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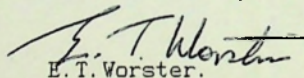
The Leader,
Alliance Party of Northern Ireland.
Parliament Buildings,
Stormont,
Belfast. BT4 3SY

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing for your information a short paper entitled 'Practical Christianity and N. Ireland Politics.'

It is being sent to all Party Leaders and I hope that it may be of assistance in your deliberations. I pray that you will be able to bring the talks to a swift and successful conclusion.

Yours sincerely,


E. T. Worster.

Practical Christianity & Politics in N. Ireland.

The troubles in Northern Ireland can be adduced to the wilful breaking of the Ten Commandments and the two selected for us by Christ as far back as the year 1601. In that year, the English King of the time stole the lands belonging to the Earls of Tyrone and Tyrconnor, evicted the Irishmen who rented them and replaced them with settlers from the Borders of England & Scotland. They were put down into an alien and hostile land bringing with them an alien religion. (You shall NOT steal.)

In around the year 1641, the Irishmen, considerably annoyed by this state of affairs, retaliated with the massacre at Portadown. (You shall NOT kill.)

Cromwell, some eight years later, sought revenge with the massacre at Drogheda and claimed his *victory* to be the Will of God. What absolute nonsense, he was categorically forbidden, as were they all, in indulging in any such activities. (You shall NOT kill.)

So we see, quite clearly, that the Troubles in Northern Ireland stem from that first disobedience of God's Will. A disobedience by the English King that, as with all disobediences of the Will of God, carried consequences unpleasant to the contravenor and that reverberate to this day.

We ask that GOD'S Will be done, HIS Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. We ask, also, for HIS forgiveness as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

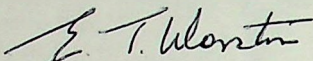
Northern Ireland is, nominally, a Christian country as, also, is the United Kingdom. Christ makes it perfectly clear that we shall NOT live in His Love until we obey His Commandments. He makes it perfectly clear that whatsoever we do unto one of the least of His brethren: we do unto Him, kneecapping, theft or murder are all the same to Him. Have we not made Him suffer enough? Finally, He makes it perfectly clear that we will NOT enter the Kingdom of Heaven and be forgiven for our sins if we have not forgiven those who have sinned against us.

How does all this help us in Northern Ireland?

Christ tells us, in the Sermon on the Mount, that we must counter evil with reconciliation, negotiation, gentleness, generosity and love, both for our neighbours and our enemies. A love which is regardless of rank, race, colour or Creed. As we, the English, are the original initiators of this four hundred year trail of evil we must be the first to beg forgiveness of the Irish (including Sinn Fein and the Republicans): and the Unionists for placing their forefathers in such an invidious and precarious position. We must then all forgive one another for the sins of the ensuing years, most of which are consequential upon the previous one. I have already given my apologies to the Irish people, through Gerry Adams, for any harm that I, or my forefathers, may have done to them or their forefathers. If they wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and they all seem to have that wish at their interment, then they have no choice but to grant our request for forgiveness.

Having done all this successfully, we can, perhaps, cast aside all bitterness and concentrate our efforts on reaching a solution that will be agreeable to the people of Northern Ireland regardless of rank, race, colour or Creed. May I suggest again that the people of a United Ireland might like to return to the British Crown as a fully independent member of the Commonwealth. This is my own suggestion which may satisfy the desires of the Unionists to remain part of the Monarchy and the desire of the Irish for a United Ireland.

I appreciate that this is an unusual approach to a political problem and that it is thought by many that religion and politics should never be mixed. I have never understood why this should be so. To me, the two are pervasive.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. T. Worster'.

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