Rick Warren and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Rick Warren's Ecumenical Path to Rome Continues - Part 5 of 5

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The Image for Veneratio

I suppose it would be reasonable to suggest Warren was just "making conversation" with Arroyo when he made the claim that The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy was his favorite "Christian" television program and that he meant it as a joke.

If that is the case then Warren should make a public statement explaining he was not sincere or that that he never views the program. Clearly, if Warren does not, he is defying the God of the Bible and willingly ignoring the commandment in the Bible that states: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth [8].

I took the time to watch several Chaplet of the Divine Mercy programs posted on the Internet. Staring at images of "Christ" or worshipping a monstrance containing the supposed body of Christ while repeating the rosary did not bring peace and relaxation for me as Warren claims it did for him. It does not take a great deal of discernment to realize these unbiblical practices are rooted in paganism. I have decided the best way to confirm this point is to provide an Internet link to an actual Chaplet of Divine Mercy service so you can see with your own eyes what Warren and his wife Kay consider a "Christian" devotional.

This is only one of many programs that you can watch that all show the same thing. Please check out this 8 minute video clip of a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy program.

The Bottom Line

The scientific method provides a useful and practical way to gather facts, present a hypothesis, and then draw a conclusion. My background in science has provided a framework to present the facts in order to present my case.

Pastor Rick Warren is on a dangerous path away from sound biblical doctrine towards an ecumenical apostate form of Christianity with Rome that has the potential to lead many astray. I am not the only one who sees this happening. When others have pointed out the serious consequences of Warren's departure from the faith, they have been ignored or shunned because of their concerns. Based on the evidence provided by the facts presented in this series of commentaries relating to Warren's interview with EWTN, I challenge any blind follower of Rome to wake up and consider the consequences.

What does it mean "to earnestly contend for the faith"? If Jude was in our midst today, what would he have written to the church? When he stated that "certain men" had "crept in," what did he mean? Is sound biblical doctrine being compromised for the sake of unity in the church today? When a pastor endorses a television program that promotes idolatry, shouldn't that pastor be called out or at least asked to give a public explanation?

Are pastors today following men primarily for the sake of success and their church-growth methods? Why are pastors who should know better remaining silent and saying nothing? It was for this very reason I publicly departed from the Calvary Chapel movement. After being part of the Calvary Chapel

Movement for over 20 years I had to make a decision based on my understanding of Bible and the Last Days

apostasy the Bible warns about.

You can find numerous articles and commentaries we posted on our web site that fell on deaf ears with regards to the direction Rick Warren was headed then and his affiliation with the emerging church such as "Calvary Chapel and Purpose Driven."

Now, over five years later, the facts presented in this EWTN series confirm we were not unrealistic in the warnings that were sounded then. While not all Calvary Chapel pastors have joined hands with Rick Warren and continue to teach the Word of God faithfully every week, there are those who are highly influential in the movement who are confusing their flocks by their public endorsements.

The facts have been presented and a hypothesis can be formulated that leads to a reasonable conclusion, at



Rick Warren and Calvary Chapel pastors

least for the present. My prayer is that the damage done to biblical Christianity can be corrected through open repentance and public statements that set the record straight by Warren himself and those who follow him.

<u>Video Interview with Rick Warren Part 5 - Rick</u> Warren And The Chaplet Of Divine Mercy

<u>Transcript of Series 5 - Rick Warren And The</u> <u>Chaplet Of Divine Mercy</u>

- [1] Jude 3
- [2] Transcript
- [3] ibid
- [4] Transcript
- [5] Transcript
- [6] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- [7] http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/image.htm
- [8] Exodus 20:4

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