

**IN THE MATTER OF TONY ANTHONY  
OF AVANTI MINISTRIES LIMITED**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID HARTLEY WEST**

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I, DAVID HARTLEY WEST, Company Director and a Board Member of Avanti Ministries, of 4 Letty Green, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG14 2NZ make oath and say as follows:

1. I am aware that Tony Anthony, the founder of Avanti Ministries, has been the subject of much criticism and speculative allegations concerning both the accuracy and veracity of the account provided in his book 'Taming the Tiger'. Some of the aforesaid criticism and allegations have been directed towards the biographical details of Mr Anthony's familial background including the simplest of matters such as his year of birth and even the ethnicity of his parents.
2. I am not in a position to address the broader series of questions and allegations that have been raised in the context of the challenges to the account provided in 'Taming the Tiger' nor have I been requested to do so. I have, however, been requested by Mr Anthony to scrutinise his familial background without compromising his privacy and that of his family. To that end, Mr Anthony allowed me to inspect and scan copies of a range of documents including, inter alia, his birth certificate, current passport, family papers and photographs to enable me to confirm the accuracy of the same against external sources.

3. I have utilised the services of qualified individuals including a genealogist who is also a practising solicitor to verify the accuracy of the familial details provided by Mr Anthony. All matters deposed in the Affidavit hereof are directly within my knowledge by reference to the corroboration provided by the aforesaid external sources.
4. I can absolutely confirm that Mr Anthony was born in Britain and that all the details on his Birth Certificate conform fully with the General Register Office's index of Births for England and Wales. I further confirm that it was possible to reconstruct Mr Anthony's genealogy directly from the parental information contained in his birth certificate including the maiden name of his mother.
5. The aforesaid genealogical reconstruction via the General Register Office's Births, Marriages and Deaths indexes and duplicate certificates confirm that Mr Anthony's mother was wholly of Chinese ethnic origin. I also confirm that the sequence of family photographs provided by Mr Anthony are entirely consistent between the dates of the key familial events, the age of the subjects appearing in the photographs and the vintage of the photographs themselves.
6. On the basis of all the evidence presented to me, I have no hesitation in confirming the veracity of Mr Anthony's familial details as aforesaid. I also confirm that it would be perfectly possible for any competent genealogist to replicate the same research and reach the same conclusion. The only factor that may prevent them from doing so is the variation between Mr Anthony's adopted name and his registered birth name and the precise quarter and year in which his birth was registered which I will not disclose out of respect for the request of confidentiality from Mr Anthony and the preservation of the privacy of his family.

Sworn by the above-named deponent

DAVID HARTLEY WEST

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at 3 Baldock Street Ware

this 7<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2012

Before me,

Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths

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