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Longtime board member releases documents on missions agency's troubled management.

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Gospel for Asia founder and president K.P. Yohannan.

For years, one of the world's largest missions agencies has told supporters that 100 percent of donations for its work in India are sent to the field.

That promise of good stewardship is one of the main selling points that Gospel for Asia (GFA) offers donors.

"Gospel for Asia is firmly committed to good stewardship of the funds entrusted to us by our friends and donors," the ministry's website claims. "We promise to use your gifts wisely and effectively in Christ's name."

Yet, a previously confidential letter from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) to GFA, published last week by blogger Warren Throckmorton, shows that GFA failed to live up to that promise.

The ECFA letter reported that GFA used \$19.8 million in restricted donations to build its headquarters in Carrollton, Texas, just outside of Dallas.

Those donations were intended for missions work. Instead, the money was sent overseas to one of GFA's affiliates. The affiliate then returned the money to the United States, without the knowledge of GFA's board of directors or donors.

GFA leaders also tried to conceal the source of those funds. The \$19.8 million was listed in GFA's 2013 audit as an anonymous donation. Earlier this year, GFA admitted that restricted donations for missions work had been used for the building.

The ministry also solicited millions of dollars in donations, claiming urgent needs, while its overseas affiliates held onto huge cash balances—nearly \$250 million in 2014.

The ECFA letter (dated September 2, 2015) was the result of a four-month investigation into GFA's finances. Soon after the report was issued, ECFA expelled GFA from its membership.

At the time, ECFA said GFA had violated five of its seven core standards. But details of the ECFA investigation were not available to the public. That changed last week when former GFA board member Gayle Erwin released the ECFA's letter and other documents to Throckmorton.

The ECFA investigation found that GFA leaders misled donors and board members about the state of the ministry's finances. GFA leaders also tried to withhold details about finances from ECFA.

Among other findings:

GFA delayed sending nearly \$50 million in donations to its overseas partners in 2014. The funds were not transferred overseas until the end of the year. GFA also delayed sending \$28 million in donations overseas in 2015.

GFA failed to keep track of how it spends designated funds for specific projects.

GFA's leader, K. P. Yohannan, repeatedly withheld information about the ministry's finances from its board of directors.

\$29 million dollars in donations was moved to the Hong Kong bank account of GFA's India affiliate without disclosing that transfer to the Indian government. GFA also hid financial transactions from both the Indian government and US officials

GFA failed to exercise control over millions of dollars in donations sent to its overseas affiliates. The ECFA report also indicates that GFA was less than cooperative with the inquiry.

“Certain information provided to ECFA by GFA that was crucial to our review was, at least initially, inaccurate,” wrote John C. Van Drunen, ECFA’s executive vice president, in September 2015.

ECFA would not comment to CT for this story.

A key moment in the investigation came in June 2015.

ECFA asked GFA about the cash reserves held by its overseas affiliates. At first, GFA claimed those affiliates had \$7 million in reserves. When ECFA pressed for more details, GFA revealed that its affiliates had \$259 million on hand in March 2014, and \$186 million as of June 2015.

(the next 4 pages can be read on CT web pages.

Re: Report Details Why Gospel for Asia Lost ECFA Membership, on: 2015/12/12 10:57

Disgusting kingdoms of men and everything that is wrong with Christendom.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2015/12/12 11:23

other lowlights from page 2 and 3 of the CT article

"Yohannan said he was not aware of how much money GFA’s overseas affiliates had in the bank.

The GFA board was also kept in the dark, according to the ECFA report:

In our meeting on July 1, ECFA staff asked you (Yohannan) what the GFA board would think if they knew of the high balances in partner field accounts. You indicated that neither the board nor you were aware of the magnitude of the balances. You responded, “They would be as surprised as I am.”

Despite running a ministry that collects hundreds of millions in donations, Yohannan appeared to be unaware of the basics of nonprofit management. For example, GFA board records reveal few details about the business conducted during board meetings. Yohannan admitted this as a failing in his response. “We also realize that our board minutes could have been more comprehensive to note the discussions that took place in board meetings and are seeking to improve the details of the minutes in the future,” Yohannan wrote to ECFA.

According to the report, ECFA had questions about who is in charge of GFA’s overseas affiliates.

Yohannan is the leader of Believers Church, an India-based denomination that runs the ministries overseas.

***** Yet he claims that GFA has no oversight of those groups and that he is not in charge of them. *****

But the ECFA review found that GFA had substantial control over the overseas groups.

“Based on this level of oversight and control as well observed during our review, ECFA staff questions whether GFA has a sound basis to disclaim any control over the activities of field partners,” Van Drunen wrote. Erwin, who resigned from the GFA board in October after 30 years of service, also released a copy of an internal inquiry he had conducted for the board. *****

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Those former employees accused Yohannan of demanding absolute obedience from employees, of shunning those who disagree with him, and with misleading donors about the nature of the organization.

Erwin’s report found that most of the accusations were accurate.

*****Of particular concern was that Yohannan demanded absolute obedience.*****

This complaint appears to be true and is the main source of the problem, he wrote. If this were to be settled, we would be almost finished with the problem.

Concerns about GFA's practices led MinistryWatch, a Christian watchdog group, to issue an alert to Christian donors, asking them to cease all donations to GFA. It especially warned members of Calvary Chapel churches, noting that the global network was one of the biggest backers of Gospel for Asia. Calvary Chapel in Auckland which once housed GFA's New Zealand office also cut ties to the group.

Re: , on: 2015/12/12 14:33

From GFA page FAQ regarding Believers Church in India that K.P. runs

Once in a while, I hear about Believers Church through GFA. Is there any affiliation between GFA and Believers Church?

Believers Church is an evangelical, indigenous church movement within the 18 nations of Asia that GFA, as an international mission organization, works with to fulfill the Great Commission commanded by our Lord Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Though the church was born through the ministry of GFA-supported national missionaries, there is no legal binding between GFA and Believers Church.

This organization is controlled and run by K.P. Y.

There is documented evidence to support this. Now my question why does GFA lie about it?

EDIT:

State of Kerala in India document Yohannan is referred to as the Managing Trustee of the Believers' Church.

G. O. (Rt.) No. 448/2011/LBR. Thiruvananthapuram, 17th March 2011. Whereas, the Government are of opinion that an industrial dispute exists between

***** Dr. K. P. Yohannan, Managing Trustee, Believers Church India (B. C. I.), *****

Re: From Ministry Watch web site regarding GFA, on: 2015/12/12 14:53

From Ministry Watch web site:

Since Gospel for Asia was terminated from ECFA membership last month for violating terms of the self-regulatory group's seven standards, there has been essentially no meaningful explanation coming from the ministry about the circumstances that led to the ministry's expulsion.

*****We do know, however, that the ministry has sought to remove from the Patheos.com website (the website blogger Warren Throckmorton has used to report on Gospel for Asia's apparent misdeeds) the recording made by someone inside the ministry of Chief Financial officer David Carroll making claims about Gospel for Asia which appear to be untrue. One can only presume by their efforts to thwart the continued posting of the recording that it contains information the ministry would rather have hidden from donors. And Gospel for Asia seems to be using hardball tactics to get its way.***

While not all Christians are familiar with Gospel for Asia, it is one of the larger ministries in the MinistryWatch.com database. It has raised hundreds of millions of dollars from US, UK, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian donors for missionary efforts in India and beyond. The ministry's Auckland, New Zealand office, which was housed in a Calvary Chapel church was actually just closed down by the church as a result of the very serious allegations the ministry faces and for

r which it has yet to give an adequate response.

It appears Calvary Chapels around the world were one of the biggest backers of Gospel for Asia. If you know someone who attends a Calvary Chapel, you should forward this information to them.

Another disconcerting report has come out courtesy of Warren rockmorton. As can be seen in the chart below, \$128 million dollars in donation is unaccounted for when one looks at the financial statements

of the ministry's various country offices.

It represents 25% of the total amount donated by US, UK, Australian and Canadian donors to Gospel for Asia over the last eight years.

*****Meanwhile, the ministry and its leader, K.P. Yohannon, apparently have purchased a Indian Engineering college for \$70 million. Clearly, this is not what most donors had in mind for their donations when they made them.*****

Needless to say, the Gospel for Asia situation is extremely troubling. We reiterate our call for donors to cease giving to Gospel for Asia as soon as possible and look for a more worthy alternative for your offerings in the MinistryWatch.com database.

http://www.ministrywatch.com/pdf/MWDA_113015_GFA.pdf

Re: , on: 2015/12/12 15:56

I think we have already discussed that GFA lost ECFA Membership and yes those who make financial contributions have a right to know where the money goes.

But we have already been warned and it is now our own responsibility to do more research if we desire to know more.

This thread is not edifying and does not help to advance God's Kingdom!

So what is our main desire? Do we still have the priorities right?

"Your Kingdom come "!

Re: , on: 2015/12/12 17:02

There is a lot of stuff repeatedly discussed here. And a lot of it is not edifying.

(Just like the Bible) This is NEW information that Rev posted BTW.

KP was one of the few untouchable sacred cows in this place for whatever reason. Bash the Jews and Israel all you want but do my profits no harm.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/12 22:22

The following petition has been put together requesting the board of directors fire K. P. Yohannan, and replace the current leadership that heads Gospel for Asia.

<https://www.change.org/p/the-gospel-for-asia-board-of-directors-removing-k-p-yohannan-as-the-ceo-of-gospel-for-asia>

I am a former donor to GFA and gave for nearly a decade. I pulled my support this past summer at the first hint of mishandling of funds. Since then GFA has continued to be exposed time and time again. They are either liars, or completely incompetent.

I hope you will join me in signing this petition.

Re: , on: 2015/12/13 0:00

The report says

"Of particular concern was that Yohannan demanded "absolute obedience"

Absolute obedience to men is the doctrine of dictators. There is no cult anywhere that does not require this under the guise of "strong leadership." If you disagree then your gone. Hardly the way of the Lord nor His Word.....bro Frank

Re: Report Details Why Gospel for Asia Lost ECFA Membership - posted by yuehan, on: 2015/12/13 11:33

When news of Gospel For Asia's accountability issues was discussed earlier on this forum, Jeremy221 brought up the "GFA Diaspora": <http://www.gfadiaspora.com>

The website was set-up by former GFA staff, and outlines systematic issues with the organization regarding doctrine, governance and conduct. There's also a list of testimonies from former staff members here: <http://www.gfadiaspora.com/testimonies-2>

I've read every single testimony on that page. There is no doubt that the GFA organization is a cult. I recognize the signs, as I knew someone who was involved in a "Christian" cult and the parallels are striking (sadly, last I checked, he still remains mired in that cult almost a decade later).

I encourage you to go through the testimonies as well (if I had to pick one, it would be JD and Chrissy's). This is not to heap condemnation on the persons involved, but to draw attention to issues which are prevalent in many churches - particularly the issue of idolatry. It's also clear from the write-ups that many staff members were made vulnerable to abuse due to weaknesses in their doctrine and theology.

Some thoughts which occurred to me having gone through the testimonies:

1. What is the church? Is it the particular organization we are affiliated with, or the body of Christ composing of all believers?
2. Fundamentally - what is our calling? What does it mean to do the will of God?
3. Is our work meaningless if it doesn't involve actively evangelizing others, or if it's not a formal ministry under a church?
4. Are Christians called to sacrifice? If so, what are we to sacrifice, and to whom are we to sacrifice?
5. What does dying to self mean? Is it something which we actively try to do, or something that is already accomplished through our union with Christ in His death? (Romans 6, Gal 2:20)
6. Are Christians called to live ascetic lives?
7. What are the proper biblical procedures to deal with our offenders?

Re: , on: 2015/12/13 12:03

Great questions yuehan, especially " what is the church.....bri Frank

Vile and disgusting ring kissing ceremony video and comments, on: 2015/12/13 12:23

This is not piling on, this is what so many here followed and believed and defended even after the facts were out. We really, really need discernment and humility before the Lord because this stuff will only increase as the day of the Lord approaches.

<http://www.gfadiaspora.com/receiving-honor-from-men>

Receiving Honor from Men

As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." -Acts 10:25-26

William MacDonald comments:

"When Peter arrived, the centurion fell down at his feet as an act of reverence. The apostle refused protesting that he was only a man himself. It would be fitting if all self-appointed successors of Peter would imitate his humility by forbidding people to kneel before them!"

Weâ€™re sad to learn our former leader seems to have chosen differently.

â€œHis Eminence the Most Reverend Dr. K.P. Yohannanâ€ receiving one of many kneels at his feet and kisses on his hand at a 2009 ordination.

But more concerning is KPâ€™s answer at an April 20, 2015 staff meeting:

â€œDid anybody ever kiss my hand or my ring? In memory I cannot ever recall I allowed it to happen or if they did it. Because we never teach it. We never promote it. That is not our doctrine, I am not a god, anything, but if people who talk about it and say this, they saw it, what can I do.â€

(Audio link of Yohanin lying about ring kissing ceremony)

â€œWhat have I done to you or to anyone here to promote me? When I took the ring on my hand, as God Almighty my witness, I was going to a death chamber. I never asked anyone to kiss my ring, I never allowed it to happen. We never teach it, we never promote it.â€

To churches in the West we simply want to reveal GFAâ€™s ritualized clergy-above-laity practice that has been hidden from conservative evangelical donors through careful marketing.

Video of Bishop Ordination Service

Eyewitness Testimonies from current and former staff regarding ring kissing

A former Believersâ€™ Church secretary, who worked for GFA at the seminary where this video was filmed, said, â€œRegarding kissing the ring, we are told by our bishops in that time, the way of wishing the Bishops & Metropolitan is: When we see first time in the day we have to go to them and take their hand, which is having ring and kiss it. We have done many times. And later they have changed that, we have take their hand, which is having ring keep on our forehead. During the Ordination time Bishops (Simon John, Juria Burdan) have instructed us, after the Metropolitan given the ordination we have to touch His feet. And we have done the same. We are 40+ pastors done the same on that day.â€

A former Believersâ€™ Church state leader said, â€œWay back around 2009 there was this â€˜confusingâ€™ instruction about kissing KPâ€™s ring. I did see some of the Synod staff and clergy members doing it. I call it a confusing instruction because many did not actually understand how to do it. And it looked quite awkward. As for me, I somehow escaped from doing it. Soon, the practice was revised and the new instruction was â€˜hold KPâ€™s right hand with your right hand, raise it up to your forehead as you stoop low, and then touch the ring on your foreheadâ€™. The explanation given was that the ring had the churchâ€™s emblem on it, so we were recognizing the authority of the shepherd of the church. As for this act, I did it quite often!â€

A former SD student said, â€œI personally saw it as well. So did my husband. Any of the people who were on our SD trip with us would have seen it too. They kissed his ring. That was 2011.â€

A former US staff member said, â€œWhile living over in India for six months on the Believers Church seminary campus in 2010-2011, I witnessed multiple encounters where a BC pastor or member of the church would come up to KP and bow before him, take his hand and kiss his ring. It shocked me because it seemed so universally accepted. No one, KP included, ever tried to stop it. On a side note, I also traveled with KP several times and he always wore his long robe and the big wooden cross around his neck. One time in the airport, a woman came up to him while we were sitting at the gate, knelt down at his feet, grabbed his ankles, and bowed repeatedly to him as if he was a statue of a god or something. It was so disturbing to me. Afterward, KP told me that this was just a cultural practice and that he needed to allow the people to do it because he was seen as a leader in the church in India. I couldnâ€™t help but think, though, of other leaders (like Gandhi, for example) who lived very humbly and modeled servanthood, as well as the explicit teaching of Jesus that â€˜let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.â€™ (Luke 22:26)â€

Additional Testimonies

A senior US leaderâ€™s wife was told the order of service by a â€œFatherâ€. This was part of an ordination service in Kerala. He explained when different things would happen. Part of that dialog was at what point the person being ordained

d would kiss KP's ring.

Another senior US leader was told by KP that they were going to stop the "kissing stuff" on the field, meaning that it had been a practice before then.

Someone whose cousin was a teacher at the Believer's Church residential school or the seminary told us: "My cousin was teaching in a school in Kerala" which I visited. In Kerala, kissing someone else's hand is not part of the culture. I have never seen anyone doing it. My cousin left the school because he was asked to kiss KP Yohannan's ring, and he refused to do it. They continued, "I am not sure if KP Yohannan personally asked him to kiss the ring or if he was just told that this was something that was being instituted in the school. But that's the reason he left."

Re: questions, on: 2015/12/14 12:11

Is there any actual proof that the GFA projects they claim to operate actually exist by the numbers and locations they claim? As an example does the child care program they supposedly run actually support over 74,000 children and can this be evidenced by physically locating the centers they claim to operate?

Not just a few show sites that some have seen but actual names, numbers and street addresses that these many, many children would require.

For example if each center helped 30 children on a daily basis that would require 2466 places of operation. GFA would obviously know where this is all occurring would they not?

Or is this just a shell game they play by operating a few centers in order to support their fundraising?

Re: Report Details Why Gospel for Asia Lost ECFA Membership - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/12/14 12:38

I do not know anything about GFA other than what I read but what I am personally seeing is that the Holy Spirit seems to be busy working to expose the identity of the sheep and goats. The tragedy is that people we have considered to be sheep are in fact wolves in sheep's clothing. This, at best, is quite painful when you have prayed for them, shared with them of your resources and trusted them.

And...this is happening everywhere. No exceptions.

Sandra

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2015/12/14 16:05

Sooooo sad! We have supported them for years. This is the 2nd organisation we had to drop because of irregularities or scandals. Who is next? Who is left where our money is truly used for kingdom purposes?

Re: , on: 2015/12/14 18:29

Below is the detailed report that the ECFA sent to GFA regarding the reasons for terminating their membership.

<http://wp.production.patheos.com/blogs/warrenthrockmorton/files/2015/12/ECFA-REPORT-TO-GFA.pdf>

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/14 20:05

Shouldn't SI remove K.P Yohannan's sermons from this site, given that they could mislead people into giving to GFA?

NLY 12% OF THE \$41.6M AVAILABLE DONATIONS DESIGNATED FOR "Bridge of Hope" CHILD SPONSORSHIP A

"From public records it appears that around 80% of the money raised in the US for Bridge of Hope, Wells and other field designations is either missing, sitting in cash accounts, or was spent on very different things such as for-profit hospitals and universities serving the wealthy.

\$20 million was also funnelled back from the Believers Church in India to the US HQ building project in violation of their 100% to the field promise and is illegal, deceptive and fraudulent as well.

It is fraud to claim that 100% of your \$35 a month goes to support your child if it's only \$8 a month or something like that are the actual numbers reported.

Bottom line - a ministry this corrupt and abusive toward its staff (see www.gfadiaspora.com with 100+ former staff) should be denounced by the Church at large, not defended hope upon hope in the face of overwhelming evidence of lies and fraud.

Heartbreaking to see more than half a billion dollars over the past 8 years possibly not having gone to the causes it was

donated for - that would make GFA the largest charity fraud in world history. Our prayers go up for everyone involved."

ONLY 12% OF THE \$41.6M AVAILABLE DONATIONS DESIGNATED FOR "Bridge of Hope" CHILD SPONSORSHIP ACTUALLY WENT TO THE "Bridge of Hope" PROGRAM, AND ONLY 4% WENT DIRECTLY TO CHILDREN

4% folks, sad is not the right word for it.

<http://wp.production.patheos.com/blogs/warrenthrockmorton/files/2015/12/Bridge-of-Hope-Diagram-1.3.pdf>

Re: , on: 2015/12/14 23:11

Quote: (narrowpath) "Who is left where our money is truly used for kingdom purposes?"

Many years ago i supported missionaries in Russia who I only knew from the Internet. Not the wisest thing to do as we know now.

But a few years later i was able to visit them, I could see where the money went, all accounted for. They told me how they were praying when they got a call that some stranger donated some money.

It is obviously best if we know missionaries personally and they can give an account to us.

As soon as Jesus said that He will build His Ekklesia He mentioned the gates of hell. Hell will break loose if we go out there and try and win souls !

We also know that King David, a man after God's own heart failed badly but the Lord restored him again.

Money is not the only way how we can serve God:

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Re: , on: 2015/12/15 10:30

"We also know that King David, a man after God's own heart failed badly but the Lord restored him again."

And David REPENTED before the LORD. PSALM 51.

This man if he is a Christian must do the same and come clean before God and man if he is to be restored. Just like all of us if we conceal unconfessed and unrepentant sin. You can fool me but you cannot deceive him.

Re: Who can you trust now? , on: 2015/12/15 16:38

Oh well my wife and some other ladies from the church raised 2800.00 to purchase 28 sewing machines that GFA said would be used to help people become self sufficient. Right.

"David Harriman, an independent consultant on charitable giving and international grant-making who also worked full time for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Frontiers ministry, said GFA consistently misrepresented itself. "GFA has made promises relative to a very wide range of missional products, all of which are complex and costly to administer at the field level, at least with any level of integrity," he said. "The marketing of this mission does not, in my opinion, comport with the reality that is Believers Church."

Harriman said GFA leads donors to believe they are giving pigs, goats, or rabbits to poor families, but donations may have gone to support the GFA-affiliated cathedral, schools, hospital, college, or broadcast stations. (for profit enterprises)

Harriman praised those who have helped bring GFA's issues to light, including Erwin and blogger Warren Throckmorton, but was sad to hear that problems existed, especially since the discrediting of GFA, long respected in many quarters, could have a ripple effect on Christian giving around the world. "There's enough doubt in the charitable market

place about what charities do anyway," Harriman added."

No para church organizations for us anymore except maybe World Challenge and Benny Hinn,

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2015/12/16 0:44

Benni Hin is that a joke??

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 5:38

brothergary

Just contrasting between the ridiculous and obvious contradiction between the legitimate World Challenge and the otherwise ludicrous expression of what many see as Christian ministry. One is smoke and mirrors and the other represents Jesus in a genuine way by word and in deed.

Praying that we are learning to discern by the leading of the Holy Spirit and not by sight because this deception will only increase as the time of the Lord Jesus Christ return approaches rapidly.

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 8:32

These are not my comments but they do seem to indicate the current pattern of behaviour GFA's leaders are following.

"What will GFA do next? History serves as a pretty useful guide.

When GFA was confronted privately by staff, they either denied everything and attacked the staff, or they pretended to acknowledge problems (but not wrongdoing) only long enough to make the complaint go away.

When GFA was confronted publicly by critics (mainly the diaspora and Warren), they acknowledged as little as possible, as vaguely as possible, and pointed to others (auditor, disgruntled staff, etc) when possible, and hoped that would make the problem go away.

When the problem didn't go away and GFA was confronted by Board members, ECFA and donors, GFA began to acknowledge errors and wrongdoing, but they continued to keep the acknowledgements as vague as they could get away with, even acknowledging different levels of wrongdoing to different audiences.

Three things have remained consistent.

1. At every step, GFA has only acknowledged problems when they could no longer deny them.
2. When GFA has acknowledged problems, they have been as vague as possible. Acknowledgements take the form of "errors were made", rather than "this is what, how and why we did wrong."
3. Nobody is accountable. Even when GFA acknowledges wrongdoing, there are no consequences for the wrongdoing.

Even now, GFA seems to think they can put this behind them with a few vague apologies, but we are past the point where "we did a few things wrong, we've learned our lesson, please don't ask any more questions" will suffice.

The past is prologue, so I think we can guess what GFA will do.

1. As pressure mounts, GFA will have to acknowledge more wrongdoing, but they will continue to do so as vaguely as possible and never in a way that attaches specific blame to KP Yohannan. To the extent KP ever acknowledges error, it will only be the kind of feigned humility he has mastered, general acknowledgments that he is not perfect rather than specific acknowledgments that could be held against him.
2. At some point, due to falling contributions and social pressure, GFA will be forced to make leadership changes. GFA will try to throw other people under the bus first, eventually followed by KP "stepping back" from some role so he can focus on his role with Believer's Church. And perhaps on his roles with the more profitable enterprises. KP's titles may change, but his power will not. The Indian Pope will not give up his office voluntarily.

3. Once KP is out of the public eye, and with donations having fallen a great deal, there will be more pressure to generate revenue and less pressure on KP to disclaim the benefits of all that money his operations are producing. Which means KP's financial corruption may be far from over.

There is no repentance. Only calculated retreat and retrenchment."

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 9:35

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Dont know anything about KP, never heard a sermon, never desired to read anything from him, but I know many many good people who supported his organization , indeed were encouraged to support him and I feel sad for them. The above point #1 is what all religious men do, feigned humility, general, acknowledgments that they are not perfect (actually designed to gain sympathy) never any specific apology. This strategy is the deluded man's way of hiding in the many shadows of pride. Any time you hear a man say he is not perfect when he is supposedly apologizing, you know he is not repentant about anything. Bro Neil talks about a full throated falling on the sword as a genuine apology, I agree with that.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 11:29

Frank

I believe that those who have served and given in good faith are blessed of the Lord anyway regardless of the use and misuse of the funds and efforts given.

Their work will be rewarded.

Mishandling and misappropriating HIS money is nasty business. We can ask Ananias and Sapphire about that (or maybe we can't)

But we still need to practice due diligence when giving time and \$\$\$\$.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/16 12:35

My question is why is Greg Gordon practicing the same sorta defensive behaviors that KP is engaging in, in spite of the avalanche of evidence against KP and GFA? Why does Sermon Index continue to archive KP's sermons, which could induce people to give to a sketchy agency whose reputation is poor?

I know when the news of these financial issues broke earlier this year, and I discontinued my subscription to GFA sponsorship and announced it on Facebook, Greg and others accused me of spreading malicious gossip. And the findings of Warren Throckmorton have been simply dismissed as the baseless accusations of a devilish man with an agenda. And it has been said that these issues are just too complicated to understand, and that if we simply talk to the folks at GFA and pray, it'll all wash out in the end.

Greg seems to be hoping this will all just blow over in the same manner that KP seems to. He is completely dismissive of the evidence so far as I've seen. I don't understand why. I could make some guesses, which I won't do.

But it seems rather strange. SI needs to take down KP's sermons, so that others feel compelled to give to GFA, which has proven to be a completely sketchy organization.

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/12/16 12:58

Has anyone emailed kp yohannan directly ?
To ask his side of the issue.

add: <http://www.gfa.org/integrity/>

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/16 13:01

Fired staff did.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/16 13:03

And I emailed GFA and talked on the phone with one of their financial reps. They wouldn't commit to writing anything down and provide anything beyond talking points and pointing fingers at others.

Gospel for Asia spent thousands on reputation management after negative stories surfaced, on: 2015/12/16 15:14

Gospel for Asia spent thousands on reputation management after negative stories surfaced

mark-woods Mark Woods CHRISTIAN TODAY CONTRIBUTING EDITOR September 2015

Gospel for Asia, the mission organisation founded by KP Yohannan, hired a reputation management company to counterbalance negative stories appearing about it as a result of revelations by former staff, according to information received by blogger Warren Throckmorton.

In a post yesterday, Throckmorton revealed that GFA hired a company called Reputation Management Consultants (RMC), which created websites specifically in order to manipulate Google search results to make sure positive stories appeared further up search lists.

Seventy thousand dollars was set aside to pay for the service, though it is not clear that the whole amount was used. Former staff told Throckmorton that it was earmarked to pay RMC for seven months.

"The overall focus of the Inoculation Campaign is to remove any negative information from the front page of search engines with new content that is consistently 'fresh' and stands the best chance of outranking current negative search engine listings." In its March report it says that it will "continue to strengthen created assets and promote existing positive material to overcome the negatives found on the first page for Gospel for Asia keyterms. This month we will also be purchasing some custom domains for the campaign."

Questions about GFAs financial and other practices began to air in June 2014 when a group of former staff members known as the GFA Diaspora contacted its board with criticisms.

The latest revelations, about the amount GFA was prepared to put in to managing reputational damage from GFA Diaspora publicity, are bound to raise fresh questions about its priorities.

Re: From: Calvary Chapel Auckland Nov 28 2015 Re: GFA, on: 2015/12/16 15:43

From: Calvary Chapel Auckland

Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2015 3:16 PM

Subject: To Calvary Chapel Auckland concerning Gospel for Asia

To: Calvary Chapel Auckland

Dear Church,

For approximately 17 years, Calvary Chapel Auckland has supported the work of Gospel for Asia which is now primarily The Believer's Church.

Originally there was close alignment between Calvary Chapels generally and the work of Gospel for Asia.

However the organisational and ecclesiastical direction of Gospel for Asia has radically changed so that it is now antithetically different.

We do not believe in transubstantiation (this is supposedly that the bread actually becomes the body of Jesus, and the cup actually becomes the blood of Jesus), total submission or focus to a man, calling the leader "Father" or Priest, t

aking a vow of total submission to that leader and his successor for life, or crossing ourselves in a liturgy.

It is said that a picture speaks a thousand words so here are some photos, which visually depict some of the differences, but allude to many of the other contrasts that now exist: the metal image (used in Believers Churches, for all convocations, including countries other than India), the lighting of candles, the wearing of robes, etc.. The photos below are from The Believerâ€™s Church Website and Carmel Engineering College (Believers Church own and operate this) as identified in the heading.

This group has amassed somewhere over \$200,000,000.00 (one report says USD\$250,000,000.00) US Dollars that are on deposit in India.

They now have an Engineering University, own a Hospital, a Rubber Plantation and other businesses that generate from \$35,000,000.00 â€“ \$70,000,000.00 US Dollars annually.

The three Calvary Chapel Pastorâ€™s who were on the GFA USA Board have all resigned after a lengthy investigation into the organization in many (if not all) of its various entities.

Brian, Gina, and Andrew Malcolm have decided their season of serving â€“ 12 years now, of sacrificial, dedicated service, has ended.

The elders of Calvary Chapel Auckland have therefore decided to stop support for Gospel for Asia.

The Gospel for Asia office upstairs at the church has closed down and existing supporters of GFA will soon receive a letter from them explaining the position and your options.

Weâ€™ve been told KP Yohannan will write a letter but please understand in advance that it doesnâ€™t alter our position here at Calvary Chapel Auckland, nor the greater Calvary Chapel family of churches.

You are of course free to decide whether you want to continue supporting Gospel for Asia.

Calvary Chapel Auckland is establishing our own missions budget (which almost every church has) and we are developing a clear and precise focus for outreach in New Zealand, the South Pacific through Calvary Chapel Radio (broadcasting now for over 10 years to Samoa, and more recently Rarotonga), and in other ways to spread the Gospel and help those in need in other countries.

May the Lord bless you all,

Calvary Chapel Auckland

Phone: 09 918 8000

Calvary Chapel Auckland

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2015/12/16 15:51

Let us not forget to pray for the countless missionaries that receive regular support from GFA to plant churches and evangelize in India. They and their families and fellowships will face great challenges.

Re: Gospel for Asia spent thousands on reputation management after negative stories - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/01/04 10:00

Quote:

-----My question is why is Greg Gordon practicing the same sorta defensive behaviors that KP is engaging in, in spite of the avalanche of evidence against KP and GFA? Why does Sermon Index continue to archive KP's sermons, which could induce people to give to a sketchy agency whose reputation is poor?

I know when the news of these financial issues broke earlier this year, and I discontinued my subscription to GFA sponsorship and announced it on Facebook, Greg and others accused me of spreading malicious gossip. And the findings of Warren Throckmorton have been simply dismissed as the baseless accusations of a devilish man with an agenda. And it has been said that these issues are just too complicated to understand, and that if we simply talk to the folks at GFA and pray, it'll all wash out in the end.

Greg seems to be hoping this will all just blow over in the same manner that KP seems to. He is completely dismissive of the evidence so far as I've seen. I don't understand why. I could make some guesses, which I won't do.

Brother Jimmy,

We have been long-time supporters of Gospel For Asia. The movement has seen 3 million new baptized believers in the

1040 unreached peoples areas of India. It is one of the largest church growths in the Indian 1040 window in the last 30 years.

Till the point of the ECFA expulsion there was alot of accusations and questions but it was hard to find any provable evidence of problems that were existing of the magnitude of disqualification or stopping giving. Along with failings in ministries and ministers there has also been a large increase of gossiping and slander in the body of Christ. Most christian news sites thrive off such sinful writing that really does not benefit the work of God.

Correction inside the body of Christ happens from other qualified elders correcting other elders. The idea of a blogger accusing others of problems and calling it biblical correction is hard to found in the bible. The apostle paul was not a journalist or did not major in expose. But rather had a genuine love for saints and any correction he gave was for the good of believers even an shunning for a time (1 cor 5).

We do not want the SermonIndex forums to mirror other blogger sites where we allow hundreds of threads exposing ministers and ministries and questioning everything. We would rather the forums here be helpful to the body of Christ in building each other up.

We are currently in the position of not actively promoting giving to Gospel for Asia and are praying for leaders and those involved that they can repent and humble themselves where needed to make corrections. There are still more questions and accusations then evidence in some cases.

Towards KP Yohannan we do not see profitability in removing his sermons, we should all be praying for his good, his walk with God and to repent of any area of sin or area of deception over his life. We would all want to be treated in the similar way if it were us in this situation.

Trust that helps you understand where my thinking is on the issue as that mattered to you in asking publicly in this way.

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 17:03

Greg

In 2003 from this post you stated that GFA supported you:

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1015&forum=16

Today you stated you support GFA.

Do you still support them and do they still support you?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/16 18:48

Quote:

-----"In 2003 from this post you stated that GFA supported you"

We used to have sponsors on the side of the site from a few ministries and GFA was one of them for a year or so. We have not had these for many years now.

I personally give to missions and ministries in lump sums by faith and do not sign up for monthly giving etc.

Hope that helps.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/16 19:02

Quote:

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The so-called "GFA diaspora" long ago attempted to bring correction to the problems they were seeing in GFA in a Biblical and Christ like manner. Dozens of them, many with many years personally invested and serving at that ministry attempted to do so. Those individuals were not heeded.

This issue is now a public one, and it being addressed in a public manner is perfectly Biblical. And considering that GFA has received billions of dollars in support over the last 30 years, by soliciting the church at large, it is all the more reason able to talk about it openly, especially since such money's are received by GFA tax free courtesy of the United States government.

Quote:

Till the point of the ECFA expulsion there was alot of accusations and questions but it was hard to find any provable evidence of problems that were existing of the magnitude of disqualification or stopping giving.

This is simply untrue. The ECFA expulsion did nothing more than confirm a solid body of financial evidence that had been exposed for months online by Warren Throckmorton, and had been pointed out by some others prior to him. He did a bit more digging and confirmed by various means what those in the Diaspora and a few others had long been saying, The ECFA itself said very little about why GFA had their membership and certification revoked. Warren Theockmorton simply brought things that had already been exposed by others to a larger audience.

Because of this evidence, I ceased giving months before the ECFA termination. Many others had started doing so too. The evidence was very strong against GFA.

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 19:57

I read this on SI:

Quote:

Dr. K.P. Yohannan has been crisscrossing the globe for the last 40 years, challenging the body of Christ to discipleship. His call to a radical lifestyle with an all-out commitment to Jesus has left its impact on nearly every continent. To the Church caught up by the tidal waves of compromise and self-preservation, Yohannan's life message is as fresh as today's podcast yet as timeless as the scriptural mandate itself. Yohannan is the founder and international director of Gospel for Asia, a Christian mission organization that has brought the Good News of Christ to millions in South Asia over the last three decades.

Born in India, Dr. Yohannan, at the age of 16, responded to the Lord's call to serve Him in North India. In 1974, he came to the United States, where he received his theological training and pastored a church for four years. The Lord reminded Yohannan of the countless millions in Asia still waiting to learn of His love for them. In response, he resigned his pastorate, and he and his wife, Gisela Yohannan, started what is known today as Gospel for Asia. Today, the ministry supports thousands of national workers and vibrant congregations throughout South Asia. Additionally, Gospel for Asia's Bridge of Hope program cares for tens of thousands of children, helping them break out of the generational curses of poverty and hopelessness.

This is a nice write-up but who knows what is really true in this man's life? Can anyone step forward and vouch for this man and his ministry, anymore?

Will he choose pride over healing?
<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=35299>

I have often thought that topics that might expose "sacred cows" should never be off limits in a Christian forum. Afterall, "

sacred cows" speak of idolatry. Everything of Christ should be able to stand up to the light and that which cannot stand up to the light deserves to be exposed. I also view the gfadiaspora blog as "letters to the Church". They must have come under intense pressure to not talk about this situation. Reading their blog they don't seem to be bitter or exercising a vendetta. On the contrary, they seem to be acting as the "qualified elders" and Watchmen that should have been awake. They are warning the sheepfold. There are sheep, wolves and sheepdogs and gfadiaspora seems to be the sheepdogs (watchmen).

I have heard this man lifted up so much over the years, though I never had any dealings with him and was never led to give. But, because he was praised by so many respected brothers, I tended to think very well of him. Let's just say, I never thought ill of him. Leadership in the Body of Christ can be very influential to other believers (often, too influential) and maybe this man is not the only man that should publicly repent. The sheep always learn very hard lessons in these situations one of which is that the Lord is the only one who can be trusted and they should depend more on Him rather than men for spiritual discernment and direction. Some, also learn that they have been ignoring the Lord's Word too long to come out of religious Babylon and now it is way past time but they can still do it.

I can say this because I also learned a very hard lesson 35 years ago when I was scammed by "deceitful workers" and "ministers of righteousness" of a very, very large sum of money (over 100,000.00). That is the time I realized how phony much of Christendom was and heeded the Lord's voice to "Come out of her, come out of her my people so that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues". (Rev 18:4). I certainly was a partaker of her "plagues" that day but the Lord has been merciful to me in the years since and I have not put myself under "deceitful workers", since that time. I had much to learn back then about my own heart and motivations. There is probably much the same for the Body to learn from this episode.

As I have been reading all of these posts and perusing all of this man's teachings;(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=category&cid=171&page=2>), I felt surely that he would sprint to come to the light completely and fully and if they were not true, that he would be able to bring peace to the Body of Christ by providing the necessary proof. Any organization that brings in a quarter of a billion dollars would be keeping strict records in order to stay above reproach if ever accused of any wrong doing.

If the Body of Christ was plundered, repentance is in order, and the only right thing to do would be to liquidate all holdings, shutdown the ministry, reimburse everyone that gave and spend the rest of his life making restitution to those he was unable to reimburse. Those who helped him cover-up, should join him in repenting publicly and making restitution. Restitution would be a manifestation of true repentance. It is not a small thing to plunder the Lord's Body. Most likely, most of the giving was sacrificial.

I do understand why wise and respected brothers were deceived. Paul says, "grievous wolves will enter in AMONG YOU, not sparing the flock". (Acts 20:29)

These men form close bonds of trust and brotherhood with the saints, and this is the most opportune time to take advantage of them. No one wants to believe that men can "transform themselves into apostles of Christ", but Paul had experiences with men that did and now we have the same experiences.

They do not spare the flock in the least and they truly live DELICIOUSLY off of the sheepfold as their "minister of righteousness."

"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Cor 11:15)

..."DECEITFUL WORKERS TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES INTO THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST" (2 Cor 11:13)

The mark of the religious system, (false church, apostles, prophets, teachers, brethren, Babylon, Great Whore) is that she will in no way spare the flock, always taking advantage of the weak, committing spiritual fornication through deceit and living DELICIOUSLY off of the sheepfold.

Reminds me of the Amelakites who always attacked Israel, but they attacked the weak, the sick and the unsuspecting from the rear of the formation in the wilderness. They were the stragglers in the wilderness being picked off so easily by the wolves.

Sobering warning from the Lord.

Rev_18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived DELICIOUSLY, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Rev_18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived DELICIOUSLY with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

It is sad that the religious kings of the sheepfold always seem to be exposed too late for many sincere people to be shielded from their treachery. But it has happened for millenia as men gain the confidence of others then treachery sets in. As I read the gfadiaspora website I do note that they are trying to protect other saints by exposing the fraud and they have been doing this for some time, now. I also note that they are not letting a "root of bitterness" spring up. Praise the Lord for that.

But where are the watchmen (elders in the Body)? Where were the watchmen and where are they now?

This has been the way of the false church (congregation), religious system in the OT, too. And the watchmen (spiritual leaders) were blind and ignorant and they fell into spiritual slumber while the sheep were being taken advantage of. They should have been warning Israel, but they fell into a slumber from false security thinking everything was ok. And when they were awakened, they only wanted to protect themselves.

"His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." (Isa 56:10)

The warnings and red flags from the sheep (former workers at GFA) were apparently not being heeded and it seems that more than just one man is involved in this scam as he is being shielded. And while warnings went unheeded, the "beasts" continued to plunder and devour.

"All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest" (Isa 56:9)

We see so much deceit and greed and avarice today and Jesus keeps calling, "To come out of her". We want so much to give to an "organization" that is true and honest and doing the Lord's work. We want to be involved in something BIG and make a difference. May I suggest that there is something for the Body of Christ to do, also? Why do we suffer fools so easily? Do we not read our Bibles and if we read them do we believe what we read?

"For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. FOR YE SUFFER, IF A MAN BRING YOU INTO BONDAGE, IF A MAN DEVOUR YOU, IF A MAN TAKE OF YOU, IF A MAN EXALT HIMSELF, if a man smite you on the face." (2 Cor 11:19-20)

What is it that the Church will learn from this episode of Church history?

The "religious kings of the sheepfold" will continue to plunder and it really does not matter if we listen to all the great sermons that have ever been preached if we continue to be deceived by our own hearts and the "greedy dogs". Only a close fellowship with Christ will protect us. But, we don't have to be deceived. Do you believe that? We should not feel obligated to trust every man no matter who is marketing them. May the Lord cause us to drink deep of Him and stop being enamored by men and organizations and BIG movements. I pray we can believe that our own ordinary, everyday life and interaction with the saints and lost sinners is just as important if not more so than what these big organizations are marketing and purported to be doing. IF THE LORD IS NOT TELLING YOU TO DO SOMETHING, BY ALL MEANS DON'T BE GUILTED INTO COMPLYING. "My people hear my voice". If you don't recognize the sound of the Master's voice, then RUN THE OTHER WAY LIKE THE WIND.

Isa 56:11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERYONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER.

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 20:25

Hi Julias, can I ask why you quoted me? I genuinely know nothing about KP but I have no problems believing the reports of hundreds of his " ex-employees." The name that he had people call him or allowed people to call him is nauseating to me and this notion of total obedience to men is and always has been offensive to me. In fact, some of the major contentions I have had publicly and privately with bro Greg has been over this nonsense of total obedience to men. God alone gets the saints total obedience, and the mantra of " strong leadership," has usually been a buzz phrase for control and cultish behavior. Just thought I would clarify.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 20:33

Frank

He quoted you quoting me quoting the other guy because we are not the best of buddies.

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 21:12

Hi Carmine, looks like you guys both agree on this subject though :) I am encouraged by that :) Anyway, it is a serious business and looks like this is just part of the days that we are living in when God is exposing large organizations for the business that they are. Making merchandise out of God is a dangerous business. Stealing from God's kingdom to raise up your own is something that should make all men everywhere tremble, if not now, then certainly in the life to come.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 21:25

Frank

Yes very good points you are making and you can tell by my handle that it is a subject near to my pocketbook..... err he art.

Re: , on: 2015/12/16 23:23

Quote:

-----by appolus on 2015/12/16 20:25:54

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Hello Frank,

Thanks for asking and let me explain. I was working on that post for the last 3 days. I changed it many times. Originally, my response tied in with yours. I guess I forgot to remove your quotes and I have now done so. Your quotes worked with my original post, but with my final thoughts, I went in a different direction. Thanks for being gracious.

It is very, very important that KP Yohannon come completely clean if any of this is true. If he withholds anything, a strong hold will be left in his life that the Devil will use to destroy him.

I know many are praying for this man along with those who enabled him. We should join together in prayer for a full disclosure and repentance for all concerned.

Re: , on: 2015/12/17 0:32

Thanks for the clarification Julius, we are definitely on the same page on this issue, it was a good post.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2015/12/17 0:51

Thanks Greg for your post, good to see someone with godly wisdom.

It seems GFA is going through quite a serious crisis. May we pray that those in leadership will repent.

Quote: (Greg) "The movement has seen 3 million new baptized believers in the 1040 unreached peoples areas of India. It is one of the largest church growths in the Indian 1040 window in the last 30 years. "

Consider what Paul said:

Philippians 1:18 Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.

What happens if GFA breaks apart, what is our response?

Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

It seems we are too busy to "stone them " that we don't hear that voice of the Lord anymore - "who will go now ? "

And if we don't hear His voice we are unable to answer: "Here am I . Send me "

Lord have mercy on us... may your Kingdom be established

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/17 5:33

It's now being reported that GFA just lost its other accreditation with the Independent Charities of America. May I be so bold as to suggest some stop merely praying about the GFA situation at this point? Some other actions are more warranted at this point:

K.P Yohannan needs to be fired.

Please sign this petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/the-gospel-for-asia-board-of-directors-removing-k-p-yohannan-as-the-ceo-of-gospel-for-asia>

Pray for the resolution of the board of directors to fire Yohannan and the current leadership team. Pray for the wisdom of them to find godly leaders who know how to truly run an organization such as this with real integrity .

Re: - posted by Onesetfree (), on: 2015/12/17 9:16

This is an easy fix, repentance , transparency, public confession - damage control, honesty of doctrine, restructuring and accountability. Until then, the gospel needs to go out, souls need to be saved.

This is coming from someone who knows more about what is going on than most.....blessings all.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/12/17 9:40

Reading all the posts on this subject makes me wish one could walk/drive through India and do a lot of private investigating, asking people questions. But what make one certain honest answers would be forthcoming?

Years ago "Christianity Today" mag printed an article about the difficulty the western church has in supporting missions in third world countries. As I recall many natives will look to the west for finances, feel like they are entitled to them, become dependent on them. A rep from Christian Aid Ministries (Berlin, OH) told us that in the sharing of material goods there is a real problem in the recipients developing an entitlement mindset and the challenge they have to prevent it.

Entitlement mindset: robs people of their creativity, a work ethic, a dependency on God. The lure of money is so great. We have to deal with that, too. Scripture tells us the love of it is the root of all evil.

Sad.

Re: , on: 2015/12/17 10:31

Funny you should mention Christian Aid. I had to stop giving to Bob Finley and Christian Aid when it was found out the funds were not getting to Prem Pradhan of Nepal.

I learned of Christian Aid when Prem came to America and visited some churches, he stayed at my house for 5 days. I thought it was a good idea to give to Prem through Christian Aid.

Prem's closest Christian brother for over 20 years also embezzled Prem's savings (120,000.00) for orphanages and schools while Prem was serving one of his jail sentences.

Prem admitted to me that he had not prayed about it when the brother mentioned to him that he should put everything in his name from Prem's name since Prem could likely go to prison. Prem was convinced that was a good idea. I also did not pray when I gave to Christian Aid. We have to stop living by "good ideas" or "it feels right".

No country or race of people have the market cornered when it comes to greed and covetousness.

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=33199&forum=40

Usually, big embezzlements from charities are rarely resolved correctly and biblically. "Kingdoms" have been built on the funds and people will protect their kingdoms. If they were bold enough to plunder the saints, they will be even bolder to justify themselves and protect their ministry.

Julius21 - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/12/17 11:19

RE: ///Funny you should mention Christian Aid.////

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I believe that it is of no affiliation with Christian aid Mission of Bob Finley

Re: Acts 5 5-11 , on: 2015/12/17 12:16

Acts 5 5-11

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession
2 and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.
3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back part of the price of the land?
4 While it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."
5 And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost. And great fear came on all those who heard these things.
6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, and carried him out and buried him.
7 And it was about the space of three hours later when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
8 And Peter said unto her, "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?" And she said, "Yea, for so much."
9 Then Peter said unto her, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried thy husband are at the door and shall carry thee out."
10 Then she fell down straightway at his feet and yielded up the ghost. And the young men came in and found her dead and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.
11 And great fear came upon all the church and upon as many as heard these things.

Re: Julius21 , on: 2015/12/17 13:33

Quote:

-----by proudpapa on 2015/12/17 11:19:53

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Thanks for the correction. I believe you are correct.

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/12/17 13:52

When the Godly Fall by Keith Daniel

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=8195&commentView=itemComments>

Powerful message for times like this.

Re: , on: 2015/12/17 15:23

Greg:

You wrote:

"These preachers are bringing great shame to the holy Name of God. The Lord will vindicate His Name. What a fearful time we are heading into."

so true

"Gospel For Asia" Tsunami Orphan Fraud from 2005, on: 2015/12/17 19:35

This is from 2005. There is nothing new in the news about GFA it seems

"Gospel For Asia" Tsunami Orphan Fraud from 2005

They claimed to be helping 10,000 orphans and raised millions based on their appeal letters.

KP said:

"Gospel for Asia is committed to be there for these children as long as God gives us this privilege. Already, we are responsible for some 10,000 boys and girls who have no one else to turn to. And we are taking this privilege seriously*providing water, food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and the nurturing and counseling these traumatized children require."

Sri Lanka, the April 27, 2005, Daily News (page 9):

"The most telling factor is the very small number of children who needed to be institutionalized in orphanages or homes after the disaster. According to State records, only 37 children were admitted to institutions of the 1700 who lost both parents. This is a hugely positive indication that Sri Lankan society, regardless of geographical area and ethnicity, still retain compassion and care for victims of so tragic a disaster.

http://faithmix.com/files/writings/ecfa_communication.htm

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/12/17 22:50

Julius,

I said Christian Aid Ministries (Berlin OH). This is different from the one you mentioned.

Sandra

Re: , on: 2015/12/17 23:23

Hi Ginny,

proud papa did bring that to my attention. My apologies for confusing them.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/12/18 7:28

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-----Julius21 wrote:

It is very, very important that KP Yohannon come completely clean if any of this is true. If he withholds anything, a stronghold will be left in his life that the Devil will use to destroy him.

Years ago, I was praying for someone to see the truth of a situation and I hope I can clearly explain what I saw but the Lord showed me brick wall and how the wall is held up by lies and half truths and how they are all interconnected (say, by an invisible thread).

So in order for one lie (one brick) to be revealed and be removed, five or six (or more) bricks will need to be pulled out of the wall as well. With the removal of these bricks (lies), the wall then becomes unstable and in danger of crumbling at their feet.

Even though God is in the brick removal business ;), some people are not capable of acknowledging that the one brick (holding up their wall) is a lie, let alone allowing it and the others connected to it to be removed.

We all have our walls and kingdoms that we've built unto ourselves that need to fall, KP is not alone in this.

Quote:

-----Julius21 wrote:

I know many are praying for this man along with those who enabled him. We should join together in prayer for a full disclosure and repentance for all concerned.

As with anyone needing to see the truth, pray with mercy and pray for them to have the courage to face the wall and be willing for it to crumble at their feet.... so the Lord can build it anew!!

God bless us all as we face our own walls,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2015/12/18 8:29

Good words, Lysa. Very, very true.

It does take courage to come clean especially where one has wronged a large population of the public. Public sins and deliverance are not overcome privately. They are overcome both privately and publicly.

Many times in the past in leading people in getting delivered from strongholds in their lives they still try to cover-up some things even though they are being honest about other things. The things they don't reveal are usually very embarrassing and hide even more things they need to be delivered from. That is why I said earlier that if one does not come completely clean, receiving full deliverance, strongholds will remain that the Devil will use to gain advantage and try to destroy the

person. This is why God told the Israelites to "drive out all the enemies".

Without a doubt, something of this magnitude has many things associated with it. It is not just one sin and it won't be simple. If all of this is true, he will need "encouragement" to come completely clean and let God deal with every "corner" of his heart. The first thing to "encourage" him to come clean and be honest is to take all control of money and his ministry away from him. Many don't come clean just because they were caught but still remain in power. All power, control and status must be removed.

I have seen people get caught, self justify themselves and then go on to build a bigger kingdom. Very, very few will actually renounce all control, power, position and status and enter into a time of restoration with wise and discerning brothers.

But, we are getting way ahead of things because I don't think any wrong has been admitted to. God is in control and His purposes will be fulfilled.

Re: another petition, on: 2015/12/18 10:11

I would like to start a petition as well as Jimmy has.

This request would have K.P. change his name to K.P. Yomammon.

It is much more reflective of who he really is and yet maintains some the original characteristics of his well known name.

Of course if he come clean he could have a new name that only the Lord can give him. Would do him a world of good if he really renounced this worlds goods.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/12/18 11:28

That is OK. I noticed that after I posted my response.

Sandra

Re: "Gospel For Asia" Tsunami Orphan Fraud from 2005 - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2015/12/18 11:36

Brothers and sisters,

What we are seeing is a purging in the church. The Holy Spirit is alerting the saints who and where the wolves are. It is happening in our brotherhood as well. The strategies used by KP and associates is not new, but common - we had it here in our church and it is devastating. Fraud, lying, manipulation - name it, we were misled. But you know what? If we would have trusted the red flags we were seeing early on it may not have progressed as far as it did.

Red flags mean something and too many times it violates our sensibilities so we choose to ignore them to our own hurt.

Sandra

Re: , on: 2015/12/18 13:21

If the red flags are continually squashed by those who "know better" then the problems just get bigger as with this situation. There were warnings about this years ago even here and they were either ignored or the posts just vanished. Most of them honest and sincere questions without guile were dismissed from many in "leadership" positions because we ministers have nothing to say.

Our loyalty must be to Jesus first, Jesus second and Jesus always,

But God's work will never be defeated and his eternal purposes will be accomplished irrespective of men do and do not do.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2015/12/18 14:12

I've also seen that folks tend to ignore actual red flags because they have come under the deceptive sway of charm and/or the idea that "leaders" and those in "authority" get a lot of free passes, and are subject to different sets of rules that insulate them. Dissenters are squashed and marginalized without mercy. It's cultic behavior at the end of the day. Transparency is dismissed, submission to the man of God is demanded.

"Truth is fallen in the street."

Re: Actual numbers for Bridge of Hope funding, on: 2015/12/18 14:13

"David Carroll, Gospel for Asia's COO, told World magazine that Gospel for Asia's field partner in Asia (i.e., Believers' Church) requires \$33 million to take care of 78,000 children via the Bridge of Hope program. Here's the quote:

Carroll offered statistics, including that GFA's field partners in India and elsewhere in southern Asia support some 14,000 national missionaries at a cost of approximately \$30 million a year. He added that the ministry provides for 78,000 children through GFA's "Bridge of Hope" program, which requires another \$33 million a year.

After that article came out, I compared David Carroll's statement to conflicting statements by K.P. Yohannan and Believers' Church's own budgets for Bridge of Hope centers. The costs stated by Yohannan to sources in India were about a third or less than Carroll's numbers.

As an update, I want to provide another authoritative source which contradicts Carroll's statement to World. During the week of January 4-11, 2015, Believers' Church conducted their General Assembly in India. As a means of commemorating the event, the church published a collection of letters from government officials and a report of how the various BC ministries were doing. One page dealt with the Bridge of Hope program and proclaimed that the program spent approximately Rs 70 crore on 72,000 children. See below.

In January 2015, Believers' Church said it spent Rs 70 crore (about \$11 million USD) to fund a program serving 72,000 children. This works out to nearly \$13/month/child. This is dramatically less than David Carroll told World. It is also much less than the \$35/month/child GFA tells American donors is needed for sponsorship.

The ECFA report made it clear that GFA had not honored the pledge to send 100% of donor support to the field. In India, Believers' Church owns over 100 schools and several state-of-the-art hospitals. Is that where the extra donations (\$22/month/child) have gone?"

My questions are:

Is there any real evidence to support that 72,000 children

are being helped? Even if the actual cost is 11.00 versus 35.00 per child claimed by GFA are they really helping 72,000 children?

Do they have that many facilities operating to take care of the amount of children they claimed or is just another lie on top of the lies. Is most of this just make believe?

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2015/12/18 14:14

There is an old saying about a blind squirrel who finds a nut now and then, and one about a stopped clock being right twice a day.

The ECFA has rendered its judgment on GFA and Yohannan. It speaks for itself. The reports are substantiated after investigation and audits and cooperation or the lack of it by people who do in fact interact with the principal players in the organization.

Throckmorton is a gotcha blogger whose antagonism of evangelical, fundamental Christianity is well known. I fully get why anyone who placed trust in GFA and KPY deferred to them over Throckmorton, who only published the pleas and tirades of others about KPY. In this instance Throckmorton is the blind squirrel and stopped clock who looks genius because he happened to be right for once at least in some substantial measure.

We are sinking, brothers, if we too quickly adjudge one another for our heartfelt but misplaced support of a facially genuine good ministry that is exposed as rotten. Lord knows our love for favorites may blow up on any of us as we adhere to personalities and preachers who bear good fruit only to find that the fruit is plastic. It may happen to us all and God help us not to turn on each other. It is too easy to do and we ought to quietly surpass it. It is an indictment on us if we turn on each other now in this day and hour of history.

I do not speak for anyone but me. Lord help me.

Re: , on: 2015/12/18 14:40

Yup, sometimes God allows the devil to do God's work when his people will not

Re: - posted by yuehan, on: 2015/12/18 18:12

What a sad indictment of the church community that it was someone like Warren Throckmorton - antagonistic towards God and His church - who was willing to investigate the facts and expose the Gospel For Asia scandal.

If these concerns had been earlier addressed according to biblical principles (outlined in passages such as Matt 18:15-17, 1 Tim 5:19-20), then the scandal would not have grown to such proportions.

In contrast to the "ostrich in the sand" tack, God's approach is truly redeeming and would have brought genuine correction and restoration. It stumbles no one, is fair to all, and promotes the genuine welfare of everyone involved.

Re: - posted by yuehan, on: 2015/12/18 18:49

Over the years, I've seen churches - be it big or small - perpetrating the same pattern of mistakes in handling offenses.

Rather than abiding by biblical principles and adjudicating fairly, the legitimate concerns of victims are ignored or dismissed - sometimes even blaming the victim. This is effectively pouring salt into the wound and only amplifies the abuse.

The original scandal may be dreadful, but sometimes I find the way in which churches handle the matter even more abhorrent. There can also be appalling inconsistencies in how different people are treated.

How is this different from the way in which the Catholic church has been handling her scandals? The underlying motives are similar, after all - to protect the organization and favored figures within it.

But what is required is honesty with ourselves, with others, and with God. Without acknowledgement of the truth, there can be no justice. And without acknowledging the need for justice, there can be no forgiveness nor restoration.

There is a great need for honesty and authenticity in Christian communities, and we must step up to the plate.

Re: , on: 2015/12/18 19:37

Thanks dolfan, yuehan, and others for some constructive comments.

Maybe we should now take a break from commenting about GFA and look at the situation in our own countries. Here you can see what is happening in Canada, but this trend is probably common throughout the western world.
<http://www.prisonplanet.com/video-canadian-children-sing-muhammad-worship-song-to-welcome-refugees.html>

How is this possible?

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15How will they preach unless they are sent? " (Romans 10:14,15)

"Mission" for us westerners means mainly giving some of our spare money to an organisation somewhere and let THEM share the Gospel.

We know what crisis GFA is going through, but we have yet to wake up and learn what is coming to our own countries!

Romans 12:1 "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."â€

Re: serious criminal offences, on: 2015/12/18 19:39

David Smith wrote:

"How I wish one little apology could fix the large-scale donor fraud and abuse of staff that GFA continues to commit! Even here David Carroll lied about a number of things, just as he stood by KP while KP lied to GFA staff saying he isn't on any boards or trusts in India (listen to KP adamantly declare it here, and see the documents that prove him a liar: <http://bit.ly/1Y07wLR>).

Public and Believers Church records show that KP controls virtually all of the entities there (<http://bit.ly/1IYdsZn>), which means KP lied to the staff, and David Carroll continues to perpetrate that lie here by saying that he and KP had no knowledge or control of the quarter-billion dollars in cash reserves that had been amassed in KP's own organizations.

Indian FC-6 forms only show 6M a year going to Bridge of Hope, not the 30M+ that Carroll claims and that GFA probably raises.

GFA is fraught with problems that reek of criminal activity, including illegally smuggling large amounts of cash in 18-year-olds' backpacks.

At the very least, an organization with that much cash in the bank that spends so much on schools and hospitals in wealthy Kerala, doesn't need your money and isn't effectively reaching the "most unreached." Donors be discerning and do your homework on GFA

But from public records it appears that around 80% of the money raised in the US for Bridge of Hope, Wells and other field designations is either missing, sitting in cash accounts, or was spent on very different things such as for-profit hospitals and universities serving the wealthy.

\$20 million was also given by the "field" to the US HQ, in violation of their 100% to the field promise.

Either way it's fraud to claim that 100% of your \$35 a month goes to support your child if it's only \$8 a month or something like that,

Where \$128 million of donated money that never even reached India is? See <http://bit.ly/1IJz1C9>. I think donors would also like to know why you think an unpredictable political climate justified donor fraud (not spending most donated money on what it was given for) and illegal cash smuggling of around a half million dollars "

What these individuals have perpetrated are serious criminal offences (in the name of the Lord) and should be charged and brought before the courts in the appropriate jurisdiction.

This is far, far worse than what Jim Baker and the PTL people did that sent them to jail.

Re: , on: 2015/12/19 14:49

Rev, you stated:

"What these individuals have perpetrated are serious criminal offences (in the name of the Lord) and should be charged and brought before the courts in the appropriate jurisdiction.

This is far, far worse than what Jim Baker and the PTL people did that sent them to jail."

I could not have said it better myself.

this ALL is abysmal!, on: 2015/12/19 15:21

quote:

""What these individuals have perpetrated are serious criminal offences (in the name of the Lord) and should be charged and brought before the courts in the appropriate jurisdiction.

This is far, far worse than what Jim Baker and the PTL people did that sent them to jail."

WORSE!! see the thing is this, this man, KP whatever, has the money IN INDIA...where it's "safe", meaning bribes to Indian govt officials?...he's untouchable, and at his Indian haunt he can put on the mask of Most Reverend Highly Esteemed Bishop KP, so HIS acolytes can kiss his ring (oh I saw the video).....but then he comes to the states, and puts on another

er mask of the meek barefooted "Christian" Gandhi. (he must leave the kissing ring back home).....and he plays THAT R
OLE here, and the pale faces just throw into the kick put good.

a 19 million dollar "church"?

do bad you cant buy simtex over the counter.....

and to put the cherry on the cake of this post, the link the Rev put up, a Hindu wrote a comment, i'll paste it here.....THIS
is the real tragedy, the WITNESS of this sordid sickening spectacle:

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Bajaj 2 months ago

I am a Hindu from India. Sorry if this post of mine offends you but this whole usage of persecution line by missionaries is
not only insulting to the American donors who seems to be unhappy about it, it is insulting to us Hindus also.

Many Indians know how rich and influential K P Yohannan is(Anyone who claims to have got a rubber estate for a bargai
n means something is shady. Either he has political muscle or he is genuinely duped.) In fact, a lot of pastors are very ri
ch (This is beside the point.)

What bothers me is how freely the missionaries are using the persecution line. Seriously? Theologically we do not have
anything to dislike you. We do not have a concept of unbeliever/kafir who goes to hell whom we try to save/hate. If you
want to worship whatever/whoever want to worship, we respect you. This persecution line is as true as some of the thing
s you missionaries want us "heathens" to believe. I think either sponsoring Americans are naive or they really want to bel
ieve the dictum that Christianity builds on persecution. Or do you always need some imaginary savage you want to use(I
ndian or Native American)? Some Hindus get angry because Christian missionaries call us devil worshipers in our face.
They proselytize in our temples, distribute Christian propaganda material in our temples.

I want to comment on some points on some posts on GFA on this blog or comments in these posts.

1) I see some comments saying whether KPY used robes to conform to some government rules. There are no such rule
s. It's pure nonsense. In fact, there are special protections for minorities(which give special rights to Christians. See next
point.) They can do whatever they want.

2 a) Christians and Muslims have extra rights under Article 29/30 of Indian constitution which Hindus don't enjoy. They h
ave a right to preserve their culture. Hindu temples can be taken over by Government where they usurp temple funds/pr
operties. Indian/State Governments cannot take control of churches/mosques(Imagine US Govt taking over churches bu
t leaving mosques out of its purview. I used mosques as example because I see many American politician comments ab
out Muslims/Sharia.) In fact, various denomination churches are very rich(Catholic, Mar Thoma, Church of South India et
c.,)

Indian govt interferes in private schools run by Hindus to implement some govt programs. But if you are a Christian or M
uslim, you are exempted from it. Such religion-based exemption - you don't get in your own country. So Christians can fr
eely indoctrinate kids but Hindus are restricted by law. Even govt-funded Christian schools are exempt from this!!!! Hind
u schools have to follow this law even if it doesn't get govt aid!!! See our Supreme Court judgement

<http://indiankanoon.org/doc/32...>

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/...>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes...>

2 b) I read KPY established a medical college/hospital. The point made in 2a applies here also. It is much more easier fo
r a Christian to establish a hospital/college than a Hindu and much easier to run as the regulations are fewer compared t
o Hindus. So where is the persecution or govt watching funds?

3) I saw a comment that you guys had some success in Nagaland. Yes, it is so successful that they want to secede from India with the slogan "Nagaland for Christ". Google for "Nagaland for Christ" terrorist activities. Nagaland Christians want to ban native festivals. Is this what you want in the rest of India also? Will you accept a similar scenario in US?

Here are some more Christian terrorists in the same region banning Hindu festivals, converting Hindus by force in the states they are in majority.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/sou...>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/sou...>

I want to write more but the comment has already become too long. Please leave us alone. For centuries, we faced onslaught from both Christians and Muslims. Please don't be part of this imperial "adventure". Please don't try to erase our traditions/culture with your mighty dollars. Indians gave refuge to Syrian Christians, Zoroastrians, Jews when they were fleeing from violence. We do not have anything to dislike you theologically or culturally. For heaven's sake, a Catholic woman ruled India for ten years (the prime minister was a dummy) and leads the opposition party now. According to surveys like Pew, many Americans are leaving Christianity in droves. Please find out why and try to convince them if you can convince them about your truth claims. It's not my place to tell what you do in your own country. Please think if the truth you claim is so powerful, why are so many Americans not seeing it."

Re: Oppulent Medical College, on: 2015/12/20 11:34

Here is the link to the oppulent Medical College that K.P. is building through the Belivers Church he controls and runs and rules over as the Grand Poobah.

Most of the funding is misdirected and funnelled through Believers Church by diverting donations of good willed North American donors to Gospel for Asia.

(Under a false pretence of helping orphans and widows)

For example instead of feeding 74,000 children with 33,000,000 they raise for

Bridges of Hope they actually feed, far, far less with perhaps 1,000,000 to 2,000,000. actually used for Children. The actual numbers could be next to nothing except to run a few shell centres for children to show donors the "great works" they are doing.

That leaves about 25,000,000 to 32,000,000 to divert to his for profit business he runs. (Like this for profit college)

And this is just one of the scams that his eminence is perpetrating on good willed donors.

<http://www.bcmedicalcollege.org>

Re: , on: 2015/12/20 15:56

David Carroll, the chief underling to the great K.P. Y has stated on his own website that 9,000 missionaries are being trained, not the 14,000 that the GFA web page states.

Now there is no real evidence that they even train 9,000 missionaries never mind 14,000 they contradict themselves with

This number in reality could be even far less.

For all anyone really knows they could be "training" a handful of people and none would be the wiser.

They claim that \$30 million per year spent on missionaries training and yet

the actual reported amount is \$5.5 million per year as per the latest FC-6 report, (A legal document)

GFA has averaged reporting a consistent \$5 million/yr for the past 7 years for

this purpose while at the same time receiving 30 million income per year for these "endeavours".

So where is the balance of the 30 million dollars per year?

It can't be too expensive training an army of invisible missionaries.

Re: , on: 2015/12/20 18:10

Not dark yet wrote:

"This is from a Calvary Chapel web page from today

The pastor is speaking and repenting for supporting G.F.A

<http://www.calvaryamarillo.org/gospel-for-asia.html>"

This is something we should watch

Pastor is heart broken and genuine as he shares with his members regarding his 17 years support and betrayal by gospel for asia

Pattern of behaviour that GFA leadership has been engaged in for years, on: 2015/12/21 11:18

This article below fits the pattern of behaviour that GFA leadership has been engaged in for years. It is deceitful, ungodly and certainly a reproach to the living God.

" A good personality and a shrewd knowledge of human nature is all that any man needs to be a success in religious circles today. A W Tozer.

My Personal Experience With Gospel For Asia

After reading the well known book Revolution in world missions by K P Yohannan and praying for guidance after being given information from the Australian branch of Gospel for Asia, sponsoring a Native Missionary was established.

Certain guidelines were in place which at the time seemed reasonable such as not having any contact at all with the sponsored missionary based on the reasoning that the time and effort required to translated letters into local dialects was time consuming and expensive. This turned out to be a red herring as English according to GFA sources is the lingua franca in the GFA schools and colleges.

The payment for missionary support was made by mail and sponsors are from then on the recipients of literature for all sorts of other needs for children or wells and the like including purchase and distribution of live animals, which in my case was unnecessary pressure being on a pension, nevertheless all was well until I received a magazine outlining the workings of missionaries in the field in various parts of Asia.

At first it was very uplifting to see these locals spreading the Gospel with virtually only the shirt on their back and walking great distances in the heat and dust, and the letters column would bring a lump to the throat at times.

As the quarterly Magazines called (Send) keep coming in with updates and stories a small disclaimer was noticed which reads, many of the names and places in the stories have been changed for security reasons.

In addition to the names and places not being the actual circumstances and having acquired back issues of the magazine it became obvious that certain people were continually being seen as different identities in several stories, after contacting GFA about the problem it was disclosed that the photos depicting people in the stories was from library sources and again was for security reasons.

This simply did not make sense. The book Revolutions in world missions by way of a caption to a photo states, "œif you are given the privilege to be a martyr for the Lords sake they are told, remember that heaven is a much better place. He has promised never to leave or forsake you"

These fake situations about names, places, and photos cast serious doubt on the veracity of the stories themselves.

The doubt was verified when stories from the field involved testing God.

It was noticed that a pattern had developed in witnessing, approaching people who were either ill personally or had a sick child or relative, this involved a situation where the missionaries were told that if this Jesus they talk about would heal the sick individual involved, then, they would be prepared for converting, the usual pattern was for the missionaries to go away and pray and then return to the village where great joy was found by way of a healing being witnessed and Jesus name being praised, these case histories became more disturbing when the same approach was made in a village where

When a cow had died, the owner would look to hearing more about their Jesus if the cow could be revived, after prayer it was and another convert was made.

This was the last straw for me and I wrote to GFA Australia showing my deep concern for the way the missionaries were prepared to test God in an effort to make converts,

I was initially told that I had missed the point, the healing or resuscitation of an animal had occurred, undeterred I contacted HQ in Texas and was told that the Gospel must be adjusted to suit certain local circumstances, "Another Gospel"

It became necessary to sever my relationship with GFA at that time."

God is not mocked.

Re: What is a trustee?, on: 2015/12/21 15:28

What is a trustee?

"Trustees have the overall legal responsibility for a charity. The law describes charity trustees as "the persons having the general control and management of the administration of a charity" (Charities Act 1993, section 97).

It is very important that a charity can identify its trustees. This is not always as straightforward as it sounds. The trustees are the individuals who take decisions at the governing body of the charity, regardless of their actual title.

Sometimes the charity's trustees are given other titles, such as governors, councillors, management committee members or directors. The title used is usually in the charity's governing document"

From a May 14, 2015 Gospel for Asia staff meeting we have K.P. Yohannan lying to his disciples and telling them that he doesn't have control or sit on any boards of GFA related organizations in other countries.

Transcript:

"And by the way, just so you know, I am not legally on any boards, any trusts, anything in any of these countries. I have no powers to make decisions or sign money, or release money, or make decisions, I am completely legally why? Because anybody who work in the United States or overseas countries have a board membership or have legal membership should not be part of their legal entities in India. It's a conflict of interest and therefore we send the funds and it is immediately under the government watch care and the government of India is responsible and investigative agencies and tax divisions to make sure that is carried out within the time frame or whatever they do, that is a public thing

And the truth is:

K.P Yohannan is the managing trustee of these institutions according to official Indian court documents:

A.M.Varghese vs State Of Kerala

ASIA, MANJADI THIRUVALLA, REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING TRUSTEE SRI. K.P. YOHANNAN. R3 BY ADV. SRI.CHERIAN GEE VARGHESE

Kerala High Court - Cites 1 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

Believers Church India vs State Of Kerala on 23 April, 2008

MOST.REV.DR.K.P.YOHANNAN, METROPOLITAN BISHOP PRESIDENT AND MANAGING TRUSTEE THROUGH HIS POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER JACOB POTHEEN ... that have been initiated against Dr.K.P.Yohannan, who is the trustee of the trust which is in possession

Kerala High Court - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

Gospel For Asia vs Sajan Peter on 6 January, 2012

MOST REV.DR.K.P.YOHANNAN METROPOLITAN BISHOP, BELIEVERS CHURCH PRESENTED AND MANAGING TRUSTEE THROUGH HIS POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER

Kerala High Court - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

Rev.Dr.K.P.Yohannan vs Niveditha.P.Hariharan on 6 January, 2012

YOHANNAN, AGED 60 YEARS, S/O. LATE CHACKO PUNNOOSE, MANAGING TRUSTEE & PRESIDENT, GOSPEL FOR ASIA, MANJADI, BISHOP

Kerala High Court - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

The Principal vs Lohitha Alphy James on 21 October, 2011
Trust) Carmel Engg. College, Perunadu, Rep by Managing Trustee, Dr. KP Yohannan, Rep by Power of Attorney Holder, Jacob Pothen
State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

Most.Rev.Dr.K.P.Yohannan vs State Of Kerala
MOST.REV.DR.K.P.YOHANNAN, METROPOLITAN BISHOP, BELIEVES CHURCH & PRESIDENT AND MANAGING TRUSTEES OF GOSPEL FOR ASIA
Kerala High Court - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

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PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT, REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT, METROPOLITAN BISHOP DR. K.P. YOHANNAN, AGED 64, S/O. LATE
Kerala High Court - Cites 1 - Cited by 0 - Full Document
The Joint Director Of vs Lohitha Alphy James on 16 August, 2011
Believer's Church Trust) Represented by its Managing Trustee, Dr. K.P. Yohannan Carmel Engineering College Perunadu. JUDGMENT SHRI
State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

Rev. Dr. K.P. Yohannan vs Union Of India on 23 November, 1987
MOST REV. DR.K.P.YOHANNAN, METROPOLITAN BISHOP, PRESIDENT AND MANAGING TRUSTEE THROUGH HIS POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER SHRI JACOB ... land and other properties of Sri.K.P.Yohannan and two trusts viz., Believers' Church India and Gospel for Asia
Kerala High Court - Cites 0 - Cited by 0 - Full Document
Dalit Christians Educational And ... vs The Vice Chancellor on 28 August, 2012

Chairman / Managing Trustee, Dr.Noble Memorial Christian College of Arts and Science, Yesuraj Campus, Dr.Yohannan Nagar, Padmanabhapuram, Thuckalay, Kanyakumari
Madras High Court - Cites 11 - Cited by 0 - Full Document

Re: Isaiah 32:6 and 1 Peter 2:3, on: 2015/12/21 21:21

Isaiah 32:6

For a fool speaks nonsense, And his heart inclines toward wickedness: To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD,
****To keep the hungry person unsatisfied And to withhold drink from the thirsty.*****

2 Peter 2:3

And in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/22 6:37

Saints,

we have allowed this discussion to go on and allowed saints here to express their opinions of what has occurred with GFA. Some of the comments have been very critical calling KP Yohannan names etc, we feel this is not right nor suitable even if someone has committed a sin. In 1 Corinthians 5 there is correction for a very serious sin in the Church and Paul the Apostle speaks also of restoration of the believer in 2 Corinthians. If we call a brother names and desire someone to be judged strictly in this life where is the grace of Christ in this?

We do not want the forums here to be a copy of other blogs that are trying to find as much problems as possible or rather raise questions not answers. So for that reason we are asking believers do not continue to re-post other articles from blogs here. We feel this thread has been sufficient to alert some saints to consider if they should continue to support GFA

and for everyone to realize we need to commit time to pray for KP Yohannan and Gospel for Asia.

So we ask saints do not start new threads or post to other older threads of the same topics.

This thread is now locked.