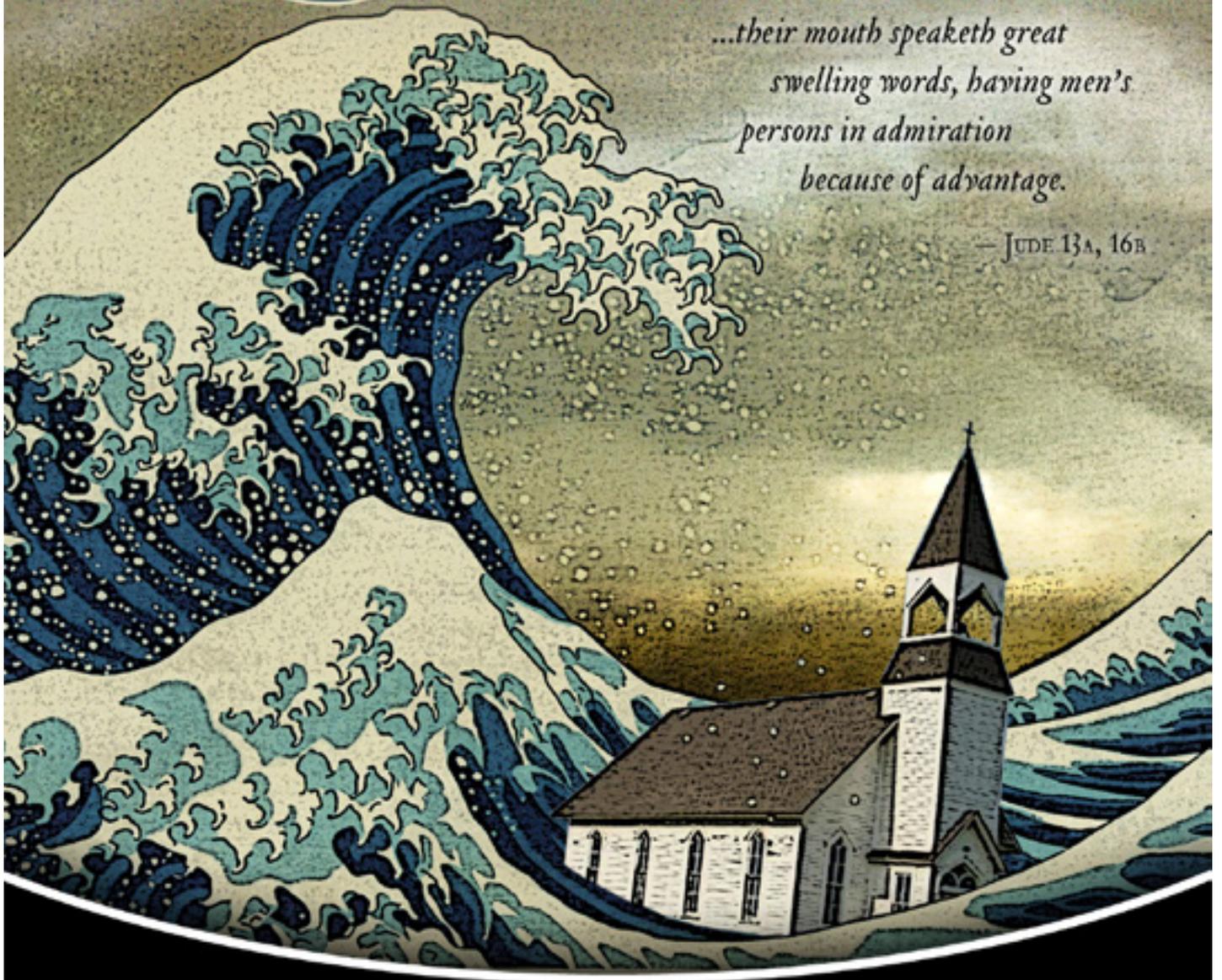


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foaming out their own shame...

*...their mouth speaketh great
swelling words, having men's
persons in admiration
because of advantage.*

— JUDE 13A, 16B



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They Claim to Speak for God - Part Two

T. A. McMahon

Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

— JEREMIAH 14:14

In the first part of this series we addressed a movement within Christendom that is undermining the faith of multitudes of Christians, especially those who consider themselves to be Bible-believing Christians. Whether done intentionally or unintentionally by the leaders of the movement, their teaching and methods seriously deprive their followers of a true basis for biblical discernment. The primary means that they employ involves disparaging the objective nature of the Scriptures. When a believer buys into that teaching, he is being led into the arena of subjectivity, meaning that he cannot objectively determine what is truly from God versus what is nothing more than content from the imagination of man.

In his excellent book *Wandering Stars: Contending for the Faith with the New Apostles and Prophets* (see TBC 03/13), which has been a chief resource in this series, Keith Gibson summarizes the foundational errors of the movement regarding the Bible: “So what can we conclude after this brief survey of the attitudes and words of the modern apostles and prophets concerning the Scripture? One would have to conclude that the Bible alone is an insufficient guide for the end-time church. New doctrines, not found in the Bible, are needed to perfect the church. Scripture is generally inspiring but basically unreliable. It is insufficient to convince the world of God’s truth. . . . It does not provide the parameters to faith and practice and does not give us the norms for the activity of the Holy Spirit. The Canon of Scripture is not closed, and, in fact, many of the words of today’s prophets carry a higher level of revelation, anointing, and authority than some of the words of Scripture. And lastly, the Bible cannot be understood by any normal means. Grammar, history, and context are completely irrelevant. The words of Scripture can be redefined and ripped out of context to discover the

‘deeper’ meaning for today’s church. There is no objective interpretation or understanding of Scripture. The Bible means whatever one wants it to mean” (pp. 105-6).

This flagrant assault on the Scriptures is clearly a reflection of Satan’s grand scheme to undermine the Word of God, which he demonstrated first in turning Eve away from obeying what God had commanded. God declared: “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:16-17). That was God’s word to Adam and Eve.

Satan’s first words to mankind were aimed at undercutting God’s instructions: “And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1). After leading her to reconsider what God had commanded, God’s adversary follows up with a flat denial of the consequences of her disobedience: “. . . ye shall not surely die” (Genesis 3:4). This undermining of God’s Word was successful with Eve, and it has been Satan’s main strategy throughout history. As previously noted, the obstruction of the Scriptures is at the heart of the teaching from those who claim to hear from God, and it opens the doors for the acceptance of their outrageous practices and manifestations, including their goal of taking dominion over the world for Christ.

For a true believer in Christ to accept manifestations such as falling and writhing on the floor, uncontrollable shaking, hysterical laughing, and making various animal sounds as though they were the work of the Holy Spirit would seem to indicate that the person has taken leave of his senses. It is more reasonable to conclude, however, that they have taken leave of *the Scriptures*. Although there may be power from the adversary involved in some of this (“We wrestle not against flesh and blood”), we can be sure that the victim of those manifestations is devoid of the full armor of God, which is available for every believer’s protection (Ephesians 6:10-18), especially the “sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” When that is missing in a believer’s life, he or she is terribly vulnerable to the “wiles of the devil” and his minions, who sometimes present themselves as angels of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Many Christians are aware of the bizarre manifestations and some of the outlandish personalities involved, such as Todd Bentley,

the tattooed preacher given to head butting and kneeling followers in the groin (followers who number in the thousands and came to his meetings from all over the world) in order to supposedly impart the power of the Holy Spirit for their healing. Yet few are aware of the organization, agendas, and networking of those who claim to speak for God. There are countless numbers of ministries, websites, blog sites, and the like, that advance the false doctrines and manifestations of the movement. To name but a few, there is the Elijah List, The International House of Prayer (IHOP), Bethel Church (Redding, CA), Identity Network, Morning Star Ministries, Streams Ministries International, Glory of Zion, City Bible Church (Portland, OR), and the Christian International Apostolic Network. C. Peter Wagner’s International Coalition of Apostles has a membership of hundreds who profess to be apostles manifesting apostolic authority.

Although not all such ministries agree on every fine point, they all believe that God is restoring to the church things that have been lost over the centuries, which they believe have rendered it ineffective. Gibson sums up their goal: “The end-time body of Christ must go on to maturity and restore the apostles and prophets, and these restored ministries must lead the church to a new and final dimension of power and authority not only bringing in the final harvest but establishing the Kingdom of God upon the earth” (p. 28).

According to one of their “modern” prophets, “Ever since the dark ages, God has been restoring Truth to the Church in order to get us back to the place of fullness where we can actually rule and reign in the world rather than be dominated by the very things we are to have victory over” (p.29). Another adds, “Jesus, having won back authority on earth, could now mediate and rule in the affairs of earth. However, Jesus did not stay on the earth to rule it. He ascended to the Father and is seated at His right hand. So who now is responsible to rule and reign in the earth? Believe it or not, the church, which is the body of Christ” (p. 160).

More specifically, they mean that it is to be the new apostles and prophets who are to run the show, and since there is little concern for doctrine learned from the objective Word of God, their rule will major in shooting from the lip, i.e., speaking forth whatever these leaders believe they have heard from God. They see themselves leading an end-time army.

Nearly all of the leaders in this movement teach some form of “Joel’s Army” doctrine, which states that the hope of the church in transforming the world rests solely on *today’s youth*. These young people will be instrumental because they will receive a super-anointing for setting up a theocracy, which they will rule under God. According to John Crowder, author of *The New Mystics: How to Become Part of the Supernatural Generation*, “Everyone born after abortion’s legalization can consider their birth a personal invitation to take part in this great army.” Gibson gives an example of how this is being implemented: “One young man who spent a significant part of his upbringing in a church steeped in these messages told of a service in which the older members of the congregation gathered to wash the feet of the teens of the church—not to teach them about Christ-like humility and service [John 13:1-15] but to pay homage to them because they were the anointed generation. His heart was broken as he recounted seeing elderly saints who he knew had spent their lives serving Jesus bowing in servitude before young people who were being told that it was their birthright to be the greatest believers in the history of the church” (p. 274).

How seductive might this be for young Christians today? Consider the popularity of Mike Bickle’s International House of Prayer (IHOP), which has drawn tens of thousands of young people to its 24-hour prayer hall and many as well to its university. Lou Engle, an “apostle” in residence at IHOP, draws similar numbers of youth to “The Call,” an annual prayer and fasting event held at major US cities and aimed at bringing about national repentance and revival. Sadly, the zeal exhibited by the young people is misdirected because they lack the discernment necessary to recognize that what they are being taught is either without biblical support or is contrary to Scripture. Much of it seems right to them but as we are told twice in Proverbs, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (14:12; 16:25). Heartbreakingly, this is the *experiential* environment into which their leaders are directing them.

One emotionally seductive doctrine they are taught is called the Bridal Paradigm, which Gibson notes reflects most of IHOP’s programs: “All of the Scripture is seen as the relentless pursuit of the heavenly lovesick groom for the bride of His heart’s desire, or the search of the Father for a bride for His Son, who will be equally yoked to Him in love. This message truly stands the gospel on its ear. No longer is the emphasis on a God who is working for His own glory and displaying His majesty in redeeming a lost and unworthy humanity. Now the story of

redemption is about God seeking a suitable mate for His Son. No longer is the cross seen primarily as the place where Jesus makes propitiation for our sin and satisfies the justice, holiness, and wrath of God, or the place of redemption, where the price is paid for our ransom, which are the pictures the Bible uses. Now the cross is the dowry that is paid for the bride, [p. 193] a statement that the Bible never makes. Dowries (or, more accurately, bride prices) are paid because of the worth of the *bride*. But according to the Scriptures we had no worth. We had nothing to commend us to God. It was all grace” (pp. 166-67). What young adult who has a heart for Jesus but lacks maturity in the Word can resist these erroneous romantic notions applied to Christ?

The false doctrines that are coming forth from those who claim to hear from God range from the foolish to the fraudulent, from the bogus to the blasphemous. This two-part series could touch upon only a few such teachings, but thankfully Keith Gibson’s *Wandering Stars* is available to shine a light upon much of this darkness. Too often when an absurd teaching raises its seemingly silly head, it is dismissed as so much nonsense and not to be taken seriously. In most cases, the relationship to a *major heresy* is missed altogether. For example, the so-called prophecies by the new prophets are nearly always wrong when they can be checked out. Nevertheless, we’re told that a 65-percent accuracy rate is *acceptable* among the new prophets as determined by the new prophets themselves. The absurdity in this is that the new prophets claim to be working at a higher level of anointing than the prophets of old, yet those supposedly inferior old prophets were to be *stoned* if their accuracy dropped below 100 percent!

The even more critical issue is the new prophets’ rationale to cover their lack of accuracy: it is the heresy of *open theism*. This is a doctrine that declares that “God can’t foreknow the good or bad decisions of the people He creates until He creates these people and they, in turn, create their decisions.” So now, prophecy for the modern prophets is little more than a godly guess, and the omniscience of God has been trashed along with some of His other attributes. Gibson underscores the result of these erroneous beliefs: “God does not possess exhaustive foreknowledge of the actions of His creatures because these actions have not been performed; therefore, there is nothing for God to know. Thus God is not *omniscient* in the sense that the church has historically defined omniscience. God is not *immutable* because He grows in His knowledge of His creatures as they act out their free choice and as He adapts to these choices. God is

more *omnipotent* than *omnipotent*. God is not completely beyond time. He learns by watching the actions of His creation” (p. 134). That is not the God of the Bible.

The false teachings of those who claim to hear from God, the so-called new apostles and prophets, have attracted millions into unwittingly contributing to their anti-biblical and therefore antichrist agendas. All of it turns biblical spiritual warfare upside down. Their methods for achieving dominion and rule over the world include Strategic Level Spiritual Warfare (see *The New Spiritual Warfare Strategies Parts 1 & 2 TBC 5/97, 6/97*) using techniques of “taking cities for Christ” through spirit mapping, binding territorial spirits, prayer-walking, prayer journeys, prayer expeditions, national repentance, deliverance from generational sins, mysticism, and contemplative prayer, to name but a few.

The number of those Christians who believe and practice such things is alarming. For the most part they are among the Pentecostals and Charismatics. But in their goals they are certainly not alone. The agenda of turning the world into the Kingdom of Christ before His return—or in order for Him to return and rule—is compatible in many ways with more conservative branches of Christianity that hold to amillennialism, or Christian reconstructionism, or post-millennialism, or national restorationism, or those who subscribe to a form of “good-works salvation” by solving the world’s problems of hunger, disease, poverty, injustice, and environmental problems using ecumenical cooperation (see “Is Your Eschatology Showing?” *TBC 10/11*). The numbers then become staggering. These variations of “kingdom building” prior to the return of Jesus will add to the development of the next kingdom to come, according to the timeline presented clearly in Scripture: the kingdom of the Antichrist.

The bad news in all of this is that many who have been seduced into this deception are our brothers and sisters in Christ; the good news is that their eyes can be opened to the temporal delusion that has taken them captive. Scripture declares that the apostasy will increase in the last days and gives no indication of worldwide revival. Nevertheless, God’s Word does give us our marching orders for a continuing *rescue operation*: “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will” (2 Timothy 2:24-26). **TBC**

Quotable

The closer a believer walks with God, the more he will realize the incurable corruption of his Adamic nature.

—H. A. Ironside,
Unless You Repent

Q&A

QUESTION: A dear friend of mine, on fire for Jesus, is following John Crowder. I'm concerned about the wording of his ministry. His teachings are called "mystical school." I just wonder if you know about him and what you think.

RESPONSE: John Crowder is part of the movement known as the New Apostolic Reformation, which we've addressed in past issues and this current newsletter. Much of what he teaches is unbiblical.

He follows the example of Benny Hinn, who revealed that he periodically visits Aimee Semple McPherson's and Kathryn Kuhlman's graves to partake of their "anointing": "Friday I am gonna go and visit Kathryn Kuhlman's tomb. It's close by Aimee's in Forest Lawn Cemetery. I've been there once already and every so often I like to go and pay my respects 'cause this great woman of God has touched my life. And that grave, uh, where she's buried is closed, they built walls around it. You can't get in without a key and I'm one of the very few people who can get in. But I'll never forget when I saw Aimee's tomb.... I actually, I—I, hear this, I trembled when I visited Aimee's tomb. I was shaking all over. God's power came all over me.... I believe the anointing has lingered over Aimee's body.... It's amazing. I've heard of people healed when they visited that tomb" (Benny Hinn sermon, "Double Portion Anointing," Part #3, Orlando Christian Center, Orlando, Fla., April 7, 1991. From the series, Holy Ghost Invasion. TV#309).

John Crowder says much the same thing, and it is not difficult to find video footage of him and his students at the graves of charismatic superstars such as Alexander Dowie (Scottish evangelist and faith healer) and Maria B. Woodworth-Etter (pentecostal evangelist and healer, known for trances occurring during her services). "We've just come to the grave today to release to you an impartation of healing revival, of city building, restoration city-taking anointing, master-building apostolic anointing, and so we just rip it right out of the ground, we just suck it right off his dead bones, in Jesus name, and loose it to you, a healing-revival-glory-master-building-apostolic

anointing glory [emphasis added]." Crowder is advocating necromancy, or contact with the dead—something expressly forbidden by Scripture (Lv 19:31; Dt 18:9-12, 15; 1 Sm 28; 1 Chr 10:13-14; Is 8:19, etc.).

If a person desires spiritual communication with someone wiser than he, should he not consider the biblical promise of our Lord, who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us? James tells us that "if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not..." (Ja 1:5). The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews urges us to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

Crowder's teaching is riddled with drug references, such as "Toking the Ghost" (the title of a CD he produced), which compares the fullness of the Spirit to being stoned on drugs. The first track on the CD "Holy Ghost Hits" has the sounds of a "bong," or water pipe, bubbling as a background to a recitation of a portion of the 23rd Psalm.

Crowder attempts to explain the drug references by saying, "even atheistic people on the street understand that when we get 'high on Jesus,' we are not endorsing drugs. In fact, the opposite is true! The exact reason we use 'addiction' terminology in relation to God is to get people free from drugs through the power of the cross" (http://www.thenewmystics.com/Articles/1000040967/Home_Page_of_Articles/Teachings/Toking_the_Ghost.aspx). At best, Crowder's references are confusing: "'Get whacked, stay whacked, never go back!' 'We're huffin' olive wood from the garden of Gethsemane,' he tells an interviewer in Israel. 'And we been snortin' some dust from the tomb of our Lord and Savior. We been smokin' Baby Jesus'" (<http://www.wittenburgdoor.com/blogs/bloom/2008-05-16.html>).

Drug references aside, Crowder's embrace of mysticism raises further concerns. "Toking the Ghost's" liner notes inform us that excerpts have been taken from Brother Lawrence, the Vulgate, *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and various Bible translations, including *The Cotton Patch Version of Paul's Epistles*. As Crowder notes concerning his Mystical Schools, "Our Mystical School is an intensive, three-day course with in-depth instruction, activation and hands-on impartation with John Crowder. These deeper courses in contemplative, supernatural Christianity are geared for a smaller group environment, with limited registration, to foster an atmosphere of intimacy, personal prophecy and vigorous impartation. There will be ample time for questions and answers, with sessions running 6-8 hours each day and mornings free for prayer, soaking and

reflection. In these courses you will: Operate in Trances, Raptures & Ecstatic Prayer, Experience Physical Phenomena of Mysticism, Get Activated in Creative Miracles, Signs & Wonders, Understand Your Access to New Creation Realities, Be Activated in the Seer Realm, Prophecy, Spirit Travel..." and similar claims.

Unfortunately, his "New Creation Realities" are not biblical realities. They are satanic deceptions. These are just a few of the issues that should be a concern to us who love His word.

QUESTION: Can you sometime soon address the content of the new Bill O'Reilly book entitled *Killing Jesus*? I was furious when he stated that the Bible was simply an allegory and that his book would shock and surprise us with what he found.

RESPONSE: We shouldn't be surprised that O'Reilly would say these things. He is a cradle Catholic who has made it clear that he leans toward universalism. Although he recognizes the need for a hell for extreme sinners such as Hitler or Stalin, others, such as Mahatma Gandhi, in O'Reilly's opinion, have done enough good to qualify for heaven.

In short, he believes in a graduated system of "works salvation." His dismissal of the Bible as allegory is to be expected. Without a sufficient, authoritative Bible, Mr. O'Reilly's man-centered religion is free to draw its own conclusions, unfettered by the intrusions of a righteous God, who declared Scripture to be His perfect Word.

O'Reilly, whose book *Killing Jesus* will be published in September 2013, revealed his bias against Scripture when he interviewed Roma Downey and Mark Burnett about their mini-series, *The Bible*. This program, produced by mind science practitioners Downey and Burnett, is bad enough, but during the interview, O'Reilly went even further. After insisting that much of the Bible is allegorical, he went on to promote his upcoming book, noting that "his job was to 'cut through the contradictions' that were found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John 'and to try to give a narrative of what actually happened to Jesus.'"

One critic of those remarks was informed that she was "entitled to her opinion" but not "entitled to impugn...my Christian status." O'Reilly said "there are millions of Christians who don't take parts of the Bible literally," and concluded, "If you want to believe that Jonah was swallowed by the whale... don't demand that I believe it, too" (<http://truthmattersblog.wordpress.com/2013/02/28/dear-bill-oreilly-please-quit-teaching-the-bible/>). Regardless of the failure of "scientists" (1 Tm 6:20), O'Reilly's position is not objective but entirely subjective—and is perfectly conformed to his own judgment.



IN DEFENSE *of the* FAITH

BIBLICAL ANSWERS *to* CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

Knowing God

QUESTION: I would like to know God, and I have asked Him to reveal Himself to me, but nothing happens. No lights have gone on, no messages in the sky, no sudden revelation. It seems to me that if God really existed, He would want us to believe in Him, and He would therefore do something tangible to let us know He exists. Is it wrong to ask for *some unmistakable evidence* of God's existence?

RESPONSE: No, and the evidence is all around you—more than you need. The kind of evidence you seem to be hoping for, however, wouldn't help at all. Suppose some message with your name in it suddenly appeared in the sky. How would you know that God put it there? Suppose right now you heard an audible voice saying loudly, "I am God! Worship me!" What would that tell you about God—and how would you know He had actually spoken?

In fact, God *has* spoken to you. The design of the universe is a message from God telling you of His existence as Creator and of His infinite wisdom and power. Those things that you value most highly and that you know in your heart make life worthwhile—love, joy, peace, moral purity, goodness, truthfulness, justice, kindness—tell you of God's character. Your conscience tells you that you are morally accountable to God, that you have violated His laws and have fallen short of His perfect standard. Your conscience also tells you that there is no way you can make up for having broken God's laws. You can't buy Him off with sacrifice, prayers, good deeds, or ritual.

Suppose you got a speeding ticket. Would you waste your time telling the judge that you've driven that stretch of highway *within* the speed limit more often than *above* it? Would he let you off under the theory that your "good deeds outweigh the bad"? You know that won't work with an earthly judge, and it certainly won't work with God.

Would you tell him that if he lets you off this time you will never break the law again? You know what the judge would say: "If you never break the law again, you're only doing what the law requires. You get no *extra* credit for that. It doesn't make up for having broken the law in the past. The penalty will have to be paid as the law prescribes it." You know it's the same way with God.

The Witness of Conscience

Your conscience tells you that the only way you could possibly escape the severe penalty that God's infinite justice must demand for having broken His laws would be if He forgives you. And you know He can't just wipe the slate clean for no reason. For one thing, that would hardly encourage you to improve your behavior. Furthermore, it would violate His own law. He must have some way of paying the penalty Himself—a penalty you can't pay—so that you can be forgiven by His grace.

You don't know what that method may be, but you know that a God of perfect love and perfect justice would somehow provide it. If there is an explanation of this good news, it would surely be in the Bible. In fact, God has explained it all in those pages. Have you seriously studied the Bible and checked out the evidence that shows it is God's infallible Word?

There is more than sufficient historic, archaeological, and scientific evidence to prove that the Bible is God's infallible Word. But you don't really need it. That kind of proof is like icing on the cake. If you just read the Bible with an open heart and mind, you will know that God is speaking to your heart as only He can speak.

I recommend that you begin with the Gospel of John and continue through Acts and Romans, then read those three books again. God has promised in His Word: "Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). That is a promise you can count on! Seek God with all your heart and put Him to the test by looking in the Bible for the revelation of Himself!

TBC NewsWatch

BEWARE THE DICTATORS OF VIRTUE

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 5/9/13, "BEWARE THE DICTATORS OF VIRTUE" [EXCERPTS]: America is becoming a more tolerant nation, we are told. Each new thing that we learn to tolerate makes us more progressive. But tolerance is a relative thing. For every new thing we learn to tolerate, there is a thing that we must stop tolerating.

Tolerance can only be allocated to so many places. The balance of tolerance and intolerance remains the same no matter how progressive a society becomes. A tolerant society only allocates its intolerance differently.

America today tolerates different things. It tolerates little boys dressing up as little girls at school, but not little boys pointing pencils and making machine gun noises on the playground.

The little boy whose mother dressed him up in girlish clothes once used to be a figure of contempt while the little boy pretending to be a marine was the future of the nation. Now the boy in the dress is the future of the nation having joined an identity group while the aspiring little marine is suspected of one day trading in his sharpened pencil for an assault rifle as soon as the next gun show comes to town.

The Duke of Wellington once said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing-fields of Eton. What battles will the boys playing on the playgrounds where dodgeball is banned and finger guns are a crime win and what sort of nation will they be fighting to protect?

The trouble with tolerance is that there is always someone deciding what to tolerate. A free society does not tolerate people; it allows them to live their own values. And a tolerant society is not free. It is a dictatorship of virtue that is intolerant toward established values in order to better tolerate formerly intolerable values.

A free society does not tell people of any religion or no religion what to believe. A tolerant society forces them all to pay for abortions because its dictators of virtue have decided that the time has come to teach this lesson in tolerance.

An open society finds wisdom in its own uncertainty. A tolerant society, like a teenager, is certain that it already knows all the answers and lacks only the means of imposing them on others. It confuses its destruction of the past with progress and its sense of insecurity with righteousness.

To the tolerant, intolerance is the most powerful act possible. They solve problems by refusing to tolerate them. School shootings are carried out with guns and so the administrative denizens of the gun-free zones run campaigns of intolerance toward the physical existence of guns, the owners of guns, the manufacturers of guns, the civil rights groups that defend gun ownership and eventually toward John Puckle, Samuel Colt, John Moses Browning and the 82nd element in the periodic table.

None of this accomplishes a single practical thing, but it is an assertion of values. The paranoid mindset that cracks down on little boys who chew pop tarts into deadly shapes, little boys who point pencils and fingers at each other, is not out to stop school shootings, but is struggling to assert the intolerance of its tolerant value system over the reality of violence.

Liberal values are at odds with reality and they are not about to let reality win. In their more tolerant nation, there is more room than ever for little boys who dream of one day setting off pressure cooker bombs at public events in the name of their religion, but very little room for little boys dreaming of being the ones to stop them.

(<http://frontpagemag.com/2013/dgreenfield/beware-the-dictators-of-virtue/>)

CHURCHES TRUSTED LESS THAN SUPERMARKETS

CHRISTIANPOST.COM, 5/8/13, "CHURCHES TRUSTED LESS THAN SUPERMARKETS" [EXCERPTS]: Last Thursday was America's annual "National Day of Prayer." Hopefully we're still praying for our country today. Let's pray that we don't turn into Great Britain.

According to a new survey, only 17 percent of adults in the U.K. believe the church has "their best interests at heart." This "trust rating" ranks religious institutions with Google and behind supermarkets. However, young people rank Google much higher than churches, giving the search engine a trust rating of 28 percent.

Is America headed in the same direction? Just one in five Americans think "our moral compass is pointing in the right direction." Even fewer think the country's morals have improved in the last four years. The suicide rate among middle-aged Americans jumped 28 percent in the last decade; the increase was especially pronounced among white men and women, climbing 40 percent between 1999 and 2010.

Is it too late to reverse our nation's moral and spiritual decline? Not at all.

Our First Great Awakening is usually dated to 1734. Prior to this remarkable spiritual movement, not one in 20 colonists claimed to be a Christian. Samuel Blair, a pastor of the day, said that religion "lay as it were dying and ready to expire its last breath of life." Critics claimed that Christianity was an outdated, irrelevant European institution. Voltaire's skepticism spoke for many: "To pray to God is to flatter oneself that with words one can alter nature." But colonial Christians refused to back down from their Great Commission calling. Theodore Frelinghuysen prayed for seven years until all the deacons in his church were true Christians, and continued to plead with God for a great spiritual movement in this new land. David Brainerd prayed from tubercular lungs for the salvation of the American Indians. Jonathan Edwards, the greatest theologian America has ever produced, worked fearlessly for the conversion of his community and society. British evangelist George Whitefield braved the Atlantic Ocean 13 times to preach the gospel across the Colonies.

(<http://www.christianpost.com/news/churches-trusted-less-than-supermarkets-95524/#FBakmVIEYmX5wdj.99>)

NIGERIAN CULTISTS KILL 23 POLICE OFFICERS

WASHINGTONTIMES.COM, 5/9/13, "23 POLICE EN ROUTE TO ARREST CULT MEMBERS IN NIGERIA KILLED BY MILITIA" [EXCERPTS]: At least 23 police officers en route to arrest members of a religious cult were ambushed and killed by a militia group in the central Nigerian region of Nasarawa.

Another 17 officers are still missing, BBC reported. They were headed to arrest Ombatse cult members related to charges of forcing local villagers to join their group, police chief Abayomi Akeremale said, in the BBC.

"We decided to send our men to the area to arrest members of Ombatse, including their priest," the police chief said in the BBC report. "[They] have been going to churches and mosques initiating people into their cult by forcefully administering an allegiance oath to unwilling people."

The attack took place in the village of Alakyo, BBC reported. No arrests have yet been made.

(<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/may/9/23-police-en-route-arrest-cult-members-nigeria-kill/>)

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Letters

Hello,

I have just read Tom's essay "The Demise of Biblical Discernment." I could not agree more. I have read many books by authors like Tozer, Keller, and more recently Schaeffer (*The Great Evangelical Disaster*). It has become increasingly clear to me that we live in the time of the great falling away and that it has been getting worse for over 100 years. I can only conclude from the scale of the problem that this is because God has sent the delusion He said He would, that those who would not receive a love of the truth would believe the lie (2 Thes 2:9-11)... Be encouraged! You have been given an opportunity to suffer for Christ (Phil 1:29). As the days darken, we will all suffer more for the Truth. May the Lord strengthen you all and continue to give you a love of the Truth. MM (UK)

Dear Brothers in Christ,

My name is on your mailing list as the result of my brother having a book sent to me from your organization. I enjoyed the book very much.

Now I receive *The Berean Call* on a regular basis. I tend to look at things with a critical eye, so I am the perfect one to be on your mailing list. However, I also recognize that at times I overdo exercising that critical spirit. My concern is that *TBC* is also, at times, over critical.

The critical part of your publication is overplayed. The danger in that is you might be wrong in your criticism. Who knows what damage might be done. Besides that,

it's better for the reader to do some thinking on his/her own, rather than to take in your criticism just because it was printed in *TBC*.

There is always a need for the truth to come forth; but please be aware—as I'm sure you are—of the division you might be causing in the ministry of other brethren. MM (NY)

TBC,

I regard Mr. Hunt with utmost respect and confidence. He has truly been used by God to help so many find their way through the Bible. Thank you so much. God bless all of you! EO (Facebook)

Dear Tom,

It was a blessing to just now find your article about Catholicism (July 2012). I have, over the last several days, been trying to refute directly from Scripture the veneration of Mary to a group of Catholics on Facebook.... I shared the simple Gospel of Romans 10:9-10, and most parts of The Romans Road, as well as quotes from Isaiah—all to no avail. Your article brought one word to mind as a reason for their refusal to listen and search the Scriptures for themselves: fear. They would not give me one word of Scripture to back up their claims except to say that I need to read books by the Church Fathers, etc. The most they could say is that because the Bible says that Mary was favored, it implies that she was sinless. While it is frustrating for me to talk to the wall, I know that true conversion to the Gospel must take place through the Holy Spirit.

Also, I want to thank you for showing in your article that they do not believe the true Gospel as it is given in Scripture but instead—as we are warned "not" to do—add to and take from the Word at whim. HO (email)

Dear brother Tom,

Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus! I would hereby express to you my thanks and appreciation for the articles you send on *TBC*, we are of the same persuasion and witness what you preach and share. The deception in the church today here in South Africa is horrific and only getting worse, however the church of Jesus Christ will stand as long as we are on the true foundation. We are a Bible loving fellowship and seeing more and more believers turning to the Word, disappointed with the lies and pseudo religion they are coming out of. We pray we would always remain humble, yet never compromise the precious truths of the Word. It is good to read your and Dave's articles and good to witness the truth which is also our portion. I just had it on my heart

after getting my *TBC* to drop you a line from South Africa. PM (South Africa)

Brother T. A.,

I read with great interest your [recent] newsletter. I have been struggling with personal challenges recently, and looking to many sources for help. Your words were like "apples of gold in settings of silver" and helped me realize that I need to get back to basics. I confess my neglect of daily time in God's Word and the prayer that should accompany it. Even more so, I am convicted that I have stopped focusing on God as my strength and sustenance, not to mention failing to place Him in the center of my life. So much of my personal struggle... has been summed up eloquently in your writings on this topic.... RT (NC)

TBC Notes

Exercising Discernment Over Our Stuff

The key to biblical discernment first and foremost is knowing what the Bible says and then striving to measure everything against that plumb line. The only way to do that is by eagerly reading, studying, and doing what the Word of God says. Whether what you are hearing (or reading) comes from the pulpit, the Internet, or even from *TBC's* own resources, we would encourage you to exercise *thoughtfulness*.

Our materials have been selected because we believe that they contain certain valuable information for believers in Christ—information that often isn't generally available anywhere else. However, as worthwhile as they may be, none of our materials are perfect. Therefore, we exhort our readers to exercise discernment, understanding that we do not endorse everything in every resource item we offer. When we do hear from our readers letting us know about something they take issue with, be assured that we will review the concern and make an evaluation. In some cases we will remove the book or resource item, and in others we may not, deciding that the value of the book outweighs the issue of concern, which we would hope a Berean would recognize.

T. A. McMAHON
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8 SYMPTOMS *of* FALSE TEACHING



MANY THINGS COMBINE TO MAKE THE PRESENT INCREASE OF
FALSE DOCTRINE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS.



~ by John C. Ryle ~

- ① There is an undeniable zeal in some teachers of error—their “earnestness” makes many people think they must be right.
- ② There is a great appearance of learning and theological knowledge—many think that such clever and intellectual men must surely be safe to listen to.
- ③ There is a general tendency to completely free and independent thinking today—many like to prove their independence of judgment by believing the newest ideas, which are nothing but novelties.
- ④ There is a wide-spread desire to appear kind, loving, and open-minded—many seem half-ashamed to say that anybody can be wrong or is a false teacher.
- ⑤ There is always a portion of half-truth taught by modern false teachers—they are always using scriptural words and phrases, but with unscriptural meaning.
- ⑥ There is a public craving for a more sensational and entertaining worship—people are impatient with the more inward and invisible work of God within the hearts of men.
- ⑦ There is a superficial readiness all around to believe anyone who talks cleverly, lovingly and earnestly, forgetting that Satan often masquerades himself as an angel of light (2 CORINTHIANS 11:14).
- ⑧ There is a wide-spread ignorance among professing Christians—every heretic who speaks well is surely believed, and anyone who doubts him is called narrow-minded and unloving.

ALL THESE ARE ESPECIALLY SYMPTOMS OF OUR TIMES. I challenge any honest and observant person to deny them. These tend to make the assaults of false doctrine today especially dangerous and make it even more important to say loudly, “Do not be carried away with strange doctrine!”



JOHN CHARLES RYLE was born at Macclesfield and was educated at Eton and at Christ Church, Oxford. He was a fine athlete who rowed and played Cricket for Oxford, where he took a first class degree in Greats and was offered a college fellowship (teaching position) which he declined. The son of a wealthy banker, he was destined for a career in politics before answering a call to ordained ministry.

He was spiritually awakened in 1838 while hearing Ephesians 2 read in church. He was ordained by Bishop Sumner at Winchester in 1842. After holding a curacy at Exbury in Hampshire, he became rector of St Thomas’s, Winchester (1843), rector of Helmingham, Suffolk (1844), vicar of Stradbroke (1861), honorary canon of Norwich (1872), and dean of Salisbury (1880). In 1880, at age 64, he became the first bishop of

Liverpool, at the recommendation of Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli. He retired in 1900 at age 83 and died later the same year.

Ryle was a strong supporter of the evangelical school and a critic of Ritualism. Among his longer works are *Christian Leaders of the Eighteenth Century* (1869), *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels* (7 vols, 1856-69) and *Principles for Churchmen* (1884).

“MYSTERIES” IN THE CHURCH: OCCULT SUBVERSION OF CHURCH & NATION

EXCERPTED FROM *Vengeance is Ours: The Church in Dominion* BY ALBERT JAMES DAGER

Karl Marx was right. “Religion is the opiate of the people.”

Every religion devised by man has dulled his spiritual senses to the reality that he is utterly lost and devoid of any good by which he can save himself from an eternity of torment or, at best, oblivion.

Religion has the unique ability to appease man’s conscience while leaving him condemned by that very conscience. It’s a sad fact that the majority of mankind is wrong in almost all its important choices, particularly those that impact his concepts of God, eternity, and man’s eternal destiny.

The religious traditions which sprang from the ancient pagan mysteries have had as their goal the uniting of mankind under a single ethic: a world governmental and religious system that would ensure the survival of the human race and eliminate the fear of war, poverty, sickness, and all elements that comprise God’s curse upon mankind. It is man’s goal, therefore, to establish an ethical society based on reason and morality gleaned from religious ideals.

Throughout history the ancient mystery religions have taken many forms, from paganism and witchcraft to humanism and secular psychology. Today they may be classified under the general name of “theosophy,” the blending of science and religion to create a universal brotherhood of man under a one-world state wherein an ethical society will flourish.

The term, “theosophy” (lit., “Divine Wisdom,” or “Wisdom of the Gods”) has several synonyms, some of the more common being “the Esoteric Philosophy,” “the Wisdom-Religion,” “the Secret Doctrine,” “the Ancient Wisdom,” and “the Esoteric Tradition.”

Though modern theosophy makes certain teachings of the ancient mystery religions available to the masses, these are only the exoteric teachings. The deeper esoteric mysteries are reserved for those initiated through secret rites and sworn to secrecy under penalty of death. The exoteric teachings are the foundation for the New Age movement—today’s vulgar expression of the “higher” mysteries permitted for the masses.

Those exoteric teachings have also found their way into the church under a form of “Christian theosophy,” also known as New Thought [the foundation of numerous heresies associated with the Latter Rain and New Apostolic Reformation movements]. This is important to Satan’s plans to destroy the effectiveness of the church. He has put it in the minds of men infected by his delusion to, in turn, infect the church with sufficient error as to make it usable for his purposes.

To the esotericists (theosophists, deists, etc.) bent upon uniting mankind, Christianity is anathema, and its adherents must be converted to accept all religious expressions as valid. Since the church alone has the spiritual power to resist this deception Satan must make it believe his lies. When the churches are sufficiently corrupted or neutralized, Satan will have a clear path toward uniting the world against Jesus Christ.

The Goal of Antichrist Religion: “Unity in Diversity”

Disregard of biblical truth is essential to bringing Christianity into unity with all religions. Particularly, if Satan can get the church to believe that there are other gods besides the one true God (even “lesser” gods such as man himself), he’ll have weakened its resolve to challenge the religious unification of the human race.

It isn’t important to Satan that everyone believe the same thing or belong to the same religious institution. All that’s necessary is that the Gospel be diluted sufficiently so as to render it ineffective.

Unity in diversity is the goal toward which the world’s religions are working. In some churches, unity in diversity is still more narrowly defined, but the purpose is to join in fellowship everyone who names

Jesus as Lord regardless of doctrine. This disregard for doctrine, and the subsequent acceptance of every aberration that goes by the name of Christian, is necessary for the eventual unification of all religious thought. Therefore, opposition to deception in the church is being stifled under the pretense that those who expose deceivers are sowing discord among the brethren and hindering unity. A result of this tactic is that many Christians have been discouraged from judging error in the Church for fear of hindering the unity sought by religious leaders.

Theosophic Inroads: Defining “Doctrines of Demons”

Satan’s lies have found fertile ground in the church not only because many Christians lack proper knowledge, but because we lack the necessary humility that can protect us against deception. Those who seek their own wills above the will of God are easy prey for deceivers who exalt men and/or the church to the status of godhood. The church has accepted Satan’s lies characterized by one or more of the following teachings:

- men may become gods
- men may become like God
- faith is a “law” or “force” that may be activated by anyone, whether a disciple of Jesus or not
- the ability to perform miracles, signs, and wonders is latent within all—we need only learn how to activate the spiritual laws upon which faith is based
- God is bound by these spiritual laws and must respond to anyone—even His enemies—if they exercise knowledge of them
- Jesus is our “elder brother” who mastered the spiritual laws of nature; He is our example to do the same
- men may attain immortality by becoming perfected spiritually
- the visible Kingdom of God will be established on earth when a sufficient number of people have been perfected, or at least are living in accordance with biblical morality

Many who teach these things would deny they are theosophists; they think of themselves as orthodox Christians who have received special revelations from God. But whether they adhere to theosophical doctrines consciously, or are merely pawns in the conflict of the ages, is immaterial. A child playing with matches needn’t have knowledge of thermodynamics to cause damage.

It is evident from the recent emergence of these aberrant teachings within the church that—through schooling or personal association—theosophy is having an impact upon many of today’s prominent teachers. Some, though sincere in their profession of faith in Jesus, may themselves be victims of esotericists who knew how to use biblical and Christian terminology to gain their confidence, or they may have learned from others who were themselves victims.

Theosophists have made special efforts to merge their teachings with the basic tenets of the Christian faith. This has resulted in some rather interesting esoteric interpretations of Scripture. By cleverly twisting the meanings of major Christian doctrines—the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His sacrifice for sin, the resurrection of Christ and of His people, His coming again—those doctrines can be made to fit perfectly into the theosophical model of religion. But unless openly stated, their aberrant interpretations of these basic doctrines will escape the average Christian and deceive him into placing his trust where he ought not.

As we look at these doctrines from the standpoint of esotericism as opposed to Scripture, I urge the reader to consider carefully what

is stated, as it is critical to understanding how deception can enter the church. The affirmation of basic doctrines cleverly redefined demonstrates how esotericists use biblical terminology to convince Christians that they are brethren.

Those who would subvert the Faith will not challenge the essential doctrines outright until they've established a beachhead of confidence. Only after they feel secure in the confidence of their listeners will they begin to gradually turn those listeners' affections from the truth to aberrant interpretations. Yet it is not these interpretations with which I am primarily concerned (any mature Christian would unequivocally reject them) but rather the inroads into the church of other teachings based on these interpretations.

Though there are few in the church who would agree with these interpretations, many have bought the rest of the package and have opened the door to damnable heresies. [We expose these here as] a warning [that one must] learn as much as possible what someone believes before accepting him as a brother in Christ.

Corrupting the Deity of Christ—Presenting “Another Jesus”

Theosophists would agree that Jesus is divine. But then, they would say, so are all men—if not actually, then at least potentially. It is therefore not inconsistent for theosophists to speak of Jesus as “Son of God” and [to use] similar “Christian-sounding” phrases implying His deity. Nevertheless, whereas Christians believe that the transcendent Word of God became man exclusively in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, theosophists believe that a man named Jesus became a god by mastering the laws of nature through faith. As John H. Dewey, the leading apostle of Christian theosophy during the turn of the twentieth century stated:

The law of FAITH as announced by Jesus and exemplified in his life, is the supreme law and method of all divine realization for man. (Dewey's emphasis)

To most theosophists, Jesus was merely one man who displayed an exceptional expression of the divine nature. Among others are Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, and Mohandas Gandhi. To some, however, Jesus was unique in His expression of the divine nature. They would say that no one has ever attained His status of spiritual enlightenment. However, they also believe that all men have the potential to reach that same degree of spiritual enlightenment; i.e., to be equal with Jesus. Some even say that, theoretically at least, we have the potential to be greater than He by further mastering the spiritual laws of nature to do good for mankind.

To them, Jesus' uniqueness lies not in His person as the Word of God incarnate, but in His particular anointing as “the Christ” to bring enlightenment and truth for His time in history, just as Buddha and Mohammed did for their eras. Jesus, it is said, had Christ “formed” in him. Though it is believed that there are exceptional “Christs” for different ages of man's evolutionary journey, it is taught that we may all have Christ formed in us, thus expressing in our own lives the “Christ principle.” Theosophists, therefore, have no problem with calling Jesus the “Son of God”:

That he was fully and absolutely human, the veritable “Son of man,” no sane mind will deny. That he was also fully and absolutely divine, the veritable “Son of God,” we with equal positiveness claim and affirm.

On the basis of this statement, Dewey might easily have been accepted into Christian fellowship. But further study of his beliefs reveals that he qualifies his remarks:

This incarnation of the Divine in Jesus, however, but reveals and demonstrates the innate capacity of our common humanity as the offspring of God, for receiving into its unfolding life the full Spirit of the Father, and becoming divine, as illustrated in the life

of our great Exemplar [Jesus].

The manifestation of God in one man [Jesus], demonstrates the possibility of a like demonstration in all men.

Were these teachings confined to the inner sanctums of the Masonic, Rosicrucian, and Mormon temples—were they bandied about only among theosophists seated around their tables of discussion—they would pose no genuine threat to the church. But we are now hearing from prominent teachers in the Christian media that man was created with a divine nature which was lost due to the introduction of sin. By being born again by the Spirit of God we lose our sin nature and regain our divine nature.

There is no such teaching in Scripture. Rather, it is based upon a theosophic interpretation of II Peter 1:4, which, properly understood, tells us no more than that the believer in Jesus is a partaker of the divine nature through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But it is the divine nature of the Holy Spirit, not ourselves, to which Peter was referring.

The quality of divinity belongs only to God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. As the Word of God incarnate, Jesus is divine, as is the Holy Spirit through whom God accomplishes His purposes.

Today, the doctrines of the Latter Rain Movement are experiencing a resurgence due to the charismatic movement and its influences in the Christian media. Although by all appearances the name has died out, the Latter Rain Movement has resurfaced under other names, and is held together by a network of teachers and organizations.... These form the basis for several movements through which men are seeking to establish the Kingdom of God on earth before Jesus returns. They are not always in agreement on the methods to attain that end; nor are they necessarily in agreement as to the philosophical direction that should be taken to accomplish their purpose. However, one area in which most if not all are in agreement is that the church must be united in a dominion mindset.

Some branches of the dominion theology movement are more militant in their stance, and/or more zealous in the propagation of their particular brand of dominion theology. The more prominent of these movements work together, often without conscious collaboration, to establish the dominion mindset within the Church.

Some have even attained cult status among many Christians. Whether one ascribes to the radical element or the passive—or rests somewhere between the two—is not as important as the overall threat to the church that these movements present through their aberrant teachings.

Yet in spite of these dangers, I'm convinced that there are many sincere Christians who have become involved in these movements because they are alarmed at the increase of sin and perverse attitudes in society. They long for a world with a more sane and moral social structure and are easily led to believe that if Christians can only take control, God's righteousness will reign on earth. How His righteousness will be implemented—whether by legislation, coercion, example, or by a miraculous move of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of mankind—is not fully agreed upon even among the leaders in the dominion movements.

Nevertheless, close scrutiny reveals that all hold certain elements in common, making it difficult to discern one from the other. For example, some Manifest Sons of God teachings are indistinguishable from some of the teachings of Restorationism. We are more concerned, therefore, with the teachings themselves, and the men who promote them, than we are with the various movements, which basically comprise a networking system of individuals and groups. Yet it's important to this study that we...outline these movements and deal with some of their peculiarities [as set forth in *Vengeance Is Ours*].

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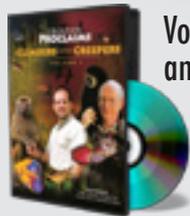
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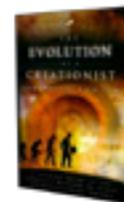
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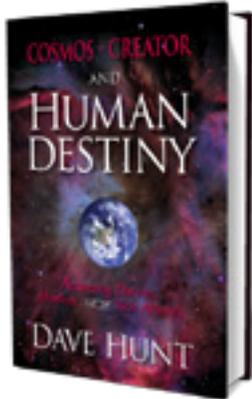
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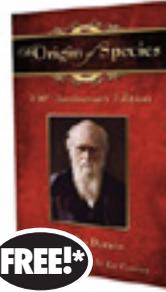
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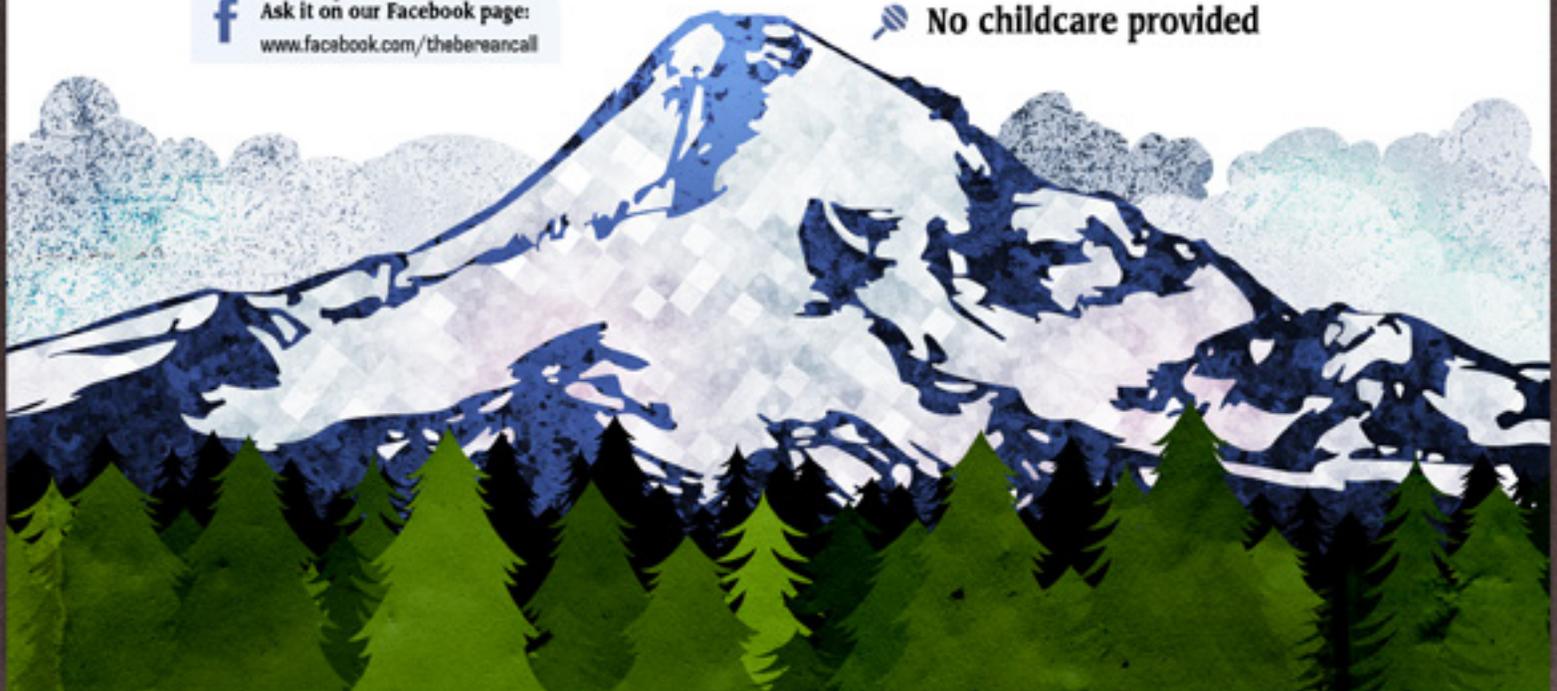
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