

BLATANT HERESY AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013

CTMI are not ashamed of what they teach. They put it out there in a big way, skilfully and slickly with multimedia. They have the money.

We are grateful for this transparency because it provides an opportunity to “contend for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3) and “hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, ...and also to rebuke those who contradict it.” (Titus 1:9) And also “expose the unfruitful works of darkness” (Eph 5:11)

In the May 2013 International Conference in Mauritius Miki Hardy opened with the typical call to the “radical Christianity of the 70’s and 80’s”. As usual he knocked the “worldwide church” which has now been “infiltrated by leisurely Christianity”. (We have to smile at the CTMI accusation that we are guilty of Goebbels type repetition of the same mantra until people believe it! Listen to all the archives of Hardy’s conferences and you will hear the “we are radically correct in comparison with the worldly, weak and falling away church” message EVERY time!)

We can imagine our family members and the many others sitting in awe saying “amen”, “exactly”, “ja” and “yes” as they again feel part of that unique, separate and smugly special few who have been gifted with the “apostolic anointing” and “this gospel of the cross” that no one else has. They are the radicals with whom God is pleased while He frowns upon the rest of us “leisurely” souls.

MASTERBUILDER?

The next message was by Peter Mackenzie entitled “The Masterbuilder”. (Peter seems to be increasingly the chief praise singer for Miki Hardy.) This is undoubtedly the most blatant articulation of the CTMI personality cult worship of “the apostle” we have heard to date.

To summarise a message of over an hour:

- When we have revelation like Paul in Galatians 3 we are victorious. God wants us back on the right foundation.

- Our ray of light and hope is the apostolic anointing and authority. “Oh Yes! We need it. Are you listening – anyone out there huh?! It rattles our bones and confronts us. It removes the scales from our eyes. Before this you were in a church where you loved the Lord (said with patronising tone) and the pastor who loved the Lord preached message after message which encouraged you but with no power to change lives. With the apostolic seal there is something huh? There is power to change like being born again all over again. We are weak and alone until the apostolic anointing. That’s what CTMI is all about. We need it – we need it!”

- He then went on to use 1 Corinthians 3 to argue that God needs the authority of the apostolic anointing - a “masterbuilder” - to lay the foundation in the church. We need to submit to this authority – we do in our employment world - why not in the church? This authority brings **Order** like a “father in the house” when children are fighting over toys. It brings **Protection**. We can feel safe from error and manipulation (!!!!??). We are safe to expose ourselves. When we are not under this protection we are not well or mature and will not grow. We will have trouble in our marriage or finances. Basil and I used to feel the peace of this protection in the plane as we approached Mauritius. (!!??) It brings **Vision and Direction**. When you have a vision you just want to give and give. When you struggle to give you are not willing to submit to the authority placed in this house. Paul knew his authority. As we catch and walk under the apostolic anointing there is nothing to stop us! Huh? Amazing!

What’s Wrong with this Picture?

- No wonder our family (and all others in CTMI) fear any questioning or challenging of anything?? They keep hearing Miki Hardy is today’s Apostle Paul with the same authority and revelation as one of the original twelve! No wonder they all conform to be recognised and accepted as “well” and “mature responsables”. “Sons and daughters in the house.” No wonder many got re-baptised into CTMI because they were born again, AGAIN!

• To claim that Miki Hardy is the same as the Apostle Paul – a “masterbuilder” who lays foundations and has power to cause peace on a plane way up in the sky as it approaches Mauritius is just plain heresy. Orthodox Christianity has taught for centuries that the original Apostles were especially chosen and gifted men appointed directly by Christ Himself and who witnessed the resurrected Jesus. (Acts 1:21-22; 1 Cor 9:1) They were the foundation of the church because they wrote the New Testament as the inspired word of God. There will never be more Apostles like them. Paul called himself the last. (1 Cor 15:8) and at Christ’s return the foundations of the City of God are only “twelve Apostles of the Lamb” (Rev 21:14) The authority is now in the Holy Spirit empowered Apostolic teaching found in the word of God and taught by humble, gifted servants until Jesus comes. This doctrine of a “big man”, Apostle with power, anointing and authority is a recent scourge especially attractive in Africa where a “Chief” with special wisdom and connection with the spirit world runs deep in the culture. It certainly is not in the word of God!

In this light the claims of Miki Hardy himself in Madagascar are equally untrue and rich in irony.

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No one should think he can just take on the title of apostle. It is the revelation of the mystery of the Church, and the specific anointing that accompanies the apostolic ministry that makes it what it is, and able to bring Christians to maturity. The early church, founded by the first apostles, is our role model.

He goes on to share on the Apostolic Ministry, as shown through the revelation Paul received and through what we see in the Early Church. He points out the difference between self-proclaimed apostles, who are not called of God and who, therefore, do not have God’s anointing to fulfill this ministry, and those who are called of God, and who at the same time are willing for Jesus to be formed in their lives as they respond to His call. This ministry produces true sons and daughters, not illegitimate children, ones who are ready to humble themselves and submit, and to impart the message .

The hall is very quiet. The session has been a long one but no one has noticed the time pass, the message is so captivating!

The deposit is written on our hearts, not on our minds ...”

• Peter Mackenzie is sadly guilty of twisting the scriptures. Read 1 Corinthians 3 yourself and see the thrust of Paul’s message. It is clearly and obviously to point away from himself and other leaders to God. Some are called to lay foundations - with the skills of a master builder (not the authority figure "masterbuilder" as Peter Mackenzie argues) Others build on this foundation. But please don’t follow us servants of God and create divisions. We are nothing. God is the builder of His church. (1 Cor 3:6-7 *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth*). And then Paul ends the passage in vs 21 with **“So then let no one boast in men”** and vs 23 with **“You are Christ’s and Christ is God’s”**. Peter Mackenzie’s whole sermon is boasting in a man!!

Whenever the Holy Spirit is working, Christ gets the glory. (John 16:14). Peter Mackenzie uses the passage to say exactly the opposite of its intention!! Praise to a man – Miki Hardy the father in the house with apostolic anointing and revelation!

And it grieves us deeply to say – during more than an hour of preaching (or “sharing” as they like to call it) not even a mention of Christ and the wonderful true gospel of the cross.

This distortion of biblical truth is at the core of CTMI. (As Peter said - “That’s what CTMI is about”) This is why they are widely recognised as a cult.