

23rd July 2013.

Tony Rollins, an Evangelist who has preached the Gospel Message from the Bible in the Open Air for 17 years, has faced a criminal charge in Coventry Magistrates Court on Monday 22nd July 2013. The Crown Prosecution Service brought the charge. The police took his Bible and said that it is evidence in this case and they were seizing it. A man who says he is a Clairvoyant accused the Evangelist of saying to him on 6th April 2013 "You are nothing but a queer. There are too many queers in this country and the Bible states that queers will be condemned".

The Evangelist denied saying this. Tony Rollins said he had not preached that day, only handed out leaflets in the Square. A lady had a go at him. Then the man came to him. Mr Rollins offered him a leaflet saying that all have sinned, he must repent and after death comes the judgement. He says this to most people in accordance with Romans ch.3 v. 23, Acts ch.17 v.30 & 31 and Hebrews ch.9 v.27. Mr Rollins claimed that the man said, "I am a homosexual and proud of it and I go to church." Mr Rollins replied "In the eyes of God it is sin, God made them male and female." The man interrupted and shouted, "How dare you" and walked away. Evangelist Rollins then preached for 15 minutes showing from the Ten Commandments, that all have sinned before a Holy God. Then he preached the one time sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, saying they had to repent and put their faith and trust in His finished work and receive Him by faith as their Saviour. The Authorised King James Bible was quoted. He did not mention homosexuality in his preaching. The police arrived and at 1.50pm asked him to get in a Police Van. He was in the police cell until about 8.0pm. Then interviewed under caution and informed that "An allegation's been made that you made a homophobic remark to a member of the public in Coventry today." He was charged under Section 4A of the Public Order Act 1986 alleging "Intent to cause Harassment, Alarm or Distress". His DNA, finger prints and photo were taken for the Police Data Base. A Christian lady from Jamaica who was stood alongside him on the 22nd July says he did not use the alleged words but she could not get to his trial due to illness. In court his accuser denied he had approached him declaring himself to be a homosexual. The Crown Prosecutor called two witnesses. Then two Christians testified that they had never heard him use the word "queer" to others. The three Magistrates on 22nd July 2013 said they found Mr Rollins not guilty because they found inconsistency in the words of his accusers.

Tony Rollins suffers from Asperger Syndrome, which makes him vulnerable in a Court of Law. He said today "No-one told me it is a crime to quote the Bible. I do not think the Public Order Act was intended to be used by the police in this way. Because a man disagrees with what the Bible says, I should not be made a criminal. Common sense has prevailed on this occasion. Today I asked the police for my Bible back but they would not give it to me. My Bible is valuable to me.

Signed.....



..... Anthony Rollins.