

CHESHAM

SOME MAY THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE **THE REGIOUS TALK**. NO!  
THIS IS GOING TO BE ABOUT **THE REAL THING**.

WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE WARY OF FAKES...

I HEARD THE OTHER DAY THAT THE MARKET IS BEING  
FLOODED FAKE **TIFFANY JEWELLRY...**

'EBAY' EVEN HAS ADVICE ON HOW TO SPOT THE FAKES - WHICH  
IT SAYS COUNT FOR THE MAJORITY OF SALES.

CONTRAST THIS WITH A RECENT EXHIBITION AT THE V & A  
(WHICH INCLUDED EXHIBITS FROM THE **Bollinger Jewellery Gallery**)  
- **AND WAS SOLD OUT!**

**PEOPLE WANT THE REAL THING!**

I WOULD HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OUR LEAD VIOLINIST TO DAY -  
WOULD SELL HIS SHIRT (AND PROBABLY HIS VIOLIN) - IF HE  
FOUND A **Stradivarius** AND COULD AFFORD IT!

IT IS SIMPLY...THE REAL THING.

**MARK YOU, HE HAD BETTER NOT LEAVE IT ON THE TRAIN ON  
THE WAY HOME - LIKE ONE UNFORTUNTELY MAN BEWAILING  
HIS HIS LOSS!**

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JESUS TOLD A STORY OF MERCHANT LOOKING FOR FINE PEARLS  
- WHEN HE FOUND ONE OF **REAL VALUE**  
...HE SOLD EVERYTHING HE HAD AND BOUGHT IT.

JESUS SAID THIS IS LIKE SOMEONE FINDING THE KINGDOM OF  
GOD.

**MUCH RELIGION MAY BE FAKE - BUT THE K OF G IS THE REAL  
THING.**

YOU SEE - TO FIND THE GOD AND HIS KINGDOM - IS TO FIND  
AUTHENTIC AND LASTING TREASURE!

AND IT BRINGS LASTING AND ETERNAL FREEDOM.

TONY ANTHONY THE FORMER - WORLD KUNG FU CHAMPION -  
SADLY TURNED TO USING HIS SKILLS IN CRIME...INJURING AND  
KILLING PEOPLE

IN PRISON HE WAS BEFRIENDED BY A CHRISTIAN VISITOR OVER  
A LONG PERIOD. AT FIRST HE DESPISED HIS SIMPLE MESSAGE OF  
THE LOVE OF CHRIST...

**...BUT EVENTUALLY HE DISCOVERED ITS  
LIFE-CHANGING TRUTH. (ALLOW ME TO QUOTE...)**

*Tony's friend held up a bunch of keys. "Tony", he said, "Imagine for a minute these keys are the keys to your cell. Imagine tonight all the guards fell asleep and you were able to let yourself out. Would you be free? No, Tony you wouldn't be free because you would still be the same Tony. You will always make the same mistakes that you've made all your life. You will never be able to wipe the slate clean of your past."*

IN HIS BOOK TONY ANTHONY DESCRIBES THE TRUE FREEDOM  
HE FOUND - WHICH CONTRASTS WITH THE IMPRISONMENT  
THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE WHILE SUPPOSEDLY FREE.

AND, BY THE WAY, HE'LL BE COMING TO CHESHAM NEXT YEAR  
TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

MY POINT , THOUGH, IS THAT THE COST FOR TONY ANTHONY OF  
DISCOVERING THE FINE PEARL - THE KINGDOM OF GOD - WAS  
JAIL!

THE COST FOR MOST OF US IS SIMPLY TO GET RID OF OUR SELF-  
RIGHTEOUS PRIDE!

BUT NOTHING COMES NEAR THE COST THAT JESUS PAID TO SET  
US FREE - NAMELY THE EXCRUCIATING CROSS!

I WAS DEEPLY STRUCK BY READING A QUOTE FROM  
SHAKESPEARE...

**IN *OTHELO* - IAGO SAYS OF CASSIO:  
"HE HATH A DAILY BEAUTY THAT MAKES ME UGLY".**

I THOUGHT OF JESUS CHRIST AND IT STRUCK ME FORCIBLY  
THAT: "HE HATH A DAILY BEAUTY THAT MAKES **ME** UGLY".

I DON'T LOVE GOD AS JESUS LOVED HIS FATHER -  
I DON'T LOVE MY NEIGHBOUR - AS JESUS LOVED ALL HE CAME  
ACROSS. AND OF COURSE THERE IS MORE.

**I NEED FORGIVENESS!**

AND INCREDIBLY BY CHRIST'S DEATH AT CALVARY I AM  
FORGIVEN...

AND HE HAS CLEANSED ME SO TOTALLY THAT HE PRESENTS ME  
AS **BEAUTIFUL TO GOD.**

IT IS JESUS WHO HAS PAID THE TRUE COST OF MY FINDING  
THAT PEARL - AND ENTERING INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

**CAN YOU RELATE TO THAT?**

**AS YOU LOOK AT YOUR LIFE...DON'T YOU FEEL JUST A  
TOUCH UNCLEAN IN COMPARISON TO JESUS - TO PUT IT  
MILDLY?**

**NOT ONLY DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT TELL US THAT THE  
BLOOD OF CHRIST, THE DEATH OF CHRIST, CLEANSSES FROM  
ALL SIN...**

**BUT IT ALSO SAYS SOMETHING THAT I FIND FAR BEYOND -  
WHAT I COULD HAVE EXPECTED -I'LL READ:**

**ALL CHRISTIANS IT SAYS, "*ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER  
TO BECOME A DWELLING - IN WHICH GOD LIVES BY HIS SPIRIT*".**

**THAT IS AMAZING! - YOU CAN BE SO BEAUTIFUL THAT GOD  
LIVES WITH YOU AND INDWELLS YOU.**

IT IS NOT MAN-MADE RELGION...IT IS A GOD-GIVEN  
RELATIONSHIP - AND THE PEACE AND FREEDOM IT BRINGS - IS  
OFFERED TO EVERYONE AS A GIFT FROM JESUS.

**YES, IT IS AS REAL AS THE MOST PERFECT PEARL YOU WILL  
FIND IN THE BOLLINGER COLLECTION!**

**I INVITE YOU TO RECEIVE IT THROUGH FAITH IN THE REAL  
JESUS.**

**WOULDN'T TODAY BE A GOOD DAY TO GET RID OF  
ANYTHING FAKE AND TRUST HIM?**

**MOMENT OF QUIET...**

PRAYER IN BOOKLET...