

## News and Current Events :: Rick Warren and Robert Murdock

### Rick Warren and Robert Murdock - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/5/4 15:35

I hope some one will tell me this story is not true.....I checked out the links given at the end of the article and they confirm this articles' thesis.

Oddly enough, this morning I was reading in Ezekiel 16 and the message God gave to Ezekiel sound like he was talking to moderns, like Rick Warren, Robert Murdock, et al.

So, what else is new?

ginnyrose

Rick Warren, Purpose-Driven Pornography?

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif., May 4 /Christian Newswire/ -- Chris Rosebrough, who heads the Christian Accountability Network, and authors the blogs ExtremeTheology.com and ALittleLeaven.com, is calling on Pastor Rick Warren, author of the Purpose-Driven Life to discipline media mogul, Rupert Murdoch for owning and expanding a network of pornographic channels in Europe.

Said Rosebrough, "Rupert Murdoch is a born-again Christian and Rick Warren claims to be his pastor. As a Christian, Murdoch is committing an egregious sin by owning, expanding and profiting from pornographic channels and Rick Warren, as his pastor, has a Biblical duty to call Murdoch to repentance and/or put him out of the church."

"Sadly, Murdoch's actions have already damaged his credibility as a Christian" said Rosebrough. "If Pastor Warren does not act swiftly and call on Murdoch to dismantle his porn distribution network, then the credibility of the Christian message will be compromised around the globe."

According to Rosebrough, "This is a clear case of a Christian openly committing a monstrous and unthinkable sin. The Bible clearly states in 1 Corinthians 5 that when a Christian brother is openly and unrepentantly engaging in sins of this magnitude the church must discipline that person. As his Pastor, Rick Warren has a Biblical duty to call Murdoch to repentance for this sin and/or put him out of the church."

Some speculate that the reason that Warren hasn't already acted on this is because Murdoch's News Corp owns Zondervan, the company that published Warren's runaway best seller The Purpose-Driven Life. Said Rosebrough, "Warren and Zondervan are currently working on an updated and revised edition of the Purpose Driven Church. That book is scheduled to be released later this year. We hope that Warren's business ties to Murdoch's company haven't clouded his judgment and impacted his resolve to carry out his Biblical duty as Murdoch's Pastor."

#### Research Links

Warren stating that he is Murdoch's pastor. [www.pastors.com/RWMT/article.asp?ArtID=9636](http://www.pastors.com/RWMT/article.asp?ArtID=9636)

Business Journal Article that chronicles the expansion of Murdoch's porn channels [www.thebusinessonline.com/Document.aspx?id=B224C88D-3D13-4652-9D22-33FD2D80FD2C](http://www.thebusinessonline.com/Document.aspx?id=B224C88D-3D13-4652-9D22-33FD2D80FD2C)

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**Re: Rick Warren and Robert Murdock - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/5/4 15:57**

Sadly, this is not surprising to me :-(

**Re: Rick Warren and Robert Murdock - posted by enid, on: 2007/5/4 16:24**

Unfortunately, this is the kind of news that will bring varying comments from Christians who will give 'opinions' rather than having a sound Biblical stance on the matter.

Oh well, let battle commence.

God bless.

**Re: Rick Warren and Robert Murdock - posted by teamtoucan (), on: 2007/5/4 16:44**

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**Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2007/5/4 17:52**

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**Re: Rick Warren and Robert Murdock - posted by choochoo (), on: 2007/5/4 23:45**

ginnyrose, I tried to find the article in the business journal on line but could not, could you please tell me the name of it, that I might read it for myself? :eek:

**Re:, on: 2007/5/5 6:32**

I can see how people would think that Rupert Murdoch is a born again Christian... especially if they view salvation the way Rick Warren does.

By the way, he's not. As far as I know, he's never even claimed to be.

Krispy

**Re: Rick Warren and Robert Murdock, on: 2007/5/5 8:09**

I agree with Krispy, adding only this:

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-----Matthew 8:22 Jesus said, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

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**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/5/5 10:01**

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You could try again. I managed to get both sites, though haven't yet tracked down the article.

I'm not surprised either, except teh claim that Murdoch is a Christian.

Or is Rick Warren saying it in the context that the business world is his "parish", so he has pastoral responsibility for all, whether they claim to be Christians or not?

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by redeemedone (), on: 2007/5/10 14:05**

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**Re: Rick Warren - posted by flyrandy, on: 2007/5/10 14:54**

Some thoughts about all this...

1. I don't have the relationship or friendship with Rick that permits me to judge him. Actually, are we even allowed to do that???...just a thought) I'm just someone who sees his heart to reach people. Is he perfect - no. Only my wife's first boyfriend and God are perfect! But I do see the fruits of his work. Do I agree with everything he says? No - but we agree enough that I can be involved in his effort to make a difference in this world.

2. If I'm not mistaken, some of these bloggers have written multiple negative articles about Rick Warren. I'm starting to think they may have their own hidden agenda. If anything, don't they have a responsibility to not cause more dissension?

3. I'm not aware of the other guys or organizations listed in the article. Probably never would be except for their negativity.

4. Just because someone says it, it doesn't mean it's true. That's even more so when bloggers say something. Anybody can blog or say anything on the internet! Remember this - just because they have a blog doesn't mean they are right.

5. I remember reading that Murdock has several homes - the one listed in California is in Beverly Hills - about an hour and a half to two hours north of Saddleback on a good traffic day. That's a long drive for someone to be a church member. And I don't recall a helicopter pad or airstrip at Saddleback (smile). Rick may be Murdock's pastor (from a distance) but I can't help but wonder if Murdock is actually a member at Saddleback.

6. Assuming that Rick is Murdock's pastor, I have several questions for the writers of these blogs:

1. Do they have anyone in their church who's not a perfect believer like they obviously are? (Are any fornicators, molesters, liars or gossipers in their pews?)

2. Do they associate with people like this in their church, neighborhood or ministry? (I sure hope so!) Truth is, I'd be grateful if God would let me have enough influence on people like that for them to say I was their pastor!

3. Seems like I remember somewhere that the Pharisees accused Jesus of being a drunkard because he spent time with "unacceptable" people. Now what blog did I read that on???...hmmmm...oh yeah, it was in the Bible! These guys would have a field day with Jesus!

4. What's fair is fair, since they ask Rick to be accountable, can these bloggers give us a daily spiritual update of the progress of the sinners in their churches? Now that would be some good blogging!!!!

The bottom line: We are both aware of churches and pastors both nationally and in our own towns that have made mistakes. You and I can make a list of churches that have had (or have been rumored to have) multiple episodes of money and moral sin. Some of it goes on as we speak. This has happened for years. If I tried to chase down and point fingers at every transgression I'd waste all the limited time I have to reach an unchurched world and train up disciples. God will judge and I will not condemn publicly. If led by God I will approach those I think are wrong privately but ultimately, God will be the judge. Like the Apostle Paul I will celebrate the fact that at least the gospel is getting out.

To these bloggers I say, Get a life and worry about your own sheep pens!

**Re:, on: 2007/5/10 16:04**

Just type in "Rupert Murdoch" and "pornography" into Google - just watch which link you connect to. He makes millions off soft and hard-core...

Then, type in "Rupert Murdoch" and "Zondervan bibles"...

I, for one, won't ever buy a Zondervan Bible knowing it will profit this porn tycoon.

**Re: - posted by choochoo (), on: 2008/3/10 22:52**

TJ, I just wanted to say that the scripture at the bottom of your blog is an incredible word. The kind that encourages me to do the same. As in revelation where it says that they overcame the evil one by the blood of the LAMB, by the word of their testimony, and THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES UNTO DEATH.(Rev. 12:11)

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