

To whom this may concern,

I am Staff Sergeant Neil Obbard and I am currently in the Army and I am based in Germany. I have been frontline troops for some years, being to the pinnacle of soldiering by being a Sniper, a Sniper Instructor and done covert specialist work. I have trained soldiers for approximately 4 years and mentor soldiers. I am now involved in administration and am a Human Resources Specialist. I am an excellent judge of character and know when people are deliberately lying.

I have known Tony Anthony for over 3 years now. I have read his book 'Taming the Tiger' and found it to be an awesome read, one of the best autobiographies that I have ever read. Apart from the lineage which has only recently come to light, I have no reason to believe that anything Tony has said is untrue. All auto biographies are exaggerated in some parts and minimized in other parts - that is the nature of books. Tony has come under undue pressure with virtually no proof on the other matters. Why has Tony come under such pressure - due to being a very successful evangelist? Make no bones about it, the devil wants him out of the picture. Tony wins souls for Christ that is his ministry. If God was not in him or his ministry how could he have built a worldwide ministry!

I have always found Tony to be humble whenever he speaks. He argues his case - even when soldiers who he has spoken to do not believe in the Bible and there are a lot - with dignity and in a manner and language they can understand. He has been in to Kings School - which is a Forces School in Germany - and lectured not only about Christ but also about being an author. Not only was his talk eagerly received but so was his donation of 40 books.

His innovative way of putting over the Gospel of Jesus Christ with such passion, use of modern media in a way which really appeals to the majority of people in a easy listening manner. His way as a role model and mentor as an evangelist to me is inspiring. Doing what I have done I do not inspire easily. The emphasis was always about Jesus Christ never about what he had done previously. Tony is truly one of the most effective evangelists I have ever seen.

Anyone who is persecuted for the sake of Christ is blessed. Tony will come back from this, and his ministry will be greater than ever before. People call me a hero for having done what I have done. BUT picking up a Bible, going round countries around the world, feeding thousands, clothing them and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to anyone who will listen - even in predominantly Muslim countries is heroic. He truly is a hero. He truly is a fantastic evangelist, probably the best in the UK in the modern era.

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