

This letter is written to the praise, honour, glory and dominion of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever and ever, world without end, for the elect's sake, that they may be warned of the severe error and sin that is associated with the Hillsong Church and community in Sydney, Australia and across the world.

My first major interaction with Hillsong, was at the Hillsong conference last year in Sydney (June/July 2013) where Brian Houston linked with Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, and other prosperity preachers to draw 10's of thousands of professing Christians from across Australia together. Considering that the conference invited all denominations, including Catholics, Jehovah's witnesses, Christadelphians, and everything else, a few Christian brothers and I were burdened by the Holy Spirit to evangelize outside the conference and especially witness to the youth. We had spent many hours praying and crying out for the people and youth at this conference and those involved with Hillsong, and so we took the long journey interstate from Adelaide for the mission.

For 3 days we stood outside the stadium in Sydney where the conference was taking place, where God opened an effectual door for us to use amplification while the multitudes went in and out of this conference. What we saw over the next few days exceeded our expectation of how corrupt, unbiblical, and grievous the conduct of those involved truly is. As we preached, we drew large crowds of professing Hillsong attendees, and many youth groups. As we preached scriptures such as 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, and Ephesians 5:3-7, where it is made clear that those practicing fornication, homosexuality, drunkenness, covetousness etc. will not inherit the Kingdom of God, they greatly withstood our words with liberal heresy, teaching that because of the imputed righteousness of Christ our conduct has no standing on where we stand with God. They also greatly withstood the biblical understanding of true and false conversion, affirming that all who confess Jesus as Lord and invite Him into their hearts are born again, regardless of whether or not they are set free from a lifestyle of wilful sin. In fact, they so greatly withstood our words and declaration of the Gospel, that they rioted against us, including chanting, throwing rocks and balls at us/our equipment, attempting to steal our equipment (almost successfully), yelled at us, and one man who was with us was even punched in the face so hard that he spat out blood (Peter Noble). A young man attending the conference stole the purse of a woman who stood with us, and as the thief ran away, one of the hillsong pastors told those in line to enter the conference to do a 'crowd wave' as the thief ran past them all. When I rebuked the pastor, he said in the presence of at least 2 of us (Damien James Gloury and myself) that he endorsed the behaviour because the man was "just a teenager", utterly justifying the wickedness, which is behaviour condemnable to Hell by 1 Corinthians 6:9. "When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit." (Psalm 50:18-19)

We were also harassed by 2 Hillsong pastors who stood in front of us for almost the whole of the 3 days, often using a bullhorn in front of us to turn away people from listening. These 2 hillsong pastors threatened us with violence and swore at us, and were utterly hardened from any biblical reproof about their behaviour. During one of the nights that a riot against us was

breaking out, a woman from the conference was given a bullhorn by one of the Hillsong pastors and began to publicly speak to us in tongues, while the crowd cheered her on. Not only was this pastor endorsing the shameful behaviour the woman usurping authority over a man (1 Timothy 2:12), but also the public mockery that was being made of a gift of the Spirit. “And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? For ye shall speak into the air. There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.” (1 Corinthians 14:7-11)

As street preachers who have preached/witnessed the Gospel at numerous homosexual pride marches, an atheist convention, to crowds of Muslims, and faced riots on the street, we can testify that we have never faced such danger, violence and thievery as at the Hillsong Conference.

On the last night of the conference, we all witnessed the final call made by the preacher for anyone to become a Christian. There was no mention of genuine repentance, Godly sorrow over sin (2 Corinthians 7:10-11), conviction of the Holy Spirit, counting the cost of losing everything in this life, or the need to be made a new creature in Christ with a renewed mind, heart, and spirit, with power over sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). Instead they called on the people to raise their hands, and give their life to Jesus. Sadly, any converts that night would now likely be 2 fold the children of Hell as those youth pastors and supposed Christians that abused us (Matthew 23:15).

Also, on the last night of the conference, after the preacher finished speaking, all these “Christians” walked outside the stadium to the sound of demonic secular music. This also included the vile, ungodly, pagan “Harlem Shake” in which hundreds of Hillsong attendees joined into dance sensually and chaotically. It reminded me much of the Hebrews dancing around the golden calf, to the 'god' they made up in their minds who tolerated their worldly conformity and sensuality (Exodus 32). When I saw this, the Holy Spirit in me was utterly grieved and vexed, and I could not help but cry out “This is worldly! This is ungodly! This is not biblical Christianity! Come out from among them and be separate!” To which I only had the looks of shock, annoyance and disapproval from the sin-mad crowd that did not want to their works of darkness to be reprovved by the light (John 3:19-21). Oh, how I wish they would repent and follow the Holy God of the Bible! I weep now as I write this, trembling in horror with the agony and grief of God's heart over a devil tainted representation of His Son on the earth! You can also find other videos of the Harlem Shake done by Hillsong by typing in “Harlem Shake Hillsong” on YouTube.

Another example of the corruption of the Hillsong Church comes from meeting a young man named Isaac Anderson, who was an attendee at a Hillsong Church. We first met him in mid-2014 while a group of us were preaching the glorious Gospel of Christ in the city of Sydney. At the time, he was living a life of fornication, drunkenness, occasional drug use, and pornography, amongst other sins. After listening to the preaching, and speaking with a particular brother, he

became an awakened sinner and realized that he was abiding under the wrath of God (Ephesians 5:3-7). He told us that he originally began attending Hillsong in an attempt to get right with God because of his mounting conviction of sin. Instead of leading him into the narrow gate of genuine faith and repentance, the youth pastor tried to set him up on a date with a girl instead. By Isaac's confession, it was more of a social club than a church and full of worldliness and false conversions. The day after seeing us and becoming an awakened sinner, he went back to Hillsong, telling his youth pastor that he was unsaved, as evidenced by his life of rebellion, and wanted to get right with God. The youth pastor then tried to put his conscience back to sleep, pointed Isaac to his religious works (confession, baptism etc.) and confessed that even he himself struggled with pornography. This is surely the marks of a false prophet, and a move that is not under the headship of Christ. "For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the Lord...I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doeth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah...They say still unto them that despise Me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you...But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." (Jeremiah 23:11, 14, 17, 22). Praise to God, Isaac Anderson pushed through the lies of Hillsong, left the church, genuinely repented, genuinely was made a new creature in Christ, and hates the sexual immorality, worldliness and carnality that he once loved, and is involved in a Godly fellowship with accountable believers walking in the light!

At this point, you may be thinking, "Well, not everyone attending and all the youth pastors represent the heart of Hillsong." To which I would reply, look at the pastors of Hillsong who established the Church in 1983 in Australia, Frank (father) and Brian (son) Houston. Frank Houston is known to have sexually abused and molested multiple children which is well documented, and publicly admitted on October 8, 2014 by Brian Houston to a Sydney hearing of the Royal Commission into institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Brian Houston, the current head pastor, has yoked himself with Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, Steven Furtick, Rick Warren and other heretical, compromised, prosperity preachers who tickle people's ears with feel good messages and leave out true Biblical conversion and preaching on true repentance. Brian lives a luxurious lifestyle, with 2 waterfront properties, and wrote a book called, "You Need More Money", which is a mockery to the Shepherds heart of Jesus Christ, calling sinners to repentance and storing up treasures in Heaven. Does this sound like the Heavenly-minded Jesus Christ of the Bible, who rode to Jerusalem on a donkey, only to be crucified and hated by the world? Some of those attending Hillsong include the rich, famous and worldly, Justin Bieber, his manager-Scooter Braun, Jeremy Linn (NBA superstar), the actor Austin Butler, and more. Need I say more? Why are the rich, prosperous, and worldly flocking to this church, while the poor, needy and those hungering for righteousness are cast off and abused?

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers

mong you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And MANY shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.” And through covetousness shall they with feigned words MAKE MERCHANDISE OF YOU: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and THEIR DAMNATION SLUMBERETH NOT. “(2 Peter 2:1-3).

“Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets.” (Luke 6:26).

“...the whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.” (Isaiah 1:5-6).

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, DESPISERS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOOD, traitors, heady, highminded, LOVERS OF PLEASURE MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; Having a form of Godliness, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

On another note, it is reported by multiple witnesses that there is little to no accountability and true overseeing in the Holy Spirit in this church. The Church is packed with youth that could be, and likely are, living lives of wilful sin such as fornication, pornography, drunkenness etc. (as was Isaac Anderson, before becoming a true Christian) and no church discipline is being done, thus the whole lump is leavened, there are no walls of protection to guard the Church against inner corruption.

“...know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us...But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.” (1 Corinthians 5:6-7, 11-13).

In light of such Biblical truth, I charge all who read this letter, under the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, to depart from fellowshiping with such works of darkness, and to come out from among them and be separate, touching not the unclean thing, that God may receive you (2 Corinthians 6:17), lest you perish with the leaven of our generations false Christianity and uncleanness. Be not deceived by the popularity, beautiful music, biblical lyrics, flashing lights, high emotions, tears of worshippers, and the deceitfulness of your own hearts feelings, for “he that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.” (Proverbs 28:26). The leaders in Hillsong are “false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an

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angel of light. 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 Corinthians 11:13-15).

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