

Summary of False Teaching

All “cultic” churches depart from agreed orthodox bible doctrine in fundamental ways. The bible is full of warnings against those who will arise from within the church – “wolves in sheep’s clothing”, “Satan masquerading as an angel of light” who will lead naïve sheep astray.

The Apostles were known for their strong emphasis on teaching and preaching accurately the body of truth entrusted to them by Jesus Christ. (The “Apostles’ doctrine” – Acts 2:42). They also encouraged this orthodoxy in the pastors they trained.

Titus 2:1 *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.*

2Timothy 1:14 *By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

2Timothy 2:15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

As far as we are aware, the preachers and teachers in CTMI have not been to any reputable bible seminary. Is this perhaps why they love to emphasise “*knowledge puffs up*”? (We were struck early by our children telling us with a degree of smugness – “*our pastors do not prepare sermons – that is stifling - they speak in the spirit*”.)

Is this perhaps why reading of authors outside of CTMI is discouraged?

Is this why Miki Hardy preaches at pastor’s conferences - “*Must we learn the scripture to renew our mind? No! It’s in the spirit that we renew our mind - reading bible bible bible won’t help you. It is the world’s way. When the revelation comes you don’t need pen and paper and ink*”.

Is this why our eyes were first truly opened to dangers in this church when they told two pastors in Hillcrest – “*Put the book aside and let God speak to your heart*”

Ironically, many of Miki Hardy’s conference addresses and sermons open with an attack on “the church today” which is full of “false doctrine”

Ten years of highly trained orthodox theologians closely analysing their teaching has highlighted a number of such departures from orthodox teaching in CTMI:

- The “**Pure Heart Gospel**” heresy – the “apostolic revelation” of “this gospel” which says that the true gospel is me denying myself and taking up my cross. “Christ and Him crucified” is actually **us** crucifying ourselves!! NOT Christ’s finished work on the cross – which is the only grounds of salvation in orthodox Christian doctrine. CTMI in fact reverse “justification” and “sanctification” as a basis for being accepted by God. This is an ancient and often repeated fundamental error which emphasises our works instead of faith in Christ alone. Paul was very clear that “the gospel” is core and must not be tampered with in any way. CTMI tamper significantly with this core.

- The **unbiblical view of revelation and resulting low view of scripture** Here are some **Miki Hardy quotes to illustrate:** *“Put the book aside and let God speak to your heart” “This gospel cannot be taught - it’s a revelation that drops into your heart”. “Must we learn the scripture to renew our mind? No! It’s in the spirit that we renew our mind - reading bible bible bible won’t help you. It is the world’s way. When the revelation comes you don’t need pen and paper and ink”* This mystical “we have deeper insight” is a form of the gnostic heresy and opens the door to the exclusive view that “we have a new gospel which other churches do not understand” which is typical of all cults
- **Unbiblical “Apostle for today” teaching** resulting in personality cult type unquestioning adulation of leadership. The bible is clear on the criteria for being an Apostle. There were only twelve and Miki Hardy was not one of them!
- The unbiblical **low view of family – ok to hurt and dishonour parents, grandparents and siblings** - especially those not in CTMI (*Jesus came to bring a sword in families. Family bonds are merely emotional. Your real family is your spiritual CTMI family*)
- The grow by **“passive quietism”** error. (We don’t have to work at sanctification – only Pharisees do that! Stop trying to please God by having quiet times! That’s legalistic. Rather just “let go” and let the Spirit change you) In orthodox Christianity believers are exhorted to *“work out their salvation with fear and trembling”* and to *“discipline them selves unto godliness”* and to *“strive”* for holiness and obedience to clearly revealed commands of Christ.
- The unbiblical **ends justifies the means** principle. (We have listed many examples of lies, manipulation, illegal activities and deceit) *“We lie to customs officials for the gospel” “It’s not lies, it’s wisdom”!*
- Unbiblical handling of **sexual abuse by an elder** (Miki Hardy – *“Where in the bible does it say we must sanction him? God will lead him to stand down himself if necessary”*)
- **Unbiblical demands for and preoccupation with money** (While claiming – *“we put our hands into no one’s pockets”* there is plenty of evidence of regular, lengthy and manipulative appeals. Audrey admits this is her favourite topic!) How else are lavish buildings built? Lavish media campaigns sustained? Multiple lavish conferences per annum? Persistent international travel for leaders?
- Unbiblical **avoidance of engagement with those who are against you.** (*“I will talk to them when God gives me peace in my heart. Why must we meet with people in the flesh and behaving like pagans?”*) Jesus is clear! Leave your worship of me behind – first sort out any issues between brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Unbiblical **high leadership control in member's lives** (marriages, relationships, studies, relocating, dating, giving money, what to read and not read, what to wear and not wear, what music to listen to and what not to listen to, not celebrating Christmas etc etc) Elders are exhorted NOT to "*Lord it over the flock.*"
- Unbiblical **response to those who ask questions or differ from leadership**. (Ignore or shoot the messenger. Many testimonies of hurtful verbal abuse and isolation tactics) Paul praised the Bereans for questioning him by "*searching the scriptures to see if these things are so*"
- Unbiblical **isolation from other believers** (Don't belong to local fraternals, regularly criticise the church at large with broad sweeping attacks) The early church showed major cooperation, fellowship and help between various churches.
- Unbiblical "**sheep stealing**" **from other churches**. **CTMI's** stated mission is to draw folks from the sick, failing, immoral, lukewarm and error filled church. Even the Apostle Paul was careful to avoid going where others were already leading.

When CTMI do proclaim truth and post glowing testimonies of "changed lives" unfortunately this is tainted by the above litany of errors.

Churches must always be assessed on their **correlation with biblical truth**. (That's what the true Apostles tested and taught in all their letters to the churches)

Then does **behaviour generally line up with this teaching?**

And then, like Paul with the Bereans, **are leaders open to biblical scrutiny?**

(We have a documentary of glowing testimonies about release from drug abuse, saved marriages etc from members of Jim Jones's People Temple. This bible-based cult, famous for its Kool Aid mass suicide, failed on all three of the above. Incidentally when a group of "Concerned Parents" raised red flags early on, they were accused by general Christendom of being judgemental).