language_content_entity=en-US

They included the 'write-up' that **Bethel** church had posted about **Mr Copeland** –



Kenneth Copeland

Kenneth Copeland is known worldwide as a speaker, author, television minister and recording artist. The driving force of his ministry is the message that God's Word works to turn every area of life from failure to success. Today, after more than 50 years in public ministry, he and his wife, Gloria, continue to distribute the biblical message of hope worldwide from Kenneth Copeland Ministries headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, and from international offices in Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, Ukraine and Latin America. Since his earliest days of ministry, Kenneth Copeland has preached the uncompromised Word of God, continuing to fulfill his mission to declare from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around that Jesus is Lord!

Any so-called 'church' that states publicly, as **Bethel did**, that '**Kenneth Copeland has preached the uncompromised Word of God**' deserves to have the inscription **ICHABOD** nailed firmly to its front door. For those not familiar with the term **ICHABOD** the article on this link will explain all – especially the very last sentence

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Ichabod.html>

In spite of these very public displays of support for enemies of the gospel like **Todd Bentley** and **Kenneth Copeland**, **Bill Johnson** is still someone that **Francis Chan** is comfortable to be **UNITED** with in the cause of proclaiming the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The article on the following link explains his thinking in this whole area –

<https://pastorgabehughes.blogspot.com/2019/03/francis-chan-defends-his-friendship.html?m=1>

By 'fraternising' with the likes of **Bill Johnson** (and by implication those he in turn 'fraternises' with) **Francis Chan** is, as we read in the article – '**heaping adulation and praise onto ministers of Satan. He's standing shoulder to shoulder with them and calling them friends and brothers and men of God**'. Other helpful articles concerning **Francis Chan** can be accessed via these links –

<https://www.lighthouse Trailsresearch.com/blog/?s=francis+chan>

<https://christianresearchnetwork.org/?s=francis+chan&submit=Search>

I also mentioned earlier that I would give links to other resources concerning **Bill Johnson** and **Redding** and here is a selection –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2020/February/randy-clark-toronto-abomination-at-bethel.pdf>

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2020/December/bethel-redding-blasphemy.pdf>

<https://christianresearchnetwork.org/?s=bill+johnson&submit=Search>

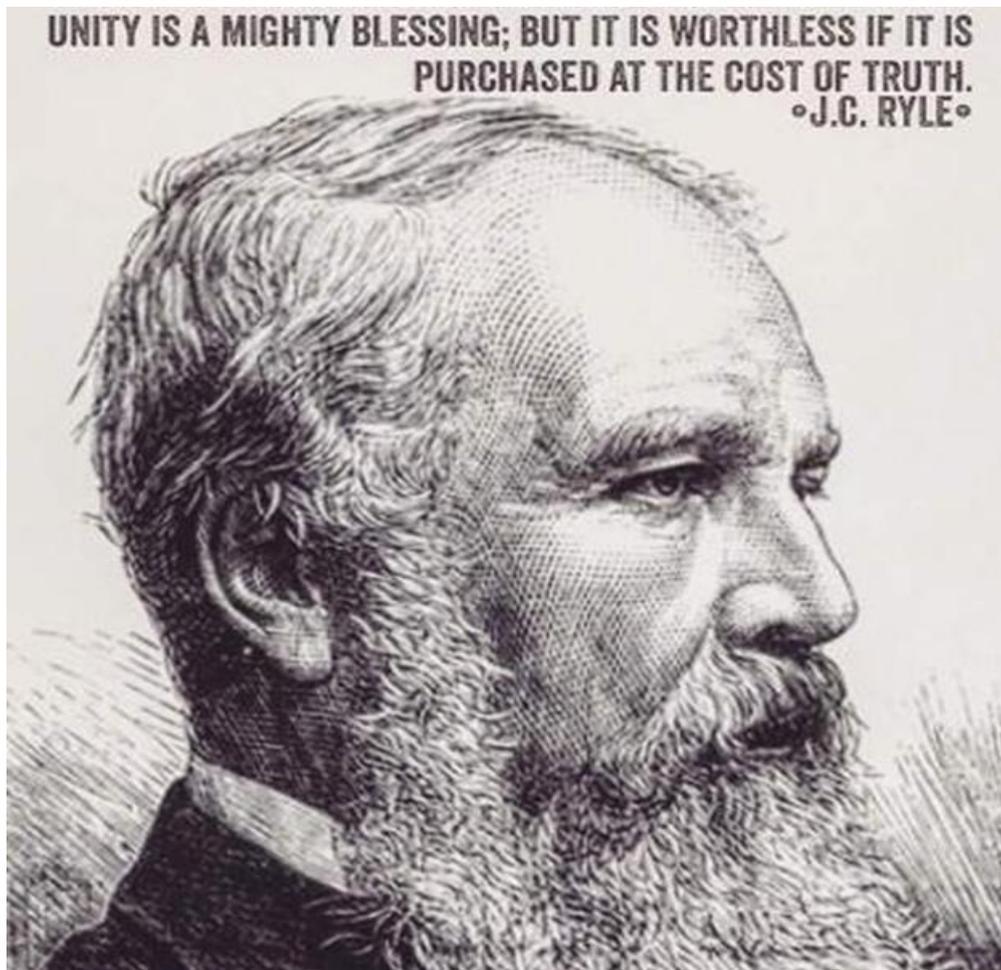
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNC-5Q_CV2EvnWM2J3OYN-S_BOshf_81

The book – 'A Hidden Path: Bethel Redding and Beyond'

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hidden-Path-Bethel-Redding-Beyond-ebook/dp/B081TS6D43>

<https://www.amazon.com/Hidden-Path-Bethel-Redding-Beyond/dp/1645708047>

By way of conclusion and before I pen two important **APPENDIXES**, Francis Chan, in his push for a **UNITED** front, **and I assume that is what he will be promoting at the student event in Coleraine in April**, would do well to ponder these wise words by **Bishop J C Ryle** that someone posted recently on Facebook – this was the post –



Francis Chan (and **Marc Taylor** – see the **APPENDIX**)) appear to be very reluctant to **take heed** of the words written by Paul in **Romans 16:17** – perhaps they think they know better –

**“Now I beseech you brethren,
mark them which cause divisions and offences,
contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned,
and avoid them”**

APPENDIX 1

My attempted interaction with Marc Taylor

When I was first notified of this upcoming event in Coleraine with **Francis Chan**, I was told that it was being organised by a **Marc Taylor**. The person who alerted me to it told me that they had raised with **Mr Taylor** their concerns about what **Francis Chan** had said about the **Roman Catholic Eucharist** and his response to that was to 'unfriend' the person.

I discovered that **Marc Taylor** and his wife **Heather** run a ministry called **Hope2Families** and you can read about them and the ministry on this link –

<https://hope2families.com/contact-us/>

I have watched several videos of **Mr Taylor** speaking and he certainly has 'zeal' but some of his views did not sit comfortably with my own and someone that he obviously holds in high regard (**DAVID LEGGE**) and a 'ministry' that he spoke favourably of (**ELLEL MINISTRIES**) did in times past cause me to pen warning articles that can be accessed on these links –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2014/October/David-Legge.pdf>

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/July/Ellel-Ministries.pdf>

On 7th January 2023 I sent the following message to **Marc Taylor** via the contact form on his **Hope2Families** web site –

MARC, IF YOU FIND TIME, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD RING ME ON 028 9756 5511. IN CHRIST, CECIL ANDREWS

Then on 12th January 2023 I sent this email to **Marc Taylor** –

Dear Marc,

I sent the following message via the web site on 7th January -

'MARC, IF YOU FIND TIME, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD RING ME ON 028 9756 5511. IN CHRIST, CECIL ANDREWS'

I have only now just discovered your 'personal email address' on the web site so, if you could ring me, I would be grateful.

Kind regards

Cecil Andrews

The same day I received this reply –

Thank you so much for your email, how can we be of help?

Blessings Marc

I immediately replied –

Dear Marc,

Thank you for your reply - it is really a matter to discuss by phone please.

In Christ

Cecil Andrews

The following day, 13th January 2023, I received this email –

Due to current demands on my time, it may be some time before I can make phone contact.

Blessings

Marc

The same day I sent this email reply –

Dear Marc,

It is in the context of my apologetics ministry - 'Take Heed' Ministries' - that I would like to chat to you about the visit of Francis Chan to Coleraine in April as I understand you are organising it.

I have some concerns, so, as a matter of Christian courtesy I wanted to contact you.

In Christ

Cecil Andrews

Having heard nothing back from **Marc** I sent the following email on 26th January 2023

Dear Marc,

I have watched your video made in Ardoyne promoting 'unity' and I do not for one moment question your zeal. You have quoted from Ephesians to promote the visit of Francis Chan and stated you are not 'ecumenical'.

But Francis Chan is promoting false 'ecumenical' unity - you said to set aside 'theology' and unite in 'truth' - the first is not biblical (see 1 John 4:1) but the second is (1 Corinthians 13:6).

I have always 'united' with professing Christians who are promoting biblical 'truth' but have declined to 'fellowship' or co-operate with those who promote 'another gospel. another Jesus and by another spirit' (2 Corinthians 11:4). Roman Catholicism represents all that Paul mentioned in 2 Corinthians 11:4.

Unless you graciously 'challenge' active Roman Catholics to reconsider what they are trusting in for (hoped for but not guaranteed) salvation (Rome's sacramental system) you are not being a faithful 'witness' for the Lord and His Gospel but you could perhaps actually be 'comforting' them as they travel to a lost eternity.

The 'uniting' of Jew and Gentile in the Ephesian letter was all to do with historical, separating 'ethnicity' and of how 'saving doctrine', grounded on the finished work of "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2) had removed that 'barrier'. Rome does not possess or promote that 'saving doctrine'.

The more relevant scriptures where Francis Chan and Roman Catholicism are concerned are found in Galatians 1:6-9 where Paul 'called out' the false gospel of the Judaisers. Former Roman Catholic, William Webster, in his book 'Salvation, The Bible and Roman Catholicism' identified no less than 15 parallels between the false 'gospel' of the Judaisers and the 'gospel' of Rome (see attached image).

There is another issue with Francis Chan and that is his 'fellowship' with Bill Johnson of Bethel CA where the arch-promoter of the false 'health and wealth gospel', Kenneth Copeland, recently preached.

Marc, I have sought (thus far unsuccessfully) to speak with you and I hope that it may yet happen (even in person if you were agreeable) but I want you to know that I am currently working on an article for publication 'down the line' on my web site that will seek to alert people to the unscriptural aspects of Francis Chan and the planned 8th April meeting.

In conclusion, here are links to 2 articles that address Mr Chan on Rome and Bethel -

<https://protestia.com/2021/03/03/francis-chan-joins-priests-and-nuns-to-speak-at-roman-catholic-conference/>

<https://pulpitandpen.org/2020/05/19/francis-chan-explains-how-he-became-a-bill-johnson-loving-charismatic/>

I am your servant for the Lord Jesus Christ

Cecil Andrews

'Take Heed' Ministries

www.takeheed.info

1 Attached Image

member of the Roman Catholic Church, and partake regularly of the sacraments. It is not Jesus alone, but Jesus plus all these other things. Significantly, all these other things are practically identical to the Judaisers' system and teachings.

Note the following parallels between Roman Catholicism and the Judaisers:

JUDAISERS	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1. Belief in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God	1. Belief in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God
2. Circumcision	2. Baptism
3. Become a Jew	3. Become a Roman Catholic
4. Sacrificial System	4. Sacrificial System
5. Priests	5. Priests
6. High Priests	6. Popes
7. Altars	7. Altars
8. Laver of Water	8. Font of Holy Water
9. Feast Days	9. Feast Days
10. Dietary Regulations	10. Dietary Regulations (until recently)
11. Candles	11. Candles
12. Incense	12. Incense
13. Shew Bread	13. Eucharistic Water
14. Keep the Ten Commandments	14. Keep the Ten Commandments
15. Traditions of the Elders	15. Traditions of the Church Fathers

The parallel is only too plain. The Roman Catholic teaching on salvation, and therefore its gospel, is essentially what Paul condemns the Judaisers for preaching and upon which he pronounces an anathema. J. R. W. Stott's words bear repeating: "The Judaisers could not accept the principle

of . . . "faith alone". They insisted that men must contribute something to their salvation. So they were adding to faith Jesus "the works of the law" as another essential ground of acceptance with God" (Stott, p. 25).

Thus, the same charge as the apostle Paul levelled against the Judaisers can also be levelled against the Roman Catholic Church. The message of Galatians applies directly to Roman Catholicism because its gospel is the same as that of the Judaisers. This is the reason why there can be no unity between the Roman Catholic Church and those who are true Christians. Paul certainly saw no grounds for unity between himself and the Judaisers. As Stott says, "When the issue between us is trivial, we must be as pliable as possible. When the truth of the gospel is at stake, we must stand ground . . . If men oppose the truth of the gospel, we do not hesitate to oppose them" (Stott, pp. 37-38).

Did Paul consider the Judaisers true Christians? Quarry not! They were perverting the gospel and leading to perdition. Is the Roman Catholic Church truly Christian? On the basis of all that it teaches contrary to the Bible, in view of the fact that it is in effect a modern-day Jewish system, the answer would have to be an emphatic no!

Just as Paul said that those who accepted the teaching of the Judaisers were deserting the gospel, so do those who adhere to Roman Catholic teaching. Paul said that even an angel from heaven was to preach the gospel of the Judaists should be scolded and rejected. These are severe words but it is God the Holy Spirit who has inspired them and must see to it that we try to explain them away.

As we see the truth of what Paul is teaching, we are led to the conclusion: the teachings of Roman Catholicism are those of the Judaisers; in important respects practically identical. On the basis of their own official, authoritative statements of doctrine it is obvious that the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and of the Word of God

There is a Youth Ministry section of **Hope2Families** known as **WILDFIRE** and on 14th January 2023, on Facebook, they posted the following item –

**Contend | This is the second series we will be running with over this next month!
In a world full of supposed truth it can be hard discern what is right and what is wrong?
The foundation to which we contend is truth! So season 1 will be all about truth and how it can be known!**

This linked with a short video message given by quite an animated young man (Luke Taylor? – possibly Marc's son?) who was encouraging people to '**contend**' as commanded in the book of Jude for '**truth**'. I posted the following comment in response to the video message –

I certainly agree with the sentiments expressed in this short video. Taking on board what you said do you believe that we should (1) 'contend' against the false 'gospel' of Roman Catholicism and (2) 'contend' against a high-profile, influential 'church' that welcomes Kenneth Copeland (the arch-promoter of the false 'health and wealth gospel') to its pulpit. Would it be right to expose Christians to someone who does not think we should 'contend' as outlined in (1) and (2) above. Kind regards.

To date there has been no response to the comment/question I posted. If you can access Facebook the link to track down this message and video is -

<https://www.facebook.com/decidediscipledeclare/>

On their own Facebook page **Marc and Heather Taylor** are, not unsurprisingly, promoting the **Francis Chan** event, and it includes a short promotional video by **Francis Chan** and **Marc Taylor** posted around 5th February – the link to the **Taylor's** Facebook page is –

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100031865410150>

Both **Francis Chan** and **Marc Taylor** possess an ‘**infectious zeal**’ to promote their vision of ‘**unity**’ **BUT** in doing so they are ignoring the clear biblical instruction to “**try/test the spirits whether they be of God**” (1 John 4:1) – they are setting aside the clear doctrinal differences between, in particular, Roman Catholic beliefs and understandings, and biblical truths – differences which will eventually settle someone’s eternal destiny! They are in my view failing to faithfully “**labour in the word and doctrine**” (1st Timothy 5:17)

It is clear from the promotional video that the planned meeting in Coleraine University is going ahead on 8th April 2023 and that no ‘overtures’ from myself are going to alter that. That being the case I am left with no alternative but to post this warning article and to pray that it may dissuade some people from attending the event.

Cecil Andrews – ‘Take Heed’ Ministries – 8th February 2023.

APPENDIX 2

FRANCIS CHAN and MIKE GENDRON

Over my 32+ years of ministry I have been greatly privileged to meet and minister with many Godly and well-informed men, especially those saved out of Roman Catholicism. Numbered amongst those men is former Roman Catholic, **MIKE GENDRON**, who has his own ministry – ‘**Proclaiming the Gospel**’ - web site - <https://www.proclaimingthegospel.org/>

Mike has in times past been my guest here to minister, not only in Northern Ireland, but also across in Great Britain. In turn I have ministered with him at a number of events in various parts of the United States. **Mike** had a personal encounter with **Francis Chan** back in 2003 as you can read on this link –

<http://www.solasisters.com/2013/05/francis-chan-rebuked-mike-gendron.html>

This 'encounter' disturbs me greatly where **Francis Chan** is concerned and turns my mind to what Paul wrote in **2nd Corinthians 11: 13-15** which tells us – “**For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works**”.

The audio on this link features Mike commenting on this 'encounter' and MARC TAYLOR really should take time to listen to what Mike had to say.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jo_sVyssxgk

For **Francis Chan** to have rebuked and 'shut-down' **Mike Gendron** as he did, suggests to me the reality of the spiritual warfare that people like **Mike** and myself engage in when we take our stand for biblical truth (as in this article) – that “**we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places**” (Ephesians 6:12).

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