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He was a deceiver.



A 1931 picture of Adolf Hitler leaving church.

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In the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is True God and True Man. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person. The Old and New Testaments are God's Divinely Inspired words. All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God and are in need of salvation. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men. It is the will of God that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit. Healing is available to every believer only when it is God's will to act. Ultimate healing is at the resurrection of the body. The Church consists of all those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust. In the personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ. In water baptism, and observance of the Lord's Supper.

“Let no one defraud you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.”

Colossians 2:18 [NKJV]

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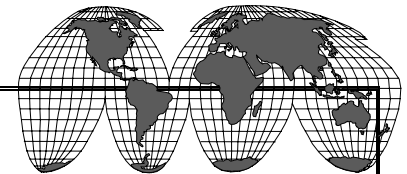
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OPEN LETTER TO OPRAH WINFREY

I was watching your show a couple of years ago and you had one of those “spiritual bozo’s” claiming all roads lead to God/heaven. One zealous, but biblically ignorant, Christian woman stood up in the audience and yelled out words of John 14:6. You asked her, “What about all the people who never heard about Jesus?” She angrily sputtered, “I don’t know” and then angrily said “The Bible says” and again quoted John 14:6. I apologize for her “zeal without knowledge.” Oprah, you say you are a Christian. You cannot be a Christian and call Jesus a liar. Everyone who hears about the gospel of Jesus Christ and rejects it will go to hell. That’s what Jesus said, “He who believes in the Son, has everlasting life, and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on Him.” John 3:36. Read the gospel of Matthew. Jesus said no one could know the Father except the Son reveals Him to them and no one could know the Son except the Father reveal the Son to them. Keep reading. Jesus said those who fall on the Rock (Jesus) will be saved, but whoever the Rock falls on will be ground to powder.



The Bible states several times Jesus Himself will judge every person who ever lived – See John 5:22. Those who never heard of Jesus can be saved. Jesus is the eternal Logos/Son of God. Paul states in Romans Chapters 1 and 2 all men know there is a God by creation and God given conscience. If they respond correctly to that light—God will reveal Himself to that person. Since Jesus is the Supreme Judge He will judge everyone fairly. One note here: The True God is not revealed in Zoroastrianism or Jainism, nor Islam, nor Hinduism, nor Taoism, Buddhism, Shinto, Confucianism, etc. as anyone who has the sense God gave a jackass can see by a cursory or very deep study of the religions of the world. And any “divine spark” you or your guests believe is in man died when Adam fell by rebelling against God. No one will go to hell because of Adam’s sin, but many will by the consequence of it. Every person since Adam and Eve have been born into this life to choose or not to choose God. At some age (see Isaiah 7:16) people choose to willfully sin or not. People go to hell because of their own unforgiven sin. Enoch, Noah, and Job are some Biblical examples of pagans who found the true God. We preach Jesus to the world because many liars and false religions have taught people a lie. I would appreciate it if you stop having guests like the ignorant Eckhart Tolle. Yes it would be easy for me to make him look like a fool on your program because he is intellectually dishonest. I realize in this short note that you, or anyone reading this, might say, “but that begs the question...” well any questions you have please contact me. We can keep it confidential if you wish. Others can take our Bible course! “I am the door by me if anyone enters he shall be saved—anyone who tries to climb up some other way is a thief and a robber.” John 10, read the whole chapter. Jesus said He was the only way! Peter was a Christian. He said “There is salvation in no other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12. Paul was a Christian. He said, “For there is one God (the Father) and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Jesus Christ.” I Timothy 2:5. Oprah, you say you are a Christian—What do you say about Jesus? Why do you think Jesus suffered the agony of the cross? Eagerly awaiting your answer!

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the son of God does not have life.” (1 John 5:9-12 NKJV)

Sincerely,
Tom Adcock

LOVE – TRUTH – MY SEARCH

Everyone has a story. A few snapshots of my life can tell mine. I was a “War Baby” born 1942 in St. Petersburg, Florida. I vaguely remember ration coupons for food. When I was about three or four out playing cowboys and Indians with two friends, one threw a butter knife from a rooftop and it stuck right in the top of my head. A hospital visit solved the problem. Perhaps it was a prophetic sign of my life to come.

As I grew older my mother sent me to a Methodist Church (back when almost all Methodist churches taught the Bible). I only remember how good I felt walking home. I can’t specifically remember why.

I got involved in swimming at a young age and was on the city swimming team for three years. That was a happy time for me. It is such good exercise and how I enjoyed walking or riding the bus home. It was safe on the street then and people were friendly and **my conscience was clean**. My family had no car or television set until I was in high school – poor, but happy!

In grammar school, about the third grade I was picked on by a few people. I well remember two brothers who would punch me in the face and laugh. I remember I tried to live by the teaching of Jesus, “Turn the other cheek”. At that age I never realized that Jesus did not say people would not hit you on the other cheek. My lack of Bible knowledge started my rebellion against God. “Why didn’t he rescue me?”

It was during the seventh grade a bully terrorized me – punching me whenever he chose. I remember being afraid when I saw him in the hall at school, wondering what he would do to me as he passed by. Then I saw a movie called “Blackboard Jungle” and shortly afterwards in class this bully punched me and I went crazy. I choked him almost unconscious, then picked up a desk and smashed it into his face. Immediately, I was a hero. The bully completely changed his attitude toward me and everyone else “loved” me.

As it worked out, I went on a “crusade” against “evil”; what I would call “unfairness”. I joined the Madeira Beach Police Athletic League boxing team, filled some dungarees with sand and punched this “punching bag” every night. The next bully I ran into I knocked out with one punch. There were a lot of gangs around then. The biggest one was the Aces, about 400 boys.

I started my own gang. Only about 20 kids. By the time I finished Junior High School (9th grade), I had been in 297 street fights and only lost 7. I kept a journal.

By the time summer was over and I entered Boca Ciega High School, guys were “lined up wanting to fight me.” They just didn’t believe a “little squirt like me” could be so tough. [I’m 5’7” tall and never weighed more than 165 pounds in my life. At that time I probably didn’t weigh more than 140 pounds.] To me that was persecution and I had approximately 200 more fights, losing only a few. I was “driven.”

Sure I did some “good things” before I was saved. For example, I was never a racist and fought against it, literally a couple of times. But I was still incomplete. False religious prophets and teachers also say some “true” things. However, their message is still poisonous. A broken watch is correct twice a day.

I experienced young love and heartbreak like all high schoolers. Grades were so easy for me I skipped class. I started drinking alcohol. Whatever crusade I had started on became lost in my drunken selfish life. Fighting and drinking were my noticeable traits and normal life.

A bad car wreck which nearly killed me slowed me down and I wondered what I was looking for. I was in the Navy during the Cuban Crises and the only time I saw any purpose to what we did was when we were in Cuban waters at general quarters. The drinking and fighting continued in the navy. I got an honorable discharge anyway.

Back home the wild life caught up to me one night when a friend of mine and I beat up five people. I was arrested and sentenced to 90 days on each count. Four hundred and fifty days in city jail.

Leaving Florida behind, I ended up in Los Angeles, vowing to “reform”. I enrolled in El Camino Jr. College and got a job. However, I was lonely. The only place I knew where “people met” were bars. I had grown up in bars. It was the 60’s, the Vietnam war was on. I hated the war protesters. Yet I had long hair and got deeply involved in drugs for spiritual reasons. I was still looking for something.

My mother was an English and reading teacher for 45 years and I learned to read early. Though I lived a “wild life” I was a voracious reader and read everything the “world” had to offer from Kerouac and

Mailer, Ayn Rand, Voltaire, True Believer by Eric Hoffer, Huxley etc. Anyone familiar with these writings can understand why it was so hard for me to believe the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I went to a lot of “spiritual places” on drugs. Timothy Leary’s Psychedelic Experience and more. One day I met a girl walking down the street. I was attracted to her for several reasons. One of which I was totally unaware. After a couple of weeks of dating I asked her if she believed in God. She told me when she was a young girl during a Baptist youth service that God revealed to her supernaturally that Jesus had died for her. This revelation was accompanied by a white light that filled the room and blinded her. It was instantaneous but afterward she believed and knew she had been saved.

I asked her to marry me. Unknown to me at that time I was looking for God myself. I led her into a crazy drug scene for three years. But she had a conscience I could not understand. A Jesus revolution broke out in Los Angeles and many other parts of the world. My wife and others were praying for me and people, Jesus Freaks, were witnessing to me on the street. I was being drawn to the Bible. I had a tortured heart and a tormented mind. I was desperate. I prayed the sinners prayer but argued constantly with God. One night in bed I heard the only audible voice of God I’ve ever heard. – one word “Tom”. I got up and walked into our living room and He was there. I suppose it was Jesus in the person of the Holy Spirit. I only know God was in that room with me and I knew it was Jesus Christ. After a Satanic spiritual mind struggle I said, “Lord Jesus, I give up. I believe in you.” Immediately it felt as if blood was running down my head and over my body, even down my throat. Blood inside and out washed over me and I knew I was saved. All I could say was “It’s really true after all. It’s really true.” As William James would say “a Damascus road experience.”

The next day I witnessed to a bar tender friend of mine in one of the roughest bars in Los Angeles and I have never stopped. That was 1969. In 1973 I was baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Friend have you ever read I Corinthians Chapter 13 about love. I was looking for that in friends and causes and I never found it perfectly until I met Jesus. My wife and I have been married for 43 years and she is a good example of love. But no one, nothing can satisfy you until you surrender to Jesus Christ –Perfect Love!

After all He is the creator, the Redeemer, and the coming Judge of the world. He may not love the evil that we mortals do of our own free will, but He loves you. Believe it! And save yourself my experience. Twenty-seven years of a wasted life. Many of my friends died young. I’m 66 years old now and have “been in revival” since I was saved. I’ve done no great things – I just keep going outside the church, into the world, spreading the truth, which involves a new fight. A fight against the lies of Satan, secular or religious lies. Jesus Christ truly arose from the dead. He is alive. My search is over. May God give you the grace to end your search by finding the ultimate power and love – Jesus of Nazareth. He is right there –waiting for you. Don’t let the Devil bully you. His only power is lying.

I declare unto you the gospel... by which you are saved if you hold fast to the word that I preached unto you. Jesus Christ died for our sins. He was buried and rose again on the third day. If Christ is not raised our preaching is nothing and you are dead in your sins. But now Christ has arisen and even appeared unto me. From I Corinthians Chapter 15. Read it all –Believe it!

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Do you trust your eternal soul to E.G.W.? Was she a rascist?

Did pre-flood humans mate with animals and give birth to sub-human species and races? Is this still happening today?

Ellen G. White says:

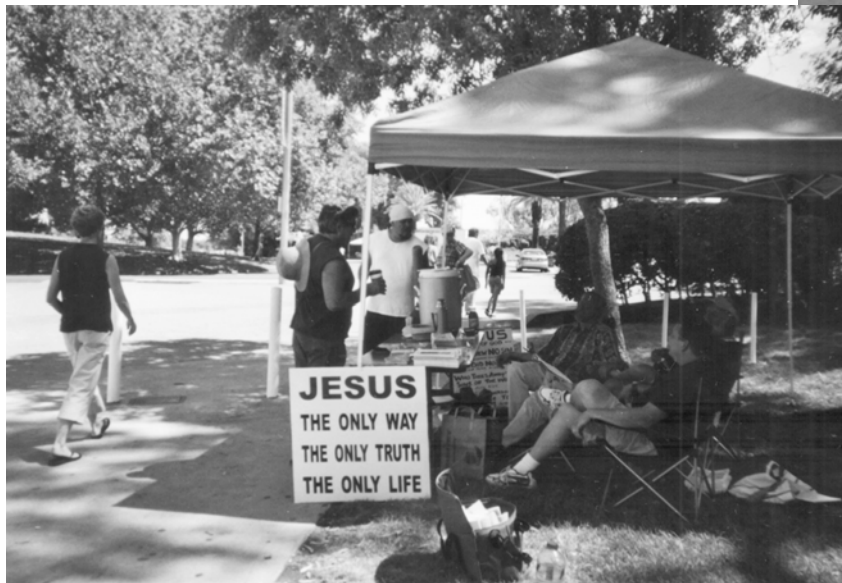
“But if there was *one sin* above another which called for the destruction of the race by flood, it was the base crime of *amalgamation of man and beast* which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere.” – *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 3, p. 64, written in 1864.

“Every species of animal which God had created were preserved in the ark. The confused species which God did not create, *which were the result of amalgamation*, were destroyed by the flood. Since the flood *there has been amalgamation of man and beast*, as may be seen in the most endless varieties

of species of animals, and in certain races of men.”
– *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 3, p. 75, written in 1864.

“My work for the past thirty years bears the stamp of God or the stamp of the enemy. There is *no halfway work in the matter*. The testimonies are of the Spirit of God, or of the devil.”– *Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 230, written in 1876.

They are of the Devil. See our book list on Seventh Day Adventists at www.mission.org/jesuspeople



We witness, pray for people and don't need any "anointing" from any "superstar prophet or apostle" to do it.

Evil Angels, Self-Esteem, Christian Positive Confession Movement

Given that the devil's sin was pride and self-aggrandizement, it is not surprising that he would find it difficult to relinquish the self-love that produced his notoriety. Unfortunately, people rarely comprehend where a self-love philosophy that mimics the devil's may lead them. Those angel authors who define the devil as "ego-dominated personality," or similar euphemisms, need to rethink the implications (2525:165).

One of the most popular angel teachings is that people must learn to esteem and love themselves above all else, even above God Himself. But since they are God, it's really one and the same thing. Consider a few examples:

- "Our Being is a wonder that has no name..." (2507:143).
- "We are not separate from God. We are God. . ." (2514:105).
- "Self-love will nurture and nourish you.... Forge ahead into the everlasting wonderful effect of true self-love.... Simply allow feelings of love for yourself to emerge. Here they come. Now bask in the light of self-love.... Eventually, you find yourself fully in the golden light as you step forward on the path of self-love with your angelic guide from the energy system of divine love.... Regardless of what you think is good or bad, right or wrong, ... you must accept life as perfect in being just what it is. You are perfect in being who you are right now... human life is basically good.... You belong to heaven. Love your frailty and your humanity. It connects you to the creative force in the universe.... As you love the weakness of being human, you will grow strong inside.... Your [angel] teacher speaks.... 'You do love yourself, and this is okay. You are beautiful.... You are life divine—you are love itself.' ... The more you generate this heavenly love for yourself the more magnificent life will be.... You are transformed by self-love. You thank your angel guide and then thank yourself" (2523:152, 156-61).
- "you do not need to ask permission to love yourself, ... nothing less is sufficient to you or

God" (2512:98).

- "[Claiming] your own goodness... [will] further goodness on the earth" (2512:102).
- "You have a Buddha nature.... Here for your use in meditation is a powerful mantra.... 'I am love, I give love, I accept love...' " (2512:134).

The problem here is that this kind of self-esteem is based on the false concept that man in his true nature is divine (2541). And once the creation and the creature become God, then everything is reduced to the lowest common denominator and everything in the creation ends up with the same value. As the popular angels teach, "Nature has no favorites; it loves the frog and the fish equally; it supports the bird and the dog in the same ways.... You and we, your angelic teachers, are each essential parts of the system, neither more nor less" (2512:174).

If the tree and the rock and the dog and the frog are just as much God as everything else, then there is no fundamental difference between things. The irony is that this does not elevate man, it degrades him to the lowest element of nature.

Regardless, this kind of self-love and self-esteem teaching provides an entrance into the church through modern psychology and the positive confession movement (1970/2491). As noted earlier, many modern angel books use terminology directed toward Christians. One particularly potent occult text encourages readers to "endow each angel with the Will of God, the Love of Christ, and the Action of the Holy Spirit" (2525:31).

As we documented in *The Facts on the Faith Movement* (1970) and *The Facts on False Teachings in the Church* (339), the modern faith/positive confession leaders usually claim that they have received their unique teachings by direct divine revelation, occasionally through the mediation of angels. In these booklets, we have shown that such teachings are not biblical and could not have come from God or the Good angels.

If the proponents' claims to supernatural inspiration are legitimate, then only one source of revelation remains. Perhaps it is significant that many spirit guides today have positive confession tapes on sale by their mediums. (The tapes by "DaBen" and "Orin" include such titles as, "Creating

Money: The Spiritual law of Prosperity and Abundance” and “Awakening Your Prosperity Self”; 575:231-32).

The popular angels also support and endorse positive confession teachings. Terry Lynn Taylor remarks, “Angels are the missing link in the chain of...self-help, self-development, and self-reliance programs....Angels are heaven-sent agents who are always available to help you create heaven in your life” (2511:xvi).

The entire purpose of the book *Creating with the Angels: An Angel-Guided Journey into Creativity* is to use angels as a means to create success in every area of life (2523:vii-xi). One angel says, “Abundance is a state of mind that leads to physical manifestation of physical resources. But, more important, abundance is a state of spirit that initially awakens the minds to its creative possibilities. You are being led toward abundant thinking, feeling, love, and participating in life so that you will be in a position to encourage wholism in every form wherever you find it” (2512:214).

The popular angels often speak in the same words and cite the same biblical passages as the modern Christian prosperity teachers. In *The Angels Within Us* we read, “The bible also says, ‘By your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned’ (Matt. 12:37); ‘Death and life are in the power of the tongue’ (Prov. 18:21); and, ‘Thou shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee’ (Job 22:28). Charles Fillmore, cofounder of Unity, wrote, ‘The spoken word carries vibrations through the universal ether.... And Earnest Holmes, founder of the Church of Religious Science has written, ‘The word gives form to the unformed...’” (2525:268).

Other teachings from this same occult book also reflect basic Christian prosperity beliefs: “We should meditate for an understanding of what produced the original condition of lack in our minds, speak the word for the healing of that mental-emotional condition, and then work consciously with the Angel of Abundance to reveal a divinely prosperous life” (2525:58). Or, “Abundance is the true nature of God.... And when you identify this Spirit of God within as your abundance, your consciousness becomes the principle of prosperity. The energy flows into manifestation *through* you, forever reproducing the vibration of your consciousness in the world of form” (2525:56-57). And, “When you contemplate the God Self I Am as infinite

supply...you are deepening your awareness of the truth of your Reality” (2525:88,96).

One popular angel reveals, “I have promised you unlimited prosperity.... I am the Lord your healer, I heal all your diseases, restore health to you, and heal your wounds. This is not to come. It is. In truth, you are healed now; you are whole” (2525:263-64). The author tells his readers, “Make contact with the angel and ask how you are limiting your own success. Let him show you any false beliefs that may be blocking the flow from his perspective” (2525:286).

Other popular angel books advise:

- “True abundance is the ability to see the abundance that is already ours” (2507:Feb. 8).
- “I harness the power that enables me to realize all of my desires and objectives.... I have the power to know what is best” (2507:Jan.11,21).
- “If we believe that we can have something...our higher selves—the parts of our psyches that are in communication with the angels—will begin to create it for us” (2507:May7).
- “I create my own miracles” (2507:Sept. 14).

That the modern Christian prosperity movement has aligned itself with the *same* teachings has given Christian leadership, across denominational lines, great concern that “faith teaching” is an avenue for the acceptance of doctrines of demons masquerading as angels. Consider the following statements made by several popular faith teachers.

Kenneth Copeland teaches, “When you use the Word in the name of Jesus they [angels] are obligated to follow your command” (1167:104). Gloria Copeland thinks that there may be at least 40,000 angels assigned to each believer; thus, “there is no shortage of angel power” (2545), and, “how long do you think it would take them to make you wealthy?” (1168:86). Unfortunately, “for the most part, the heirs of the promise have not been using the angel power available to them” (1168:65). Thus, “Your words put the angels to work on your behalf to bring to pass whatever you say...the words of your mouth bind them or loose them to work for you” (1168:88).

Charles Capps says that god supernaturally revealed the same truths to him. In *Angels* he says, “You need the supernatural beings of God working for you here on earth” (1170:80). In *Releasing the*

Ability of God he states, “The Spirit of God spoke this into my spirit just as plainly as if I heard it with my ears.... He said: ‘*The Word says the angels are ministering spirits. These ministering spirits stand beside you daily and listen to the words that you speak.... But you are the one who tells them what to do*’ (1169:100-01,105). Thus, “Angels will work for you. They will become involved in every area of your life—your home, your business, everything—but only to the extent that you allow them to operate” (1170:173).

Kenneth Hagin claims that in 1958 “The Lord Jesus suddenly appeared” before him, with an angel standing three feet behind Him. In *I believe in Visions* he reveals, “He [Jesus] said, ‘This is your angel.’ ‘My angel?’ I asked. ‘Yes, your angel, and if you will respond to him, he will appear to you as I will at times; and he will give you guidance and direction concerning the things of life...’”(1179:93)

Jerry Savelle says that when we apply the principles of the Faith Movement, “the angels come on the scene to see that what you say comes to pass” (1171:45). John Osteen teaches that, “When you become a covenant-person, God assigns angels to watch you and your family...”(1172:45). Robert Tilton says, “When you talk positively about your dream, you not only release its substance, but you release the angels to work for you, causing your dream to come to pass” (1173:54) Benny Hinn also accepts the supposed ministry of the “faith” angels (1175:13).

Our concern is that Christians are being conditioned to have a particular expectation about angels that is not biblical, and that the angelic characteristics and promises are similar to what channelers with spirit guides claim about the spirits they contact.

In 1987, Kenneth Copeland gave a prophecy “from Jesus Christ” in which “Jesus” promised that new and dramatic angel manifestations were going to increase in the church and that many “will have visitations from the spirit realm.” Concerning the angels, “Jesus” allegedly told Copeland:

A very outstanding time is on the way. A time is coming when there will be manifestation of angels more than usual, more than there has been in the past. Many of you are going to witness for yourselves the angel that has been put in charge and in command of your ministry and your life. Many of you are going to have visitations from

the spirit realm. Many of you will have divinely appointed visions and dreams..... Oh, there’s no time nor distance in the spirit realm. You’ll be connected together at times like you’ve never witnessed before. Suddenly, you will be standing in that [spiritual]country, and suddenly you’ll deliver a message and then suddenly you’ll be brought back in your kitchen again. Oh, I have some outstanding things, sayeth the Lord (1178:9).

But this “Jesus” also denied his own deity when he said: “Don’t be disturbed when people accuse you of thinking you are god.... They crucified me for claiming that I was God. But I didn’t claim I was God; I just claimed I walked with Him and that He was in me. Hallelujah. That’s what you are doing” (1178: see 2 Timothy 2:13). But in the Bible Jesus did claim to be God when He said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9 NASB), and “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30), and “Before Abraham was born, I am” (John 8:58; cf. John 1:1,14; Philippians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3,8-10, Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 1:1)

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(prepublication copy, p.1). But this is not true: for example, the Gospel of John is full of Christ's claim to be God while on earth—John 8:58; 10:30; 14:9; 15:26; 20:28,29). Even the Kenneth Copeland Ministry staff admit in a letter dated February 9, 1988 (on file) that, while on earth, "Jesus revealed His deity only in a very limited number of situations." Copeland's own staff denies Copeland's statements.

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In Memory of a Real Heroine

There recently was the death of a 98 year old lady named Irena Sendler.

During WW II, Irena, got permission to work in the Warsaw Ghetto, as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist. She had an ulterior motive... She KNEW what the Nazi's plans were for the Jews, (being German).

Irena smuggled infants out in the bottom of her tool box she carried, and she carried in the back of her truck a Burlap sack, (for larger kids).

She also had a dog in the back, that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in, and out of the ghetto. The soldiers of course wanted nothing to do with the dog, and the barking covered the kids/infants noises.

During her time and course of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids/infants.

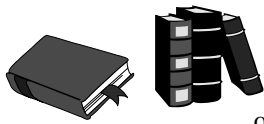
She was caught, and the Nazi's broke both her legs, and arms, and beat her severely.

Irena kept a record of the names of all the kids she smuggled out, and kept them in a glass jar, buried under a tree in her back yard. After the war, she tried to locate any parents that may have survived it, and reunited the family.

Most of course had been gassed. Those kids she helped got placed into foster family homes, or adopted.

Last year Irena was up for the Nobel Peace Prize.... She LOST. Al Gore won, for a slide show on Global Warming.

"So when I need a financial breakthrough I don't just pray and ask God for my financial breakthrough. I go into intercession and become a partner with the angels by petitioning the Father for the angels that are assigned to getting me money: 'Father, give me the angels in heaven right now that are assigned to get me money and wealth. And let those angels be released on my behalf. Let them go into the four corners of the earth and gather me money.'" Todd Bentley (from Todd's 2003 article 'Angelic Hosts').



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WE GET LETTERS Thousands of them – Here are a few



Dear Tom,

A while ago you sent me a book by Assembly of God pastor Bill Randles. Making War in the Heavens (an exposé of the false spiritual warfare of marching around cities and casting down territorial spirits.) Recently a man named Todd Bentley showed up in Lakeland, Fla. The Holy Spirit took me directly to that book on my shelf—specially the part about Rodney Howard Brown in Lakeland. I decided not to take my wife to Lakeland for healing of her Kidneys. You can print this for the public.

Michael Adler, Pensacola, FL

Editor: I'd appreciate honest Christians to pray for his wife. I'm Pentecostal and believe in divine healing, not "faith healers" Other books about counterfeit teachers and counterfeit prophets and healers are listed on our booklist and on our website www.mission.org/jesuspeople

Jesus People,

I won't be up for parole until 3-9-2010. Can you give me some books about being filled with God's Spirit and overcoming the power of sin...

Andre Williams, East Arkansas Prison, Briceys, AR

Jesus People,

I want your Bible course to learn the difference between the scripture Satan quoted to Jesus, and what the scriptures really teach...

Terrence Bell,

Mound Correctional Facility, Detroit, MI

Editor: To prisoners our course is free. To the public it is \$300 or \$25 per lesson. We lose money on the course but from it you will certainly learn how never to be deceived.

Dear Tom,

We sent our friend *Christianity In Crisis* tapes... She is very sick... She got so upset she said she wouldn't even finish listening to the tapes... She has been following Ken Copeland, Duplantis, Joyce Meyer and Benny Hinn for many years and said what we sent her were all lies...

D & S Dubois, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Editor: Here is a case of a sick, unhealed person who worships personalities and doesn't care what the Bible says. The material sent to her is fully documented—but she doesn't want to be bothered by the FACTS. Well I believe it was Cicero who said, "Everything that deceives can be said to enchant" After 36 years of ministry, it is my conviction, church people are easier to deceive than the unchurched average American. This is a disgusting shame. I am Pentecostal and did a newsletter approximately 16 years ago on Ken Copeland. He is still an unrepentant seriously false teacher, like Mike Murdock and many others.

Jesus People,

Abounding Love Ministries recommended you for me to get solid Bible teaching...

Daniel Wolff, State Prison, Ely, NV

Dear Jesus People Jesus,

Can you please send me the book against Calvinism "What Love Is This"....

Nasio Rivas, State Prison, Corcoran CA.

Editor: Sent. Over the last 35 years, I don't know one prison ministry in the entire country that sends the expensive Christian books we do to prisons. We have to buy them like anyone else.

Jesus People,

Can you help us with study books...

Pastor Moses Chikuta, Malawi, Central Africa

Jesus People,

Can you give me the book "Pigs In The Parlor" by Frank and Ida May Hammond?

Mike Persall, State Prison, Norco, CA

Editor: I sent him a better book on the subject and told him I don't recommend that book to anyone.

Dear Tom,

I am preparing a class on prayer and have a question. . .

Bruce Davis, State Prison, San Luis Obispo, CA

Editor: This man is truly saved and rehabilitated—been in prison over 40 years. He did not kill anyone. He was not involved in the Tate-LaBianca murders. It is time to parole him. His testimony is on our website www.mission.org/jesuspeople.

Dear Tom [condensed for brevity]

What do you think of Jimmy Swaggert?

Nell Fry, Sacramento, CA

Editor: Jimmy Swaggert sinned, repented. Today he and his son currently preach the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

J.P.

Can you send me Christian magazines and books. . .

Arturo Chaparro, State Prison, Beeville, TX

Hello,

I was reading the Christian Examiner newspaper and saw your ad for a free Jesus People Magazine. Please send me one.

Larry Costello, State Prison, San Diego, CA

Jesus People,

Please send me your free Jesus People magazines . . .

Ricky Stobaugh, State Prison, Chino, CA

J.P.

Remove my name from your mailing list. I am a happy Unitarian Universalist!

Lee George, Cherry Valley, CA

J.P. Please help. I'm not looking for a free Bible, but Bible studies. I only want to know what the Bible means. . .

Mark Nelson, State Prison, Tecumseh, NE

J.P.
Please send me all your newsletters. I want to know how to defend the faith against all the cults in here...
William Malgren, State Prison, Avenal, CA

Tom,
Can you please send all six of us each 5 different books about Jesus to read. I have written down the other 5 names and addresses of women here...
Desiree Crawford, Valley Women's Prison, Chowchilla, CA

Editor: 30 books sent!

Brothers,
We received all the tracts you sent us. It was joyful to share it among the brethren who never knew Christ...
Pastor John Atakiel, Mission to the Lost Ministry
Edo State, Nigeria, Africa

Brother Adcock,
Thank you for the 300 salvation books, and the continuing supply of 50 Spanish and English books you send monthly...
Protestant Chaplain H. Warren Alderson, Cal. Men's Colony,
San Luis Obispo, CA

Respected Sir,
I am going to study in Baptist Bible college here. By grace I received Jesus and am out of my Hindu religion. I read English, but only have new Testament. This is poor Bible school and I need whole Bible and study books...
K. Gangi, Kerala, India

Editor: Bible and books sent.

Hello,
I am Juan again. I read the 3 books you sent me last month and you said to write back in 30 days if I wanted more. Pray for me, all my family is in Mexico...
Juan Lopez, Maximum Security Prison, Florence, AZ

Jesus People,
Please send me your Jesus People magazines. There is a demonic atmosphere here...
Richard Chapman, Chuckawalla Prison, Blythe, CA

J.P.,
I'm currently serving a sentence here at Levy Forestry Camp. Could you at least send me one of your Magazines each month to help me in my spiritual walk...
Beverly Thomas, Bronson, FL

Jesus People,
Please send me your newsletters and the book "The Culting of America"...
Kevin Cox, State Prison, Avenal, CA

Dear Mr. Adcock,
What a wonderful ministry you have. Thanks for all the books you have sent. And yes, I can receive hardcover books. My calling is to help others not make any more mistakes and understand the Bible...
John Mann, Sumter Correctional Institute, Bushnell, FL

Jesus People,
Thank you for your newsletters and pray for us here to lead souls to the true God...
Peter Kaborag, Yap, Federated State of Micronesia

Brothers,
I came across two of your newsletters others were reading in here. Can I please get some of these solid Bible inspirations...
Victor Perez, State Prison, Delano, CA

Jesus People,
Is it possible to get a large print KJV Bible and Christian books from you?...
Raymond Sanchez, Chuckawalla Prison, Blythe, CA

Jesus People,
Since I'm incarcerated, can you give me 3 books I've listed...
Byron Williams, State Prison, Corcoran, CA

Jesus People,
Thank you for the book "The Great Gospel Deception" I'm here in AD-Seg and it was such a blessing. I pray you will be able to help others like you did me.
Donny Rodriguez, State Prison, San Luis Obispo, CA

J.P. Hi...
I am a new Christian and need help. I don't understand the Bible I have with all the thees and thous and some people tell me I have to live a sinless life and some teach here it is God's will that some are predestined to heaven and others to hell. I need answers...
Nathen Elliot, Prison, Brickeys, AR

Dear Sir,
Please enroll me in your free Bible course. God bless you for helping me.
N. Rodriguez, Prison, Lancaster, CA

Jesus People,
Can you please give me a Bible to read and your magazines?
Victor Studdvant, Riverside Regional Jail, Hopewell, VA

Jesus People,
Please keep praying for me. It is so difficult and dangerous in here...
Daniel Jestor, Prison, Vacaville, CA

E-mail from J. Balocco <f9fpanther@astound.net>
"Satan's Jews rule the world and obviously run your organization"

Dear J.P.I.C.
I completed your Bible course a long while ago, June 30, 2003. You said if I ever needed some questions answered to write. It's 5-18-2008 and I need...
Matthew Wanser, Folsom Prison, Represa, CA

Jesus People,
Thank you for sending me these books. Keep me in prayer...
Anthony Grant, Pinellas County Jail, Clearwater, FL

Jesus People,
Thank you for the book "He Walked Among Us" by Josh McDowell. I read every word of it. Now, I have some questions about the book or two books of Enoch...
Michael Graves, State Prison, Wasco, CA

Jesus People,
Thank you for working together with us to preach the gospel where it has not been heard...
Danford Ualambalaly, Malawi, Central Africa

Dear Jesus People,
I recently wrote "The Tabernacle" for a Bible and they said they no longer give Bibles to prisoners. I just need a Bible I can understand but not KJV and any study material you can spare...
M. R. Lemm, State Prison, Tehachapi, CA

Editor: Incidentally we supply free every letter we print and thousands of others. We don't have the money to supply every request we get. Perhaps if some "free-world" people would order some of our books, tapes and DVDs we could get a large cash flow going.

e-mail: Thank you for the DVD on "Signs and Wonders Movement Exposed." We use it as teaching tools for our ministry.
Pastor Kede-Wang, Jos, Nigeria, West Africa

Jesus People,
I thank God on every occasion for you. Thank you for all the study books on the Bible and cults you have sent me...
Oscar Galvan, State Prison, Abilene, TX

Jesus People,
Please send me books on Mormonism. I cannot understand their backward beliefs...
Wesley Taylor, FMC Prison, Ayer, MA

Greetings Jesus People,
I've been reading your papers in here and that's all I want. The Truth, whatever it is. That's how I pray about things, after a month or so praying about problems I felt the power of God in my cell and got my answer in the Bible...
David Rowland, State Prison, Lovelady, TX

Editor: Yes, that is the way to pray for guidance and to experience the presence of God. Not going to a "revival" and singing and yelling for 2-3 hours.

Brother Adcock,
I got transferred back here again from Donovan Prison in San Diego. Please start sending your newsletter again...
Kevin Kennedy, Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown, CA

Jesus People,
My husband and I are both in jail and I've really been reading all the stuff you send here. I'm serious now and my husband and I want to get right with God... Here is his address at Wasco prison...
Regina Hodges, Valley State Prison, Chowchilla, CA

Jesus People,
A friend gave me your address and said to write you. I'm a Catholic. I was taught Protestants took books out of the Bible. My kids are taught to pray to Mary, Mother of God/Queen of Heaven, who also made a way of Salvation via an agreement with God that if we die with our scapular on we will still be saved without faith in Jesus. We pray to the saints, apostles and angels for help. The Pope is infallible and all Christians are under his authority. I personally do not believe in sin because we all make mistakes. No matter what God you believe in as long as your true to that belief you will make it. I also believe Islam is a peaceful religion.... My friend said you have books on these subjects. I know people in here who are Muslims, Wiccans, and Druids, who are nice to me... I also need info on Samhain....
Ron Rahl, Prison, Joliet, IL

Editor: I'm sure everyone is "nice to him". He stands for nothing. Hopefully the information we sent him will cause him to *think!*.

Jesus People,
Please send me religious information...
Shawn King, State Prison, Buckeye, AZ

Dear Tom,
I enjoy reading your newsletter, but have a question. Why are the evangelists killing themselves over Zionism?...
Vincent Tremaglio, Oakville, CT

Editor: Good question. We have a book written by the Chairman of the United Kingdom International Bible Society called "Christian Zionism – The Roadmap to Armageddon?" If anyone wants it send a check or money order for \$32.95 to us and we'll send you a copy and pay the postage cost.

Dear Jesus People,
Thank you so much for all the books and magazines. Clearly you are a Bible believing body of people with some of the clearest interpretations of scripture that I have come across in my 5 years of Bible study. But you didn't tell me what church or denomination you belong to??
Robert Clark, Beaumont, TX

Editor: I responded "None!" The description of our ministry and our beliefs are stated on page 2 of this newsletter.

E-mail: You guys have got a lot to learn. Explain John 14:28 "The father is greater than I."

Editor: Response: When you can understand Philippians 2:5-11 you will know. During the time Jesus was on earth He was not Omnipresent. Maybe you are the one who has a lot to learn.

And the letters keep coming, every day.



POSTMODERNISM – THE LAST FAIRY TALE

According to postmodernists, fundamentalists are those who believe religious teachings are true or false not just within their own paradigm but over all paradigms. Fundamentalists view religious truth as objectively true, and therefore subject to rational scrutiny. Evangelicals—those who strive to hold to a biblical faith as expressed in the early church and the Reformation—certainly fall within this circle because we believe that if something is true, its opposite cannot be true at the same time, regardless of what paradigm a person holds.

You may have noticed that evangelicalism, like modernism, insists on consistency. Both evangelicals and modernists have historically believed in the use of reason, beginning with the law of non-contradiction: “A is not non-A.” So, for instance, the Creator can’t be a personal God and an impersonal force at the same time.

By taking the same stand as modernism in this particular area—though not in others—evangelical

Christians have placed themselves in the direct line of fire of the growing postmodern consensus.

Let’s be clear: Postmodernists aren’t against religion. They are only against religious teaching that holds objective truth and the usefulness of reason. Religion based only on personal experience and “what’s true for me” is perfectly compatible with the postmodern worldview.

But once reason is rejected, truth in the objective sense must be automatically rejected as well. What use is a “truth” if the opposite, or “antithetical,” position is also true? In place of truths that make sense or truths that can be backed up in some way, postmodernism again leaves its adherents with two things: experience and power. My experience is the basis for my beliefs, and those beliefs exist to empower me.

Excerpt from: *The Death of Truth Responding to Multiculturalism, the Rejection of Reason and the New Postmodern Diversity* Dennis McCallum, General Editor Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, (1996), 202-203.



Spiritist Healing

It is chiefly spiritism under a religious disguise which we find active in the field of healing. There are also so-called faith healers who work not by the power of the Holy Spirit, but by religious spiritism or by white magic.

The USA had a well-known spiritist healer in Edgar Cayce, who made his diagnosis and exercised his healing powers in a trance.

There is at present a widespread spiritist healing organization in England. The president is Harry Edwards, who has within his organization some two thousand healers. He boasts of having between one hundred twenty and two hundred Anglican priests among his clients. His book, *Spiritual Healing*, has been translated into several languages.

It would be a mistake to dismiss these healing methods as a pure swindle. Successful cures do take place. But at what cost! For many years I have been observing the serious negative effects of such healing on people's mental and spiritual health.

Edwards has made the spiritistic character of his activity clear by saying, "When my angels are not present, I cannot heal." Here an interesting parallel to the healing work of William Branham may be seen. Years ago he told his interpreter, Pastor Ruff, "If my angel does not give the sign, I cannot heal." Ruff noticed several features of spiritism in the work of Branham, and therefore stopped working with him. These "angels" of whom Edwards and Branham spoke are evil spirits masquerading as angels of light. As in many areas of the occult, we are here reminded again that the devil appears as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Another evidence is the fact that neither Edwards nor Branham were able to perform cures when faced with born-again Christians who had committed themselves to the protection of Christ. In the case of Branham, I have experienced this myself. When he spoke in Karlsruhe and Lausanne, there were several believers among the audience—including myself—who prayed along these lines: "Lord, if this man's powers are from You, then bless and use him, but if the healing gifts are not from You, then hinder him." The

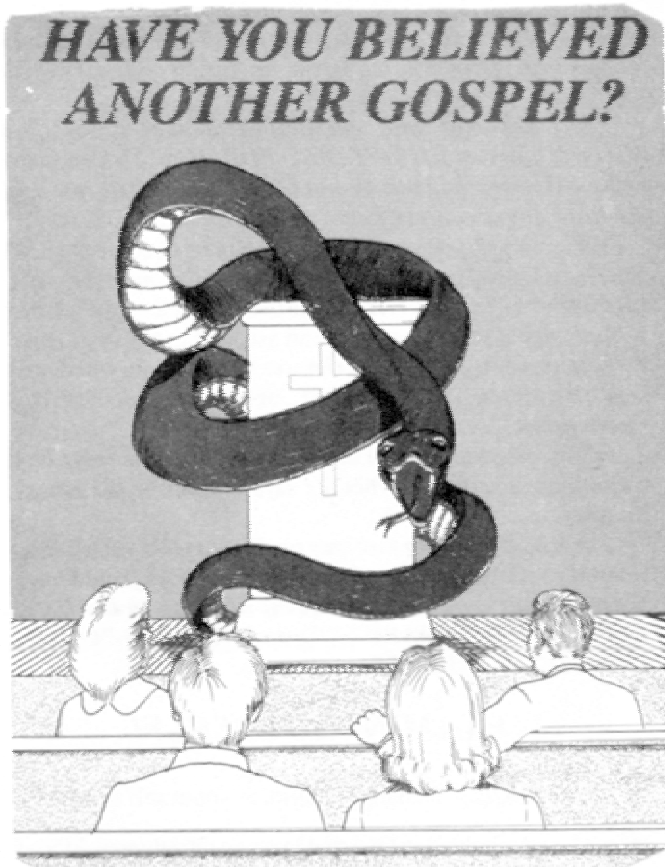
result? On both occasions Branham said from the platform, "There are disturbing powers here. I can do nothing."

People have often told me of similar experiences. Another spiritist healer was Dr. Trampler in Munich. Two women sat praying in his consulting room. Both of them were told, "I can do nothing for you. Go back home."

A more drastic incident occurred in connection with the spiritist healer Seiler of Ottenheim, near Lahr. A Christian woman from Freiburg sat praying in his waiting room, when suddenly the healer came out of his consulting room in a rage and shouted "Get out of here and go home, you old cow! I can't help you."

Christians who are already aware of the spiritist nature of such dubious healers should under no circumstances go to them for treatment. The Lord will not help those who do that.

Excerpt from *Occult ABC* by Kurt E. Koch, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1986, pp. 234-235.



SNAKE OIL FOR SALE!

Misquoting Scripture.

One of the more frequent mistakes Joel Osteen makes is in misquoting Scripture on TV and in his books. With his misquotation often comes misinterpretation.

A case in point would be his use of Hebrews 12. “Stop dwelling on everything that’s wrong with you and taking an inventory of what you’re not. The Scripture says in Hebrews, ‘To [sic] look away from everything that distracts’ (104). Hebrews 12:1-2a does not say that we should look away from what is wrong with us. It states, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith....” Hebrews tells us to do something about our sins. It then tells us something Osteen never tells his readers here—to get our eyes off of ourselves and to fix them on Jesus Christ.

Osteen then says, “The Scripture tells us that we are to ‘call the things that are not as if they already were’” (112). Romans 4:17, however, says that it is “God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were,” not we mere mortals.

Excerpt from article in the *Christian Research Journal* Vol. 31/ no. 03/2008 pp. 48-49; www.equip.org

Joyce Meyer teaches that: “The power of life and death is in our tongue, and God wants you to begin calling those things that don’t currently exist as if they already did. In time, you will see them come to pass.”^[6]

These modern “prosperity” teachings in churches are rooted in the original New Thought practice of “decreeing,” which was established by Emma Curtis Hopkins (1853-1925), who learned her trade in Mary Baker Eddy’s Christian Science Movement,^[9] itself influenced by Hinduism.^[10]

Creflo A. Dollar says: “*God is limited by man’s faith to be able to act on Earth,*”^[14] and David (formerly Paul) Yonggi Cho says that “God never works by Himself, but only through you,”^[15] they are mimicking, almost to the letter, the parallel New Thought occult principle which says: “[*God’s*] *Power can work for you only as it works through you.*”^[16]

The Big Daddy of the modern “prosperity”

movement in the Christian scene was Kenneth Hagin (1917-2003), founder of Rhema Bible Churches and Training Centres, who wrote:

“Our confession is the key to receiving God’s blessings and it is the key to holding on to God’s blessings... . The confessions of your faith in God’s Word will bring the desired realities into your life.”^[18]

Copeland, Hinn, Arnott and Howard-Browne are all regulars in “God TV” programming. But Paul Cain, the former so-called “Kansas City Prophet,” is in there too. Cain wrote the commendatory foreword for the book “*Journal of the Unknown Prophet*” by God TV” founder, Wendy Alec.^[20]

Kenneth Hagin put it like this: “*First...decide what you want from God and find Scriptures which cover your case... [then] let every thought and desire affirm that you have what you’ve asked for.*”^[22]

Florence Scovel-Shinn, a New Thought occultist highly regarded in the new Age Movement, states: “Owing to the vibratory power of words, whatever man voices, he begins to attract.”^[26]

Morris Cerullo, a regular on “God TV,” maintains that “*If [Christians] will only confess it out of their mouth and claim it,*” they could have anything they want—worldly riches and success, even complete immunity to colds and influenza!^[27]

Joyce Meyer, said, “*I tell you when somebody comes to me and says, ‘Oh, this stuff don’t work,’ I’d like to black both their eyes.*”^[32]

Apostle Paul wrote: “But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (I Tim. 6:9-10) [emphasis added]

One occult publication, in which the channeled words of the “Ascended Master” Kuthumi are recorded, shows clearly the origin of this evil practice of word-power and what happens when we attempt to invoke it:

When we contemplate methods of God realization, we dare not exclude the *power of the spoken Word* [in which] the body of your letter is

composed of *statements phrasing your desires...* and the supplications that would be involved even in ordinary prayer. Having released the power of the spoken Word through your outer consciousness, your subconscious mind, and your superconscious or Higher Self, you can rest assured that *the supreme consciousness of the Ascended Masters whom you have invoked is also concerned with the manifestation of that which you have called forth.*”^[33] [emphasis added]

The occultist son of Plymouth Brethren parents, Aleister Crowley (1875-1947), wrote a famous treatise, entitled “*Do What Thou Wilt Shall be the Whole of the Law.*” This should not surprise us.

The well-known Christian teacher, Richard Foster—whose books are long-running Wesley-Owen best-sellers—tells us that:

Perhaps the most astonishing characteristic of Jesus’ praying is that when He prayed for others He never concluded by saying ‘*if it be Thy will.*’ Nor did the apostles or prophets when they were praying for others. They obviously believed that they knew what the will of God was before they prayed the prayer of faith...I saw that when praying for others there was evidently no room for indecisive, tentative, half-hoping, ‘*if it be Thy will*’ prayers.”^[34]

Kenneth Copeland sums up this “my will” philosophy when he writes:

“Your will determines everything you do. It determines your success or failure. It opens or closes the door to your financial success. It determines everything you are, everything you have been, and everything you ever will be. No one can determine your life and its outcome but you.”^[36]

Kenneth Copeland—in a televised service on a “God TV” program—asked the congregation/TV audience to imagine themselves pulling the lever of a one-armed bandit (as seen in casinos and amusement arcades), and he then urged them to scream at the top of their voices: “*MONEY... Come out to me NOW!*” Three times he told the ecstatic audience to yell these words, then he told them to rejoice about it.^[38]

Pastor Steve Munsey, in a fund-raising drive (What they misleadingly call “Missions Week”) for “God TV” in 2004, said to the world on the program: “*You*

can speak anything you want into existence,” and “*we have the right to speak those things that are not as though they were.*” In the same broadcast, he said that we have the power to “remove mountains” and uproot trees and hurl them into the sea. Elsewhere, Munsey says: “*If you want prosperity, you must speak it.... It’s not up to God or the Devil, it’s up to you!*”^[39]

Kenneth Hagin says:

“God used words to bring the universe into existence. When God says something, it happens! God spoke irresistible words that could not be refuted, that could not be denied, that could not be opposed, and what He declared came into being. God’s Word has undeniable, irrefutable, incontestable power! It can create, affect, change, dismantle, and solve any problem in your life too! You see, the words God speaks contain something. They contain power, strength, ability, might and all dominion! Therefore, we need to learn to speak God’s Word!”^[42]

Here’s what Benny Hinn says (in part, parroting Kenneth Copeland):

Christians are ‘little messiahs’ and ‘little gods’ on the earth. Thus [encouraging the audience] ...say ‘*I am a God-man..... This spirit-man within me is a God-man*’ Say ‘*I’m born of heaven a God-man. I’m a God-man. I am a sample of Jesus. I’m a super being.*’ Say it! Say it! Who’s a super being? ‘*I walk in the realm of the supernatural.*’ Say it!.... You want to prosper? Money will be falling on you from left, right and center. God will begin to prosper you; for money always follows righteousness...Say after me, “*everything I ever want is in me already.*”^[43]

The disgraced Bishop Earl P. Paulk, who was named a Bishop in the International Communion of Charismatic Churches in 1982, and who now runs the ministry known as CathedralOnline.tv, has written:

“*Just as dogs have puppies...so God has little gods. Until we comprehend that we are little gods and we begin to act like little gods, we cannot manifest the Kingdom of God.*”^[46]

Similarly, Methodist faith-healer John G. Lake (1870-1935) said, “*Man is not a separate creation detached from God, he is part of God Himself... God intends us to be gods.*”^[47] Kenneth Copeland says, “*You don’t have a God in you. You are one.*”^[48] Note that the above three quotations are taken from

the authoritative Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements, published by Zondervan.

Selwyn Hughes has written:

“Just as Jesus spoke the WORD of rebuke to the fig tree so you as a child of God can speak the withering word of rebuke to that disease or sickness upon your body. When Jesus spoke, his WORD was with power. When you speak, your WORD can have just as much power.”^[50]

Yonggi Cho is the same “Christian” pastor who wrote: “*Before you give the word, the Holy Spirit does not have the proper material with which to create.*”^[52]

Michael Scott Horton, professor Historical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido, California, has said:

“Some of these people are charlatans, others are honestly dedicated to one of the most abhorrent errors in religious theology. I often think of these folks as the religious equivalent to a combination of a National Enquirer ad and professional wrestling. It’s part entertainment and very large part scam.”^[58]

Teacher Joyce Meyer says this:

“Why would God want all of His people poverty stricken while all of the people who aren’t living for God have everything? I think it’s old religious thinking, and I believe the devil uses it to keep people from wanting to serve God.”^[60]

“Righteous are You, O Lord, when I plead with You; yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?” (Jer. 12:1).

“As for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked”(Psa. 73:2-3)

“Behold, these are the ungodly, who are always at ease; they increase in riches. Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence” (Psa. 73:12-13)

“When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me—until I went into the sanctuary of God: then I understood their end. Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors” (Psa. 73:16-19)

“Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass....For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth” (Psa. 37:7,10-11).

Paul speaks of “*false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ*” (2 Cor. 11:13) then he speaks of how

“Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness” (2 Cor. 11:14).

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

“God TV” televangelists declare that they are chosen by the Lord as His instruments to Christianize the world with an “endtime move of the Spirit” and usher in the return of Christ. Wendy Alec puts it like this:

“We believe as we enter the second [sic] millennium, that God Digital as a network, has been ordained by the Father, as one of His tools to usher in His endtime move generationally across the earth. That television, the very tool used by Satan to control the minds and hearts of this last generation, would be used by the Father to deal the devil his death blow and to usher in the endtime move of His Spirit, presenting Him with a bride that was to be without spot, wrinkle or blemish and to bring Him souls.”^[65]

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These are only a few quotes from a very long article “*God TV - A Probing Perspective on American Tele-Evangelists Coming to England and Europe by Satellite TV*” which was published two years ago by S.C.P. People would not continue being deceived by Todd Bentley, C. Peter Wagner “Apostles and Prophets” and the resurrection of the false Kansas City Prophets, and other religious con-men if they knew the facts. Be informed, send \$25 to Spiritual Counterfeits Project, P.O. 4308, Berkeley, CA 94704 and get a years subscription to their journals and newsletters.

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HERESY HUNTERS

By Tom Adcock

New Age author Jose Aguellar, in his book called *The Mayan Factor* called for 144,000 to join together in certain locations such as the pyramids and Mount Shasta on August 16-17, 1987, for a “harmonic convergence” that would usher in the new age and avert Armageddon. According to the ancient Mayan culture calendar, the present era will end in 2012 (*UFO's In the New Age* by W. Alnor, pp.27-28.) In June of this year 2008 on Nationwide Christian TV Jan Van Impe said dogmatically and specifically “the Rapture will take place in 2012 at the beginning of the great tribulation.” Naturally he had DVDs to sell about it. The problem is Jack Van Impe has said **many** ridiculous things like “Juan Carlos, the King of Spain is the anti-christ.” (**The E.C. Anti-christ** by Jan Van Impe Ministries, 1992), Jack got mad on his program when Hank Hanegraaff called him a false prophet. Well Jack, if you are unlucky on your guess of 2012, I will call you a false prophet myself. What other name could I possibly use?

I will admit some people change their message. For example, Joyce Meyer appeared long ago preaching the blasphemous doctrine of the Born-again Jesus. “There is no hope of anyone going to heaven unless they believe this truth I am presenting. You cannot go to heaven unless you believe with all your heart that Jesus took your place in Hell” Joyce Meyer, from her booklet *The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make*, 1991, p.37 Kenneth Hagin made it famous in his writing *From the Cross to the Throne*. It basically teaches Jesus did not pay for our sins on the cross but had to be tormented in hell by demons. In fact he had to take on the very nature of Satan and be born again in Hell to defeat Satan. Kenneth Copeland and many charismatic preachers preached this to millions and many still do. The Bible states Jesus said on the cross, “It is finished.” The very scriptures about communion show it was the body and blood which saved us from our sins. This is very basic. But millions of “charismatic groupies” were/are deceived. What else can I call you but “groupies”? You follow blindly your “favorite preachers” from seminar to seminar, buy all their tapes and books and apparently don’t know what the Bible actually says. If “you people” believe Todd Bentley’s stories of going to heaven and talking to Paul, where Paul told him Abraham

helped Paul write the Book of Hebrews and his story of his trip to heaven where his insides were cut out and gifts of Spirit were put into him (sounds more like a UFO story) and if you believe “God told me to kick the old woman in the face with my biker boot so the power of God could fall”, I pity you. Hundreds of other things Bentley says God told him could be listed—obviously the people who believe and follow “faith healers” like this should question their own relationship with God and they absolutely are biblically ignorant. **The only reason any of these people change their message is because “heresy hunters” expose them and their following drops off.** Few really repent of their lies and none of them ever give credit to the people who corrected them. They are proud and arrogant, corrupted by power and/or money. And it’s the ignorance of their groupies fault as much as their own. They still call their critics “heresy hunters” and other derogatory names.

Some may object and say, “But I know someone who was healed or saved watching Todd Bentley or Oral Roberts or Benny Hinn, etc.” I reply “I know thousands who were not saved, thousands who were not healed.” In a past newsletter I told the story of Marjoe Gortner, you should reread it. Let me put it this way. If an atheist went on TV and just read the Bible verse by verse, he could get results. That doesn’t mean the reader is from God and only a fool would financially support him. I know one person who was saved on a L.S.D. trip. Does this validate L.S.D. as a way to God? Get the point??

See our booklist. Also see book *The Faith Healers* by James Randi available on the internet or contact us for this book..

The average American says, “I believe in God but I will accept the part of the Bible I agree with and reject the rest. And I will live any damn way I please thank you!”

“The devils believe also and tremble” James 2:19

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UNITY

“In the world of men there are at present scarcely any sharp outlines. The race is fallen. Sin has brought confusion. The wheat grows with the tares, the sheep and the goats coexist, the farms of the just and the unjust lie side by side in the landscape, the mission is next door to the saloon.

But things will not always be so. The hour is coming when the sheep will be divided from the goats and the tares separated from the wheat. God will again divide the light from the darkness and all things will run to their kind. Tares will go into the fire with tares and wheat into the garner with wheat. The dimness will lift like a fog and all outlines will appear. Hell will be seen to be hell all the way through, and heaven revealed as the one home of all who bear the nature of the one God.

For that time we with patience wait. In the meanwhile for each of us, and for the church wherever she appears in human society, the constantly recurring question must be: What shall we unite with and from what shall we separate? The question of coexistence does not enter here, but the question of union and fellowship does. The wheat grows in the same field with the tares, but shall the two cross-pollinate? The sheep graze near the goats, but shall they seek to interbreed? The unjust and the just enjoy the same rain and sunshine, but shall they forget their deep moral differences and intermarry?

To these questions the popular answer is *yes*. Union for union's sake, and men shall brothers be for a' that. Unity is so devoutly to be desired that no price is too high to pay for it and nothing is important enough to keep us apart. Truth is slain to provide a feast to celebrate the marriage of heaven and hell, and all to support a concept of unity which has no basis in the Word of God.

The Spirit-illuminated church will have none of this. In a fallen world like ours unity is no treasure to be purchased at the price of compromise. Loyalty to God, faithfulness to truth and the preservation of a good conscience are jewels more precious than gold of Ophir or diamonds from the mine. For these jewels men have suffered the loss of property, imprisonment and even death; for them, even in recent times, behind the various curtains, followers of Christ have paid the last full measure of devotion and quietly died, unknown to and unsung by the

great world, but known to God and dear to His Father heart. In the day that shall declare the secrets of all souls these shall come forth to receive the deeds done in the body. Surely such as these are wiser philosophers than the religious camp followers of meaningless unity who have not the courage to stand against current vogues and who bleat for brotherhood only because it happens to be for the time popular.

“Divide and conquer” is the cynical slogan of Machiavellian political leaders, but Satan knows also how to *unite* and conquer. To bring a nation to its knees the aspiring dictator must unite it. By repeated appeals to national pride or to the need to avenge some past or present wrong the demagogue succeeds in uniting the populace behind him. It is easy after that to take control of the military and to beat the legislature into submission. Then follows almost perfect unity indeed, but it is the unity of the stockyards and the concentration camp. We have seen this happen several times in this century, and the world will see it at least once more when the nations of the earth are united under Antichrist.” Aiden Wilson Tozer. *The Best of Tozer* Compiled by Warren W. Wiersbe p.72-73

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- Yes; “Giving honor to whom honor is due.” - Yes!
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"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.

"Am I a God near at hand," says the Lord, "And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' "How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.

"The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?" says the Lord.

"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets," says the Lord, "who steal My words every one from his neighbor. Behold I am against the prophets," says the Lord, "who use their tongues and say, 'He says.' Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams," says the Lord, "and tell them and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all," says the Lord.

"So when these people or the prophet or the priest ask you, saying, 'What is the oracle of the Lord?' you shall then say to them, 'What oracle?' I will even forsake you," says the Lord. "And *as for* the prophet and the priest and the people who say, 'The oracle of the Lord!' I will even punish that man and his house. Thus every one of you shall say to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, 'What has the Lord answered?' and, 'What has the Lord spoken?' And the oracle of the Lord you shall mention no more. For every man's word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God. Thus you shall say to the prophet, 'What has the Lord answered you?' and, 'What has the Lord spoken?' But since you say, 'The oracle of the Lord!' therefore thus says the Lord: 'Because you say this word, 'The oracle of the Lord!' and I have sent to you, saying, "Do not say, 'The oracle of the Lord!'" 'therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and *will cast you* out of My presence. And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.'" Jeremiah 23:21-40 (NKJV)