

Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain

The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News

“Protestant” Pretenders Go On Pilgrimage to the Papacy

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The diabolical ecumenical movement is many decades old now. But since a Jesuit cardinal from Argentina became the Roman Pope Francis I, ecumenists from the Charismatic/Pentecostal and so-called “Evangelical” camps have been showing a more-than-usual unseemly haste to heap praise on the papal head and to rush to Rome to receive his “blessing” (curse). And thus the Romeward movement has received another major boost.

We saw it earlier in 2014 when Charismatic con-man, Kenneth Copeland, broadcast Francis I’s message to Charismatics on a giant screen, at his “church”. I analysed this in my article, *Copeland in Popeland: Kenneth Copeland Embraces “Unity” with the Roman Pope*.¹ Francis spoke of his yearning for the separation between Papists and Protestants to come to an end, called the Charismatics “brothers”, asked them to pray for him, and said “the miracle of unity has begun.” As for Copeland, that Charismatic arch-deceiver immediately began to pray for Francis, and for “unity”. In this he was joined by the assembly who watched the giant screen, all praying in what they falsely believed to be “unknown tongues”.

Then in July 2014 the next act in the unfolding drama occurred: a delegation of prominent “Protestants” from the USA and Canada winged their way to the seven-hilled city (Rev. 17:9) for a *private audience and luncheon* with Francis that lasted for over three hours!

Who was in this delegation of deceived souls?

Kenneth Copeland was there – blubbering with praise for Francis and full of gratitude for the “world exclusive” he was able to broadcast when the Papal Antichrist had that special message recorded and sent to him to play to his followers. James and Betty Robison were there – the co-hosts of the *Life*



Today television programme. James Robison was one of the first Southern Baptist ministers to openly proclaim he had “received the baptism of the Holy Spirit” – i.e. he had become a Charismatic. Geoff Tunnicliff was there – CEO of the World Evangelical Alliance (nothing Evangelical about it). Brian Stiller and Thomas Schirmmacher were there, also from the World Evangelical Alliance. John Arnott and his wife Carol were there – co-founders of Partners for Harvest Ministries in Toronto, Canada.



During the meeting, James Robison received a “high-five” from Francis after Francis and the “Protestants” talked about the need for all people to have a “personal relationship with Christ”.

Listen to the fawning Francisolatry that gushed from Robison’s mouth, which will make any true Christian feel ill. He said: “This meeting was a miracle... This is something God has done. God wants his arms around the world. And he wants Christians to put his arms around the world by working together.”² This is all heretical nonsense. None of those assembled in that heathen temple of the Antichrist in Rome were true Christians anyway; and any meeting between Antichrist and other religious wolves is not a miracle of God, but a work of the devil. Working with Antichrist is *never* the will of God for true Christians: 2 Cor. 6:14-18. And whatever god Robison worships,

it is not the sovereign God of the Bible, who created the heavens and the earth and who says in His Word, “The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool” (Isa. 66:1) – He rules His entire created universe with almighty power. Therefore to say He wants Christians to put His arms around the world by working together, as if He is some feeble creature needing their help to encircle the world, truly is heretical nonsense.

Robison added that he was impressed by the humility of Francis towards the delegation. To which we must ask: what exactly was so humble about the man? There he was, dressed in white because he claims to be the universal chief shepherd, receiving the delegation in the most ostentatious palace occupied by any religious leader anywhere on earth, accepting the title of “His Holiness”, claiming to be the vice-Christ on earth – and Robison in his spiritual blindness calls this man *humble*? If this is humility, one wonders what it would take for Robison to call any man proud and haughty.

But he didn’t stop there. In a written statement, Robison said he believed “the prayers of earnest Christians helped lead to the choice of Pope Francis”, this “humble man... filled with such love for the poor, downtrodden...” I have written in other articles about why this man was chosen to be Roman pope,³ and the choice had *nothing* to do with “the prayers of earnest Christians”, for *true* Christians did not, and would not, pray for any man to become Roman pope. As for having love for the poor and downtrodden: real love is expressed by much more than patting people on the head, embracing them, and sending them kind wishes. What about Jesus’ words to the rich young man: “If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven” (Matt. 19:21)? Francis is the wealthiest individual on the face of the earth, the public head of the wealthiest religio-political organisation on the face of the earth, a million times richer than that young man Jesus addressed. Do we see Francis selling what he has to give to the poor? No, and we are not going to, either.

Robison said in his written statement that he was “blessed to be part of perhaps an unprecedented moment between evangelicals and the Catholic Pope.” He described the meeting as “an intimate circle of prayerful discussion and lunch to discuss not only seeing Jesus’ prayer answered, but that every believer would become a bold, joy-filled witness for Christ.”

True believers boldly witness *against* Popery and the Papal Antichrist – they don’t sit down to a

jovial, brotherly, high-five-slapping lunch with him! Yes, the Lord Jesus ate with publicans and sinners; but He did so in order to preach the Gospel to them: He did not treat them as spiritual brethren, joke with them, and discuss “unity” with them! Multiplied millions of believers have perished through the centuries on the orders of the popes of Rome – and yet these deceived, blinded, deluded and treacherous “Evangelicals” (falsely so called) and Charismatics sat down to lunch with the present incumbent of the papal throne as if they were all brethren in Christ! (They are brethren, yes, but not brethren in Christ). They ate a meal with the head of the most blood-stained institution to ever disgrace the face of the earth. What evil men! They did not betray *true* believers in Christ, for they are not true believers themselves and they do not represent true believers, but they certainly betrayed their own blinded followers.

As I said in my article, *Copeland in Popeland*: amazing how Charismatics love to talk about having the “gift of discerning of spirits” operating among them – and yet they are unable to discern “the spirit of Antichrist” (1 Jn. 4:1-3)! Their claim to possess the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit is false. Those gifts have ceased; they ceased with the apostolic age (1 Cor. 13:8-12). We have the completed Word of God, the Bible, and we are to “try the spirits” by *that*. But Charismatics and Pentecostals prefer to claim possession of miraculous gifts than to truly obey the Bible. If they really were “led by the Spirit”, why are they going ever deeper into doctrinal error? It is not the Holy Spirit who is leading them there, for He leads into *all truth* (Jn. 16:13). They are under the direction and guidance of seducing spirits and doctrines of devils – the very same seducing spirits which moved men to bring the Papal system into being in the first place (1 Tim. 4:1-5).

Robison telecasted the same video message of Francis that was shown in Copeland’s “church”. He played it on his daily TV programme, and he said, “The pope, in the video, expressed a desire for Protestants and Catholics to become what Jesus prayed for – that Christians would become family and not be divided.” Actually, this is *not* what the Lord Jesus prayed for at all. He did not pray for light and darkness to be joined, for His own people and the devil’s people to come together. That would be contrary to His own Word: 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

Robison said the response to the video was very positive.⁴

Getting back to the delegation of “Protestant” pilgrims to the Papacy: who was it who organised the whole disgraceful bash? A certain Tony Palmer. The same man, it turns out, who was behind the papal message that was sent to Copeland and Co. earlier in the year! This man, a virtual unknown before organising the Copeland fiasco, suddenly seemed to be everywhere until his death in a motorbike accident recently. There was much that was very suspicious about his sudden arrival on the scene in such a public and important way (important, that is, to the enemies of truth). It behooves us, then, to find out more about him.



Tony Palmer was a deceived dupe of his close friend Francis – and perhaps he was something more sinister than that. He was a bishop in the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches (CEEC), which is a breakaway alliance of Charismatic Anglican/Episcopal “churches”. Nothing scriptural about this conglomeration. He was also the director of the Ark Community, an international inter-denominational “Convergent Church” online community. It just gets worse and worse, doesn’t it? And – the cherry on

the top – he was a member of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Delegation for Christian Unity and Reconciliation. Ah: this last one speaks volumes.

Palmer, who was married to an Italian Roman Catholic woman, became good friends with Francis when the latter was still a Romish cardinal in Argentina. And before he became a bishop in the CEEC, Palmer had been the director of the Kenneth Copeland Ministries’ office in South Africa. Later he moved to Italy and began working there to “reconcile” Roman Catholics and Protestants. And while in

Italy, Kenneth Copeland Ministries was one of his first financial contributors in support of his ecumenical work!⁵

And thus we see how things tie together: a basically unknown character, a one-time worker for Kenneth Copeland Ministries, becomes firm friends with the future pope of Rome, then moves to Italy and begins working ecumenically for Roman Catholic/Protestant “reconciliation”, supported financially by Kenneth Copeland Ministries – and suddenly, there he was in the Vatican with his friend the Papal Antichrist, organising a message from said Antichrist to be broadcast to Copeland’s love-struck friends.

How did this come about?

Well, apparently Francis invited his old buddy to visit him in Vatican City; and while there, Palmer suggested that Francis should record a personal greeting on Palmer’s iPhone for Copeland. Francis thought this was an excellent idea, and did so. In the message, Francis spoke of his desire for “unity” between “Christians”. And this message was then shown by Copeland to a conference held at his “church” in Fort Worth, Texas.



At the conference, Palmer himself challenged the crowd with these astounding words: “Brothers and sisters, Luther’s protest is over. Is yours?”⁶ As I wrote in my article, *Copeland in Popeland*, commenting on this statement of Palmer’s: “This man was declaring that the Protestant Reformation was over, it was no longer relevant, Protestants had nothing left to protest about with regards to Rome, and it was thus time to quit protesting and wholeheartedly embrace Romanists as brethren, Romanism as Christian, and unite! This is where things stand now: puny, ignorant, spiritually blind men, claiming to be ministers, preachers and teachers, dismissing Protestantism with an airy wave of the hand, and demanding that all non-Papists stop protesting against Rome, for there is now no need to do so!”⁷

Just how intertwined are all these men? Just what goes on behind closed doors, regarding these so-called “Protestants” who are in truth serving the Papal Antichrist? Paul the apostle warned: “grievous wolves [shall] enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them” (Acts 20:29,30). Wolves from within and wolves from without: certainly Copeland is a wolf, and one with immense reach; but just how far are such men in the payroll of the pope of Rome? We may never know for sure, but this we do know: Rome has her agents within “Protestant” churches, and has had them there for hundreds of years. Jesuit secret agents, specifically,⁸ and others who have worked for them.

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And it was Tony Palmer, flush with his success in getting Francis to send that telecast message to Kenneth Copeland, who then went on to organise the delegation of “Evangelicals” and Charismatics to travel to the Vatican to meet with Francis! He waxed eloquent when he spoke of how Francis had asked him what he could do to encourage “unity” between Papists, “Evangelicals” and Pentecostals. “We are asking people to stand together for a common Gospel,” said Palmer in an interview with a Roman Catholic newspaper. “It is ground breaking.... These are exciting times. This is like the spiritual Berlin Wall coming down.”⁹ The biblical truth is that there is *no* common Gospel between Papists and true Christians, although there is much common ground between Papists and Pentecostals, and between Papists and false “Evangelicals.” As for his calling it the coming down of “the spiritual Berlin Wall”, the fall of the *physical* Berlin Wall was a smokescreen, designed to hoodwink the West into believing Communism was dead when it wasn’t; and likewise the coming down of any *spiritual* Wall between Papists and “Protestants” of any stripe is designed to hoodwink as well: it causes people to believe “we are all one”, when this is nothing but a satanic lie to deceive.

Palmer couldn’t contain his excitement after the meeting between the “Protestants” and the pope of Rome. In an interview with a Romish newspaper he said: “In that meeting all the leaders agreed to

sign a joint declaration. Evangelical leaders agreed that their protest [against the Roman Catholic institution] was over and we should take concrete steps to declare unity so the world may see we are one.”¹⁰ Maybe the wolves in sheep’s clothing who met Francis agreed that the Protestant protest against Popery was over – but they do not speak for all the world’s Protestants (even though vast numbers would agree with them), and they themselves never protested against Rome, for they are not true Protestants!

What’s more, this man lied about the “Protestant” delegation. He claimed that the men who met with Francis represented “80% of the world’s evangelical Christians”!¹¹ Even apart from the fact that these men, praising the Roman pope and his false gospel, are not even Christians at all, they did not even represent 80% of Pentecostals or Charismatics the world over. They are influential Pentecostal/Charismatic leaders, to be sure; but representatives of 80% of the world’s Pentecostals and Charismatics? Not a chance. But doubtless this figure really impressed the gullible.

What is beyond dispute, as I show in my book, *The Jesuits: the Secret Army of the Papacy*, with quotations from various sources,¹² is that there are men (and women) who are secret members of the Jesuit Society, their identities unknown even to many regular Jesuits, and who work for the advancement of Roman Catholicism, and the destruction of all that is opposed to it, secretly. There are Jesuit agents, known only to the Jesuit general and a few others, who are bound by no vows, yet serve the Jesuit Order. The French had little doubt about the existence of such secret affiliates, and called them “Jesuits of the short robe”.

I wrote: “In top government posts, in the boardrooms of financial institutions, in the world of the international media, in industry, in the halls of learning in dozens of countries, and *in the pulpits of Protestant churches*, these secret agents of the Jesuits are hard at work. We have but to look around us, and if we are aware of their *modus operandi*, we can discern their influence.”¹³

Tony Palmer has now passed away, and has met the God he so heretically blasphemed. But his evil legacy lives on. He certainly brought joy to those priests of Babylon in the Vatican. He served them very faithfully. Indeed, he is on record as having said that since the word “Catholic” means “universal”, “If you’re born again, you’re a Catholic.”¹⁴ This statement of his, in addition to all he did to advance the devil’s “unity”, increases the suspicion that Tony Palmer was an agent of the Vatican and of its Jesuits (never forget that Francis himself was the top-ranking Jesuit in Argentina when he and Palmer became friends). At the very least he was a tool in their hands, knowingly or unknowingly; at worst, he was a faithful servant of the Papacy’s secret army. We may never know the full truth about him, just as we may never know the truth about a great many others – men such as Kenneth Copeland, James Robison, etc. – but this we do know: if it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck, all too often it is a duck.

As a Protestant minister put it centuries ago, tongue in cheek, for he believed the biblical truth that the pope of Rome is the Antichrist: “If the pope of Rome be not the Antichrist, he has the greatest misfortune to be so like him.” Likewise we would say: if Tony Palmer was not a Jesuit agent, he had the greatest misfortune to be so like one. And so would we say about a great many of the other influential Charismatic, Pentecostal and “Evangelical” leaders as well, who are deliberately leading their flocks straight into the waiting arms of the Mother Harlot on the Tiber.

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