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**Transcript of Tony Miano's Interrogation after being arrested for preaching in London - posted by romanchog (), on: 2013/7/8 20:58**

Here is a link to the text of Tony Miano's interrogation.

<http://www.crossencounters.us/2013/07/police-interrogation-of-tony-miano.html>

**Re: Transcript of Tony Miano's Interrogation after being arrested for preaching , on: 2013/7/8 20:58**

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**Good post. - posted by dohzman (), on: 2013/7/9 9:05**

I remember when a brother on our team was called to court with a law suite because he had placed a gospel tract on the sunroof of a car and the owner tried to say he did damage to the sunroof. In the trial he was asked who was his lawyer or legal counsel and David said "Jesus", in the end the guy was really just mad about preachers on the streets at night witnessing and Dave did win the case. Isa. "though they come it will not be by Me.....every tongue that rises up against you I will condemn...."

amrkelly... I think the trouble comes in when we do not discern properly what persecution is and that it can come in various degrees of intensity and take upon it self a wide range of forms and shapes, like the poor gal who refuses to lie for her boss and loses her job because of it. Being arrested and questioned to any degree is still semi tough because law enforcement works on the principle of intimidation and until you have been there , it is tough to really understand what it is like to be in that "hot seat". I'm speaking as one who has been there.

**Re: Good post. - posted by TMK (), on: 2013/7/9 12:25**

I can certainly understand AMR's question.

Apparently there is a law on the books in London regarding the use of "homophobic" language in a public place.

A person called the police because in their view this law was being violated. The police at that point had a duty to investigate the incident because of the law on the books.

There is certainly nothing in the interrogation (at least that comes across in the transcript) that was nasty or intimidating, although admittedly being interrogated at all could cause some stress.

But when a person is street preaching, they can certainly expect some amount of persecution, even short of being arrested (i.e. being spit at, cursed at, ridiculed, physically assaulted, etc). In other words, a street preacher assumes the risk of persecution to some degree.

Further, Jesus said to rejoice when we are persecuted for sharing the gospel because "great is our reward in heaven."

Now, I am man enough to admit that I am too chicken to be a street preacher. I think 98% of Christians are, if they were honest. However, if I ever get up the gumption to stand up in my town's square and begin preaching, I will not be surprised if I get persecuted a bit. Maybe I would even remember to rejoice. But I can't say I would be surprised- in fact I would expect it. So I am not sure if I am getting what I already expect that I can call that "persecution."

**Re: - posted by Koheleth, on: 2013/7/9 16:43**

Quote:

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Nowhere in the original post or in the web page given do I see the word persecution.

**Re: , on: 2013/7/9 17:04**

Before you jump on the band wagon of presuming to know what I have intended by my words I would respectfully suggest you connect all the dots. Watch the video, read the contemporaneous transcript, and then see Tony's own original post which is listed on another OP. For your assistance I make all them available here in one place. Really listen and then listen some more. Start with the first link and give some thought to the implications of the words between the 4.5 and 5.15 min mark of the first link. Then see the original post second link and then read the transcript. Then remind yourself that this is a police officer formerly and so he understands the nature of evidence. I could connect all the dots but why should I. I'd be hung drawn and quartered before I got to explain it!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2vu9CI5lj4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZjwYfGXzVo&feature=youtu.be>

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**Re: Transcript of Tony Miano's Interrogation after being arrested for preaching - posted by Sree (), on: 2013/7/10 2:31**

This is definitely a persecution. People have an image that persecution means someone torturing you. They think, Since the police officer is so gentle in this case, there is no persecution here. But the lack of freedom to share the Gospel to a Nation which was once flooded with Gospel messages is a clear sign of persecution.

To me the answers given by the preacher is clear, sound and biblical. I find nothing wrong with what he has done. I do not find any need to examine his preaching by looking into videos. God is his witness. Preaching Homosexuality as sin is not an offence of any kind. To me the women who complained got convicted and disturbed, hence decided to take action against him. Gospel preaching should disturb those who listen, else Gospel is not shared in the way it should be.

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There were two formal interviews in this instance of Mr Miano's arrest. The first is on video and has to do with the arresting officer. The second is a transcript and is conducted in a police station. Regardless as to the so-called gospel content of the preaching itself it is these interviews which form the basis for understanding intent in law. The transcript of the contemporaneous interview at the police station shows clearly that once the words used in a public place had been established, the remainder of the interview has to do with establishing intent. The police do not have a direct link into peoples hearts. Their thoughts and therefore their intentions are established evidentially.

The specific legal element of this preaching cited as a basis for arrest was, comments spoken in a public place which ar

e likely to give rise to distress. The term is homophobia, and it has to do with inciting in a public place other persons to hate or else despise an individual or individuals by identifying them as belonging to a specific group. In this instance homosexuals. Mr Miano went beyond even this definition when he stated clearly that the woman was "probably a lesbian". This was done in the full hearing of hundreds of people. Any one of which could have reacted to this comment and directly targeted this woman with abuse and possible violence. Despite what we imagine, this is not the gospel nor is it the purpose of the gospel. It is an abuse and it was too far.

Apart from that Mr Miano states in the pre arrest interview that he had consulted with lawyers before the preaching began and established that he could in fact speak words which would be taken as insulting by those who heard them. Mr Miano even went as far as to declare this intent in his opening address at the 4:04 to 5:30 mark of the video through a public address system where no one could have misunderstood his intent.

Whether the answers given by Mr Miano were clear sound and biblical is irrelevant. It is a formal interview under caution and therefore amounts to evidence. If you cannot see any of this it is because your eyes are blinded by a false sense of persecution. As a matter of reality if the woman who was accused of being a lesbian in the preaching video were to refer this matter back to the police and they saw this tape they would have plenty of grounds for seeking advice from the CPS (Crown Prosecution Service). Mr Miano was not "dealt with" in Law as to the complaint but was released with no further action. This means that the possibility of it being referred back remains. We need wisdom in the way we deal with those in authority which must include respecting the law. If in the end we must say that which is against the law then we ought to say it and not complain that we are having our "thoughts controlled" by the "though police". It is as usual an apostate mix of politics and truth. It is unfruitful and in the end it is doing the gospel no good whatsoever.

**Re: amrkelly - posted by dohzman (), on: 2013/7/10 9:50**

When the word persecution is used, how do you understand it or what do you understand it to mean? BTW..thx for the links I went through all 3 again.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2013/7/10 11:34**

To begin with I did not point out anyone for calling this a fake persecution. I just addressed in general the mentality of people in understanding persecution. No offence intended.

Like I said in my previous post, I did not see any video nor do I find it necessary. I am not qualified enough to judge how gospel is shared by someone. I am not an evangelist by calling. So I will not judge the ministry that this guy is given.

When it comes to obeying the law of the land or obeying god, a Christian should choose to obey god. I am not here to judge the comment he made about the women in public. But it is biblical to address the sin of someone in public. John the Baptist called Herod an adulterer for living with his brother's wife. He was arrested for speaking against the ruler which was a violation of law of the land. According to the logic posted in this thread earlier, John did not suffer persecution at all. He just got the treatment he deserves for breaking law. Who knows some devout Jew might try to kill Herod based on John's hate speech. Come on!!!

My point is not to insult any poster here. To me it is a persecution and I will not judge the preacher based on his comment on the women. I want to gracefully exit from posting in this thread any more as I feel I have expressed my views.

**Re: , on: 2013/7/10 11:47**

My own understanding of what really constitutes persecution would be when governments directly and systematically seek to remove from believers the ability to live in peace, eat their bread and practise their faith in private. I wouldn't see anything in the public domain as a proof of persecution unless it takes the form of the persecution which Paul and the apostolic fathers experienced when the public domain was used as a theatre for the government to involve those members of the public who are against Christ to participate in and direct the hatred and suffering of the saints.

In short a preacher cannot claim to being persecuted because he preaches the gospel and as a consequence he is insulted, ridiculed and hated by unbelievers. Neither is a police officer a persecutor when he seeks to uphold the Law which he is sworn to uphold for the benefit of all persons in the public domain. I have no doubt that others will say that being arrested or the like is a disturbing event. I would say then stop preaching the gospel in public. If being arrested is disturbing you ought not to be preaching the gospel because you are not called to it. Its as simple as that. Do we read of anyone in the scriptures complaining that they were mistreated? On the contrary it was an opportunity. Let's get real and stop playing

ying at being something we are not. Being arrested, hated and ridiculed is an opportunity to bear witness of Christ in circumstances which mark the true evangelist out because in it he is able to exercise true authority and where necessary true compassion despite the circumstance.

I learned these lessons on the streets preaching and being attacked, threatened with death, bottled and even told by people in real authority that they would incite an arrest on the grounds of a probable public disorder. In contrast when we stood our ground, spoke with authority in the power of the Holy Spirit we saw police officers defending our position and moving others on. In one instance a police sergeant upon arrival at a deteriorating situation singled the only member of the preaching team out who had a criminal record and asked him directly "what do you want me to do?". It was said to him equally directly, remove these men and women from this ground in order that we might preach Christ crucified for sin. That he did and it was finished.

Resisting spiritual wickedness is a matter of authority in Christ and has nothing whatsoever to do with resisting persecution. Persecution is more general and is against all those who truly believe. Which is why when it does come it will finally make for a separation and those who take the name of Christ, yet are not truly His will fall away. Those who are in Christ will learn how to stand. And they will stand because He is able to make them stand even in a wicked day. Our attitude was always "take the ground" in prayer and fasting, in praise of God and in proclamation of Christ. We never ever singled out individuals by sin or by any other measure. Conviction of sin is a matter for the Holy Spirit. The homosexual man or woman knows very well what their sin is when the Lord is present. Just as the thief knows that he is a thief and so on.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2013/7/10 12:57**

That was exceedingly well stated, amr.

**Re: amrkelly - posted by dohzman (), on: 2013/7/10 14:26**

Well written.

In short a preacher cannot claim to be persecuted because he preaches the gospel and as a consequence he is insulted, ridiculed and hated by unbelievers. >>>>so true, just look at Stephan in the book of Acts:)

**Re: - posted by BroRaymond (), on: 2013/7/12 15:32**

I would humbly disagree brother. Webster defines persecute as such..PER'SECUTED, pp. Harassed by troubles or punishments unjustly inflicted, particularly for religious opinions.

I also think that we should not shy from calling sin, sin...even if it is illegal. After reading the transcript I believe the brother was humble and clearly explained he was not targeting anyone in particular. We will not always get a positive response from the police as some of you have. I can testify to this.

**Re: , on: 2013/7/12 19:13**

I agree that naming individual sins is necessary. What I said however was that naming an individual's sins isn't. Especially in a public place with a public address system. The woman so named was the same woman who phoned the police afterwards. Go figure!

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2013/7/13 0:34**

You are right..I personally do not call out specific sins to specific people unless I am sure of what I am hearing. That said, both in scripture and also in history, church history, almost all the ministers spoke to specific sins found in their time and the culture. The true spokesman/woman for God will have no trouble calling out to the baal worshippers of their time and making specific statements. I remember one night when one of the guys on the streets called out to a guy getting ready to mount his motor cycle, he named a specific sin and told this dude that unless he repented and followed through with Jesus tonight, his soul would be lost for good. That guy ignored, rode off into eternity, just 1 mile down the road. Sometimes the Lord will point out specifics that no one could know outside of the person. In the video however, I do not fully side with the method employed by the street preacher...but that is just my personal preference and nothing that I would base on scripture.

Just a personal note to you amrkelly, I did appreciate your explanation on how you understand persecution. It really does

s help to know where a person is coming from.