Institutional Churches Are Finished

With the exception of a very few faithful assemblies

Introduction

Regular readers will know that I have long held that most institutional churches were apostate and have been for decades. Arthur Pink thought that evangelical churches were already apostate by the 1940s.

Today, we are seeing the planned ruination and destruction of any vestige of Biblical testimony as these churches have given themselves over to satanic deception and abandoned God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

What do I mean by institutional churches?

I mean anything other than a true Biblical expression of a gathering of Christians. By Biblical definition a local church meets in a home, has a small congregation, is led by equal elders with no dominant leader, teaches Biblical doctrines, operates on the basis of mutual edification and celebrates the Lord's Supper every Sunday. A true local church is not an institution; it is a living body.

Thus it is the opposite of modern churches that have authoritarian, hierarchical power structures, have a dominant senior leader, have a clergy/laity split, meets in some form of dedicated building, requires a constant money stream to operate and thus never gives to the poor and needy, operates a fossilised, formal liturgy, requires a music band of some form to dominate the liturgy, and resembles the world in many of its characteristics.

The prime traditional institutional churches in the UK are the Anglican Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church. The doctrinal and practical expressions of these have been utterly apostate for a very long time. Some more minor expressions were the Methodist Church (now approaching extinction) and the United Reformed churches. Both of these were given over to Liberalism many years ago (with a very few exceptions).

The various independent evangelical churches and Grace Baptists that were once bastions of truth have long been compromised and really operate like smaller institutional forms.

The Charismatic Movement killed off the 1970s promising House Church Movement that emerged out of revival by capturing it and squashing its freshness. It was originally established to counter the formal characteristics of institutional churches but gradually became more institutional and authoritarian than the old denominations. Then it captured most of the other evangelical churches. New streams of Charismaticism¹ later emerged taking evangelical churches into ever-darker depths.

¹ E.g. the Signs and Wonders Mvt., Word Faith, the Emerging Church, the New Apostolic Reformation, New Calvinism, Jewish Roots etc.

Thus, apart from some small independent works and some faithful remains of Strict Baptists, Particular Baptists and Reformed churches, there is no testimony left.

What were the historical means of corruption?

I have explained these many times but we can list some as follows:

- **Arminianism**: to ruin the Gospel. This accelerated especially after the DL Moody campaigns.
- Liberalism: to ruin trust in the Bible as God's authoritative word and faith in supernaturalism.
- **Deism**: to ruin trust in God's sovereignty and providence.
- **Dispensationalism**: to ruin a proper understanding of the church as the body of Christ, the focus of God's decree in the elect, and Christ as the centre of religion. It heavily focuses on Israel. Beginning around 1830, it prospered after the publication of the Scofield Bible.
- **Evolutionary theory**: to ruin Creationism. But the principles of evolution damage many aspects of the faith including: ethics, apologetics and Biblical interpretation. For example, it posited that writing appeared late and, therefore, Moses did not write the Pentateuch.
- **Religious toleration**: abolishing boundaries so that rogue movements could be embraced. Note the absorption of Pentecostalism (once outlawed) via the Charismatic Movement, the absorption of liberalism via the ecumenical movement, the absorption of Eastern mysticism via John Wimber and Agnes Sanford or the absorption of Buddhism² and Mesmerism via Word of Faith ideas.
- **Formalism**: losing trust in the Holy Spirit, fellowship and mutual edification.
- **Feminism**: challenging Biblical principles of leadership and ministry.

After the entrance of the Charismatic Movement, the pollution expanded to include:

- Pagan syncretism.
- Occultism in various forms.
- Mysticism.
- Modern Gnosticism.
- Idolatry: by adopting aspects of false religions.
- Selfishness (such as a focus on self-esteem).
- A focus upon money.
- Hierarchical authoritarianism (a demonic and worldly methodology).
- Gullibility.
- Christian Zionism in various forms.

See my previous papers for an expansion of these matters.³

The current situation

Many good Bible commentators thought that things could not get any worse than they were by the end of 2019. I never held that view because I read Revelation regularly and this warns us what is going to happen.

² Notably Soka Gakkai Japanese Nichiren Buddhism promoted by Paul Yonggi Cho.

³ Such as, Charismatic Catastrophe, Occult inroads into the Charismatic Movement, the Veil of Moses etc.

After the start of the elite-planned Covid crisis it was clear that one goal was the destruction of the Christian church. From the beginning I warned that this was coming; no one listened.

In the past many of the destructive elements that plagued the church were not accidents or happenstance; they were planned, funded and resourced by the cabal that seeks to bring in a global fascist state and destroy Christianity. This particularly includes Jewish bankers and corporatists whose Talmudic doctrines demand that they attack Christ and his disciples to death.

Thus we can see and document the Jewish banking funding of John Darby's American tours to spread Dispensationalism or the choosing of the charlatan CI Scofield and the funding of his heretical Scofield Bible. But this funding continued through the last 100 years, such as in funding rogue Charismatic churches and individuals. What was claimed to be divine providence and miraculous resourcing was often global elite banking money.

The domination of the cabal's involvement in society came to a head in the capture of 1st World governments in what was falsely called a pandemic. Already corrupt and criminal organisations led by globalists, and mostly Jewish globalists,⁴ were used to get most nations on Earth to follow a pre-planned strategy developed by elite cabal members such as the Rockefellers, the Rothschilds (who patented the PCR test), Bill Gates, Klaus Scwab, Tony Fauci, Peter Daszak and others. The evil organisations include the WHO (led by a former terrorist), the WEF, the CDC and the FDA along with globalist Big Pharma companies such as Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson and Johnson. These planned to achieve their satanic goals and at the same time make trillions of dollars.

The multi-faceted strategy included:

- Depopulation.
- Universal surveillance.
- Universal data capture.
- Biomarkers.
- Technocracy.
- Government by deception (using fear as a prime method of delivery).

But along with these practical goals, the destruction of Christianity was a prime objective

Since the plans of the cabal are satanic (this is obvious by just evaluating the repercussions), it should not be a surprise that one objective was to kill churches and stop Christians from meeting. They achieved this goal.

What happened to the churches?

They submitted to fear

Do not fear. Matt 10:31

Do not fear, little flock. Lk 12:32

You did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear. Rm 8:15

⁴ For example: CDC director Rochelle Walensky; Pfizer owner Larry Fink, executives Scott Gotley, Dan Lipman, Susan Helman (ex Gates' Foundation); Moderna's CEO (and 9% owner) Stephane Bancel, executive Tal Zaks; Johnson and Johnson's CEO Alex Gorsky. These are part of a worldwide Jewish cartel that dominates governments.

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Tim 1:7

Fear of man is a denial of the fear of God.

If you fear what men can do to you then you are not following God and not obeying his will.

The government used military behavioural psychology and neurolinguistic programming to make the population so scared that they would do everything they were told. It was a psychological weapon using satanic principles. Only a madman or a sociopath would scare people he was responsible for half to death (in fact, many killed themselves) in order to get them to follow orders. Worse than that, these orders were stupid and pointless and made the social situation far worse. This was why people needed to be terrified; under normal circumstances they would refuse to obey stupid and illegal directives.

Fear has often been used by totalitarian regimes to coerce obedience. The most obvious example of this is Nazi Germany, but it has been used throughout history.⁵

Christians should never have submitted to this scaremongering like everyone else. They should have seen through this and continued life as normal. Church leaders completely failed.

But where was the discernment? Church leaders are supposed to understand the will of God and be exemplars of discernment. That is the job description. How could they utterly fail and force congregations into being as fearful as they were? Could it be that they are not qualified to be leaders at all and have no discernment?

But worse than that, the government is merely a puppet for a satanic strategy led by pawns of Satan on Earth. The use of unbounded fear to coerce submission and social compliance was evidence of that satanic scheme. But instead of exposing and combating this demonic policy, nearly all church leaders supported it and enforced it. Church leaders actively partook in furthering Satan's control on the nation. This is unprecedented in church history.

They succumbed to deception

The thoughts of the righteous *are* right, *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceitful. Prov 12:5

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counsellors of peace have joy. Prov 12:20

The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way, but the folly of fools *is* deceit. Prov 14:8

We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, Eph 4:14

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit. Col 2:8

⁵ Note: WWI propaganda, the Yellow Peril, the Red Terror, nuclear holocaust fears, fear of serial killers, the Iraq War propaganda, the war on terror propaganda, the fear of ISIS etc.

This was a catastrophic failure.

Church leaders are supposed to be the very people that can identify deception and then protect the flock. The basic tasks for pastors are to defend the sheep from wolves and to feed them good pasture. If a pastor cannot even identify a wolf when it comes among the sheep, he should quit and repent; he has no qualifications for leadership.

The deceptions channelled by the UK government from March 2020 were very obvious. It only needed a bit of research and one could find out what the truth was. Church leaders even failed to do this. I have explained multiple times that the government has repeatedly lied over and over again throughout the claimed 'pandemic'. Lies are but one aspect of a greater deception.

The lies included very basic things that went against centuries of applied science. They include:

- We are in a pandemic. Truth: we never were. Covid has a 99.9% survival rate and is only dangerous to people over 80 and those with serious co-morbidities. It is 26th in line of the most dangerous diseases that we do not shut down society for.
- Lockdowns are necessary to fight this virus. Truth: this only makes an epidemic worse. You cannot stop a respiratory epidemic; it must run its course until herd immunity is achieved and it becomes endemic, like Flu. Lockdowns (quarantine of the healthy) are unknown in history and cause much greater damage than Covid. The effects are even now only beginning to be understood, but the death toll will be in the millions (in fact over a million have already be killed in the Third World, such as by starvation caused by lockdowns). More children died from suicide than from Covid in the lockdowns.
- PCR tests work. Truth: no they do not. The amplification rate (cycle rate) ensues that any viral fragment, even dead fragments as well as cells in the body, get miss-identified as Covid. The designer of the test specifically stated that it must not be used for medical diagnosis. This is now so obvious that the CDC/FDA have just announced that the emergency licence will be revoked on 31 December and the test scrapped.
- Lateral flow tests work. Truth: no they do not. The CDC, some time ago, categorically stated that they were not fit for purpose and affirmed that they should be banned by authorities. They continue in Britain.
- Social distancing is effective in stopping transmission. Truth: this is just laughable. Covid is caught by airborne transmission. Airborne viral particles can travel miles. In one study it was shown that a virus infection resulted from a source 20 miles away. The idea that being 3, 4, 5 or 6 feet away from someone will protect you is ludicrous. Also, infection can be difficult to achieve if one's immune system is good. There are many cases of people who became infected but their spouse sleeping in the same bed did not.
- Asymptomatic transmission, Truth: this was the lie that enabled all the social restrictions but there is no asymptomatic transmission, or at least, very little. There is especially very little transmission in the open air or in well-ventilated spaces.

We could go on. The whole narrative underlying the Covid crisis is a mesh of lies.

Now this is not surprising as the elite agenda was a satanic strategy. Of course it is full of lies because the Devil works by deception. That is his prime weapon. The Devil is a liar and the father of lies (Jn 8:44).

Now all this deception was easy to uncover; it was not difficult. Furthermore, true believers are given the Holy Spirit who will assist them in proving all things and finding the truth - if they trust him and listen to him. This can only mean that all those church leaders who

willingly complied with illegal measures were not only unable to see the deception, they are devoid of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus and the apostles warned us that deception would be rife in the end times and that we must prepare for it. We are in those times and very few leaders were ready.

Many will come ... and will deceive many. Matt 24:5

Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. Matt 24:11

He said: 'Take heed that you not be deceived'. Lk 21:8

For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. Rm 10:18

Do not be deceived. 1 Cor 15:33

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Eph 5:6

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition. 2 Thess 2:3

Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Tim 3:13

Little children, let no one deceive you. 1 Jn 3:7

Merchants were the great men of the earth, for by ... sorcery all the nations were deceived. Rev 18:23 ['Sorcery' is *pharmakeia* – hence our 'pharmacy', 'pharmaceuticals'. 'Merchants' involves international travel and is not a petty tradesman; i.e. globalist corporations. 'Great men' = nobles, courtiers, globalist chiefs. At the end the nations are deceived by corporations using pharmaceuticals.]

They did not question the policy

Why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? Lk 12:57

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rm 12:2

He who is spiritual judges all things. 1 Cor 2:15

Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thess 5:21

Right from the beginning institutional church leaders should have lobbied the government and refused to obey. The big institutions have quite a bit of clout when it comes to government policy. If all the leaders of the big churches had demanded a change, or at least an exemption for public worship, things may have been different. Almost no one did this. In fact, nearly all the churches were silent for most of 2020 and it was only latterly than any rebellious UK clerical voices began to be heard in various blogs and YouTube podcasts, but these were junior voices in the big church institutions with little clout. Worse, some of these vicars were investigated by higher church authorities for contesting the government position.

There was a complete failure to question the government line.

Eventually a group of 27 Scottish clerics brought a case against the Scotland government claiming that church closures were illegal under the Constitution and the European Human Rights laws. On 24 Mar 2021 the Court of Session accepted this argument and condemned the Scottish government for illegal closures.⁶ If all churches did this the whole lockdown situation could have been different.

They did not teach the flock the truth

A bishop ['overseer', church leader] then must be blameless ... able to teach. 1 Tim 3:2

A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach. 2 Tim 2:24

The prime task of leaders is to teach truth. This is not just the truth that applies to Biblical doctrine, but truth that applies to everything in life. Church leaders utterly failed to do this.

Church leaders should have sought to understand what was going on and investigate the truth of the matter. If I can do this alone, then they have no excuse with their resources.

Day by day leaders should have been calming church members by explaining that they were being told lies and then explaining the truth of the matter. They should have explained that submitting to illogical demands, such as facemasks, was complying with satanically-inspired social control. They should have told members to visit aged relatives and not ignore them. They should have visited the sick and dying. They should have visited the lonely. They should have established food supplies for the local vulnerable.

They should have taught members what happened in previous plagues – that Christians never feared and went to help the sick and dying. They should have taught the example of Jesus who fed the hungry, helped the poor, healed the sick and ignored bad regulations.⁷ They should have taught that obeying the law of God supersedes the laws of men.

The government policies did actual harm to the population. These policies have been damaging congregations for 16 months; people that leaders are responsible for. How many church members have suffered harm from cancelled hospital treatments? How many young people have committed suicide, suffered mental damage, fallen into an eating disorder, developed anxiety, depression and neuroses or begun to self-harm? Good pastoring could have avoided these things, or at least tried. Instead they sided with the government and made the situation worse.

⁶ Judiciary of Scotland, Judgment Summaries, Success of churches in Court of Session action, 24 Mar 2021.

⁷ For example: he ate cornhusks on the Sabbath (gleaning was forbidden). He met with the woman at the well, which broke social conventions. He intervened to stop an adulterous woman being lawfully stoned. He ate with tax-collectors and sinners. He blessed a Roman centurion. He did not follow the Pharisaical handwashing regime. He whipped and drove out money-lenders from the temple.

Behind the government policies is a satanic deception. The whole thing at root is a satanic plan to develop world government. Are not church leaders supposed to be at the front line of combating demonic devices? Should not the church be exposing the satanic nature of breaking Common Law to destroy long-held freedoms fought for by Christians centuries ago? While pastors were preaching about fighting the spiritual warfare in zoom preaching sessions, they were aiding and abetting the enemy in conducting a world-wide crusade against God. Their preaching is worthless and without substance.

Worse still are the famous church leaders (whom we now know are wolves) who rallied the churches in support of fascist government demands. Some really trusted and famous men turned against God and underlined government diktats. I had warned about some of these people years ago and was criticised, but they have proved to be liars and obeyers of demonic strategies.

They shut churches down

Receive one another. Rm 15:7

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. Heb 10:25

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. 1 Jn 1:7

This is unbelievable to me; absolutely shocking.

For the first time in history, church leaders did the work of the persecutors and closed down public worship. This was contrary to Common Law and the British Constitution which safeguards freedom of worship and the right to assemble.

The fact that they did this so easily and swiftly, with no complaint or questioning, proves that they are all unworthy to lead God's people.

My sister, who lives alone and has no computer, has not been able to attend a church meeting at her Reformed independent church for 16 months. Even after the rules have been relaxed and meetings are now permissible, her church is too scared to stop the limited access, social distancing, facemasks and the rest. In that period, no one leader has bothered to visit her – despite her having serious medical conditions and no support. That is no church.

This is despicable.

Throughout church history local churches have always continued to meet even in the most dire of circumstances. In the face of direct violent persecution they continued meeting in secret; whether it was hiding in Roman catacombs or celebrating the Lord's Supper in a Scottish highland forest, they did not stop. The government made meeting illegal on pain of death, and they still did not cease. Children were killed because they went to a secret church meeting; but they still had the courage to meet.

Woe betides modern Christians that had far less courage than 17th century children and refused to gather because a Conservative government said don't meet or you will get questioned by the cops.

Even in genuine pandemics (Covid is not a pandemic) Christians did not stop their normal duties. In fact, they added to their duties by visiting and caring for the sick despite the risk of death from bubonic plague.

Christ moved towards the sick. Following Christ, Christians throughout history also moved towards the sick and did not flee from them. In fact, even their enemies noticed with respect their selfless compassion, such as in the Antonine Plague. What happened to modern Christians that they reversed this characteristic?⁸ Today so-called 'Christians' are just as terrified as the world and are trying to avoid the sick (with useless measures such as social distancing).⁹

British evangelical churches are a disgrace. They are shamed by certain Roman Catholic churches in places like Canada where pastors refused to close down and went to prison. I know of one local Anglican church that ignored the rules and continued as normal. No police ever came round. What happened to evangelicals? They dishonour the Lord their God.

They still haven't opened properly

Do not love the world. 1 Jn 2:15

Do not be conformed to this world. Rm 12:2

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 1 Cor 2:12

Do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. Gal 1:10

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Col 3:2

After 19 July 2021 it became legal to hold meetings and gather in numbers again. Nightclubs immediately filled up with revellers. The first outdoor music festival opened with large crowds.

Yet many churches failed to restore normality. They are so entrenched in a world of deception that they have ignored their divine commitments. If they didn't watch the television or read the newspapers they may have had more discernment; but they are immersed in the world. What informs them is not God's word illuminated by the Holy Spirit, but the spirit of the world.

Fears about a disease that has a 99.9% survival rate, that is the 26th deadliest illness threatening us, has made church leaders continue many of the Covid restrictions. Limited seat numbers mean that many folk cannot attend church. Social distancing, masks and no singing in some places means that the meeting is a mockery of Christian fellowship – even though the law does not demand this. Some churches just haven't opened up yet.

This is a despicable abjuration of testimony.

 $^{^{8}}$ In fact I know the answer. It is decades of false teaching, false practices, selfishness, materialism, affluence and many other things.

⁹ An airborne virus (like Covid) can travel 10 miles through the air and infect someone. A single person breathing out the virus can infect the whole environment in minutes.

These churches are finished - it is the end of the old and time for the new

Remember your ways and be ashamed. Ezek 16:61

You have stumbled because of your iniquity; take words with you, and return to the LORD. Say to Him, 'Take away all iniquity; receive *us* graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips'. Hosea 14:1-2

You have become estranged from Christ, ... you have fallen from grace. Gal 5:4

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place -- unless you repent. Rev 2:5

I have long held that these institutional churches are apostate. I don't care if they are teaching sound doctrine. If they fail in multiple other areas then they are not operating as true churches. It is no good preaching Reformed dogmatics while at the same time ignoring the Lord's Supper weekly, or mutual edification, or plural <u>equal</u> elders, or meeting in a home, or ignoring helping the poor, and so on.

I knew the time would come when the Lord would wipe away all this nonsense that pretends to be a Biblical church. I said so many times and was castigated for it. Now that time has come. The institutional churches are finished. They are not fit for purpose. They have no lampstand. They wither on the vine (are they even on the vine?).

The time has come for a true Biblical church that meets in secret in homes; an underground church based upon fellowship and love; a church that operates like a family. A church that cares about people and does good.

Only secret home churches are going to survive that which is coming, which is violent persecution. Jesus warned us; the apostles warned us and Revelation illustrates it vividly.

For such churches to develop there has to be a thirst. Some of us have been teaching about this for 50 years and have not been heeded, but now a thirst will develop. There are some signs that it is already beginning. The catastrophic blunders of church leaders who have destroyed the testimony will bolster this development.

It can happen quickly in the grace of God. The revival of the late 1960s and early 1970s, mostly among young people, led to the House Church movement whereby thousands of new churches spontaneously erupted all over Britain. I was in one of them and preached among several. Sadly these were captured by the Restoration Movement, an authoritarian branch of the Charismatic Movement, and within ten years they were pretty much gone, though a few held out.

The point is that thousands of people came together in a sovereign move of God. This happened fast, with no human planning and no umbrella organisation. It can happen again.

Conclusion

God's plan continues. His decree is sure and steadfast. Nothing is a surprise for God. He plans, man follows.

The collapse of the churches, in the face of demonic government policy, has been allowed by God for a purpose. I pray that this will lead to a disenchantment with institutional churches and a desire for genuine Biblical churches meeting locally in homes under godly elders acting like a family.

God will have a genuine church at the end, but it will be hidden from the world. The church is a stewardship of the mystery. The wheat will come to fulness. At the moment all we see are tares; this is going to change. When churches stop pursuing worldly and pagan ideas, they will begin to reap spiritual benefits. We don't need worship bands, worship leaders, venues, advertising, money drives, famous personalities, international conferences and so on; we need godly people doing each other good day by day in the local area. We need normal church life based on every member ministry under godly eldership and trust in the Holy Spirit. More than anything else, we need a complete focus upon Jesus, head of the church. We don't need gimmicks; we need to focus upon Christ.

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