CHRISTIANS ARE MAD

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Actually, it's not so much that Christians are mad, but rather that people think they are; or so says the Archbishop of York.

> *Christians are regarded as "mad" by the rest of society because they are motivated by charity and compassion rather than the reckless pursuit of money...*
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> *Churchgoers are now "counter-cultural" because their values are so opposed to prevailing behaviour, claimed Dr Sentamu. (Read more).*

However, I have to disagree ever so slightly with the good Dr. In my experience, people seem to respect Christians when they are motivated by charity and compassion. They may not wish to live like that themselves, but they respect others who do. Sadly, when people think that Christians are mad, it's all too often because they seem to go out of their way to be difficult and uncharitable. 'Missionaries' from a Church in the US just announced their mission to the UK in these terms:

> *You KNOW his word - you had great light in your land in the 1600s with the vast array of John's (Knox, Bunyan, Brown, Gill, Trapp, etc., etc.) and you have Bible's everywhere! But your goofy queen and her adulterous whore of a son - YIKES put their hand and you all put your hands to mischief at every turn.*
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> *The antichrist is sitting now, in the Whitehouse, the time is SO SHORT - the Lord is coming and this generation is DOOMED! You see the destruction already before your eyes! As filthy america goes down, and The Beast Obama, That Son of Perdition, that Man of Sin gets his power grab on, you will all give over the power of your government to him and when you see that phony faÃ§ade fall away, and he gets his war on and all your fawning over him turns to great fear, then you can remember these words. (Read More)*

Whatever you think of the truth or otherwise of these words, the way in which they are expressed will certainly do nothing to counteract the idea that Christians are mad. Sadly it is people like these who will get the media attention and those who are witnessing faithfully and lovingly in word and deed across the country will be ignored.

John Sentamu is right; people do think Christians are mad - but it's not because we are good people that they think that....

PS - Cranmer has an interesting follow up on the Baptist missionaries from the US - I agree with everything he says.