RELIGIONISTS DEVISE MISCHIEF TO DESTROY CHRISTIANS

The age-long controversy between religionists and the witnesses of Jehovah God rages more furiously today than ever before in the courts, the press and the public forum. Bible history records the mischief devised by religionists to destroy God’s faithful witnesses from Abel to the present day, including Jesus “the faithful and true witness.” The issue has ever been the supremacy of God’s law, as laid down in the Bible and published by his witnesses. The divine purposes of the Most High are found solely in the Bible, which the British people have always recognized as their most treasured possession.

In all ages the champions of God’s law, Jehovah’s witnesses, have exposed the duplicity of religionists who have never had justification to do them hurt. Through the corridors of time such a stand for truth, justice and righteousness has been maintained by God’s servants even at the cost of their innocent lives. The evidence here submitted reveals the same spirit of maliciousness moving the religionists today by which they seek to bolster up their crumbling edifice. This they do at the expense of humble Christian men and women who faithfully witness to Jehovah’s purposes and render comfort to those who mourn because of religious hypocrisy prevailing in the land. Religion based on the theories and traditions of men has ever warped against truth. Religion’s doom is at hand.

“Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city (organized religion today foreshadowed by unfaithful Jerusalem). She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. Therefore, woe ye upon me saith the Lord until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of jealousy.” Zeph. 3: 1, 2, 4, 8.

“What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.” Nahum 1 : 9.

Thus full retributive justice at the hand of Almighty God is near. Righteousness and true Christianity will triumph forever to the vindication of Jehovah’s name.

On Sundays, July 14th and 21st, the “Empire News” published attacks on Jehovah’s witnesses. These attacks were feature articles written by one Bernard O’Donnell. Following is the reply sent by the WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY on behalf of Jehovah’s witnesses in answer to this devised mischief to bring hurt upon God’s servants.

To The Editor, “Empire News,”
Manchester, July 19, 1940.

Sir,


The writer advocates a keener police watch on Jehovah’s witnesses whom he says ‘would provide a happy hunting ground for subversive propaganda.’ This cunningly worded article thoroughly misrepresents Jehovah’s witnesses and the work of the WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, and definitely tries to lead your public to believe that they are subversive to the interests of the state. To this mischievous suggestion we are certainly entitled to a correction in your next Sunday’s issue.

Most definitely Jehovah’s witnesses are not subversive nor are enemies of the state. Jehovah’s witnesses are servants of the Most High God having consecrated their lives to the service of Christ’s kingdom, the only hope for the world. They follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and in accordance to John 17:16 ‘they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.’ Their precedent of neutrality was set by the Lord himself and it proceeds Jehovah’s witnesses from engaging in politics and from undertaking propaganda. They serve no man but worship God in spirit and in truth. They are peaceable, loyal, law-abiding citizens of the state. They will obey every law of the land that does not conflict with God’s divine law. They certainly uphold the Christian principle ‘render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s (the state) and to God the things that are God’s.’

Mark 12:17. It is impossible for the subversive activity which your contributor suggests to creep into the work of this Society.

The WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY has been established and engaged in its Christian work in this land for more than fifty years. The Society still holds firm to its original purpose and doctrines and this long before Nazism was ever dreamt of. The work of the Society today as it has been for decades is that of visiting the people of good will in their homes, comforting such with the gospel message of true Christianity found solely in the Bible.

Bernard O’Donnell is evidently well posted in knowledge of the work of witnessing to the kingdom of God now being given by Jehovah’s witnesses. Their work is done openly—there is nothing secret about it; but O’Donnell does not produce a single instance which might be perverted into support for his insinuations. If he will make a more definite statement about subversive propaganda or activities we will immediately proceed to take action against him for libel.

Hitler and Nazism are strongly condemned by Jehovah’s witnesses as enemies of true Christianity. For this reason thousands of their German associates have been suffering extreme hardship and even death in concentration camps for years because they refuse to recognize Hitler as their saviour. Bible prophecies clearly show that the Almighty God JEHovah will strike that evil power and all such belligerence to the dust and they will never rise again.

Bernard O’Donnell makes several inaccurate quotations from our publications, which quotations have been lifted out of their setting. He cites the one about the two-horned beast of Revelation, chapter 13. If he had read our publications on this matter he would know that the two-horned beast refers to the Anglo-American system of world control. This information was published in 1920 and then again in 1930 in our publication entitled LIGHT, volumes I and II. There is not the
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PROTESTANT RELIGIONIST JOINS IN MISCHIEF

In the April issue of the "Holy Trinity Church (Bromscombe) Parish Magazine" the Rev. Ernest D. Panter published an attack on Jehovah's witnesses. He wrote: "In the case of Jehovah's witnesses we have a case of a propaganda type of literature, were they are on the move. Jehovah witnesses have no fear of the anti-Christian, they are not afraid to parade and revile even as their Master. But at the same time they will not hesitate to expose wickedness which exists in various places, even as Jesus thoroughly exposed the clergy of his day when he said at Matthew 23: 27, 28: 'Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like unto unloved sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outside, but are within full of dead men's bones. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unio us men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.'"

In a previous article we asked our readers to publish this statement that your readers may be correctly informed as to the work and stand of Jehovah's witnesses for the benefit of the public.

Yours faithfully,

WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY

J. Hemery, Secretary.

A Quotation from Solicitors' Letter

"We have been consulted by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and The International Bible Students Association, with regard to the paragraph appearing on page two of the April issue of Holy Trinity Church (Bromscombe) Parish Magazine."

The paragraph in question is headed 'Jehovah's witnesses in heavy black type and in it the allegation is made that Jehovah's witnesses are busily engaged in attempting to undermine the authority of the State.'

"Our clients naturally cannot and do not object to being attacked on doctrinal points or scriptural issues, but to say of them that they are engaged in attempting to undermine the authority of the state is untrue and grossly defamatory of them. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine a more serious libel, particularly at the present time."

"In these circumstances we are instructed that failing publication in the next issue of this magazine, and in a prominent position, of a retraction of the allegation complained of together with an apology, the whole to be in a form to be approved by us, and payment of our costs, proceedings for libel will at once be commenced against you."

"On hearing that you are prepared to comply with our instructions, we will forward you draft form of retraction and apology for insertion. Alternatively if you are so disposed, you will do yourself the matter being dealt with in this way kindly refer us to solicitors who will accept service of process for libel on your behalf."

"Well knowing that he had seriously libelled Jehovah's witnesses, the vicar could find nothing that the follow- ing would ten guineas costs and the following would ten guineas costs and the following

Jehovah's Witnesses—an Apology

In our issue for April last we made reference to a secret founded by Judge Rutherford, variously known as the Whittaker Bible Students Association and Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, and we asserted that it was widely engaged in undermining the authority of the State.

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As a consequence we have no option but to withdraw the allegations and offer our apologies to all the parties mentioned for having made it and express our regret for any inconvenience or damage which its publication may have caused them.

Other Evidence

In addition to the above two incidents there is an abundance of evidence available which has been published in previous issues of Kingdom News, and which we shall report in due course.

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Bring Out the Records

The King of Persia, desiring to see the evidence administered, demanded the records of the book of records he brought before him. (Esther 6:1) This examination exposed the false accuser Haman, a rebel, who was subsequently executed. The book of records was the records of those who claim to be God's servants to judge him, which the true God does not do.

The records of Jehovah's witnesses for the last twenty years are published in the Bible summarised at Hebrews 11 and exemplified completely in the life of Christ Jesus. Likewise today the records of Jehovah's witnesses is the open book registering uncompromising devotion to Jehovah's kingdom, the heavenly government.

The records of religious dissenters are written in human blood steeped in iniquity and wickedness. The record of the Roman Catholic hierarchy for 1,500 years is full of open warfare, wickedness, and violence of every kind. The dark ages and the inquisition are instances. In the history of nations and the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these things. Jeremiah 2:3.

But let me now decide whether they will stand with Jehovah's witnesses for truth, the open Bible, and receive salvation under God's King, despite the false accuser Haman, who blotted the people away from God into darkness and destruction.

Refugees

Judge Rutherford's latest booklet: Write for free copy to WATCHTOWER

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