CHRISTIANITY IS NOT BRITISH

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That reliable rodent, the Church mouse has just come up with an amazing story from the British National Party. Nick Griffin the party leader has often claimed that Christianity is indigenous to Britain, unlike Islam, Hinduism and the rest. Of course, Christianity is actually indigenous to the Middle East, though it adapts to any culture.

I wrote this a while ago about the BNP leader:

> *Perhaps the most concerning thing from my point of view was that Nick Griffin referred to himself as a Christian and talked about the need to preserve a Christian nation. It would be hard to imagine anything further from the multiracial, multinational, multicultural church of Jesus Christ than the narrow minded, nationally biased ideology of the BNP. The heart of the Gospel is about Christ breaking down human boundaries and reconciling all nations to himself without a separation between Jew and Gentile (or English, or Polish orâ€¦).*

Anyway, it seems that the BNP's claim to adopt Christianity for it's electoral programme has hit the buffers. The Mouse writes:

> *Today, however, the BNP's Christian credentials take a bit of a dent, as we hear that the BNP's London campaign chief, Bob Bailey, is being threatened with suspension from the Barking Council on which he serves. Â This comes because of a racist outburst at a council meeting, where Bailey objected to a planning application from ... a church. Â The reason Bailey objected to this application was because it was the wrong kind of Christians - these ones were black.*
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> *In this instance the Redeemed Christian Church of God, primarily Nigerian, was seeking permission to convert offices into a Church when Bailey came out with a number of offensive statements such as, "We don't want the amount of black children". Â Permission was granted, despite Bailey voting against.*

The problem for the BNP is that the majority of the Christians in the world are 'the wrong sort'; they are African, Asian and Latin American, they certainly ain't white, British Anglo-Saxons.

It is the role of the Gospel to challenge national cultures, not to support a the narrow agenda of any racial (or, indeed, racist) group. You can read some of my thoughts on the Gospel and national cultures here and here.