

**News and Current Events :: Christianity magazine defends Driscoll interview****Christianity magazine defends Driscoll interview - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/1/15 22:36**

Christianity magazine editor Ruth Dickinson has defended an interview with US pastor Mark Driscoll as "robust and fair".

Excerpts of the interview were released to the media ahead of its publication in full on Sunday, and published on this website.

The excerpts suggested that Driscoll believes the church in Britain to be in crisis because of a lack of young, well-known Bible teachers.

He was quoted as saying: "Let's just say this: right now, name for me the one young, good Bible teacher that is known across Great Britain. You don't have one - that's the problem. There are a bunch of cowards who aren't telling the truth" ...

read more: <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christianity.magazine.defends.driscoll.interview/29169.htm>

Re: Christianity magazine defends Driscoll interview - posted by ET101, on: 2012/1/16 1:41

Ouch!! Painful!! Yet yummy. . .

Re: Christianity magazine defends Driscoll interview - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/1/16 8:57

I can name one. He may not be "well known" across Britain, but he is young and a good bible teacher. Kevin Williams at <http://www.puritanfellowship.com/>

Frankly, what has age or being well known got to do with it. The 'church' in Britain is not in crisis because of a 'lack of young, well known bible teachers'. It is in crisis, as much of the 'church' across the world, because of hordes of unsaved people being deceived into thinking they are 'saved' masquerading as christians and because of false teachers, much like Mark Driscoll himself.

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Re: Christianity magazine defends Driscoll interview - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/16 9:01

Well, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth does speak".

If he made the statement, regardless of the context, then stand by what you say. Don't tell a bunch of people that they are cowards and then later backtrack when the heat gets turned up on yourself.

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/16 9:12

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AMEN, AMEN and AMEN!

This is exactly what I was thinking when I read the story, but you said it better than I could of. The cult of personality is a curse here in the US, "well known" people are respected, just like Hollywood. Godly, "little known" men who do not promote themselves are scarce, but they are here, just like everywhere else. The Lord is preparing them like dirty coal that is turned into a diamond. They hate this worldliness, and I would believe that it's the same way in Britain. He is in charge of His church, and His bride is making herself ready!

Thanks again!

Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/1/16 9:15

The article is down but here is the cache of it:

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christianity.magazine.defends.driscoll.interview/29169.htm>

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/1/16 10:23

Driscoll bleeds "Short Man's Syndrome" which is apparent in his sermons, writings, and interviews like this, so statements such as these are honestly not surprising. A lot of his stuff I've heard just criticizes other men who aren't "real men" to his standard, and says they need to be more manly (like him obviously).

Last time I checked though God doesn't seem to care much who the most well known "hipster" young pastors are as much as many others seem to, or that being well known is proof of anything or any sort of mark that He wants us aiming at anyway.

Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2012/1/16 10:24

I just can't imagine 50 years from now the devastating results of this shallow new evangelicalism promoted from preachers and teachers who lack substantially the essence of genuine holiness in their preaching and lifestyle.

The new face of postmodernism penetrating the evangelical churches under the appearance of godliness, it's having its "hey day" today. Orthodoxy has been "hijacked" by the proponents of this "new religion" that is bringing a fresh breeze of air to the already "decaying institutional church". Now they want to export their new brand of Christianity to the other parts of the world.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/16 11:21

hi, i can't imagine anyone who names Jesus as saviour and is walking in the Spirit has time to criticize mark driscoll to the point i have seen here. if he is a brother and i do believe he is, it is forbidden by Jesus to krino him. he is a little different in that he founded a church soon after his conversion, without training or experience. if you don't like him after listening to at least 5 hours of his sermons, don't read his stuff or listen again. jimp

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/1/17 8:56

With all due respect Jimp, and I can only speak for myself, I in no way consider Mark Driscoll a brother and hence my staunch criticism of his proud, vain, sexually immoral, blasphemous words and behaviour.

Just because he claims to be a follower of Christ and manages to appear to be preaching truth here and there, does not cancel out the glaringly obvious bad fruit. There is just no way a man who can be so sexually explicit when discussing God's Word and blasphemously reducing it to some way to shock and awe his sheeples, (who apparently love to be entertained by this kind of talk), could sincerely be promoting and serving Christ's interests. No. Mark is serving his and his only interests, primarily from what I can tell, his huge ego and also his seemingly wicked desire to constantly discuss sex and be crude.

I truly sense a spirit in Mark that seeks to pull other people into his sin, and a satisfaction he gets by doing that. It's as if he is saying, I'm going to stand up here and blasphemously misuse God's Word, but all YOU people are participating in this sin with me, by sitting here listening to me and enjoying it. I write so strongly about it because it sincerely grieves my spirit to think what God must think and feel about the way he misuses God's Word and the things he says. I am also sad to think of God watching all the people who call themselves Christians, but seem to not see anything wrong in a 'preacher' who links to a website with a sexually offensive title, and who wrote a book with an equally vile title, amongst the many other things Mark has offensively said. I don't think enough Christians are speaking out about Mark and are instead being seduced by his mixture of good teaching mixed with rot. This is a common tactic of the enemy.... appearing as an angel of light..... mixing lies in with the truth.

I know people can be sincerely deceived, especially young Christians and I do pray these people will be convicted and come out from amongst uncleanness like this.

But really, have we apostasized so far from God's truth that we think someone that talks and grandstands in the sexually explicit, crude way Mark does, could be called a brother?

Please reconsider.

That really is all I wish to say about Mark as I do not want this to develop into a debate on him. I just say examine his fruits and as someone else said referenced; "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks".

"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matt 12:34

God bless you, and I truly do not mean any discord towards you.

Re: - posted by Matthew2323 (), on: 2012/1/17 9:14

@notlongnow,

If you have such serious concerns, you should contact Mr. Driscoll yourself instead of posting them online. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

@learjet,

Context matters immensely as it explains the 'what' and 'why' of your words.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2012/1/17 9:21

Teachers are usually only popular on a national scale because they've played some sort of political game to get there. Few, if any, have become such because they just sought to faithfully serve the people God put in their path.

Re: Regarding Sexually Explicit - posted by FriendlyGuy, on: 2012/1/18 0:47

Song of Songs 1:1-8:14

I believe you are referring to Mark's sermon series covering those texts?

I was always taught that those are sexually explicit, correct me if I am wrong please.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2012/1/18 9:55

I'm personally growing bored with our Christian celebrity preacher scandal of the month thing that is going on lately. Is our Christianity in America so dull, and accomplishing so little, that we must focus on whatever silly thing that Mark Driscoll, Rob Bell, or whoever, is saying this week?

I have a better idea. Why don't we go do something that gives a God a ton of glory instead?

Re: FriendlyGuy - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/18 10:51

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I cannot speak for @notlongnow, but I believe he is talking about the "one" sermon (sexual sin) in the "one" series that was from 2008 (FOUR years ago)!!

Here is the sermon series: Religion Saves and Nine Other Misconceptions; just search the title and Mars Hill Church and the link will be provided for you.

God bless,
Lisa

PS: I listened to his sexual sin sermon and it was spot on! If you have sexual sins, listen if you dare!

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2012/1/18 11:29

@ jimp

Your posts just ooze truth and common sense in this thread. Truly a breath of fresh when so much pollution abounds. Thanks bro!

Re: - posted by Dlight, on: 2012/1/18 15:33

notlongnow, I agree with you.

I 'liked' Mark Driscoll the very first time I listened to him, especially because he seemed to speak the truth. But it only took a few minutes for me to sense a nonchalant, careless, youthful spirit about him, and a great lack of reverence for God. Note that I'm not in any way against youthfulness, as I am a youth myself.

There is almost a celebration of sin and pride in his sermons. By almost, I mean the it is clearly there, but it's hidden by the truth he speaks. I watched him a few times until I could not do it anymore; and I watched a good number of his sermons, including Q&A sessions. I had not read anything criticizing him, something just wasn't right about his presence...

Would Jesus Christ or the apostle Paul have spoken, dressed, carried themselves in the same way had they preached in this day and age? How about all the Saints that have gone before us? What would Charles Spurgeon, Leonard Raven

hill, David Brainard etc. have said about this man?

I have learned that on SermonIndex, not everyone will agree with me, and that's okay. I don't intend any strife or discord.

With love,
Daphne.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2012/1/18 15:46

You bring up an important issue Daphne. The celebration of youthful trendiness in the pulpit these days. The desire to be perceived as "cool." And while I have nothing against young "cool" preachers, as I like to think of myself as something of both, what I am against is the immaturity that is being celebrated by many of these guys. Especially considering so many of them are now entering into their 40's.

What the church does not need is more young cool preachers. What we need are "men who are men indeed." We need true "fathers of faith," who are broken and have rays of glory about them from having spent much time with our heavenly Father. They ought to be men who we can imitate in all things, and not "boys" whose ministry is only as strong as the laptop they use to put together slick PowerPoint presentations.

I don't really have any exposure to Driscoll. But he sounds like somebody who hasn't grown up in the faith quite yet. He sounds like he's 20. But sadly, he's 41.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2012/1/18 17:06

I would like to call all the penitents, whom have no, and remember that they have no righteousness of their own, to please pray for Mark. Pray as the Spirit leads you to pray, remembering that the prayers of the righteous avail much. If it wasn't for the grace of God, everyone would be damned. For the Lord takes no pleasure in the death of any wicked man, and God forbid I call Mark wicked. Yes, I will know another by their fruit, but I know more that God is able to turn the tide of anyone held captive when He so chooses, and not when I choose. For I choose to believe in a Mighty God whose arm is not too short to save any man. May the Lord work mightily in these last days, and do things that will even make His professors astonished of His grace and mercy, thus humbling the whole lot, that we may indeed worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/18 17:38

Yeshuasboy,

God bless you and Jim... for your words of life!

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2012/1/18 18:22

I don't know what the end of Mark's life will be, but I know that God knows. And if Mark is failing the Lord in any way, I know that the Lord saves failures, saves sinners, great sinners.

If I knew of divine knowledge where Mark is failing the Lord, and I was given understanding of how to rebuke the man, bring and impart correction to him that would make him flee to Christ for refuge, I should do that - but honestly, I do not.

But I wish no man to be damned for all of eternity.

God help him, and may the saints, the penitent, help him too, for the sake of Christ, the Gospel, and the body of believers.

I know that I, myself, have to go lower, way lower in humility, so... If any that reads this feels led to pray for me to trust God as He brings me lower, please pray for me as well. Thank you, and may the Lord richly bless whomever that is, and may the Lord bless everyone here whether I agree with your words or not.

Re: - posted by PrimaDogma, on: 2012/1/18 18:42

By denying that Religion Saves, Driscoll has committed High Treason against his fellow clergymen. If you don't need religion, you don't need church - and how is the church going to cover payroll if no one goes to church? How is a Man of God supposed to make a living?

His street vernacular and lack of seminary training create the impression that anyone can preach the gospel: a brazen affront to the Minister's Guild. What good are ordination papers if any yahoo can get a pulpit?

Driscoll does not meet my ideal of a good authoritarian pastor. Telling people that they should go thru life with a clear conscience and free from guilt strikes at the very foundation of the Religion Industry. He is sawing off the branch he is sitting on.

Driscoll is to be condemned for Conduct Unbecoming of a Professional Religious Person. God wants his ministers expounding three-point homiletics, with illustrative anecdotes and frequent references to the original Greek, not shouting into microphones like professional wrestlers.

Driscoll makes the Gospel appealing to Gen X types, the most execrable kind of Unchurched Persons. Jesus wants you coming to Him on your knees; Driscoll has them coming to Jesus shaking their booties and playing air guitar. He wears street clothes to church and encourages others to do the same! What? Everyone knows that when you come to church you are entering the Presence of God. And Driscoll can't even be bothered to wear a suit and tie?

To find a historic precedent for such an unlearned, rough-cut, irreligious fellow preaching the gospel, we have to go all the way back to Simon Peter! Can we imagine Peter dressing like Driscoll and talking like Driscoll? Well, yes, we can. But that doesn't make it OK. Driscoll has 20 centuries of clergydom to learn from. Peter kind of had to learn by doing, since he didn't have an Example to follow...

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/1/18 20:45

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I think that sums it up pretty accurately. Some will pick up on this right away, but many will not.

Re: , on: 2012/1/18 20:53

PD - When you see Peter in Heaven, he can explain to you the difference between himself and Mr Driscoll.

I understand why you wouldn't want to compare any modern day preacher to Paul. Paul made tents while he cared for all of those churches, inbetween being shipwrecked, flogged, stoned, imprisoned, etc as part of his sabbaticals from traveling from church to church.

But those type preachers only come from that old history book, that it's become.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/18 20:54

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Re: , on: 2012/1/18 21:02

Quote:

-----hi, you would have hated john the babtist.

Jim, I respect you for your gender and age and love you in Christ - but sometimes all I can do is scratch my head at your replies.

Was it just because John the Baptist didn't make tents too?

Or are you comparing Driscoll to John?

Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2012/1/18 21:48

i just wish someone would actually bring an accusation from a quote of something he's actually said and repost it here so we all can see for ourselves. I'll start:

<http://marshill.com/media/religionsaves/humor>

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/18 21:51

hi, the young man posted that he thought this guy driscoll was not all that he should be but he was preaching the truth. his appearance was what clinched it for him for it showed that he didn't have the proper respect for the Lord. john the baptist appearance also was unconventional. can you understand now? i heard all the negative reports on mark and i went to the web site and listened for 5 hours and became a fan. jimp

Re: - posted by PrimaDogma, on: 2012/1/18 21:54

JiG,

That is no way to talk to the Pope of Louisiana (who vastly underestimated My Importance when he recently invited me to come to Baton Rouge and serve as his Vice Pope - I recommended Swaggart instead).

But the comparison with John is an apt one. Imagine him standing in a modern pulpit, wearing leather shorts, eating locust burgers, hair down to the floor. Oh yeah, he would go over real well with the religious...

And I do not need to wait for heaven to talk to Peter. I just phoned him. (I am already a celebrity in heaven, and have that kind of access.) He told me, "John grew his hair long just to annoy the Baptists, and if you think Driscoll is foul-mouthed, you should have heard Martin Luther..."

Re: , on: 2012/1/18 22:10

:) PD - The Grand Poobah of all Christian Forums.

Some may get angry at me - but re: "Luther" - I don't compare men with men - but men with that old book that 'those' men wrote for us through Him.

Sorry to get so "religious" on you.

It's what comes out of the mouth - not what's growing or worn around it.

By your leave, Sir!

{eta}Just realized that you wouldn't know what that last line means unless you were in the military. It's what you say when requesting to be excused from the presence of a higher grade Officer. Phew - didn't want to offend :)

Re: - posted by menderofnets (), on: 2012/1/18 23:24

It's because Mr Driscoll speaks about the country I live in that this has upset me. To be honest, I don't really know about how many 'good, young Bible teachers' there are in Britain today, or how many good Christians, or any other number of various peoples. I'm sure that they exist, quietly living out God's life in them in their own quiet way, with only those around them knowing it.

Could I say that I wish there were more well-known 'good' Christian leaders in Britain? Christians have had trouble with the limelight historically, and remember that letting our light shine is so that people may see our good deeds and praise our Father in Heaven.

Here's a thought though - since today we are able to know what large numbers of well-known Christian leaders are saying, and comments about them, what they say and do et al are free, where is that very fine line between being judgemental of them and being wise to what is not right (and that in God's eyes)? It is easy for anyone pointing out some error or other or highlighting concern to be labelled a legalist or pharisee or self-righteous. Thoughts anyone (or is that a fresh (if not new)) thread...?

To the original point - I do pray that there will be more and more of not just 'good, young, Bible teachers' in the UK, but more of those who know their God as much as it is possible to, whose faith lasts beyond whatever the current crisis is, whose trust in Him who is faithful is a light to those stranded in darkness, in whose very weakness is shown God's perfect strength, whose selfless love shows to many the matchless love of God, and whose first and lasts thoughts of the day are fixed upon the One who stood in front of the sealed tomb of their lives, and wept.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/19 6:32

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Re: - posted by PrimaDogma, on: 2012/1/19 7:58

"His style is that of the vulgar colloquial varied by rant... All the most solemn mysteries of our holy religion are by him rudely, roughly, and impiously handled. Mystery is vulgarised, sanctity profaned, common sense outraged; and decency disgusted... His rantings are interspersed with coarse anecdotes that split the ears of the groundlings; and this is popularity!"

That is what the religious press had to say about Spurgeon.

The religious think that a little humor is OK, within certain parameters, but that it is irreverent to jest in the presence of a Holy God.

The truth is that God is a God of Infinite Jest, that man was created strictly for laughs, that the fall of man was a cosmic banana peel prank, that all the world's a vaudeville stage and we are merely ham actors, that Enlightenment consists in getting the joke and willingly playing out our own role in the divine comedy. Satan is the spirit of gravity and seriousness is the root of all evil.

These things have been revealed to My Holiness by Direct Revelation, so no one is allowed to argue with me.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/19 8:44

Quote:

-----by jimp:

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Jimp,

EXACTLY!!! He does have a sense of humor and they do not!!

Quote:

-----PrimaDogma wrote:

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PrimaDogma,

Be it known that I am not arguing with you!!! Thank you, thank you for the humor relief AND the stark contrast at the same time. Many people on here LOVE Spurgeon and look what the religious folk had to say about him in the day!

God bless you both!!

Lisa

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/19 8:48

hi, all kidding aside, i find that this situation of being self made critics that permeate the church today is a satanic victory and a dangerous situation. Jesus says if you have a quarrel against a brother and you want to give alms, first go to that brother and get it straight between you. if you have strife between you and another brother your prayers are hindered... when a man who slept with his own family member was restored in biblical times, can we not have grace and tolerance for someone who preaches in jeans. jimp

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/1/19 9:25

Quote:

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How was it that Paul said such a one was to be restored again?

Also, I don't think the main issue is with how the man dresses, unless I missed something.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/19 9:33

hi, you might have missed something. bring evidence of anything else. again, he does have a sense of humor that annoys the religious.

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/1/19 9:47

Besides the fact that Mark Driscoll has made a name for himself out of mocking God, Jesus and His Word, how about we weigh Mark (and his 'sense of humour') up against this scripture:

"Let there be no filthiness, nor foolish talk, nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 5.4, 6).

I wish some people would be as quick and committed to defend God's honour as they are this man's honour.

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/1/19 9:49

As for bringing 'evidence', a quick internet search will do that for you. I for one will not repeat any of the disgusting, degrading things Mark Driscoll has said.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/19 10:30

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I have found that those who oppose a certain preacher the strongest usually get all their fuel for their rants from heresy, (i.e. they have not listened to the first sermon). Is that true with you? Have you "listened" to one of Driscoll's sermons?

AS to your verse reference of, "Let there be no filthiness, nor foolish talk, nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 5.4,6).

Brother, since you have passed judgment on this man, you now need to make quite sure that NONE of those things EVER pass from your lips during your life time or you yourself will be judged guilty... "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Matt 7.2)

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/1/19 10:52

Lysa,

I cannot even begin to expan on what a twisting of scripture you just did. Jesus was talking about judging righteously, no t saying we are never allowed to judge a man or matter. That would be virtually impossible. We must all discern on a dail y basis to simply survive.

Please also read 1 Corinthians 5:12-13;

"What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. Expel the wicked man from among you."

Clearly Paul is saying we must judge those who claim to be followers of Christ, yet are continuing in a sin and are not re penting.

Mark Driscoll is claiming to be a representative of Christ and yet is clearly being vulgar and crass on a regular basis, wor st of all, he uses Gods Word to do it.

I simply have no more time to go on about something that is so clearly wrong and blasphemous.

And for the record, I am a sister, not a brother, younger than Mark Driscoll himself, and still incredibly sickened by his wo rds. Perhaps you should not assume I am a senior aged man who is not with the times.

I no longer want to spend any more of my time replying to people willing to defend a man who says the things Mark does .

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/1/19 11:07

Notlongnow,

Unfortunately you're going to be in a bit of an uphill battle around these parts, as the Word of God in it's completeness is not always held as the first standard for judging (righteously) on these forums.

It hasn't always been like this, yet it's sadly moving more and more that way.

Re: notlongnow - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/19 11:08

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Sister, there is a difference between discerning and judging which you have done and posted it for the 'world' to see.

The word clearly says, "For IN THE SAME WAY you judge others, you will be judged..." That means in attitude and in careless disregard for someone's walk in Christ... it will come home to visit you someday. Look, I don't want to alienate y ou, but it would behoove you to realize this sooner rather than later.

And in all of your aggravation towards me, you didn't answer my question...

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God bless you sister,
Lisa

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/1/19 11:15

EveresttoSama, yes, sadly I am rapidly finding that to be the case. Thankyou for confirming that to me.

Lysa I disagree with your interpretation of scripture.

As for not answering you question, I really didn't understand how not listening to a full sermon of Mark Driscoll's and heresy are somehow related.

Again, I can't really go anywhere with this discussion when the Word of God on the whole issue is clear but not being heeded.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/19 12:27

hi, the greek word krino is the word to judge that is forbidden by God...it means to sit in judgement diakrino is also the english word judge and it is not forbidden for it is the word discern or weigh..the word anakrino is lighter than diakrino and it is also permitted.it is like think about it.krino is also the word translated condemnation or condemn.when the apostles said that fire should fall from heaven and harm someone ,Jesus quickly responded with ...shut up for you do not know what spirit you are speaking to or from. oh, the sons of thunder and us.jimp it can be easy ... is what you are saying about someone like mark stemming from the accuser of the brethren or Jesus.

Re: Christianity magazine defends Driscoll interview, on: 2012/1/19 13:28

My take on Driscoll is one of self promoting egotism, with very little of New Testament Christianity shining through. He seems to thrive, as your typical media shock-Jock usually does...promoting radical confrontation in the name of being real, to expose the hypocrisy of the ne'r-do-wells....and to shock the masses with his courageous endorsement of some rather odd liberties.

He seems to look upon himself as the brave "good Bible teacher", who is obviously "known across America"and often champions strange ideas, like Rock concerts in Church...Just a few minor problems in the secular music ministry:

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=34238&forum=35&8

“In its first few years, the Paradox hosted about 650 concerts for about 65,000 kids. We have had only a few minor problems, like the Japanese punk band that got naked during their set for no apparent reason and another band that set off fireworks during their show.” (Confessions, p.127)

and...
No position on stealing?

“Our church services started to stink a whole lot less. We scraped together enough money to buy some big honking speakers, and I stole an unused sound console from my old church along with a projection screen, which were sins that Jesus thankfully died to forgive.” (Confessions, p.62)

and....Driscoll's R-rated sermons on sex:

“Some of the sermons on sex were R-rated, and we gave warnings to parents and sometimes saw whole visiting youth groups walk out blushing halfway through the sermon. On other occasions, people walked out during the sermon and flipped me off on their way out, a trend that has continued.” (Confessions, p.134)

and...A passion for “cool?”

“I had grown facial hair, started cussing again (I had stopped for about fifteen minutes after I got saved), and briefly considered taking up smoking but had asthma, which kept me from achieving my full cool potential.” (Confessions, p.50)

and....Abraham: "a cowardly old man?"

"As time rolls along, God also works through a cowardly old man named Abraham, who is happy to whore out his loving and beautiful antique of a wife to avoid conflict." (Radical Reformation, p.28)

and...Driscoll speaks of Mary and Joseph:

"And to top it all off, God comes to earth. He has a mom whom everyone thinks is a slut, a dad whom they think has the brilliance of a five-watt bulb for believing the 'virgin birth' line, and brothers who likely pummel him frequently, because even God would have to get at least one wedgie from his brothers if he were to be fully human." (Radical Reformation, p.29)

and....It is too sick to continue....but...He may be famous. New-Age "Emergent" vomit.

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Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/1/19 13:45

hi brohertom,i heard the same things that you wrote and went to his church site and listened for 5 straight hours and what i heard made me a fan in that he explained a lot of his stupid mistakes and preached the gospel with power and truth. he is not for everybody and that is why God has other churches in that town as he does in your town and mine.jimp

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2012/1/19 13:47

Why must we spend so much time debating about this man? Is our Christianity so dull that we get attracted to side shows?

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/1/19 14:25

Quote:
-----by KingJimmy
Why must we spend so much time debating about this man? Is our Christianity so dull that we get attracted to side shows?

I am not so much debating about "this man" as I am about Christians so blatantly judging him and in their full peacock pride calling it, "righteous judgment."

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by DirkW (), on: 2012/1/19 16:51

Well everybody, don't throw out the baby with the bathwater... yes a wellknown sentence but just don't do it. Spend time to pray instead of criticizing. Bless your "enemies". Let Christ be preached.