

## Letter supporting Tony Anthony and his ministry 18.07.13

### Re. Tony Anthony

Beloved Brothers and Friends of Edizioni Uomini Nuovi,

In these last weeks news is being spread that Tony Anthony's books are not true autobiographies, but fictional stories and even false.

Regarding this spreading scepticism, as Tony Anthony's Italian editor I would like to point out some clarifying details:

1. First of all, Tony Anthony used to use another name in Cina, a maternal one which is a cinese name. Whoever searches the documents of that time (on Tony's past in Cina) has to, therefore, work in the cinese language and go to the exact place.
- 2) *Kung Fu*, as many secondary sports in Europe, began to be known and to raise interest on a large scale only with the coming about of new technologies. In the 80's, or when Tony Anthony became champion of *Kung Fu* three times, the news could not for certain appear publicly on the front pages of every western newspaper. I do not think that one reads in the newspapers today about who is the actual world champion of *Kubb*. Nevertheless, in spite of our ignorance on *Kubb*, various federations for this sport exist and even a world championship. But not being a well known sport, the news does not circulate very easily, little is available and seems non existent.
- 3) The situation as regards the prisons and Tony's meeting the Lord is described in a very clear and direct way in his book, with rich details. And, also, the missionary who brought him to Christ in the prisons of Cyprus is still alive. I think that there no better testimony than this!
- 4) To add one last point: I have got to know Tony Anthony personally during various occasions and I have touched by hand his evangelistic ministry, both in the prisons and churches and in public events. Both in Italy and in Switzerland. Tony is a very humble person and dedicated to the Lord. I have always been able to notice personally how the Lord works powerfully through his life testimony and his ministry. As the Lord Jesus says, you will know the tree by its fruit and I believe that this judgment is really without contradiction.

We who carry out our evangelical ministry through Edizioni Uomini Nuovi are used to judgmental criticisms, when not slanderous, towards the authors of whose books we publish.

Some historical memories about this will not hurt:

- We think of when we published books by Wurmbrand. There was a great battle against the testimony and ministry of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand. According to various critics of the age, of which many well known pastors, the Wurmbrand couple were two imposters and that the persecution against christians in comunist countries never existed. And when the truth came to light, with the discovery of the *GULAGS* (labour camps) and a number of martyrs clearly superior to the victims caused by the nazis, of which an exhorbitant number of christians, non of these "grand critics" - of which it is right to underline, many pastors - thought of giving their apologies for the slanders towards Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand.

- We think of all the campaign against Yonggi Cho of Korea when we published his books. Even he was accused of telling tales by the sceptics. When the facts were incontestably verified, none of the “grand critics” turned back to make their apologies. Only silence reigned.
- We think of Colin Urquhart and his ministry. Attacks after attacks to Edizioni Uomini Nuovi for having published his books, according to several “grand critics” they were not in line with the classical evangelical tradition!
- We think of Billy Graham and the battle that we had as editors, for having published his books. In Italy he was considered as the American President’s Chaplain and the ‘foot licker of the Pope’. In fact, in our land full of “wise men” and “grand critics”, it has never been possible to put the pastors and churches together for a great evangelistic crusade on a national scale!
- We think of the publications in Italian of books by David Wilkerson and Nicky Cruz. According to “grand critics” of those days, they were just romances or even invented.

Wurmbrand, Yonggi Cho, Urquhart, Billy Graham, Wilkerson, Cruz... are only some examples of the authors who were strongly criticised and accused. And yet, it had to do with simple men, full of the Holy Spirit, and through their lives have always sown with perseverance the tree of Jesus Christ, obtaining extraordinary results from their ministry! The good tree is seen by its fruit and not from the intellectual scepticism of the “grand critics”.

To end with my personal opinion in favour of Tony Anthony, I ask all those who run down this man and his ministry to demonstrate their own evangelistic testimony and the relative fruit.

It saddens me that many people, instead of supporting the work of God and His servants, go around seeking alleged contradictions and allow themselves to be influenced by general scepticism.

I invite you with joy and serenity to spread, but above all to read, all the books by Tony Anthony and to participate in his future meetings when they take place. The titles published by us are:

- Taming the Tiger
- Cry of the Tiger
- Passion

With gratefulness,

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