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Update Summer 2010: The Majesty and Glory of King Jesus Christ! "All Blessings, Honor, Glory, Majesty and Praise to the King and Savior the Lord Jesus Christ" - The Basic Christian Ministry is currently undergoing the series "The 8 Kingdoms of the World" regarding the Majesty and Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ

Basic Christian has recently completed the 'blog Bible Study' and is currently in the process of the 'blog History Study' including the '8 Kingdoms of the World' study. The current plan is to study at a slower pace than the fast paced blog Bible Study and also to insert a couple of Topical Studies before the 8 Kingdom Study really gets back on track. Ideally the plan is to really get into the 8 Kingdom Study this Fall and then conclude the 8 Kingdoms (Kings) study just before we celebrate Christmas 2010 and the birth of the King the Lord Jesus Christ (Isaiah 6:5, Matthew 2:2). Then to spend the time from Christmas to Resurrection Day Easter (2011) studying Christian Church History as we prepare for Resurrection Day 2011 and the birth of the Christian Church - the Christian Church having started on the Resurrection Day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Note: A Basic Christian Update - The purpose of the Fall 2010 Series of Bible Studies

The purpose of the Basic Christian Fall 2010 Series of Bible Studies is to present the individual Christian Walk to individual Christians. As Christians we are "saved" out of sin and out of this present world system but then the question is often asked, since we are not saved into an empty void what exactly are we saved into? Being saved is having entered into the realm and Kingdom of God, a realm that has a very definite meaning and purpose for each of us in the present here and now. -- Becoming a Christian is having received a new 'born again' Spirit of God inside of each of us. The Spirit of God, along with giving Spiritual life to each of us, is also comprised of the properties of God (love, patience, longsuffering, endurance, etc. - Galatians 5:22-25), the offices of God (prophet, priest and king) and also some of the authority of God. Instead of studying at this time all of the attributes, characteristics, offices and authority of God that are now within each Christian, the Fall 2010 Bible Studies are going to lead into an eventual (Summer 2011) focus and study of primarily our own individual Priesthood (offerings) to God - and at a later date studying more of the other offices and characteristics of the Holy Spirit of God within each Christian. -- Of the three offices [prophet, priest, king] that each Christian is currently taking part in it is the Office of Priest [eternal, righteous, Melchizedek Priesthood] our offering to God, comprised of our own present and current individual offerings [lifestyle] to God that is the most direct, continuous and most relevant for each of us as New Testament Christians. A Christian in rare instances might prophecy and in even more rare occasions might exercise kingdom authority over an evil spirit but it is the individual Priesthood [a major portion of the moment by moment] relationship with God that is most important to us in the shaping and defining in the eternal Kingdom life of each Christian. -- "Romans 12:1 I urge you brethren by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual [priestly] service of worship." -- "1st Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

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Note: Before we begin to look at "The Fall Feasts of Israel" (Second Coming events of Jesus Christ) study starting about Sept. 1, 2010 we need a little more background on the "Covenants of Israel" (1st Moses [Mt. Sinai, in the desert] - 2nd Jesus [Mt. Zion, Jerusalem]) and of the "Promises of Israel" (Ephesians 2:12-13)

Israel began with a promise from God to Abraham (Genesis 12:3, Galatians 3:18) - Then [430 years later (Galatians 3:17)] the 1st Covenant [Law - instruction] was enacted from God to the Nation of Israel through Moses for the purpose of temporary instruction (Galatians 3:24) regarding the coming permanent [eternal - salvation] Covenant of Jesus Christ - The Promises of God and the Laws (1st Covenant) of Moses provided an unregenerated (Redemption) relationship between God and mankind. The Promises of God and the (2nd Covenant) accomplished events (works) of Jesus Christ and the accompanying giving of the Holy Spirit provide a regenerated (Salvation) 'born again' relationship between God and mankind. Where the Promises of God [starting in Genesis 1:26] came before any of the Covenants [Noah, Abraham, Moses] and all the covenants facilitate the promises of God, the "Feasts of Israel" [the individual Feasts (Leviticus 23:1-2) primarily being observed as "a statute for ever (eternally)" Leviticus 23:41] arch between the two Covenants of Israel and facilitate both the Promises of God and the Covenants of God by helping to reveal and provide the structure of God's unfolding and ongoing reconciliation plan regarding mankind.

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Note: The Basic Christian Info Feed is going to begin to transition out of the Summer 2010 Discernment [events] postings and into the Fall 2010 Bible Studies: "The Fall Feasts of Israel" (Second Coming events of Jesus Christ), "Human accountability and the Three Biblical Judgments" [Water, Blood and Fire (Spirit)], "The Vagabond Priesthood," and "The 8 Kingdoms of the World" studies

Also Note: Throughout the remainder of August there are going to be a few more pauses and breaks to the postings and then by early September a new posting routine with the Bible Studies should be getting established. ~ God bless everyone, David Anson Brown

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Preview: The Vagabond Priesthood [man's rogue, independent, unsanctioned priesthood] and The 8 Kingdoms of the world - The biblical concepts of Earthly Kingdoms does not regulate the kingdoms and governments of the world [or of hell] to Satan - Satan the eventual Antichrist will in all actuality have only one Kingdom, his coming [brief] Antichrist Kingdom - Satan does not currently have direct Kingdoms of his own yet he does have influence and persuasion [deceit, lies, manipulation] into the affairs of mankind

In Matthew 4:10 Jesus did not directly dispute the claims of Satan that he [Satan] had kingdoms of the world to seemingly offer to Jesus or to anyone else at Satan's desire. However, Jesus not refuting Satan's claim is only in line with a reasonable person (Jesus) not disputing with an unreasonable entity (Satan) and is not indicative of Satan actually possessing kingdoms to distribute at his will. "Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the Devil taketh Him (Jesus) up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto Him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me [Satan]. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him [God] only shalt thou serve [see also Hebrews 2:17-18]." -- In the same concept that Satan does not directly possess his own kingdoms Satan does not officiate as the head [high priest] of his own priesthood or of any [i.e. rouge "Vagabond"] priesthood - as even the "evil spirit" did not recognize the Vagabond Priesthood (Acts 19:15). The concept of mankind serving Satan (the "man of sin" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - instigating and manipulating human sins) is in the context of man actually serving and being in the slavery of sin. "Romans 6:16-23 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience [to God] unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of [Christian - Apostolic] doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness [not in sin, not in a Vagabond (cult) priesthood, but only in the eternal Melchizedek Priesthood (Hebrews 6:19-20) - Jesus being the High Priest (Hebrews 3:1)]. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? **for the end of those [sin] things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. *For the wages of sin [rejecting Jesus] is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life [Hebrews 13:20-21] through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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Preview: The Vagabond Priesthood - Sons of Sceva - a Bible Study by David Anson Brown

Acts 19:11-20 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of [the Apostle] Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. *Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you [evil spirit] by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the [vagabond] priests {not Levitical priests}, which did so [exorcisms]. And the evil spirit answered and said, *Jesus I know, and Paul [a servant] I know; **but who are ye [vagabond]? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and [publically] confessed, and shewed their deeds [Christian characteristics]. Many of them also which used curious arts [witchcraft] brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed. -- Wiki.com Vagabond: A vagabond or "drifter" is an itinerant person. Such people may be called drifters, tramps, rogues, or hobos. A vagabond is characterized by almost continuous traveling, lacking a fixed home, temporary abode, or permanent residence. Vagabonds are not bums, as bums are not known for traveling, preferring to stay in one location. Historically, "vagabond" was a British legal term similar to vagrant, deriving from the Latin for 'purposeless wandering'. Following the Peasants' Revolt, British constables were authorized under a 1383 statute to collar vagabonds and force them to show their means of support; if they could not, they were jailed. By the 19th century the vagabond was associated more closely with Bohemianism. The critic Arthur Compton-Rickett compiled a review of the type, in which he defined it as men "with a vagrant strain in the blood, a natural inquisitiveness about the world beyond their doors." Examples included Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Leo Tolstoy, William Hazlitt, and Thomas de Quincey.

Preview: The Biblical triune (3 in 1) nature [testimony, salvation, judgment] of the water, blood and Spirit (also represented in breath, wind, fire) that are each freely offered and given from God to all of mankind globally as a witness of sin (and eventually as a judgment against sin), a testimony of the once physical presence of Jesus Christ and as an eternal remedy for our own individual Salvation

Where the Apostle Peter's significant life changing event during his time with Jesus seemed to be at the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:1-8, 2 Peter 1:16-18) the Apostle John's significant life changing event with Jesus seems to have been at the cross (John 19:34-35, 1 John 5:7-9) when Jesus was pierced by the Roman spear and the blood and water poured out from the wound in Jesus' side. The Apostle John then regards the presence of the Spirit and the separation of the blood and water coming out from Jesus as a witness, a judgment, and a testimony of salvation for all of mankind. When the Basic Christian blog History study returns in about a week we will Biblically look into the blood, water and fire (spirit), testimonies and judgments of the Bible from throughout the Old Testament starting in Genesis and continuing consistently throughout the entire Bible then concluding in book of Revelation [the sin of Adam and Eve and the shedding of blood, the flood of Noah, the Aaronic Priesthood, the Last Supper Communion, the atoning cross of Jesus Christ, the Resurrection of Jesus and birth (Alpha) of the Christian Church, the Pentecost global Spirit empowerment and witness, the calling home into heaven by Jesus the rapture (Omega) of the Christian Church, Revelation-Tribulation]. -- "John 19:34-35 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His [Jesus]' side, and forthwith came there out {the global Judgment, global Testimony and global Salvation of} *blood and *water. And he (Disciple John) *that saw it bare record [testimony], and his [testimony] record is true: **and he knoweth that he saith true, ***that ye [individuals] might believe [salvation]." -- "1 John 5:7-9 For there are *three (triune) that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear *witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, *the witness [Spirit, water, blood] of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son [Jesus Christ]."

http://www.basicchristian.org/blog_historystudy.html

Feast of Trumpets: The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the Fall Feasts [of Israel] - The interval of time between 'first coming of Jesus' [3 Spring Feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits (Easter)) and] the last of the spring feasts [or middle Feast] (Pentecost [4th Feast] or Weeks) and the first of the [three] Fall Feasts {to be completed at the 'second coming of Jesus'} [a total of 7 Holy Feasts - 8 Feasts counting the weekly Feast of Sabbath that was also fulfilled on the first visit of Jesus - from Leviticus Chapter 23] (Trumpets) corresponds to the present Church Age - In other words, we are presently living between Israel's fourth and fifth feasts - {3 Fall Feasts} Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashanah) is on September 11, 2010 [in 2001 the Feast of Trumpets (a lunar calendar feast, not a solar 365 day year) was on September 18, 2001] - Day of Atonement (Yom Kippurim) September 20, 2010 - Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) September 25, 2010 - Source: escapeallthesethings.com/holy-day-calendar.htm

The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall feasts. The Jewish people call this feast Rosh Hashanah, which literally means "Head of the Year," and it is observed as the start of the civil year (in contrast with the religious year which starts with Passover) on the Jewish calendar. The Feast of Trumpets is so important in Jewish thinking that it stands alongside Yom Kippur ("Day of Atonement") to comprise what Judaism calls "the high holy days" on the Jewish religious calendar. It begins the "ten days of awe" before the Day of Atonement. According to Leviticus 23:24-27, the celebration consisted of a time of rest, "an offering made by fire [only the normal acceptable Levitically prescribed Temple offerings not some made-up 'strange fire' offering]," and the blowing of the trumpets. Modern Rosh Hashanah (Ezekiel 40:1) is traced back to the Feast of Trumpets which is the sounding of the trumpets on the first day of the seventh month (Tishri) of the religious calendar year (Leviticus 23:24; Numbers 29:1). The trumpet referred to here was the shofar, a ram's horn. It was distinctive from the silver trumpets blown on the other new moons. Silver trumpets were sounded at the daily burnt offering and at the beginning of each new month (Numbers 10:10), but the shofar specifically was blown on the beginning of the month Tishri. The interval of time between the last of the spring feasts (Pentecost or Weeks) and the first of the fall feasts (Trumpets) corresponds to the present Church Age. In other words, we are presently living between Israel's fourth and fifth feasts. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost started the Church Age [coming after the 40 day Christian Apostolic Age (the personal earthly fellowship of the Disciples with the resurrected Jesus)]; and Trumpets, which will signal Christ's second coming to rapture the Church and {begin Revelation to ultimately} judge the wicked, will end the Church Age.

<http://www.christcenteredmall.com/teachings/feasts/trumpets.htm>

Basic Christian: - The Basic Christian Bible Study: The 8 Global Kingdoms of the Earth - The 7 anointed Gentile Global Kings of the Earth (anointed from God) and the anointed 8th Kingdom the Eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ -- The Kingdoms: beginning with Nimrod (Tower of Babel - Genesis 10:8-10) -- Pharaoh Akhenaten (Egypt - Joseph's Pharaoh, the Dream Pharaoh - Genesis 41:1) -- Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon - Jeremiah 27:4-7, Daniel 2:37) -- Cyrus (Persia - Isaiah 45:1-7, Ezra 1:1-4) -- Alexander the Great (Greece - Daniel 8:21) -- Julius Caesar (Rome and The Revised [10 Kingdom] Roman Empire - Daniel 7:19) -- Antichrist [emerges from within the Revised Roman Empire] (Satan - Daniel 7:20) -- Messiah, Jesus Christ's Kingdom (Heaven and Earth - Daniel 2:35, Daniel 2:44-45)

Genesis 10:8-10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty [occult] one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter {spiritual seeker, occult} before {anointed of} the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before {in the presence of} the LORD. *And the beginning of his [Nimrod's] Kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar [later Babylon - modern Iraq]. {Note: all 7 of the Gentile global Kings-Kingdoms are anointed, for a time, given by God even as the Gentile King might at times or throughout thier duration be at odd with God.} -- Genesis 41:1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed [a dream from God] {this is possibly or most probably the Pharaoh Akhenaten}: and, behold, he stood by the river. -- Jeremiah 27:4-7 ... Thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters; I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, **and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto Me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. And all Nations shall serve him, and his son [Nabonidus], and his son's son [Belshazzar], until the very time of his land come: and then many Nations and Great Kings shall serve themselves of him. -- Isaiah 45:1-7 Thus saith the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus [of Persia], whose right hand I have holden, to subdue Nations before him; and I will loose the loins of Kings, to open before him the two leaved gates [of Babylon]; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: *And I will give thee the Treasures of Darkness [Mystery Babylon - secret knowledge - the 7 Gentile Kingdoms 'beginning' with Nimrod and ending with Antichrist once manifested are aggregate and ongoing], *and hidden riches [wealth] of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. **For Jacob [the Nation of Israel] My servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known Me. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I Am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. -- Ezra 1:1-4 Now in the first year of Cyrus King of Persia, that the Word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus King of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his Kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, The LORD God of Heaven hath given me all the Kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an House [Temple - 2nd Temple] at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the House [Temple] of the LORD God of Israel, He is the God, which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the House of God that is in Jerusalem. -- Daniel 8:16-27 And I heard a Man's [Jesus'] voice [standing on the water] between the banks of [the river] Ulai, which called, and said, [Angel] Gabriel, make this man [Daniel] to understand the vision. So he [Gabriel] came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man [Daniel]: for at the Time of the End shall be the vision [the four Gentile global governments after (Nimrod, Egypt, Babylon) - Persia, Greece, Rome and Antichrist]. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for *at the time appointed the end shall be. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are *the kings of Media and Persia [4th Kingdom]. And the rough goat is the King of Grecia [Greece - 5th Kingdom]: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first King [Alexander the Great]. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four Kingdoms [Ptolemaic kingdom of Egypt, the Seleucid Empire in the east, the kingdom of Pergamon in Asia Minor, and Macedon - wiki.com] shall stand up out of the Nation, but not in his power. And in the latter time of their [Roman] Kingdom {Rome annexed and acquired the Kingdom of Greece more by default (a weakened Greece) and through political contracts than through direct military conquest}, when the transgressors are come to the full, a King [Antichrist] of fierce countenance, and understanding dark [occult] sentences, shall stand up. And his [Antichrist] power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [by Satan's]: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft [occult - Satanism] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and *by [false] peace shall destroy many: he [Antichrist] shall also stand up against the

Prince of Princes [Jesus Christ]; but he [Antichrist] shall be broken [spiritually] without [physical] hand. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's [Belshazzar - son of Nabonidus - grandson of Nebuchadnezzar] business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it. -- Daniel 2:35 Then was the iron (Rome), the clay (Revised Rome - Antichrist), the brass (Greece), the silver (Persia), and the gold (Babylon), broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them [Kingdoms of the Earth]: and the Stone [Jesus Christ] that smote the image became a Great Mountain [single government], and filled the whole earth. Daniel 2:44-45 And in the days of these Kings [Kings of the Earth] shall *the God of Heaven set up a [eternal] Kingdom, **which shall never be destroyed: and the [eternal] Kingdom shall not be left to other [unbelieving] people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these [7 earthly] Kingdoms, and it [the Kingdom of Jesus Christ] shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the Stone was cut out of the Mountain [Divinely] without [physical] hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the Great God hath made known to the King [Nebuchadnezzar] what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

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Rick Warren Defends Church Challenge [an unbiblical practice that is creating and seeding unnecessary division, factions and strife within the Church body] - Rick Warren's "Now You See It; Now You Don't" [Twitter] Teaching Style - within a couple of hours the [Rick Warren - my church is better than your church] above tweet disappeared without explanation - but it's now grown quite worse with Rick Warren defending his pitting Saddleback Church against others in his earlier "challenge" - Amazingly Warren compared himself to the Apostle Paul when he tweeted just a bit ago - Rick Warren "doesn't have apostolic (or other) oversight of the churches he wants to compare against *his own [as though Rick Warren has his own church - only Jesus Christ has a Church]" - From where I stand, Neades is also right when he told me that, "St. Paul was interested in provoking others to [Salvation first (2 Corinthians 8:5) then] good works, whereas RW's [Rick Warren's] original tweet looked like it was interested in bringing [primarily] glory to RW"

Frankly, Warren having removed the offending tweet would have been the end of this. Since he didn't explain why he took it down, I would have said nothing further; but it's now grown quite worse with Rick Warren defending his pitting Saddleback Church against others in his earlier "challenge." Amazingly Warren compared himself to the Apostle Paul when he tweeted just a bit ago: Maybe so; but as we discussed this today, my friend Daniel Neades of Better Than Sacrifice correctly pointed out that Rick Warren "doesn't have apostolic (or other) oversight of the churches he wants to compare against his own." From where I stand, Neades is also right when he told me that, "St. Paul was interested in provoking others to good works, whereas RW's original tweet looked like it was interested in bringing glory to RW." Consider the following tweets from Warren, which came right on the heels of the one above: ... With the boast of "reverse tithing" Rick Warren has long been making, it's well past time someone reminds him of the actual Biblical model. Or has pastor Warren really never read what Jesus said: "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others." "Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Matthew 6:1-4) The question then becomes: Why did Rick Warren delete the tweet that he's now been vigorously defending? Well, as for me personally, I stand by my own Biblical assessment of Rick Warren above.

<http://apprising.org/2010/08/12/rick-warren-defends-church-challenge/>

GodThoughtsWired! JESUS...IS GOD! As an "equipper of the saints" (see Ephesians 4:11-13), here's some helpful "equipment" in regard to the clear, biblical teaching that Jesus is God

JESUS...IS GOD! As an "equipper of the saints," (see Ephesians 4:11-13), here's some helpful "equipment" in regard to the clear, biblical teaching that Jesus is God. ~Thomas knew that Jesus was God: "Thomas answered and said to Him (Jesus), 'My Lord and my God'" (John 20:28). ~Peter knew that Jesus was God: "To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:1). ~The Apostle Paul knew that Jesus was God: "Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus" (Titus 2:13). ~Jesus knows that He is God: "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am...Now Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 8:58; 17:5). ~Those around Jesus knew that He claimed to be God. After Jesus told the crowd, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30), the bible tells us that they began to pick up stones to stone Him because, "You (Jesus) being a man, make Yourself out to be God" (John 10:33). ~Finally, God the Father* acknowledges that Jesus is God: "But of the Son He (the Father) says, 'Thy Throne O God, is forever and ever" (Hebrews 1:8). It is through this God alone, Jesus Christ, the Jesus of the Bible, that salvation is made available. "And there is salvation in no one else..." (see Acts 4:12) Brothers and sisters, biblical Christianity acknowledges that Jesus is God. He is the Savior of the world (see John 3:16). There is NO OTHER way to get to heaven, accept through the Jesus of the Bible. I guess, the real question is whether or not you believe that the Bible is really God's word? Because the Bible teaches that there is no other way to get to heaven accept through Jesus. If you believe otherwise, according to the God of the Bible...you are deceived. "I, even I, am the Lord, and there is no Savior besides Me...There is no God besides Me...Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me...I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides Me there is no God...There is no one besides Me, I am the Lord and there is no other..." Isaiah 43:11; 44:6; 43:10b; 45:5; 45:6 Compende? ps. If you actually receive this, would you drop me a short note to let me know? Thanks. :) *For an in-depth discussion of The Trinity, click on, What Does the Bible Say About...The Trinity?

<http://godthoughtslive.com/biblesays/thetrinity.html>

BasicChristian.org: Biblical Proof that Jesus is God - The Names used to refer to Jesus reveal that Jesus is God in Substance, Authority, and Character - Luke 2:21 ... His name substance, authority, character was called JESUS ((JE = God, Yahweh, Jehovah) + (SUS = Salvation, Healing)), which was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb

A note about the Holy Bible, as a document the Bible was spoken by God and written down by prophets and scribes. Today some people think of the Bible as a collection of ancient events and stories while in actuality the Bible is a legal document containing both the Old & New Testaments, the covenant and contract between God and mankind. The words, terms and phrases are legal in nature and binding in stature. When Jesus refers to Himself as Christ, Lord, Savior, and God, He is saying it in a legal binding term, a legal binding term between God and mankind. -- In the historical events of the life and crucifixion of Jesus Christ the reason for the guilty verdict, the recorded "crime", by the leaders of His day in order to condemn Him at His multiple trials was that Jesus repeatedly declared Himself to be God to many eyewitnesses. Declaring oneself to be God is a part of the crime of blaspheming (misrepresenting God) unless of course as in the case of Jesus where God actually was in human flesh visiting mankind to remove the sins of the world. In other words Jesus was sentenced to death and crucified not for committing a crime like robbing a bank or kidnapping or something that we would normally associate with a death penalty case. Jesus was convicted of the "crime" of blasphemy, declaring Himself to be God. ...

<http://www.basicchristian.org/biblicalproof.html>

Caner remains on faculty at LU

The former dean of Liberty University's seminary still is a member of the faculty, LU officials said Wednesday as reports circulated that he had cleaned out his office this week. Ergun Caner "is now a faculty member at LU," Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said Tuesday night in an e-mail to The News & Advance. Falwell's comment reaffirmed the university's statement in June that Caner, whose contract as dean was not being renewed, would continue as a faculty member. Johnnie Moore, spokesman for the university, said Wednesday that Caner would teach online courses. Moore indicated no decision had been made about whether Caner would teach in LU classrooms. "Dr. Caner will likely be teaching online courses this fall, but his course load hasn't yet been determined," Moore said. "He will still have an office at LU," Moore said.

<http://www2.newsadvance.com/news/2010/aug/12/caner-remains-faculty-lu-ar-422882/>

Aug 12, 2010 Liberty Student News: Caner will be teaching online courses instead {The widespread Caner (Ergun and Emir) deception continues! Watching these events unfold it is apparent that Liberty University [LU] and others [SBC, Norman Geisler, Calvary Chapel] really are deliberately practicing the Dark Arts of deception and they are attempting to directly deceive the true body of Christ.}

News & Advance confirmed that Caner is still a member of the faculty after rumors circulated that he had cleaned out his office this week. He'll be likely be teaching online courses and still have a office on-campus.

<http://www.libertystudentnews.com/?p=546>

Update: by Lucas - I walked by the [LU] apologetics department of the seminary earlier today and the whole department is out of that section - It really is hard to tell what is going on - [Ergun] Caner cleans out office and leaves school? {Note: Still waiting on an official statement from Jerry Falwell Jr., Liberty University [LU] or Thomas Road Baptist Church regarding the status of Ergun Caner.}

Several sources are confirming that Ergun Caner cleaned out his office and is leaving the [LU] school for good. Its not certain if he's moving to a smaller office or he's just leaving the school for good. But what my sources understand is that he's leaving for good. DEVELOPING...

<http://www.libertystudentnews.com/?p=543>

{Flashback} [Continued] Ergun Caner Whopper: - Comments: Anonymous said...This is truly getting worse and worse - I would not in any way be surprised if there are more revelations to come - I have been suspicious from the beginning that there's more to this story than meets the eye - I'll say it one more time...are we SURE this guy is not still a Muslim? In infiltration? I don't care what anybody says, somebody needs to be asking this question - Sorry, Caner, if I'm wrong - But man, you seriously brought this on yourself and you know it

One of the more recent Caner defenders to go public is Mac Brunson, pastor of FBC Jax, as his defense was posted on Stormin' Norman Geisler's site last week. Brunson is Caner's close friend, and co-author. Comments: Anonymous said..."So Mac Brunson was making money also by selling books he co-authored with Caner?" Flashback from the good old days at FBCJ when the Brunson family arrived - they are experts on how to get monies from the flock. Every Adult Sunday School class was asked to put in \$1 for Trey & his fiance's wedding gift . . .the deacons wives hosted a Bridal Shower . . .and then there was the formal reception Mac hosted in the church dining room for their introduction. Very tacky tacky, but they did get a pocketful of money and a trunk load of gifts and daddy gave him the best gift of all - put him on payroll at the church. Glad I'm gone! Yes, Mac knows how to make his money! -- Anonymous said...These guys love their secrets but that is only because the full truth is embarrassing. They think folks believe them because they carry titles of "pastor". -- Also James White discusses a little about speeches/sermons Ergun Caner made in May [2010] of this year, where he [Caner] calls the people questioning him as "haters" and more on Dividing Line tomorrow on this subject. -- It is no secret, and it is no rumor. It is fact. A blogger has the video tape of Caner's training or speech he gave to a certain unit of our U.S. Marines on Jihad. He plans on making it available soon. And it will take another round of defenses and attacks from Caner's defenders like Guthrie and Stormin Norman Geisler to explain even more lies coming from Caner, and this time it's more serious: he delivered them to our troops. -- I am deeply disturbed by this potential new revelation that caner addresses our military troops on jihad. If this is true, then someone in the government did not do their job and vet this guy. To think that a liar had access to the troops and fed them information that was not based in fact gives me pause. This may be a bigger story than a lying Baptist seminary president. It is easy for me to imagine innocent people taking the word of their pastor who invited Caner. It is very different to imagine our military doing the same. I predict this will be a very big story if it is based in fact. -- Anonymous said...This is truly getting worse and worse. I would not in any way be surprised if there are more revelations to come. I have been suspicious from the beginning that there's more to this story than meets the eye. I'll say it one more time...are we SURE this guy is not still a Muslim? In infiltration? I don't care what anybody says, somebody needs to be asking this question. Sorry, Caner, if I'm wrong. But man, you seriously brought this on yourself and you know it.

<http://fbcjaxwatchdog.blogspot.com/2010/07/caner-whopper-my-madrassa-was-in.html>

{Flashback} 7/29/2010 - Dividing Line with James White "What kind of a person when they get caught lying, instead of repenting just makes up another lie" {Note: Two recordings of Ergun Caner attempting to explain the Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit nature of God are played and Caner does an 'ok' job BUT unexplainably mixes within his convoluted explanations New Age terms and concepts i.e. "eternal progression" saying that Jesus' incarnation was "just a part of His eternal progression" (i.e. LDS Mormonism) and then that the Trinity is embodied at the tip of our own finger (i.e. some New Age [Gnostic - Da Vinci Code] concept that we are all little gods). The tip of our finger analogy is completely wrong in that three dimensions (length, height, and width) always have with it the 4th dimension of time and for example the higher [5th and 6th] spiritual dimensions including the ever present eternal, limitless dimension of God so using the tip of our own finger to represent the Trinity of God is perhaps the worst of all possible examples and any Seminary Theology professor should be able to give a more concise and coherent statement on the Trinity than Caner is able to explain - as though he is publically explaining it for the first time.} (Mp3)

Discussed today: A May [2010 - San Diego, CA] recording of Ergun Caner talking about haters [and 'flamers' i.e. Caner's version of Christians who simply question him]. Dr. White also took two calls.

<http://aomin.org/aoblog/index.php?itemid=4099>

Rapture - The Old Covenant [Old Testament] is considered an earthly covenant while the New

Covenant [New Testament] is considered a Heavenly Covenant - causing the gathering of the Christian Congregation [the Rapture] to occur in Heaven - {Note: It seems to be that this is why Jesus did not write documents while He was on earth [as Moses did] because it would replicate the (O.T.) Old Covenant. Therefore Jesus speaks (writes) from Heaven as the N.T. is based in Heaven "Heavenly Jerusalem" and no earthly documents were from Jesus because that would have duplicated the O.T. Ministry of Moses. Also Note: The Book of Revelation in parts i.e. (Revelation 1:17-3:22) is a direct transcript from Jesus "Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God [the Father] gave unto Him [the Son], to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel [mesenger] unto His servant [Disciple] John:"}

Hebrews 12:18-29 For ye [Christians] are not come unto the [unapproachable] mount [Mt. Sinai "out of Egypt" (Exodus 18:1,5) in Saudi Arabia - where God came down] that might be [physically] touched [and the person who touched it died], and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of Words; which voice they [Congregation of Moses] that heard intreated that the Word should not be spoken to them any more (Exodus 20:18): For they [Congregation/Church of Moses] could not endure that which was commanded [by the voice of God], And if so much as a beast touch the mountain [Mt. Sinai], it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that *Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake: But ye [Christians] are come unto [approachable] mount Sion [Mt. Zion in Jerusalem - cross and resurrection of Jesus], *and unto the city of the living God, the *Heavenly Jerusalem [Heaven - where God (Jesus) ascended up into], and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly [O.T. Saints] and [Christian] Church of the Firstborn [Jesus Christ], which are written in Heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect [complete in Jesus Christ], And to Jesus the mediator [for mankind to God] of the New Covenant, and to the [N.T.] blood of sprinkling (O.T. Exodus 24:4-8), that speaketh better things than that of Abel (Genesis 4:10). **See that ye [Christian] refuse not Him [Jesus] that speaketh [from Heaven]. For if they [Congregation of Moses] escaped not who refused Him [God revealed] that spake [O.T. Covenant] on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from ***Him [Jesus revealed] that speaketh from Heaven: [Jesus] Whose voice then shook the earth [at Mt. Sinai]: but now He [Jesus] hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this Word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made [man-made], that those things [of God] which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a [eternal] Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

http://www.basicchristian.org/blog_historystudy.html

The Rapture [Just a reminder! - We didn't go down this road "Feast of Trumpets" possibly equals Christian Church Rapture last year, but let's do it this year, also on Sept. 11, 2010 this year - and for the record I don't think the rapture is this year - I have no idea of when the rapture is or if it actually exists but I suspect it does Biblically exist and will happen and happen sooner than later, whenever that is but only according to God's exact will and His exact timing -- still to come a few more rapture topic postings!] - The taking (Rapture) into Heaven the Church body [Ekklesia - G1577] of Jesus Christ {Note: The Rapture [speculated to possibly occur on a future Feast of Trumpets day] of the 'born again' Spirit Church by Jesus into Heaven is the conclusion of the giving of the 'born again' Spirit (John 20:22) by Jesus *that started on the Resurrection Day the Feast of Firstfruits (Easter) and continues [by Jesus] throughout the entire Church Age concluding at the Rapture. The rapture is not the conclusion to the later, separate and distinct work and giving of the Holy Spirit that occurred on the later Feast Day of Pentecost. The [witness and empowerment] work of the Holy Spirit that began at Pentecost continues on throughout the Tribulation period while the 'born again' working of the Feast of Firstfruits will be concluded with the Spiritually 'born again' Church being removed from the earth and brought into Heaven by the call "shout" of Jesus.}

The Church Rapture: "1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I would not have you [Christians] to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep [passed away], that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe [cross and resurrection] that Jesus died and rose again, **even so them also which sleep in Jesus [are already in Heaven with Jesus] will God [Jesus] bring [at the rapture] with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we [Christians] which are alive and remain unto the [rapture] coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep [they are already in Heaven]. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout [a bidding call - command - G2752], with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ [already in Heaven] shall rise first: Then we [Christians] which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air [the rapture precedes the 2nd coming where Jesus physically returns to earth - unto to His brethren the Jews]: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." - "Acts 3:19-21 Repent ye therefore, and be converted [become a Christian], that your sins may be blotted out [The O.T. didn't forgive 'blot out' sin as the N.T. does the O.T. only temporarily (yearly) covered sin], when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord [Father, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit]; And He shall send Jesus Christ [2nd coming], which before was preached unto you: **Whom the heaven must receive [Jesus will remain in Heaven - the rapture, uniting of the Church with Jesus will occur in the air (heaven) not on earth - Jesus returns to the earth to the Jews (not the Church) later in the 2nd coming (Zechariah 12:10, Revelation 14:1)] until the [2nd coming] times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." -- The Spirit baptism of Jesus began on the feast of Firstfruits and continues throughout all of Church history until it concludes at the event of the Rapture of the Church. - "John 1:32 And John [the baptist] bare record, saying, I saw the [Holy] Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him [Jesus]. And I knew Him not: but He [God] that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see *the Spirit descending, *and remaining on Him, the same is **He [Jesus] which baptizeth with *the [Spirit] Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

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Feast of Trumpets: The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the Fall Feasts [of Israel] - The interval of time between 'first coming of Jesus' [3 Spring Feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits (Easter)) and] the last of the spring feasts [or middle Feast] (Pentecost [4th Feast] or Weeks) and the first of the [three] Fall Feasts {to be completed at the 'second coming of Jesus'} [a total of 7 Holy Feasts - 8 Feasts counting the weekly Feast of Sabbath that was also fulfilled on the first visit of Jesus - from Leviticus Chapter 23] (Trumpets) corresponds to the present Church Age - In other words, we are presently living between Israel's fourth and fifth feasts - {3 Fall Feasts} Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashanah) is on September 11, 2010 [in 2001 the Feast of Trumpets (a lunar calendar feast, not a solar 365 day year) was on September 18, 2001] - Day of Atonement (Yom Kippurim) September 20, 2010 - Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) September 25, 2010 - Source: escapeallthesethings.com/holy-day-calendar.htm

The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall feasts. The Jewish people call this feast Rosh Hashanah, which literally means "Head of the Year," and it is observed as the start of the civil year (in contrast with the religious year which starts with Passover) on the Jewish calendar. The Feast of Trumpets is so important in Jewish thinking that it stands alongside Yom Kippur ("Day of Atonement") to comprise what Judaism calls "the high holy days" on the Jewish religious calendar. It begins the "ten days of awe" before the Day of Atonement. According to Leviticus 23:24-27, the celebration consisted of a time of rest, "an offering made by fire [only the normal acceptable Levitically prescribed Temple offerings not some made-up 'strange fire' offering]," and the blowing of the trumpets. Modern Rosh Hashanah (Ezekiel 40:1) is traced back to the Feast of Trumpets which is the sounding of the trumpets on the first day of the seventh month (Tishri) of the religious calendar year (Leviticus 23:24; Numbers 29:1). The trumpet referred to here was the shofar, a ram's horn. It was distinctive from the silver trumpets blown on the other new moons. Silver trumpets were sounded at the daily burnt offering and at the beginning of each new month (Numbers 10:10), but the shofar specifically was blown on the beginning of the month Tishri. The interval of time between the last of the spring feasts (Pentecost or Weeks) and the first of the fall feasts (Trumpets) corresponds to the present Church Age. In other words, we are presently living between Israel's fourth and fifth feasts. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost started the Church Age [coming after the 40 day Christian Apostolic Age (the personal earthly fellowship of the Disciples with the resurrected Jesus)]; and Trumpets, which will signal Christ's second coming to rapture the Church and {begin Revelation to ultimately} judge the wicked, will end the Church Age.

<http://www.christcenteredmall.com/teachings/feasts/trumpets.htm>

{Flashback} The Blood Moon Scenario - tracking solar and lunar eclipses and comparing them with Levitical Feasts

In the spring of 2015 Israel's religious year will begin with a total solar eclipse, followed two weeks later a total lunar eclipse on Passover. And then six months later the sequence will repeat itself with a second solar eclipse on Rosh Hashanna followed two weeks after that by another total lunar eclipse on the Feast of Tabernacles, all in 2015. The last time anything like this happened was in 1967, when Jerusalem became an undivided Jewish city again, and before that there were several occurrences during the years of 1948-50, as Israel was becoming a nation. There were none at all in the 1800's, 1700's, or 1600's, and none in the 1500's that coincided with Feast Days. ... If these earlier Blood Moons did in fact announce the re-birth of the nation and the reunification of Jerusalem as it appears, then the next major step in Israel's journey toward the Kingdom is their national reunion with their Creator. This is the way Ezekiel saw it happening, and in my view is important enough to God to merit such a celestial announcement. After all He's been waiting to take them back for 2000 years.

<http://www.gracethrufaith.com/ikvot/the-blood-moon-scenario>

Pentecost - Three different things were being accomplished on the one Feast Day of Pentecost - 1. The Apostles who were already Christians (Luke 24:45, John 20:22) became Holy Spirit empowered and emboldened in the Gospel of Jesus Christ - 2. Ordinary Citizens (those who had not witnessed the resurrection of Jesus as the Apostles had) began to respond to the teachings and preaching of the Apostles and became Christians [without receiving the miraculous wind, speaking in tongues or the flames of fire that the Apostles had just received] - 3. According to the Apostle Peter quoting the Prophet Joel the Holy Spirit was also poured out upon all people [the world having been cleansed by the blood of Jesus] as a witness [the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31) now globally doing the sanctifying and witness work that the (Tabernacle and later the) Temple in Jerusalem once did] witnessing (Colossians 1:6) to the world regarding the accomplished resurrection of Jesus Christ in order that all people [since Pentecost] will have the Spiritual opportunity to come to faith and accept Jesus as their

Lord and Savior

1. "Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they [Apostles] were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled [empowered] with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. -- 2. "Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:" - "Acts 4:1-42 Then they [new Christians] that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added [to the Christian Church] unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." -- 3. "Act2:16-21 But this [Holy Spirit outpouring] is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit **upon all flesh [all people, Jews, Gentiles - saved, unsaved - as a witness to every one of the completed works of the Messiah Jesus Christ - note: it is the 'upon' witness of the Holy Spirit and is separate and different from the 'indwelling' presence of the Holy Spirit in the 'born again' Christian, a person who has responded to the 'upon' presence of the Holy Spirit receives God inside and becomes a 'born again' Christian]: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: {during Revelation} The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day [2nd Coming] of the Lord come: And it [through it all] shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord [Jesus Christ] shall be saved [eternal life].

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The inherited 'born again' Christian gifts given to each Christian from God - Jesus Christ [Prophet, Priest, King] in us (Colossians 1:27) - each Christian [with the born again Spirit] prophecies to others according to our own individual faith - each Christian (as a part of Jesus' priesthood) offers gifts to God according to our own individual faith - each Christian exercises spiritual (Kingdom of Jesus) authority [over the Church realm and over the spiritual realm] according to our own individual Christian faith -- "Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified [made right with God] by [our] faith [in the works of Jesus Christ, His cross and His resurrection], we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access [to God] by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

"Romans 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not meat [food] and drink [socializing]; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth (serves) [Jesus] Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men." -- The individual Christian gift of prophecy (hearing from God): "Romans 12:5-6 So we [Christians], being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members [belongs with] one of another. Having then {inherited} gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;" --- The individual Christian gift of priesthood (offering individually to God): "Romans 12:1 I urge you brethren by the mercies of God to present [as your Christian priesthood] your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual [priestly] service of worship." -- "1st Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." -- "2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth [faith] in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful [faith based] giver." -- "Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." --- individual Christian gift of Kingdom authority (individual spiritual authority from God): "2 Corinthians 10:8-9 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord [Jesus Christ] hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters." -- "Acts 13:47 For so hath the Lord [Jesus Christ] commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." -- "Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee [evil spirit] in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he [evil spirit] came out [of her] the same hour." -- "Acts 17:30-31 And the times [past] of this [Gentile] ignorance God winked at; but now [God] commandeth all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus Christ] whom He hath ordained; whereof He [God] hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised (eternal life) Him [Jesus Christ] from the dead.

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Say Goodbye to the Untouchable Preachers - God is shaking His church and removing corruption - But we share the blame for giving charlatans a platform - Our movement is eaten up with materialism, pride, deception and sexual sin because we were afraid to call these Bozos what they really are-insecure, selfish, egotistical and emotionally dysfunctional - If we had applied biblical discernment a long time ago we could have avoided this mess - "There is no way we can know how many unbelievers rejected the gospel because they saw the church supporting quacks who swaggered, bragged, lied, flattered, bribed, stole and tearfully begged their way into our lives-while we applauded them and sent them money"

I hate to compare any minister of God to a gangster. But the sad truth is that today there are a handful (well, maybe more) of unscrupulous preachers who share some of Capone's most disgusting traits. They are notoriously greedy. They are masters of deception and manipulation. They have bought their way into the charismatic religious subculture and used their uncanny hypnotic ability to control major Christian TV networks. And, like Capone, their days are numbered. Justice will soon catch up with them. These false prophets probably all started out with a genuine call from God, but success destroyed them. They were lured away from true faith by fame and money, and when their ministries mushroomed they resorted to compromise to keep their machines rolling. Now, in the midst of the Great Recession, God is closing in on them. But before we rejoice that these imposters are being removed from their pulpits and yanked off the airwaves, let's hit the pause button and reflect. How did these false preachers ever achieve such fame? It couldn't have happened without help from us. We were the gullible ones. When they said, "The Lord promises you untold wealth if you will simply give a thousand dollars right now," we went to the phones and put the donations on our credit cards. God forgive us. We were the undiscerning ones. When they said, "I need your sacrificial gift today so I can repair my private jet," we didn't ask why a servant of God wasn't humble enough to fly coach class to a Third World nation. God forgive us. We were the foolish ones. When it was revealed that they were living in immorality, mistreating their wives or populating cities with illegitimate children, we listened to their spin doctors instead of demanding that ministry leaders act like Christians. God forgive us. We were the naïve ones. When they begged for \$2 million more in donations because of a budget shortfall, we didn't feel comfortable asking why they needed that \$10,000-a-night hotel suite. In fact, if we did question it, another Christian was quick to say, "Don't criticize! The Bible says, 'Touch not the Lord's anointed!'" God forgive us. We have treated these charlatans like Al Capone-as if they were untouchable-and as a result their corruption has spread throughout charismatic churches like a plague. Our movement is eaten up with materialism, pride, deception and sexual sin because we were afraid to call these Bozos what they really are-insecure, selfish, egotistical and emotionally dysfunctional. If we had applied biblical discernment a long time ago we could have avoided this mess. There is no way we can know how many unbelievers rejected the gospel because they saw the church supporting quacks who swaggered, bragged, lied, flattered, bribed, stole and tearfully begged their way into our lives-while we applauded them and sent them money. When well-meaning Christians quote 1 Chronicles 16:22 ("Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm," NASB) to cover up corruption or charlatanism, they do horrible injustice to Scripture. This passage does not require us to stay quiet when a leader is abusing power or deceiving people. On the contrary, we are called to confront sin in a spirit of love and honesty-and we certainly aren't showing love to the church if we allow the charismatic Al Capones of our generation to corrupt it. ~ J. Lee Grady is contributing editor of Charisma and author of the new book *The Holy Spirit Is Not for Sale*. Follow him on Twitter at legrady.

<http://www.charismamag.com/index.php/fire-in-my-bones/29039--say-goodbye-to-the-untouchable-preachers>

Servants Will Abuse Finances [and people (Luke 12:42-48)] When There is No Transparency - The solution? It's so easy - Public disclosure of ALL sources of income of people who are public servants - We do it in Jacksonville, Florida - With about 3 mouse clicks the salary and overtime pay can be obtained for any government employees - Any - From the mayor, to the sheriff, all the way down to the lowest-paid city worker - The same should be for these "men of God" - If they trust God so much, trust God to let their *total comp be known - If they fear their salaries being made public, then they are absolutely earning too much - They are using their position to gain financially, wasting God's money that church members faithfully fork over - If they don't do it willingly, I hope the day will come when the IRS demands it - And not just "salary" should be known of these mega church pastors, but their entire compensation packages - One of the ways the Bell [part time city] council members were able to earn \$100k a year was their "salary" was broken up by parts, a separate income from each board on the city they sat on - So we don't just want base salary of these mega church rock stars, but how much is their salary, housing allowance, travel allowance, clothing allowance, etc. etc. And please, disclose any large gifts you receive from your members, just like our Congressmen must

If you haven't heard of the scandal gripping the City of Bell, California, you should take a close look to see what can happen when leaders who are supposed to be servants of the people operate with no transparency and accountability to the very people who give them the money, and whom they are to serve. Those of you who are members of mega churches where the total compensation packages of your pastor and family members, and payments to former pastors are a closely guarded secret, take notice: there is a reason why they don't want you to know their salaries. Because they know you would be absolutely disgusted to know the details of their total compensation. ... But make no mistake about it: these mega church pastors view themselves as talented rock stars, ordained by God himself, and think themselves deserving of the large incomes they draw from their churches, their speaking engagements, books, and gifts given to them by their star-struck followers. Ed Young, Jr, the jet-setting pastor of Fellowship Church views himself as the church's "franchise player", responsible for "raising" the millions needed by the church. Who can forget the image of Jerry Vines and Mac Brunson high-fiving and hugging on the platform during the 2007 FBC Jax Pastor's Conference when Vines was preaching about people complaining about preacher's salaries - and Vines' comment of "you don't pay me enough to be yo preacha, brutha" - easily one of the most uncomfortable sermon moments in FBC Jax history. ... I pray for the day when Senator Grassley or someone else in Congress will finally require these mega churches to disclose detailed financial records including pastor compensation. The day will come, I'm confident, the only question is how much money will be wasted in the mean time. Lastly, I became aware of the Bell, California story over at SBC pastor William Thornton's blog, where he wrote the following blurb about it: "Scenes of vein-popping outrage ensued when citizens of the obscure town of Bell, CA found out that its manager was being paid over \$800k, police chief about half-a-million, and part time councilmen \$100k annually. Rightly so. What would happen if Baptist Press published the total compensation package of all SBC entity heads (and don't give me a 'salary' figure, most clergy are onto that game)? apoplexy? Raised eyebrows? Ho hum? Let's do it and see. It's our money." I agree with William. It is our money. Let's see what the total compensation package for these men who lead the SBC agencies, and the mega church pastors also. Not just "salary" - total compensation. If they don't want to, let them go with Bell's Robert Rizzo into the private sector searching for the \$800,000 salary. The preachers will be shocked when they realize they have to compete in a cut-throat employment market, where no one kisses their hineys and calls them "God's man".

<http://fbcjaxwatchdog.blogspot.com/2010/08/city-of-bell-ca-servants-will-abuse.html>

{Flashback} Greg Laurie [Harvest Crusade] Connects Purpose Driven [Rick Warren] to a Move of God - Gives Financial Support - In addition to Greg Laurie's letter to pastors regarding Rick Warren and Bill Hybels, Lighthouse Trails has also learned that Laurie is also helping to finance Warren's September [2008] event in New York - Lighthouse Trails contacted the New York City Leadership group this past week after we learned that Laurie's name was on their website showing him to be a sponsor - The New York City office said that this sponsorship is in the way of financial support and is for Rick Warren's September conference - This coming November [2008] Greg Laurie will present "Preach the Word" a conference for Pastors and Leaders - Those joining him will include Alistair Begg, Chuck Smith, and John MacArthur - Perhaps these three men can help Greg Laurie remember the simple and true faith he found so many years ago {Note: The hidden danger in donating to marginal ministries like Greg Laurie's Harvest Crusade is that some of the finances are then directly used [as a result of compromise and consensus building techniques] in some of the very ministries [purpose driven and emergent church events] that reject sound Biblical doctrine.}

On May 6th, [2008] Greg Laurie, pastor of mega-church Harvest Christian Fellowship wrote a letter to pastors and church leaders in the New York region, announcing his Harvest Crusade 2008 in New York City on October 19th. This letter to pastors and leaders is causing confusion among some because of its content, and this Lighthouse Trails report will examine this issue. Greg Laurie is best known as a Calvary Chapel pastor. His church is listed on the Calvary Chapel website, and Laurie often speaks at Calvary Chapel functions. And it is Laurie's connection with Calvary Chapel that presents a great dilemma. Two years ago, in May of 2006, Calvary Chapel issued a "Parson to Parson" letter, in which a statement was made against the emerging church and contemplative spirituality. The following month, at the 2006 Senior Pastor's Conference, Calvary Chapel founder and pastor, Chuck Smith, told the senior pastors that Calvary Chapel as a whole was rejecting various movements and practices that have been taking place within the Christian church at large as well as in some Calvary Chapel churches. According to a number of pastors in attendance, who afterwards spoke with Lighthouse Trails, Smith asked that those Calvary Chapel pastors who were going in the direction of the emerging church would no longer call themselves Calvary Chapel churches. One week later, Calvary Chapel instructed its distribution center to immediately remove all of Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life books from its center. The statement read: "The teaching and positions of Rick Warren have come into conflict with us at Calvary Chapel. Pastor Chuck has directed us to discontinue this product effective immediately." ... And now this brings us to the unpleasant task of reporting that Greg Laurie is giving a strong promotion of Rick Warren and Bill Hybels, which means he is indirectly promoting contemplative and emerging (which we will explain later in this article), and directly promoting Purpose Driven. And unfortunately, there is a twist to this story. In Laurie's May 2008 letter to pastors and leaders, Laurie talks about his upcoming crusade in New York City, saying, in reference to it, "God is on the move." He then states that "[t]his move is also seen in the formation of the New York City Leadership group. Under their direction, a community-wide 40 Days of Purpose campaign with Pastor Rick Warren has been launched, and the significant services of Bill Hybels' Leadership Summit conferences are also being organized to strengthen the local church." ... This report will obviously be disheartening to many Calvary Chapel pastors and church goers who have believed that their movement was going to press forward into the future without these un-biblical movements. Laurie's current promotion and financial backing of Rick Warren will cause many to wonder just which direction the Calvary Chapel movement will really end up going. ... This coming November Greg Laurie will present "Preach the Word," a conference for Pastors and Leaders. Those joining him will include Alistair Begg, Chuck Smith, and John MacArthur. Perhaps these three men can help Greg Laurie remember the simple and true faith he found so many years ago.

<http://christsimplicity.wordpress.com/2008/06/22/greg-laurie-connects-purpose-driven/>

s other compensations. Update: It isnt an unpaid leave The elders did not agree with my request though many blog comments are posting remarks as though it is. Note: If attending a Church or a congregation like John Pipers Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis that suddenly begins to change and embrace different teachings like Rick Warrens purpose driven commitment [as Bethlehem Baptist Church is now in the process of doing] or worse the unbiblical Emergent Church [New Age Christianity] practices - stop donating and stop tithing to that church for at least three months or until you can have enough time to make a sound non-financially motivated assessment about where the direction of the Church is going and what the new direction entails and means for individual Christian participation.}>John Piper's Upcoming Leave - As you may have already heard in the sermon from March 27-28, the elders graciously approved on March 22 a leave of absence that will take me away from Bethlehem from May 1 through December 31, 2010 - I asked the elders not to pay me for this leave - I don't feel it is owed to me - The elders did not agree with my request {Is this 'much publicized' unpaid leave really an unpaid leave or is Pastor John Pieper simply pretending to give up thousands of dollars of 'base salary' all the while he is still collecting possibly millions of dollars in perks, publishing fees, gifts and various other compensations. Update: It isn't an unpaid leave "The elders did not agree with my request" though many blog comments are posting remarks as though it is. Note: If attending a Church or a congregation like John Piper's Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis that suddenly begins to change and embrace different teachings like Rick

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In this leave, I intend to let go of all of it. No book-writing. No sermon preparation or preaching. No blogging. No Twitter. No articles. No reports. No papers. *And no speaking engagements. There is *one [two] stateside exception-the weekend devoted to the Desiring God National Conference combined with the inaugural convocation of Bethlehem College and Seminary in October. Noël thought I should keep **three international commitments. Our reasoning is that if she could go along, and if we plan it right {as a free trip? - the guy just took over half a year off so time off isn't an issue}, these could be very special times of refreshment together. The elders have appointed a group to stay in touch and keep me accountable for this leave. They are David Mathis, Jon Bloom, Tom Steller, Sam Crabtree, Jon Grano, Tim Held, Tony Campagna, and Kurt Elting-Ballard. Five of these have walked with Noël and me over the last two months, helping us discern the wisdom, scope, and nature of this leave. They brought the final recommendation to the elders on March 22. I asked the elders not to pay me for this leave. I don't feel it is owed to me. I know I am causing more work for others, and I apologize to the staff for that. Not only that, others could use similar time away. Most working men and women do not have the freedom to step back like this. The elders did not agree with my request. Noël and I are profoundly grateful for this kind of affection. We will seek the Lord for how much of your financial support to give back to the church, to perhaps bear some of the load.

<http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/TasteAndSee/ByDate/2010/4555>

Smoking Gun: Is [Pastor] Bob's [Grenier] inner-circle doing his dirty work? - The tactic has been extremely successful over the decades - The second thing this tactic does is it intimidates others from speaking out - Effective tactic - Wrong, but effective - That's partly how a [possible] bad guy like Bob "gets away" with abuse and corruption for over 30 years...that and a lot of "help" from "friends" in the "community"

A major prediction I and my brother made many months ago is proving true. Smoking gun true. From our experience as eyewitnesses over the years from "behind the scenes"...we postulated that Bob's inner-circle would come out blasting with all sorts of lies and vicious attacks to smear those who attempted to confront Pastor Bob Grenier of Calvary Chapel Visalia's abuse and corruption. We've seen the scenario play out MANY times before. Someone blows the whistle on Bob's [alleged] bad behavior...then they are systematically ostracized, marginalized and then removed from Calvary Chapel Visalia...then the smear campaign goes into full force in an attempt to discredit those who have been dispatched by Bob. The tactic has been extremely successful over the decades. It does two things...it poisons the well with regards to those who have challenged Bob...so others shun them and the people lose credibility in the community and doubt is cast on the veracity of the people's allegations of abuse or corruption against Bob. The second thing this tactic does is it intimidates others from speaking out. Others see how those who have come against Bob have been shunned and smeared...and they don't want it to happen to them...so they stay silent. Effective tactic. Wrong, but effective. That's partly how a bad guy like Bob "gets away" with abuse and corruption for over 30 years...that and a lot of "help" from "friends" in the "community".

<http://calvarychapelabuse.com/wordpress/?p=178>

Is Calvary Chapel Head [Pastor] Chuck Smith Covering for a Child Beater? - One of these days, I'm going to get around to investigate Calvary Chapel and the many allegations sent my way that it protects abusers within their ranks - But Alex Grenier alleges [Chuck] Smith knows more about what

happens in his church than the popular image of the Hawaiian shirt-wearing, ever-grinning fogie has crafted - Alex writes "Since Big Calvary [Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, CA] likes to be **a non-denomination denomination so Chuck Smith doesn't have to pay for the misdeeds of corrupt jerks like another Calvary Chapel pastor...then there needs to be a place where victims of other corrupt jerks like [Pastor] Bob Grenier can go to get help, blow the whistle on the abuse and corruption, and spread the word to warn the church per 1 Timothy 5" {Note: This is an extremely important point that apparently the only reason [or main reason] that the Chuck Smith Calvary Chapel "movement" is structured as a non-denominational [in name only] church structure is because it is financially beneficial to Chuck Smith to do it this way. If Calvary Chapel was structured as a regular run of the mill church denomination it might [or might not] expose Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa to more financial risks but it goes to show that Chuck Smith seems to think that there is enough smoke coming from some of his own Calvary Chapel pastors [men whom Chuck Smith seems unable or unwilling to censor] that Chuck Smith does not want to be officially denominationally linked to any of them presumably in case the smoke (rumors - or hidden events) becomes an actual fire (an open and publicly known event) that then has to be dealt with. - Also Note: To correct some of the comments - Calvary Chapel has a lot of problems mainly involving unaccountable Pastors [the Chuck Smith model of ministry] but it is a misrepresentation of Calvary Chapel to insinuate that they are "Talibanish" or treat women unfairly in any way. One of the strengths of Calvary Chapel has always been their great commitment to women.}

One of these days, I'm going to get around to investigate Calvary Chapel and the many allegations sent my way that it protects abusers within their ranks. It's one of American Christianity's great open secrets, and only Christianity Today has truly tried to tackle the subject. But maybe others will get there before me--I hope not, but if that means bringing people to justice or exposing Calvary Chapel's far-from-God leadership, so be it. Consider a scandal brewing in Visalia. There, Calvary Chapel's pastor Bob Grenier has had to fend off allegations from his own sons that he savagely beat them as children during the 1980s and 1990s. The brothers have gone to police and even Calvary Chapel head Chuck Smith with their story--no dice. ... What does Chuck Smith know? The founder of Calvary Chapel visited Visalia in early July, just a couple of weeks before the Grenier matter hit the proverbial fan. Calvary Church leaders told the Bee that the Grenier brothers came to them with the allegations, but they refuse to disclose whether they plan to investigate. But Alex Grenier alleges Smith knows more about what happens in his church than the popular image of the Hawaiian shirt-wearing, ever-grinning fogie has crafted.

<http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/gimme-that-oc-religion/is-calvary-chapel-head-chuck-s/>

[*Note: still on a break but just wanted to make a quick post on this topic] Biblical Election: The true Biblical Election Calling [for a task or a 'purpose' of God i.e. Jacob 'elected' over his brother Esau for the task of fathering the Tribes of Israel, the Nation of Israel] and is not to be confused with the Redemption/Salvation Calling also of God

The Bible uses the lives and events of the Old Testament in order to more easily explain New Testament doctrines and concepts to [us] Christian believers. "1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these [Old Testament] things happened unto them [O.T. people] for ensamples [examples]: and they are written for our [Christian] admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1. First is the 'Called' invited into a redemption/salvation relationship with God i.e. Abraham. - "Acts 7:2-4 And he [Stephen] said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he [Abram] was in Mesopotamia [Babylon], before he dwelt in Charran, And [God] said [calling] unto him, Get thee out of thy country [Babylon], and from thy kindred, and come [answer the calling of God] into the land [Israel] which I shall shew thee. Then [answering the call-invitation of God] came he [Abram, later renamed to Abraham] out of the land of the Chaldaeans, ..." 2. The 'Chosen' are those who have answered the universal call from God (John 12:32 And I [Jesus], if I be lifted up (crucifixion & resurrection) from the earth, will draw (call/invite) all men to Me.) to enter into a relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Example: Isaac was chosen to receive the promises and blessings of his father Abraham over his older brother Ishmael. "Galatians 4:28 Now we [Christians], [Gentile] brethren, as [Jewish] Isaac was [chosen over Ishmael], are the children of promise [along with the Jews (Romans 9:4)]." 3. Election: Those who are chosen are then elected (called) to a specific task or calling to accomplish for God i.e. Jacob being elected over his older brother Esau to be the father of the Tribes of Israel. "Romans 9:10-13 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; For the [twins] children [Esau - Jacob] being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the *purpose [task] of God according to *election might stand, not of works, but of Him [God] that calleth [for a purpose - election]; It was said unto her [Rebecca], The elder [Esau] shall serve the younger [Jacob]. As it is [later after they both lived their life and died] written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau [who sold his birthright (Hebrews 12:16)] have I hated." - "Hebrews 12:16-17 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he [Esau] would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." 4. Glorified: those who accomplish the task they have been called (elected) by God to perform are glorified 'accomplished' in God. "Acts 7:8-10 And He [God] gave him [Abraham] the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham [the example of: called] begat Isaac [the example of: chosen], and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob [the example of: election]; and Jacob [elected to the task] begat the twelve patriarchs [Tribes of Israel]. And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph [the example of: Glorification - (see also: 2 Samuel 13:18)] into Egypt: but God was with him [Joseph], And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh [Pharaoh Akhenaten] King of Egypt; and He [God] made him [Joseph - Glorified] Governor over Egypt and all his house."

<http://www.basicchristian.org/theology.html>

Basic Christian: - The Basic Christian Bible Study: The 8 Global Kingdoms of the Earth - The 7 anointed Gentile Global Kings of the Earth (anointed from God) and the anointed 8th Kingdom the Eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ -- The Kingdoms: beginning with Nimrod (Tower of Babel - Genesis 10:8-10) -- Pharaoh Akhenaten (Egypt - Joseph's Pharaoh, the Dream Pharaoh - Genesis 41:1) -- Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon - Jeremiah 27:4-7, Daniel 2:37) -- Cyrus (Persia - Isaiah 45:1-7, Ezra 1:1-4) -- Alexander the Great (Greece - Daniel 8:21) -- Julius Caesar (Rome and The Revised [10 Kingdom] Roman Empire - Daniel 7:19) -- Antichrist [emerges from within the Revised Roman Empire] (Satan - Daniel 7:20) -- Messiah, Jesus Christ's Kingdom (Heaven and Earth - Daniel 2:35, Daniel 2:44-45)

Genesis 10:8-10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty [occult] one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter {spiritual seeker, occult} before {anointed of} the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before {in the presence of} the LORD. *And the beginning of his [Nimrod's] Kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar [later Babylon - modern Iraq]. {Note: all 7 of the Gentile global Kings-Kingdoms are anointed, for a time, given by God even as the Gentile King might at times or throughout thier duration be at odd with God.} -- Genesis 41:1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed [a dream from God] {this is possibly or most probably the Pharaoh Akhenaten}: and, behold, he stood by the river. -- Jeremiah 27:4-7 ... Thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters; I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, **and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto Me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. And all Nations shall serve him, and his son [Nabonidus], and his son's son [Belshazzar], until the very time of his land come: and then many Nations and Great Kings shall serve themselves of him. -- Isaiah 45:1-7 Thus saith the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus [of Persia], whose right hand I have holden, to subdue Nations before him; and I will loose the loins of Kings, to open before him the two leaved gates [of Babylon]; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: *And I will give thee the Treasures of Darkness [Mystery Babylon - secret knowledge - the 7 Gentile Kingdoms 'beginning' with Nimrod and ending with Antichrist once manifested are aggregate and ongoing], *and hidden riches [wealth] of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. **For Jacob [the Nation of Israel] My servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known Me. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I Am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. -- Ezra 1:1-4 Now in the first year of Cyrus King of Persia, that the Word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus King of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his Kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, The LORD God of Heaven hath given me all the Kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an House [Temple - 2nd Temple] at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the House [Temple] of the LORD God of Israel, He is the God, which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the House of God that is in Jerusalem. -- Daniel 8:16-27 And I heard a Man's [Jesus'] voice [standing on the water] between the banks of [the river] Ulai, which called, and said, [Angel] Gabriel, make this man [Daniel] to understand the vision. So he [Gabriel] came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man [Daniel]: for at the Time of the End shall be the vision [the four Gentile global governments after (Nimrod, Egypt, Babylon) - Persia, Greece, Rome and Antichrist]. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for *at the time appointed the end shall be. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are *the kings of Media and Persia [4th Kingdom]. And the rough goat is the King of Grecia [Greece - 5th Kingdom]: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first King [Alexander the Great]. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four Kingdoms [Ptolemaic kingdom of Egypt, the Seleucid Empire in the east, the kingdom of Pergamon in Asia Minor, and Macedon - wiki.com] shall stand up out of the Nation, but not in his power. And in the latter time of their [Roman] Kingdom {Rome annexed and acquired the Kingdom of Greece more by default (a weakened Greece) and through political contracts than through direct military conquest}, when the transgressors are come to the full, a King [Antichrist] of fierce countenance, and understanding dark [occult] sentences, shall stand up. And his [Antichrist] power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [by Satan's]: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft [occult - Satanism] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and *by [false] peace shall destroy many: he [Antichrist] shall also stand up against the

Prince of Princes [Jesus Christ]; but he [Antichrist] shall be broken [spiritually] without [physical] hand. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's [Belshazzar - son of Nabonidus - grandson of Nebuchadnezzar] business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it. -- Daniel 2:35 Then was the iron (Rome), the clay (Revised Rome - Antichrist), the brass (Greece), the silver (Persia), and the gold (Babylon), broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them [Kingdoms of the Earth]: and the Stone [Jesus Christ] that smote the image became a Great Mountain [single government], and filled the whole earth. Daniel 2:44-45 And in the days of these Kings [Kings of the Earth] shall *the God of Heaven set up a [eternal] Kingdom, **which shall never be destroyed: and the [eternal] Kingdom shall not be left to other [unbelieving] people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these [7 earthly] Kingdoms, and it [the Kingdom of Jesus Christ] shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the Stone was cut out of the Mountain [Divinely] without [physical] hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the Great God hath made known to the King [Nebuchadnezzar] what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

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Note: Jesus during His visitation went into the Synagogues in His area and into the Temple to teach and to serve and that is what we are to do in our day is to enter into the Church and participate, to serve and to fellowship with one another - "Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel (good news) of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

It's not always easy to attend Church and especially the more mature we become in Jesus the more difficult it is to get nourished and built up by the simple and often repeated messages that now routinely flow from the majority of pulpits [regardless of denomination] from most Christian Churches. However we do have our Salvation and having the knowledge of our own eternal Salvation we have Peace with God and having Peace with God we have Rest in ourselves [within our soul] and having Rest we can ultimately Trust in God. Trusting in God we are to go into the Churches and enjoy the fellowship and presence of other Christians where we can rejoice and serve and encourage one another in the love of Jesus all the while we work with one another to facilitate fellowship in the building up of the Kingdom of God while we seek to eliminate strife, division (1 Corinthians 3:3) and the increasingly ever present factions that are mindlessly turning Christian against Christian. The building up of the Christian Church universal is not an easy task but it is a necessary task, it is a meaningful task and ultimately it is an eternal task making it one of the most important tasks we can personally be involved in. Go to Church knowing that it is in fellowship with the Holy God that we gather together and praise the name of Jesus Christ!

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Note: Tips for Church Attendance

1. Go to a Church close to your home - attend a local neighborhood Church. 2. Start out by attending a non-Sunday service. Attend a weeknight or early morning Bible study, event or retreat first before attending the Sunday service. 3. Don't donate any money for the first three months, this will give you an opportunity to access the fellowship based only on merit without the added difficulty of financial entanglement. Only contribute when financial statements are publically available and then only contribute a portion of your giving while also trying to give directly to Missionaries, Counseling Services, Support Groups, Internet Ministries, etc. - don't just give to a Church thinking that they will adequately fund other Ministries with your donation. 4. Attend more than one Church or fellowship at a time. Attend a small Church and also a larger Church and likewise attend a Church close to home and also one further away from home. Rotate Church attendance between Sunday services and weeknight Bible Studies and also be open to attending as a guest the Churches and fellowships of other friends, co-workers and family members.

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Thomas Twitchell Blog: "Tim Guthrie Winning Truth? Surely You Jest" - If you've followed the Ergun Caner story this year, you no doubt have heard about the SBC pastors like Tim Guthrie, Tim Rogers, and Peter Lumpkins whose staunch defense of Ergun Caner rivals the Democratic spinsters who defended Clinton after the Lewinski affair - Thomas Twitchell has written an excellent blog comparing the Caner defenders to those of Clinton {Note: If we do step out of Church fellowship it should only be for a season while we continue to evaluate and grow in our own personal walk with Jesus. Just remember that whether we attend a Church or fellowship on our own God is always on the Throne and He is always accessible to each of us. The Kingdom of God is established [including on earth] and it is in existence and in authority over all mankind, thankfully regardless of our situation or status of fellowship.}

comments: Anonymous said...I am personally sick of this entire "Caner" story and situation. I know this is what some are hoping for that many will just give up and accept whatever defense has been made on behalf of Caner. But just the opposite seems to have happened. My reaction is, I am fed up with these self-promoting preachers (all that qualify as self-promoting), the millionaire boys club. The autocratic authority guys. Do as I say but not as I do. And don't question me as I am the preacher group... This is my opinion: I have no more time for these celebrity preachers, country club churches, no more money, not one dime, no more "faith" in any of them. I have "moved on" in life. I have actually drawn closer to the Lord. I have gotten my eyes off these people. They no longer occupy my thoughts or time. I read and understand my own Bible. The Holy Spirit leads my understanding. I don't need these self important authorities, that know less than I do, to tell me anything. Just like in the early days of the church, they try to make one believe that you can't understand your Bible and probably need them to be saved. You can't understand your Bible unless they tell you what it says. Baloney! My answer is "Who needs them"? They fight amongst themselves to keep the club going. All trying to be "big-shots". I don't need them, don't want them, not interested in them. God will take care of them one day. I am interested in the furtherance of the Gospel (self study) witnessing, and in people coming to Jesus by any means that is OF GOD. I also pray for Mr. Rich and family to prevail as they should never have been treated they way they were. Thus, this is why I read this blog. ... Anonymous said...And as more and more [people] read the blogs, they will move on [to the Bible] just like you to discovered the Holy Spirit is the Best Teacher. And Free except for the cost of the Bible. A hearty AMEN to you, friend! Welcome to the Body of Christ. Not the entertainment social club that expects you to pay dues so they can live well and build 'their' earthly kingdoms. ... X P M C MEMBER said...I used to wonder why people never went to a church. I used to wonder why there were NO traffic jams on Sunday mornings. Now I am one of them because of what religion has taught us in today's time which is....."B E W A R E OF THE W O L V E S" I quit listening to these decievers and am much happier with the "personal" relationship I now have with Christ. Now all you that follow these men, I hope you enjoy their ride...NOW I KNOW THE REAL MEANING OF BEING A " WISEMAN" ... Thy Peace said...An interesting sermon that relates to some of the comments that are disillusioned with church is from Pastor Wade Burleson, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Enid, OK. The sermon is titled "1 John - The Anointing of the Father", March 22, 2009 - Part 11 of series (1 Jn. 2:26-27). As their church is redoing their website, the audio mp3 is not yet available on their new website, but you can watch the video here. The sermon starts around 28:00.

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BasicChristian.org: Biblical Proof that Jesus is God - The Names used to refer to Jesus reveal that Jesus is God in Substance, Authority, and Character - Luke 2:21 ... His name substance, authority, character was called JESUS ((JE = God, Yahweh, Jehovah) + (SUS = Salvation, Healing)), which was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb

A note about the Holy Bible, as a document the Bible was spoken by God and written down by prophets and scribes. Today some people think of the Bible as a collection of ancient events and stories while in actuality the Bible is a legal document containing both the Old & New Testaments, the covenant and contract between God and mankind. The words, terms and phrases are legal in nature and binding in stature. When Jesus refers to Himself as Christ, Lord, Savior, and God, He is saying it in a legal binding term, a legal binding term between God and mankind. -- In the historical events of the life and crucifixion of Jesus Christ the reason for the guilty verdict, the recorded "crime", by the leaders of His day in order to condemn Him at His multiple trials was that Jesus repeatedly declared Himself to be God to many eyewitnesses. Declaring oneself to be God is a part of the crime of blaspheming (misrepresenting God) unless of course as in the case of Jesus where God actually was in human flesh visiting mankind to remove the sins of the world. In other words Jesus was sentenced to death and crucified not for committing a crime like robbing a bank or kidnapping or something that we would normally associate with a death penalty case. Jesus was convicted of the "crime" of blasphemy, declaring Himself to be God. ...

<http://www.basicchristian.org/biblicalproof.html>

BasicChristian.org: blog Bible Study Genesis - An Eight Part Article Introduction - The 7 physical and spiritual realms as unfolded in the 7 Days of the Genesis creation model {the 8th realm being God's realm of unrestricted eternity}

Coming Soon the Basic Christian Article: Who is Melchizedek? Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20) is a higher multidimensional being. Melchizedek exists outside of our own human time and space dimensions (restrictions). Humans exist in and are limited to the first three physical dimensions (length, height, width) and also the fourth dimension (restriction) of time. The spiritual realm of demons, angels and in part the coming Antichrist exists in the less restricted 5th and 6th dimensions. In fact the coming Antichrist is going to bring down or "contact" the 5th and 6th dimensions and infuse 4th dimensional human beings with 5th dimensional demons [Nephilim spirits] and 6th dimensional fallen [Satanic] angelic spirit beings consequently orchestrating 5th and 6th dimensional miracles and signs and wonders in order to deceive mankind. So who is Melchizedek? Melchizedek is the manifestation of the infinite dimensional (infinite dimensions - no restrictions - unrestricted) God in Person. Melchizedek is God the Holy Spirit in Person. Melchizedek is the Order of the Holy Spirit Priesthood. -- Note: In the Basic Christian article "Who is Melchizedek?" the 8 dimensions (restrictions) are listed in conjunction with the original creation week (Genesis 1:1-2:4) and are categorized as follows: 1. Length [Day one creation - light separated [Judgment] (length) from darkness] 2. Height [Day two creation - divided the waters above from the waters below] 3. Width [Day three creation - dry land and plants] 4. Time [Day four creation - sun, moon, stars for times and seasons] 5. Demonic - demons [Day five creation - fish from the waters below, birds from the waters above] 6. Angelic - Holy Angels and also Satan with all of his fallen angels [Day six creation - land animals and humans (pre-fall) - humans the highest part of creation created separate and above the animals and equal to the angels but with sin mankind fell from the 6th dimension to the 4th dimension, in fact with the sin of mankind all of creation also fell from its original creation status] 7. Human Salvation redeemed by the blood, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ [Day seven creation - Rest] 8. Unrestricted [outside of creation] - The only Unrestricted, Eternal, Wise, ? Infinite, Almighty God consisting of God the Father, the Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. -- Genesis 2:4 These are the generations [dimensions] of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens ...

http://www.basicchristian.org/blog_biblestudy.html

Gnosticism: New Release! Hollywood's War on God - Learn how these movies are initiating the masses into a Gnostic worldview that will culminate in a "strong delusion" as the world joins Satan & the final Antichrist in their war against God (DVD - \$19.95)

Hollywood's War on God is a mind-blowing, eye-popping documentary that reveals how satanic forces are using Hollywood's most memorable movies and most popular actors to propagate an ancient lie in fulfillment of biblical prophecy. Learn how these movies are initiating the masses into a Gnostic worldview that will culminate in a "strong delusion" as the world joins Satan & the final Antichrist in their war on God. Such titles include Ron Howard & Tom Hanks "The Da Vinci Code"; Keanu Reeves "The Matrix" and "Constantine"; Brad Pitt's "Fight Club"; Jim Carrey's "Truman Show"; Toby McQuire's "Pleasantville"; Arnold Swarzenegger's "Total Recall"; Johnny Depp's "From Hell"; Shawn Connery's "League of Extraordinary Gentleman"; J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter"; Harrison Ford's "Bladerunner"; Tom Cruise's "Vanilla Sky," "Eyes Wide Shut" and "Minority Report" and many others.

http://www.goodfight.org/store/resources_main_video.html

Gnosticism, New Age, and the Da Vinci Code - What do they Have in Common? - Heresies are a lot like the common cold - They keep coming back around, but in a slightly changed form - But the change is just enough so that they sneak by the defense of our immune system and pose a new

threat to our spiritual health - Both the New Age movement and the The Da Vinci Code seek spirituality without sacrifice (Jesus), without authority (Jesus), without the cross (Jesus) - A Christianity with no cross is a Christianity with no power and a religion with no power doesn't last very long {The cross is the victory of Jesus Christ over sin, death, and the power of Satan. The proof of the victory of the cross of Jesus is the Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is Alive! sin is dead and Satan is powerless, over our freewill.}

Heresies are a lot like the common cold. They keep coming back around, but in a slightly changed form. But the change is just enough so that they sneak by the defense of our immune system and pose a new threat to our spiritual health. Neither the New Age movement nor the The Da Vinci Code buys into to ancient Gnosticism lock, stock, and barrel. But they both rely on key Gnostic ideas that have as much appeal now as they did in the second century. For who does not eventually feel the emptiness and ennui of a life without the spiritual dimension, a life devoid of mystery? Our contemporary Western society, like 2nd century Roman society, has lost its soul. We suffer from the desperation that comes from a lack of meaning. -- The New Age has appeal because it restores a sense of mystery. It imitates the syncretism of the Gnostics, blending together exotic ideas from the east with traditions native to the west to produce a hodge-podge that may be incoherent but is nevertheless intriguing. The Da Vinci Code resurrects the claim of a secret tradition that is earlier and more faithful than the New Testament Scriptures. It offers us a way to feel connected to Jesus even while we scorn the leaders and laws of the Church said to be founded by him. -- But the appeal of these currents also constitute their undoing. Both the New Age movement and the The Da Vinci Code seek spirituality without sacrifice, without authority, without the cross. They follow ancient Gnosticism in preserving a veneer of Christianity while emptying it of its heart and soul.. But the fate of Gnosticism ought to serve as a warning here. A Christianity with no cross is a Christianity with no power. And a religion with no power doesn't last very long. The Da Vinci Code may have sold a few million copies in the first years of the third millennium. But here is my guess - in the fourth millennium, it will take an archeologist digging in the arid sands of Egypt to find a copy.

http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/library_article/438/Gnosticism_New_Age_DaVinci_Code.html

Gnosticism, the Soul-Only "Gospel" and the End Times - Gnosticism falsely concludes: There were two separate realms-one spiritual, the other material (physical) - The spiritual realm, created by God [not by Father God but by Satan or some other unknown god that Satan channeled, however more and more often Satan is being taught as the original Father spirit god], was all good; the material realm, created by the demiurge [Father God, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit], all evil - Man needed to be saved, not from Original Sin, but from enslavement to matter (physical body, physical world and from God (Jesus) who created the physical world, though the cults sure do like sex, drugs, alcohol, money etc. so maybe they don't want to be 'saved' from everything physical) [rejecting this (physical) world]-[rejecting the (moral government) law] For this, he {occult initiate} had to learn the mystical arts - Thus Gnosticism became a source for the occult (Satanic) tradition {Gnosticism - The Question: Is Jesus who loves us, gave His life and died for us on the cross God or is Satan who lies to us and kills us God? That is the dilemma of the Gnostic and actually that is also the dilemma for everyone. However even in this upside down world where wrong is right and lies are truth it is still easy to tell that Jesus the God of Love is God!}

In addition, Gnostics engaged in speculative theology, even in the days of the apostles, based upon a higher form of knowledge not available to "ordinary" Christians. This resulted in "speculations respecting angels and spirits" and a false dualism "leading to asceticism on the one hand *[rejecting this world], and to an immoral libertinism on the other hand *[rejecting the law]." Today, we have an eschatological system that purports to know we are living in the last days, not by an appeal to the Bible but by having a special ability to read contemporary signs. ... Certain strange inferences were derived from this bizarre worldview. Gnostic doctrine concluded that Jehovah of the Old Testament was actually Satan, thus, Satan ruled the physical world. The body also belonged to Satan. It was the prison of the soul. "The Gnostic secret is that the spirit is trapped in matter, and to free it, the world must be rejected."⁵ Not only asceticism but escapism became a major tenet of the Gnostic gospel. If the physical world is evil, then man must do anything and everything to escape it.

<http://americanvision.org/?s=gnostic&searchsubmit=Find>

Gnosticism: The Gnostic NIV Bible Exposed - A look At Gnosticism And The NIV - The Gnostics were a group of individuals who considered themselves as "an elite group that knows it all" - Words Identifying Christ as God Are Stolen Away

The word "Gnostic" comes from the Greek verb "ginosko", which means "to know, or to be taking in knowledge". Or you can derive it from the noun "gnosis", which means "knowledge, or a seeking to know". The Gnostics were a group of individuals who considered themselves as "an elite group that knows it all". Their headquarters was in Alexandria, Egypt, where they had collected an enormous library. ... They claimed to understand God and Salvation perfectly. They believed that they themselves were spirit, while all other people were soul and body. They believed that all matter was evil, and therefore the world produced from evil matter and possessed by evil demons cannot be a creation of a good God. Therefore they were willing for Christ to be the creator as long as it was agreed that He was an inferior god. Therefore they denied the reality and the necessity of the Atonement of Christ, and they claimed that Christ's body was an illusion. They did not believe that Christ really came in the flesh. They rejected the Old Testament and its God Jehovah. -- They were obsessed with a cult of angels, from which they derived the concept of guardian angels. They were obsessed with the concept of man, and of God, and of the world through religious experiences. They allegorized all the teachings of Scripture in order to achieve a strange conformity between Gnosticism and Christianity. The Gnostics worked hard on destroying the Person of Christ as coequal to God, and as having both a human nature and a Divine nature. Therefore we recognize that the Apostles in their letters were warning the churches against the influence of the Gnostics. We read that in 1 John 2:22, from which we can see their struggle against the Gnostics of the 1st century.

<http://testallthings.wordpress.com/2007/09/27/the-gnostic-niv-bible-exposed/>

The Da Vinci Code Exposed - The Gnostic Gospels - Notice, however, there is no mention of Mary being married to Jesus - In fact, there is not one ancient text anywhere, Gnostic or otherwise, that suggests that Jesus was married to Mary - None! The only famous text of Jesus being married is Dan's Brown's book itself - (Dan Brown) made it up

The Gnostic followers play an important role in Brown's conspiracy. The word Gnostic means "secret knowledge." According to the novel there are 80 Gnostic gospels that were burned or buried by the Catholic Church. These gospels give a different view of Jesus and His teachings. Many have asked me about these supposedly "lost books of the Bible". First of all, they are not lost books of the Bible. They do not belong to the Bible at all; therefore, they are not lost books of the Bible. These books were known by the fourth century Bishops, and they excluded them from the Canon of Scripture because they did not meet the strict criteria to be included. Actually in truth, there are 52 fragmented texts that were discovered in a cave in Egypt on December of 1945 by an Arab peasant. These Gnostic writings are a collection of poems and myths attributing to Jesus certain sayings and beliefs which are very different than the canonical (accepted as correct-true) Bible. ... The Apostles were not unfamiliar with the teachings of the Gnostics. They denounce their teachings in several New Testament passages. Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith (1 Tim 6:20-21). The Greek word for knowledge is gnosis. Notice Paul warns against those who "falsely call" themselves knowledgeable ones. This is a clear reference to the Gnostics of the first century. He even says that those who profess this false knowledge have wandered from the faith.

http://www.tbm.org/da_vinci_code_exposed.htm

Movie: Ron Howard Prepares to Unleash Angels & Demons (2009) - the follow-up to The (2006) Da Vinci Code [Angels & Demons is part 1 - The Da Vinci Code was actually part 2] - Tom Hanks reprising his role as Robert Langdon from The Da Vinci Code - Variety's report goes on to note that, although the Angels & Demons novel was written before and takes place before The Da Vinci Code, the film will be a sequel {The next Ron Howard movie "Angels & Demons" is a continuing part of the agenda to rise the evil fallen Nephilim [the occult considers Nephilim to be powerful, wise, illuminated (enlightened) and call themselves the followers "Illuminati"] and submit mankind to these fallen evil spirits. Note: Biblically fallen Angels and Demons are probably not the same thing though people often refer to them as being the same thing. Fallen Angels are Angels [that generally do not attempt to possess (indwell) people] while Demons [desire to possess and indwell people] may be offspring of the Nephilim (fallen Angels) & human intermixing that occurred in Geneses chapter 6 and that were all killed in the flood [the reason for the flood] of Noah's time. So saying Angels and Demons does not make one group good and the other bad both groups (angels and demons) would be bad if the Angels are fallen and in rebellion against God.}

One of the many high-profile productions being affected by the looming writers' strike is Angels & Demons, the follow-up to The Da Vinci Code -- but if director Ron Howard and his fellow filmmakers have anything to say about it, their sequel's progress will be unimpeded. Variety reports on the last-minute preparations behind the scenes of Angels & Demons, which will find Tom Hanks reprising his role as Robert Langdon from The Da Vinci Code, the \$758 million-grossing adaptation of Dan Brown's bestselling book. Angels is scheduled to start filming in Europe next February, but with the writers' strike coming as early as November 1, Howard's team has to move quickly. ... Meanwhile, the "Angels" team have begun casting around Tom Hanks, who will reprise his role as Robert Langdon. Hanks' character, a Harvard-based expert on religious symbols, this time sleuths a mystery that involves a secret society and a conspiracy that leads to Vatican City and threatens the future of the Catholic Church. Variety's report goes on to note that, although the Angels & Demons novel was written before -- and takes place before -- The Da Vinci Code, the film will be a sequel.

http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/10008791-angels_and_demons/news/1683372/ron_howard_prepares_to_unleash_angels_and_demons

{Flashback} THE BAD NEWS OF THE DA VINCI CODE MOVIE: Sony Pictures - Directed by: Ron

Howard, Starring: Tom Hanks, May 2006

The New York Times called recently asking what's wrong with THE DA VINCI CODE. With regard to the book by that name, there have been a large number of articles, some published in MovieGuide', explaining its egregious historical, theological, and moral problems. With regard to the movie scheduled to be distributed worldwide by Sony Pictures, however, about which the Times was calling, we won't know until we see the final product. The strange thing about the movie is that the two key people involved, Tom Hanks and Ron Howard, claim to be Christians. Mr. Hanks has told reporters that he came to Christ many years ago and now attends a Greek Orthodox church with his wife. A Campus Crusade minister worked as Ron Howard's assistant for many years and said that Mr. Howard went to a Presbyterian church. Therefore, it is strange that these two men are making THE DA VINCI CODE, unless they have either sold out and see it as a way of making a lot of money, or they plan to change it.

<http://www.christiananswers.net/spotlight/movies/2006/thedavincicode2006.html>

Did Jesus have a wife and child, of course not! - Da Vinci Code (Jesus is only human) Cults Exposed

A new movie is set to air a program that will insinuate that Jesus had a secret wife, Mary Magdalene and that the two had a child while He was here on the earth. Following is some material to consider regarding this very wrong and false topic. ... Since all European and British nobility can legitimately prove their lineage back through the Merovingians {and apparently attempts to claim Mohammed as well}, they can "prove" to a public who has bought this lie that their lineage goes back through Mary Magdalene to Jesus and they have "plugged into" Jesus, they are literally "home free" to King David! The Jewish Talmud teaches this same lie. Thus, Antichrist can "prove" his lineage back to King David, an absolute requirement if he is to convince the Jewish people he is their Messiah for whom they have been awaiting!

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[Warning!] Watchman Fellowship: Watchman Fellowship is an independent, nondenominational Christian research and apologetics ministry focusing on new religious movements [i.e. fake ex-Muslim Jihadist], cults, the occult and the New Age - Don't miss your opportunity to see [Secular (occult), New Age, Emergent Church Apologist and fake ex-Muslim Jihadist] Dr. Ergun Caner speaking at our annual (2007) banquet as we celebrated twenty-eight years of ministry - [Wolf in sheep's clothing] Dr. Caner was recently elected to Watchman Fellowship's board of directors [and remains on the Watchman board of directors]

Ergun Caner is the President of Liberty Theological Seminary at Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. When named to the position in 2005, Caner became the first former Muslim to lead an evangelical seminary. Caner is a leading voice for evangelicalism on the international stage. He has been a guest on such television networks as Fox News, MSNBC, CNBC, and the BBC. He has written 14 books, including When Worldviews Collide, on the subject of global apologetics and defending the Christian faith. Dr. Caner was recently elected to Watchman Fellowship's board of directors. - Staff & Board Members - Board Members: Ergun Caner.

http://www.watchman.org/store/index.cfm?fuseaction=product.display&Product_ID=884&CFID=7895538&CF_TOKEN=16177377

It Takes a Long Time to Clean Up [Internet] Falsehoods - The Internet is such a huge "place" - It takes forever to clean up evidences of your past---if you are trying to do that, anyway - I was just referred to

this (2005) press release on Ergun Caner's own website (better click fast, it will be gone before long!) - Note this further example of the mysterious "misstatement" that Ergun Caner seemed to be making over and over and over again for years on end {Note: Ergun Caner is going around preaching a 100% Emergent Church doctrine, principles and theology i.e. "God = Love" actually "God = God" and love, patience, faithfulness, justice, longsuffering, faithfulness, etc. are all Attributes of God. - Also Note: It is Dr. Norman Geisler (Veritas Evangelical Seminary) [one of Ergun Caner's biggest supporters and a mentor] that is going around from Church to Church doing "Apologetics Conferences" with Ergun Caner (also one of Geisler's Veritas Seminary instructors) as Geisler pretends to be informing Christians and preaching against the Gnostic Emergent Church Movement that is currently infiltrating Evangelical Christianity on a massive scale all the while Dr. Norman Geisler is forwarding, promoting and covering for Emergent Church prompter Ergun Caner. -- July 31, 2010 Calvary Chapel Downey - Apologetics Conference Speakers: Norman Geisler, "Understanding and Answering the Emergent Church" - Ergun Caner, "5 Reasons Why I am not a Muslim" Source: www.cccsdowney.org/high-school/monthly-letter/}

Ex-Muslim to lead at Liberty U. By Bob Lowry ASSOCIATED PRESS LYNCHBURG, Va. -- The new dean of the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University theological seminary is a former Sunni Muslim who plans to turn out a hipper generation of graduates by relating to them with lyrics from rapper 50 Cent, TV's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and the latest movies and film stars. Ergun Mehmet Caner cracks one-liners as easily as he quotes a Bible verse. Lecturing to a packed auditorium of 450 students, Mr. Caner mixed religion with jokes to keep his students on their toes in a late afternoon theology class. He asked his students which popular actors they would marry "if she or he was a Christian." Their answers brought howls of laughter from the classroom. "In a given lecture, I'll talk about 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,' C.S. Lewis, 'Plato's Cave' and some lyrics by 50 Cent," Mr. Caner said of some subjects one normally wouldn't associate with Mr. Falwell's university. Mr. Caner sees it as a way to connect with his young audiences. "Most college students lose attention every seven minutes and with that, it's important to have that humor to bring us back in and teach us more," said Travis Bush, a junior from Rocky Mount, N.C., in Mr. Caner's class. "He's the best professor here. With the humor, it keeps us interested." Mr. Caner, 39, said he wants a different approach for a new generation of Liberty students, whom he dubs "tecumenicals." "I call them techies because, on one hand, they were raised with e-mail" he says. "And yet they are so ecumenical. This generation is different. They've been there, seen it and done it. They're looking for some *authentic passion that's got a pulse and that sweats. "The point is I'll use anything at my disposal. I'm not hiding from culture and I don't boycott culture. If I'm turning out students who say 'What's that dot on your head for?' That's ignorance. Or, 'Why'd you wear your laundry on the top of your head?' That's ignorance." Mr. Caner takes over as dean of the seminary in July after only two years at the 8,000-student school. The shaven-headed, goateed Mr. Caner [Proven False], whose family emigrated from Turkey [Sweden] to Toledo, Ohio, when he was a teenager [two years old] ... Boyd Rist, Liberty's vice president for academic affairs, said Mr. Caner was the clear choice for the job after the former dean left for the presidency of another school. As for Mr. Caner's Muslim background, Mr. Rist said Mr. Falwell [Sr.] doesn't mind doing the unexpected at the school he founded in his hometown in 1971. Copyright 2005 News World Communications, Inc. Source: www.erguncaner.com/home/press/documents/ap_04152005.pdf

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Ergun Caner Whopper: My Madrassa Was in Beirut...By That Did He Mean the "Beirut Restaurant" in Toledo? - As more of Caner's deceptions become known, the defenders of Caner appear more and more ridiculous - And more is yet to come, maybe the worst yet, BUT we shall see - Taking a step back, I have some larger questions in all of this, as this is growing into the Great Evangelical Cover-up - How did Caner's embellishments get started and why did it go on for so long? - Why were these fibs not nipped in the bud by those in authority over him at the time? - Why was the due diligence on Caner not done by the heavies in the SBC to confirm his testimony? - I will ponder those questions in coming posts, so stay tuned - And now, here is the latest episode of "Caner Gone Wild"

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Only informed responsible giving (tithing) is cheerful giving! Not the ignorance is bliss, dutiful giving that the modern Church now wants us to participate in. -- "Ecclesiastes 7:12 For wisdom is a defense [refuge], and money [opportunity, power, influence, prestige] is a defense: but [more important than money] the excellency of [Biblical] knowledge [accurate, reliable Biblical doctrine] is, that wisdom giveth [eternal] life to them that have it."

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House Church: Skip the sermon, worship at home {Note: Attending a local Church congregation where you can have input and make a difference is a vital part of Christianity and really home Church (fellowships) should be secondary [after Church or on a weeknight] to congregational attendance.}

DALLAS - To get to church on a recent Sunday morning, the Yeldell family walked no farther than their own living room to greet fellow worshippers. The members of this "house church" are part of what experts say is a fundamental shift in the way U.S. Christians think about church. Skip the sermons, costly church buildings and large, faceless crowds, they say. House church is about relationships forged in small faith communities. In general, house churches consist of 12 to 15 people who share what's going on in their lives, often turning to Scriptures for guidance. They rely on the Holy Spirit or spontaneity to lead the direction of their weekly gatherings. "I think part of the appeal for some in the house church movement is the desire to return to a simpler expression of church," said Ed Stetzer, a seminary professor and president of Lifeway Research, which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. "For many, church has become too much (like a) business while they just want to live like the Bible." House church proponents claim their small groups are sort of a throwback to the early Christian church in that they have no clergy and everyone is expected to contribute to the teaching, singing and praying. They are more commonly seen in countries where Christianity is not the dominant religion. Organizers say they're just starting to take off in the U.S. A study by the Barna Group, a firm specializing in data on religion and society, estimates that 6 million to 12 million Americans attend house churches. A survey last year by the Pew Forum found that 9 percent of American Protestants only attended home services. "The only consistent thing about house church is that each one is different," said Robin Yeldell, who, in 2006, left a traditional church where he was a missions committee chairman.

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Church/Default.aspx?id=1100148>

A Gnostic Gospel - Christless Christianity: 2010 West Coast Conference - A Conference by Various Teachers (Online Video - Audio)

Message 5, A Gnostic Gospel: Americans are incurably "spiritual," but this spirituality expresses itself in ways that are incompatible with biblical Christianity. It expresses itself in ways that are essentially Gnostic. The American church has not been immune to the influence of this American Gnosticism. In this message, Dr. Peter Jones compares this private, mystical, and inward religious mentality with the corporate, doctrinal, and visible faith of orthodox Christianity.

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/conferences/christless-christianity-2010-west-coast/a-gnostic-gospel/>

***Updated: Truth & Knowledge vs. Lies & Deception (PDF)**

Truth is that which exists and cannot change. The truth is the unchangeable fact. There are basic truths in existence. We exist in physical human form on a planet called the earth. It is an undeniable unchangeable truth that we exist. It is also an undeniable unchangeable truth that physical life exists temporally here on earth. The truth is that all who have lived in the past have suffered physical death; they are no longer physically alive with us on earth. Since there are truths in existence there is a truth that explains life and death here on earth. There can be many theories about how life originated on earth, why and how we exist and why we die, but there is only one unchangeable truth.

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This is an update regarding the Lighthouse Trails report that New Age sympathizer Leonard Sweet is scheduled to speak at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque for the National Worship Leader Conference this June. Conflicting reports are occurring as to whether Sweet's speaking engagement has been cancelled. Please refer to our recent posting, Questions Arise: Is New Age Sympathizer Leonard Sweet Speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque or Not? where we write on some of these conflicting reports. A number of Lighthouse Trails' readers contacted us over the last couple days sending us copies of an email they each received from an undisclosed personnel at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque. **The form letter states: Thank you for contacting us here at The Connection and thanks for writing to Pastor Skip. We always love to hear from you. The conference is not a Calvary conference. The conference is being put on by Worship Leader Magazine using our facility - just like CAPE, Home school graduation, funerals, etc. Therefore, Leonard Sweet is not speaking at "Skip's Church". [LT: Heitzig is one of the speakers at this event.] He is part of a conference using Calvary's facilities. Leonard Sweet will attend the conference but WILL NOT BE SPEAKING. It is our prayer that God will continue to reveal Himself to you through His Word as you seek to know Him. Love in Christ, Connection Communications -- Because the National Worship Leader Conference website still maintains that Leonard Sweet will indeed be speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque, an official public notice from CCA stating that Leonard Sweet will not be speaking there could help clear up the present confusion. Just as important, a statement explaining to the body of Christ why they have decided to remove him from the platform would be important. In a day and age when so many Christian leaders are sending out mixed messages to the Church regarding spiritual deception, those wanting to maintain biblical integrity need to be forthright and clear in what they believe and stand for. And regardless of what denomination or movement this confusion is occurring in, those particular leaders do have a biblical obligation to the entire body of Jesus Christ. This is not Lighthouse Trails saying this - this is what the Bible requests of leaders and pastors.

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Slaughter of the Sheep: Reports of Benny Hinn and Paula White Affair - The National Enquirer is currently reporting that Benny Hinn and Paula White are having an affair - I know, I know, it's the Enquirer and they're unreliable - There's one catch.... they've got pictures of Hinn/White going into and out of a hotel in Rome holding hands [two weeks ago] - I bought an issue when a fellow researcher called and told me about this story and I have seen the pictures - Is it true? I don't know - But, judging from the photographs, Hinn may have some explaining to do!

Comments: Video 3: Benny asks Paula where she has this incredible teachings from... She says from God, from revelation and experience. But I listened to her (this was a real trial!) but she just puts all the false teachings together from Word Faith, Dominion, seven mountains, little gods and more. She throws the words out on her listeners without time for them to think and uses methods (hands, snapping fingers, response). ... It appears Paula is broad in her teachings. you are correct, she does appear to be hooked up with the Dominionism/kingdom now - New Apostolic Reformation!!! Here she is with non-other that Chuck Pierce. ... that video's says it all. And Paula is also into 'the glory'. So her story that God showed her all this and that she got revelation is a lie. ... Chuck Pierce is into mysticism. There you see the mix in this false teachings with the occult and Gnosticism. It's strange fire ["Vagabond Priesthood"]. But that is another topic. ... When I see all this happen, and the articles here on the website and other discerning sites it reminds me of something I think God showed me two years ago. I saw that all these false ministries that seemed to have no connection, are going to connect. It made me think of a web from a spider. The line at the edge of the web are far from each other, but when the spider makes the web he goes to the center and there the lines come together. It is shocking to see it happen these days... Time is running out. ... I already knew that Benny Hinn was Latter Rain and Manifest sons of God teaching. Well, I just found a video with Benny Hinn and Bill Hamon (Christian International) I have been to one of bill Hamon conferences , He is crazy and dangerous. I went to a woman pastors church who was under Bill Hamon and it was a crazy place. Thank God he brought me out of the mess. ... OMG! That's Oh my goodness! for us Christians. I just watched that video with Paula and Chuck. Are we supposed to take these people seriously???? I hope not! Chuckle... They take themselves seriously...I think, but at least we don't have to! Boy, am I glad I am not taken in by these swelling words of fanciful suggestions anymore. Thank God! He set me free. I'm going to enjoy every minute of my freedom from these charlatans! Love you all! God keep you in his love and sweetness! ... You made me laugh girl. We are smart to their enticing words, but lots of people are deceived by these jokers. They are crazy and dangerous. Talk about the Tower of Babel, babel, babel, one can't understand their language. Seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. ... Dominionism, Word Faith, Latter Rain, Manifested Sons have the same roots as the New Age 'theology': the Christ-consciousness. 'The Christ' will not bodily return, but in the mind, spirit of the people. Alice Bailey, the 'mother' of the New Age [Satanism version], already said years ago that New Age had to influence Christianity so New Age would be the new world religion. This was written on a website about Christ Consciousness (they even use the bible): 'It is our destiny to attain to the level of Christ consciousness and to be aware of the self as God'. 'Speak as Christ would speak and Christ will speak through you... Think as Christ would think and Christ will think through you and the mind of God will become congruent with your physical vessel...Practice sweet thoughts, sweet feelings, sweet words and soon they will come naturally to you. Finally perform deeds that you know Christ would perform and you will manifest the Christ consciousness in your daily life.' "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." -The Bible- This means: Seek ye first the Consciousness of God, the consciousness of the Living Christ in you and the scientific application of the Universal Law to the mastery of self in time and space and all these things in the world of form shall be added unto you by the multiplied alchemy of the Holy Ghost.' Sounds familiar to what Word Faith teaches, 'little gods'. Scary how it fits in with those false teachings...

<http://slaughteringthesheep.wordpress.com/2010/07/24/reports-of-benny-hinn-and-paula-white-affair-pictures-included/>

PASTOR PAULA RESPONDS TO FALSE AND MISLEADING ARTICLE - I want to speak with you frankly and from my heart {Note: 1. Paula's response comes a day or two after Benny's response and what is striking is that the same person seems to have written both responses or else Paula was heavily coached by someone else. 2. Benny Hinn seemed to go to great lengths to separate Paula from his Vatican visit yet according to Paula she seemed to have been there as a part of the same Vatican visit. 3. The internet rumor mill is that these two are already engaged or are about to get engaged - so why all the deception, lies and deceit.}

To My Friends, Partners & Ministry Colleagues, I want to speak with you frankly and from my heart. Last Friday, the National Enquirer released a dishonest and misleading article which falsely characterized my friendship with Pastor Benny Hinn. The publication, which is known for its bias and slanting of the truth, tries to mislead readers regarding the ministerial relationship and friendship I have had with Pastor Benny for over 20 years. Specifically, the National Enquirer released the misguided and untruthful article, which falsely characterized my friendship with Pastor Benny as being something that is morally and spiritually inappropriate. The article goes on to suggest that we were having an improper intimate relationship, which is categorically false. In late May of this year, I went to tape a "This Is Your Day" broadcast with Pastor Hinn. Although I had not seen him in years, the taping gave us the opportunity to catch up on what has transpired in both of our lives. As someone who also endured a painful and public divorce, I was able to offer him insight and spiritual encouragement. Since that time we have continued to talk and our friendship has grown stronger but has remained morally and spiritually pure. I publicly profess and forcefully renounce assertions that the recent trip to Italy to meet with Vatican officials suggests that the friendship is in any way improper or morally impure. We traveled independently to the region for respective ministry duties and, while there, spent time together along with others. We were never alone and were in the constant company of staff and other associates.

http://www.paulawhite.org/pages/misleading_article_response/

[In an undated posting] Pastor Benny Responds to False and Misleading News Reports - As you may be aware, the National Enquirer recently released a dishonest and misleading article which falsely characterized my friendship with [Pastor] Paula White - The article also indicated that on a recent trip to Italy we met secretly and stayed together - This could not be further from the truth and is absolutely false! The truth is that we traveled independently to the region for respective ministry duties - and, although we spent time together, *we were never alone and were in the constant company of staff and family members [as of right now photos and eyewitness accounts seem to indicate that they were alone] - {Note: Originally I had no intention of posting on the reported events of Benny Hinn and Paula White - two people who I actually have a deep desire to see succeed in the ministry both of whom have large ministries and affect a lot of lives but that was until I read the (disingenuous) reply posted by Benny Hinn on his own website. Clearly counter to what Benny claims the two are unchaperoned and already several inconsistencies have emerged from the Benny Hinn (false) reply. - Also Note: I felt led to post on this topic because of the clear epidemic in Christian circles today of Pastors and Leaders who are so willing to consistently engage in lying and deceitful practices directed primarily at Christians from behind their own pulpits i.e. Pastors like Benny Hinn, Ergun Caner, Dr. Norman Geisler, Chuck Smith Sr., Brian Brodersen, Greg Laurie, Skip Heitzig, Mike MacIntosh and Rick Warren just to name a few. Certainly we are living in deceitful and dishonest times within the Christian (Mega-Church) system and unless we as Christians begin to do something about it and take a stand for Biblical truth, financial openness and personal honesty among Church Pastors and Leaders we will all be drowned in this deliberate ocean of lies, dishonesty and deception that is taking place within and being forced upon a very unsuspecting (and naive) modern-day Christian Church congregation.}

To my precious partner, As you may be aware, the National Enquirer recently released a dishonest and misleading article which falsely characterized my friendship with Paula White. The publication, which is known for its bias against religious figures, misleads readers regarding the ministerial friendship I have had with Paula White for over 20 years. As you know, my wife, Suzanne, filed for divorce at the beginning of this year. If it were not for the comfort of the precious Holy Spirit and the Word of God to give me encouragement throughout this process, I cannot imagine how I could have survived the past five months. Throughout this season, your love and prayers have helped strengthen me to continue ministering around the world. Were it not for your faithfulness and the presence of my wonderful Lord Jesus, the loneliness of carrying this burden by myself would have been unbearable. In late May of this year, Paula White came to tape a This Is Your Day broadcast with me. Although I had not seen her for years, she was an encouragement to me and shared helpful advice out of her own painful experience. As a result, I will not deny that the friendship has strengthened, and, while it has remained morally pure at all times, I have enjoyed the company of someone who has also gone through the trauma of a painful and public divorce. But most of you know me personally and know that I have faithfully preached the Gospel for over 35 years. I have never failed my marriage vows and would never dishonor the precious name of Jesus, whom I adore with all my being...and I never will! As I have often said, I would rather die than bring dishonor to His name. And so I am writing to tell you today that I forcefully, categorically, and absolutely renounce the lies that have been spread about me and want to set the record straight with you. There is nothing inappropriate or morally improper about my friendship with Paula White. -- There has been no immorality whatsoever! -- The article also indicated that on a recent trip to Italy we met secretly and stayed together. This could not be further from the truth and is absolutely false! The truth is that we traveled independently to the region for respective ministry duties. I was invited by Vatican officials to visit the Vatican to discuss future ministry opportunities there. Paula was likewise invited to have meetings in the region, and, although we spent time together, we were never alone and were in the constant company of staff and family members.

<http://www.bennyhinn.org/articles/articledesc.cfm?id=7088>

Apprising.org: REPORTS OF BENNY HINN AND PAULA WHITE AFFAIR (PICTURES INCLUDED)

The National Enquirer is currently reporting that Benny Hinn and Paula White are having an affair. I know, I know, it's the Enquirer and they're unreliable. There's one catch.... they've got pictures of Hinn/White going into and out of a hotel in Rome holding hands. I bought an issue when a fellow researcher called and told me about this story and I have seen the pictures. Is it true? I don't know. But, judging from the photographs, Hinn may have some explaining to do! Sometimes The Enquirer has a nasty habit of not getting the facts straight, but pictures speak a thousand words. I would never quote The National Enquirer as a reliable source for anything, but having seen the pictures, I came to the conclusion that, barring a really good Photoshop job, this warranted posting. As for now I'm going to proceed with much, MUCH, caution, considering the source. However, looking at the photographs, I believe there is a little merit to this story... for now. I'll start this post as a launching point, and will follow these developments as they occur. Should this all prove to be true, we'll find out soon enough, won't we?

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The Rapture - The taking into Heaven the Church body [Ekklesia - G1577] of Jesus Christ {Note: The Rapture [speculated to possibly occur on a future Feast of Trumpets day] of the 'born again' Spirit Church by Jesus into Heaven is the conclusion of the giving of the 'born again' Spirit (John 20:22) by Jesus that started on the Resurrection Day the Feast of Firstfruits (Easter). The rapture is not the conclusion to the separate and distinct work and giving of the Holy Spirit that occurred on the later Feast of Pentecost. The [witness and empowerment] work of the Holy Spirit that began at Pentecost continues on throughout the Tribulation period while the working of the Feast of Firstfruits will be

concluded with the Church being removed from the earth and brought into Heaven by the call "shout of Jesus.}

The Church Rapture: "1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I would not have you [Christians] to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep [passed away], that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe [cross and resurrection] that Jesus died and rose again, **even so them also which sleep in Jesus [are already in Heaven with Jesus] will God [Jesus] bring [at the rapture] with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we [Christians] which are alive and remain unto the [rapture] coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep [they are already in Heaven]. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout [a bidding call - command - G2752], with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ [already in Heaven] shall rise first: Then we [Christians] which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air [the rapture precedes the 2nd coming where Jesus physically returns to earth - unto to His brethren the Jews]: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." - "Acts 3:19-21 Repent ye therefore, and be converted [become a Christian], that your sins may be blotted out [The O.T. didn't forgive 'blot out' sin as the N.T. does the O.T. only temporarily (yearly) covered sin], when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord [Father, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit]; And He shall send Jesus Christ [2nd coming], which before was preached unto you: **Whom the heaven must receive [Jesus will remain in Heaven - the rapture, uniting of the Church with Jesus will occur in the air (heaven) not on earth - Jesus returns to the earth to the Jews (not the Church) later in the 2nd coming (Zechariah 12:10, Revelation 14:1)] until the [2nd coming] times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." -- The Spirit baptism of Jesus began on the feast of Firstfruits and continues throughout all of Church history until it concludes at the event of the Rapture of the Church. - "John 1:32 And John [the baptist] bare record, saying, I saw the [Holy] Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him [Jesus]. And I knew Him not: but He [God] that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is **He [Jesus] which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

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<http://www.intel.com/core/experience/html/test-drive/index.htm>

Christian Movie: Faith Like Potatoes (2006) - BASED ON THE INSPIRING TRUE STORY OF ANGUS BUCHAN {Note: An Excellent movie! Extremely well-acted and produced! - Also Note: The movie (like most Christian message movies) is an emotional rollercoaster, be prepared and have the people watching it with you prepared for an excellent, emotional, true movie that is also very moving, touching and most of all faith promoting.} (DVD)

Based on the novel Faith Like Potatoes, this inspiring film tells the story of Angus Buchan, a South African farmer who suffers a series of seemingly insurmountable losses, but through an unlikely friendship with his Zulu farmhand and divine interventions, discovers the key to healing himself and learning to accept others lies in his unwavering belief in the power of faith. This powerful DVD includes a gripping 54 minute documentary on the real life Angus Buchan, the making of Faith Like Potatoes, director and cast commentary, deleted scenes and more.

<http://www.sonypictures.com/homevideo/affirmfilms/guides/>

The inherited 'born again' Christian gifts given to each Christian from God - Jesus Christ [Prophet, Priest, King] in us (Colossians 1:27) - each Christian [with the born again Spirit] prophecies to others according to our own individual faith - each Christian (as a part of Jesus' priesthood) offers gifts to God according to our own individual faith - each Christian exercises spiritual (Kingdom of Jesus) authority [over the Church realm and over the spiritual realm] according to our own individual Christian faith -- "Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified [made right with God] by [our] faith [in the works of Jesus Christ, His cross and His resurrection], we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access [to God] by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

"Romans 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not meat [food] and drink [socializing]; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth (serves) [Jesus] Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men." -- The individual Christian gift of prophecy (hearing from God): "Romans 12:5-6 So we [Christians], being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members [belongs with] one of another. Having then {inherited} gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;" --- The individual Christian gift of priesthood (offering individually to God): "Romans 12:1 I urge you brethren by the mercies of God to present [as your Christian priesthood] your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual [priestly] service of worship." -- "1st Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." -- "2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth [faith] in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful [faith based] giver." -- "Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." --- individual Christian gift of Kingdom authority (individual spiritual authority from God): "2 Corinthians 10:8-9 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord [Jesus Christ] hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters." -- "Acts 13:47 For so hath the Lord [Jesus Christ] commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." -- "Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee [evil spirit] in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he [evil spirit] came out [of her] the same hour." -- "Acts 17:30-31 And the times [past] of this [Gentile] ignorance God winked at; but now [God] commandeth all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus Christ] whom He hath ordained; whereof He [God] hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised (eternal life) Him [Jesus Christ] from the dead.

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Heart of the Matter - Live One Hour Call-in Show - Shows Aired in 2010 - Grace parts 1 & 2 (Mp3 - Mp4)

About Heart of the Matter: Started in early 2006, Heart of the Matter is a TV show produced in the Mecca of Mormonism, Salt Lake City. It's where Mormonism meets Biblical Christianity face to face! Shawn McCraney, the host of Heart of the Matter, provides great entertainment value and valuable knowledge of Mormonism and what it means to be a Born-Again Christian. Shawn is the author of "I Was a Born-Again Mormon" and the pastor of Calvary Campus.

<http://hotm.tv/shows-2010.htm>

The Old Testament Offices of Prophet, Priest and King combine in Jesus Christ [in Office] and are now not a New Testament [human] Office but are more of an Inheritance for every Christian believer in Jesus Christ {Note: The Higher Offices of the Old Testament (Prophet, Priest and King) are replaced with the even Higher Office of the New Testament - the Office of Servant of Jesus Christ.}

"Matthew 12:17-21 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet, saying, *Behold My servant (Jesus Christ), whom I have chosen; My beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I [Father God] will put My Spirit upon Him (Matthew 3:16), and He shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice [protesting] in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment unto [resurrection] victory. And in His name shall the Gentiles trust." -- "Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them [Disciples] unto Him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief (first - G4413) among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." -- "Romans 1:1-2 Paul, *a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, Which He had promised afore [O.T. times] by His prophets in the [O.T.] Holy scriptures," -- "James 1:1 James, *a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the Twelve [Jewish] Tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting." -- "1 Peter 2:15-17 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness [wrong doing], but *as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." -- "2 Peter 1:1-2 Simon Peter, *a servant and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:" -- "Jude 1:1-2 Jude, the *servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied." -- "Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His *servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His *servant [Disciple] John:"

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The Three Offices of God; Prophet (receives from God on behalf of mankind), Priest (access to God - offers to God on behalf of mankind), and King (God's authority to mankind on earth) -- Prophet (O.T. books of Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, etc.) - Priest (O.T. books of Exodus, Leviticus, etc.) -- King (O.T. books of 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, etc.) - Only in the one person of Jesus Christ are the Three Offices of God [deliberately separated among mankind] but combined into the one authority and office only in and for the one person of Jesus Christ

Office of Prophet: 1 Samuel 3:20-21 And all Israel from Dan [in the North] even to Beer-sheba [in the South] knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the Word of the LORD." - "1 Samuel 9:9 Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer." -- Office of Priest: "Exodus 27:21 In the Tabernacle of the congregation without (outside) the vail, which is before the [Ark of the] Testimony, Aaron [Levitical High Priest] and his sons [Levitical/Aaronic priests] shall order [officiate] it from evening to morning before the LORD [God]: it shall be a statute [observance] forever unto their generations *on the behalf of the Children of Israel." -- "Exodus 24:4-8 And Moses [an earthly prophet of Israel (see also: Exodus 7:1-2, Numbers 11:27-29)] wrote all the Words of the LORD [King of Israel], and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he (Moses) sent young men [earthly priests for Israel] of the Children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD [God]. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant [Old Covenant - Old Testament - established via Moses - N.T. established through Jesus Christ], and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant [Old Covenant - Old Testament], which the LORD [King of Israel] hath made with you concerning all these [O.T. Covenant] Words." -- Office of King: "2 Samuel 6:21 And [King] David said unto Michal, It was before [in the presence of] the LORD, which chose me before thy father [King Saul], and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before [in the presence of] the LORD." - "Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He [Christ] is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass [donkey], and upon a colt [baby] the foal of an ass [donkey]."

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Basic Christian: Atonement - renewed [human] access into God's personal presence - The atonement between man and God is complete and completed (Hebrews 1:3); there is no current or future work of atonement - We have received the work that Jesus as our High Priest did for us on the cross - The relationship between man and God is [now] open and available - The atonement is a sacrifice that is offered from a priest [who has access] to God - We do not receive atonement from God [we receive knowledge of the repaired relationship] - God is not offering [a sacrifice] to us because He has not offended us (but Jesus did offer His sinless, eternal life for us on the cross because no one human can amend (atone) for the sins of the world) - Now that the relationship between God and man has been atoned (repaired by Jesus Christ) it is now the responsibility of each individual person to take advantage of the repaired relationship and to have a [personal] relationship with God -- "Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we [humans] have now received the atonement (repair)."

Atonement is an offering given by the offending party to the offended party. Offences separate and sever relationships. When the relationship is severed it requires a mending in order to repair and re-establish the broken relationship. The means to mend the broken relationship is called the atonement. Man has offended God. After all, all God did was to create us, give us life, bring us into existence and love us. All man does is to disobey and turn our backs and walk away from God. With this behavior it is necessary that the broken relationship between God and man be mended. In this case man is so separated from the knowledge of who God is that mankind is not even aware that we have so offended God and that the relationship is broken and needs to be repaired. When two parties are no longer communicating there is need for a third party to intercede. This third party is called the "mediator". In this case, it is man that is not talking to or seeking after God, so God sent Jesus as a mediator to get the attention of mankind and to tell mankind that we have broken the relationship with God {it is not uncommon for the offending party to be so clueless that they are completely unaware of their offending behavior}. Jesus has done much of this mediation by speaking to prophets and having the Bible written. The relationship is so broken that many people even deny the existence of God. The most shattered a relationship can become is to deny the existence of the other person. Jesus is mediating/talking to us on behalf of God, because Jesus is God and therefore He is capable of talking for God and representing God. -- When the broken relationship is identified as broken, it is then possible to determine a remedy (atonement). It is up to the offended party to declare what is suitable to repair the relationship and it is up to the offending party to desire to remedy the relationship otherwise the relationship will remain broken. -- God being the offended one has declared that a relationship in the current sinful physical state of man is not acceptable. God has determined that to repair the relationship it will be necessary to have a new birth, a new Spiritual Born Again birth. Now it would normally be up to the offending party to meet the needs of the offended one therefore restoring the relationship. In this case, man is not able to repair the breach, the brokenness is too broken for us to repair. In this case God, has sent Himself to repair (atone) the separation on man's behalf. -- The atonement is what the offending party is offering to the offended party. God has a special category of people that make offerings to Him. This group of people are called priests. A priest offers to God on behalf of man, where a prophet receives from God and offers it to man. Because God is not upset with Himself and God is not in a broken relationship with Himself, God has no need to make atonement with Himself. For this reason God had to become a man. God had to become a man and serve as a priest to offer atonement (repair) for the broken relationship between man and God. ... After the offending party offers the repair (atonement) it is up to the offended party to determine if the offering is acceptable and if acceptable, therefore repairing and restoring the relationship. We know beyond any doubt that Jesus and what Jesus did as a Priest in offering atonement to God is acceptable to God and has repaired the relationship between man and God. The reason that we know this is that God resurrected Jesus from death and gave Him a new Spiritual [resurrection] body. "Romans 1:3 Concerning His (Father's) Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." It is the resurrection of Jesus that shows us that Jesus is the Son of God. "Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (repair)." The atonement between man and God is complete and completed; there is no current or future work of atonement. We have received the work that Jesus as our High Priest did for us on the cross. The relationship between man and God is open and available. The atonement is a sacrifice that is offered from a priest to God. We do not receive atonement from God. God is not offering to us because He has not offended us. Now that the relationship between God and man has been atoned (repaired) it is now the responsibility of each individual person to take advantage of the repaired relationship and to have a relationship with God. - {Note: The Limited Atonement doctrine confuses the Office of Priest (offering on behalf of man to God) with the Office of King (Divine authority and rule of God). Atonement is not just a Divine decree from God but is primarily a work (of the cross), a sacrifice, an offering to God from man [Jesus Christ].}

<http://www.basicchristian.org/theology.html#Atonement>

Note: a main reason that modern 'Reformed' (modern Calvinism) doctrine [once saved, always saved] does not resonate with people and is unaccepted by a majority of people today is that it might (as a

teaching) just be out of sync with God and His current last Church Era and Dispensation

Jesus instructed Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22) His last Church [emphasizing His last Church age and dispensation] that it is important for Christians to know and to understand that if people are not living their life for and with God that He will ultimately reject them. The prescribed teaching of Jesus for His Church today is not 'once saved, always saved' but the knowledge and reality that God can and will reject Christians who have found their comfort not in God but in this present world. There are several crucial teachings and corrections given to the Church of Laodicea notably. 1. The earth and the world [cosmos - world system] have both been created by God not evolution. 2. God can and will reject those who do not whole heartedly accept God. 3. The personal experience of trials and difficulties are personally beneficial to the believer who is being conformed into the image of Jesus through them. -- "Revelation 3:14-22 And unto the angel of the Church of the [last Church] Laodiceans write; These things saith [Jesus] the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the beginning (Arche - G746 i.e. highest ruler, Chief Priest, Chief Shepherd 1 Peter 5:4) of the *creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue [reject] thee out of My mouth. **Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art [spiritually] wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: *I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and *repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup [nourish] with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My [Kingly] Throne [on earth - 8th Kingdom, Millennial Reign], even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne [in Heaven]. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the [Holy] Spirit saith unto the Churches."

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Also Coming Soon: Basic Christian Dispensation Theology - End Time Dispensation Theology without the 'Hyper'

Although the Basic Christian Ministry is posting Christian material that is often grouped, categorized and segmented into common themes and occurrences (dispensations) the Basic Christian Ministry is in no way advocating a Hyper-Dispensation Theology. Mankind as individuals we are born into our own unique location and time period [dispensation]. For instance if we wanted to experience with the Children of God their ancient bondage and slavery in Egypt with Moses, the deliverance, wilderness wandering and then with Joshua the conquest of the Promise Land, we would have to have been born about 5,800 years ago in Egypt. Though mankind is bound by dispensations (if we are alive today we cannot then later be born 5,800 years ago in a past dispensation) God is not bound by dispensations. Hyper-Dispensationalism might seek to limit God's abilities to certain timeframes and locations though Biblically God is anything but limited. Regular Dispensation Theology only seeks to group and coordinate events, times, seasons and conditions that are Biblically linked and bound together but does not in any way try to limit God or His actions to certain timeframes, locations or dispensations. Three quick examples of Biblical occurrences outside of man's dispensation but completely within God's limitless Dispensation are 1. The Apostle Paul called by God to be an Apostle after the close of the 40 Day Apostle Dispensation (1 Corinthians 15:8 - "as of one born out of due time" - out of dispensation) 2. The Disciple John being brought into the future and the End Time Tribulation Dispensation (Revelation 4:1) in order to view firsthand the events of Revelation. 3. The crucifixion offering of Jesus Christ outside of human time and existence "Revelation 13:8 And all [End Time humans] that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [Antichrist], whose names are not written in the Book of Life **of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world [eternity past]. See Also: Matthew 13:35, Matthew 25:34, John 17:24, Ephesians 1:4, 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 1:2, Hebrews 4:3, 1 Peter 1:19-20.

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Coming Soon: The Vagabond Priesthood - Sons of Sceva - a Bible Study by David Anson Brown

Acts 19:11-20 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of [the Apostle] Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. *Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you [evil spirit] by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the [vagabond] priests {not Levitical priests}, which did so [exorcisms]. And the evil spirit answered and said, *Jesus I know, and Paul [a servant] I know; **but who are ye [vagabond]? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and [publically] confessed, and shewed their deeds [Christian characteristics]. Many of them also which used curious arts [witchcraft] brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed. -- Wiki.com Vagabond: A vagabond or "drifter" is an itinerant person. Such people may be called drifters, tramps, rogues, or hobos. A vagabond is characterized by almost continuous traveling, lacking a fixed home, temporary abode, or permanent residence. Vagabonds are not bums, as bums are not known for traveling, preferring to stay in one location. Historically, "vagabond" was a British legal term similar to vagrant, deriving from the Latin for 'purposeless wandering'. Following the Peasants' Revolt, British constables were authorized under a 1383 statute to collar vagabonds and force them to show their means of support; if they could not, they were jailed. By the 19th century the vagabond was associated more closely with Bohemianism. The critic Arthur Compton-Rickett compiled a review of the type, in which he defined it as men "with a vagrant strain in the blood, a natural inquisitiveness about the world beyond their doors." Examples included Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Leo Tolstoy, William Hazlitt, and Thomas de Quincey.

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Prophet, Seer, Apostle, 144,000 Witnesses [the coming Dispensation of Revelation Tribulation with the 144,000 Jewish witnesses (i.e. announcers, forerunners - Prophets, Seers, Apostles) for the 1,000 year Kingdom Reign on earth of Jesus Christ] -- 'Matthew 11:13 For all the [O.T.] prophets and the law prophesied [of the coming Messiah - Jesus Christ] until John [the Baptist - the last O.T. prophet]. And if ye [Spiritual Church] will receive it, this [John the Baptist] is [Spiritual] Elias (Elijah) [Elijah - "Elohim is my God"]', which was [announcer, forerunner - of Christ] for to come. -- '1 Corinthians 15:8 And last of all He [resurrected Jesus Christ] was seen of me [last N.T. Apostle - Apostle Paul] also, as of one born out of due time.' -- 'Ephesians 2:19-22 Now therefore ye [Gentiles] are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the [Jewish] Saints, and of the Household of God; And are built upon *the foundation of the [N.T.] Apostles and [O.T.] Prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief [foundation] Corner Stone; In [Jesus Christ] whom all the [Temple] building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation [living place] of God through the [Holy] Spirit.' - {Note: The Prophets prophesied of the coming Messiah (Christ) and wrote the Old Testament of the Bible with the words of their prophecies. Then with the actual arrival of the Messiah (Jesus Christ) the O.T. prophecy was completed (in John the Baptist) and scripture authority was then given to the Apostles who were in the actual presence of Jesus Christ and it was the Apostles [not Prophets] who wrote the Kingdom of God instructions in Righteousness of Jesus Christ - the New Testament. Also Note: This is Not replacement theology - the 'Spiritual Church' (seperate from physical [redeemed] Israel) began at the giving of the Spirit of Jesus after His resurrection on Resurrection Sunday [Easter Sunday] and continues until the 'Rapture' taking of the Spiritual Church into heaven. Then with the Spiritual Church removed from the earth the events of Revelation revert almost exclusively to physical events and physical [redeemed] Israel -- the only or primarily 'spiritual' events of Revelation Tribulation are the counterfeit spiritual events of the Antichrist. Also Note: We are currently in the 'Church Age' [not the Prophet, Apostle or

144,000 Dispensation or Age] the Church Age started after the Apostles [Disciples of Jesus] with the Church Fathers [disciples of the Apostles] i.e. Polycarp of Smyrna, Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch.}

Seer: The Seer was part of a short distinct time period in the history of Israel and came from the office of the Prophets. The office of Seer took place during the unique time period of Israel when God was their King. With God in the midst of Israel He was no longer Prophesied about but was seen by the Seer. This time period began after the Passover and upon leaving Egypt. Exodus 13:17 "God led them" He could be Seen leading the new Nation of Israel out of Egypt and into the Promise Land. In those days everyone in Israel could See God as He appeared in a pillar of Cloud by day and in a pillar of Fire by night. The Seer time period lasted from the Egypt Exodus throughout the wilderness into the Promise Land including the time period of the Judges and until the regretful moment when Israel as a Nation rejected the leadership of God and chose for themselves an earthly king named Saul ('asked for') so they could be like all of the other nations around them and like all of the other nations they could no longer see God in their midst. With the anointing and placing of Saul into the office of King the brief Seer period of Israel reverted back to the prophet period and remains the prophet period for Israel until this day. "1 Samuel 10:17-19 And ye have this day rejected your God." As that day they were anointing Saul King. The Church however has God as King and is at times in a position of a Seer. "Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." As the "Born Again" "Pure in Heart" Church we at times do get to glimpse and to see God at work as He leads and directs our path into His righteousness. There are times that are just too Compassionate, to Divine and to Miraculous to be anything but the occurrence of God. It is only the Christian that is equipped and able to be a Seer into these very special moments in life [with God]....

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A Basic Christian Study: The Christian Apostles {Note: To say that the Christian Church only started at Pentecost [50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ] and not on the Resurrection Sunday of Jesus (Luke 24:45, John 20:22) is to say that the Apostles were not Christians [the entire 40 days that Jesus met with them after His resurrection and before His ascension] it wipes out the [True] Christian Apostolic dispensation [lasting only 40 days] and with it a great part of the foundation that the Christian Church is founded and based upon.}

Matthew 10:2-4 Now the names of the Twelve Apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. -- Matthew 28:18-20 And [40 days after the resurrection] Jesus came and spake unto them [Apostles], saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations [the Christian Apostles' doctrine], baptizing them [converts to Christianity] in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them [fellow Christians] to observe all things whatsoever I [Jesus Christ] have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you [Disciples] alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. -- Acts 2:42 And they [Pentecost converts to Christianity] continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. -- 1 Corinthians 15:7-9 After that [first resurrection days of Jesus - being seen by Peter and the {remaining} 12 Apostles {at that time only 11 Apostles} and then over 500 resurrection witnesses at one time], He [resurrected Jesus] was seen of James [Gospel of James - son of Joseph and half-brother of Jesus]; then of all the Apostles [who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ]. **And last of all He [Jesus] was seen of me [Apostle Paul - The 12th Apostle, Judas' replacement - chosen by God (Romans 1:1, 1 Corinthians 1:1, etc.) not by the casting of lots (Acts 1:26)] also, *as of one born out of due time [missing the 40 days of the Apostle dispensation]. For I [Apostle Paul/Saul] am the least of the Apostles, that am not meet to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. -- Ephesians 2:19-22 Now therefore ye [Gentiles] are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the [Jewish] Saints, and of the Household of God; And are built upon *the foundation of the [N.T.] Apostles and [O.T.] Prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief [foundation] Corner Stone; In [Jesus Christ] whom all the [Temple] building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation [living place] of God through the [Holy] Spirit.

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[LDS Founder] Joseph Smith's Death Not Inherently Significant? - As part of a discussion here at Mormon Coffee about Joseph Smith's alleged "I am going like a lamb to the slaughter" comment, one of our [LDS] Mormon commenters wrote, "Joseph Smith never claimed that his blood would atone for sins, and neither have his followers,... Joseph never claimed to be giving his life and blood in a propitiatory way as Christ; rather, he used the scripture to explain that he intended to face his likely and unlawful death in the same innocent, calm terms that Jesus did" - "Again, you're trying to claim that Joseph's death should be understood as inherently significant (like Jesus Christ's) - *This is not,

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However, if the claim is understood in a broader sense, I respectfully disagree. There is no doubt whatsoever that Mormons, individual and corporate, understand Joseph Smith's death as "inherently significant (like Christ's)." Consider the following statement that appeared in the official LDS Ensign magazine in 1994: "As suggested earlier, the life of Joseph Smith was in some degree patterned after that of his Master, Jesus Christ. That pattern holds true even when extended to its tragic conclusion. Like his Master, Joseph Smith also shed his blood in order that the final testament, the reestablishment of the new covenant, might be in full effect (see Heb. 9:16)." (Robert L. Millet, "Joseph Smith among the Prophets," Ensign, June 1994, 19) This article states that Joseph Smith provided for the new covenant to be "in full effect" by the shedding of his blood. To support this claim Dr. Millet referenced Hebrews 9:16 which says, "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator" (KJV). Dr. Millet's article went on to include a quote wherein Joseph Smith, just before his death, reportedly said, "I have to seal my testimony to this generation with my blood. I have to do it, for this work will never progress until I am gone, for the testimony is of no force until the testator is dead." Joseph Smith claimed his death was necessary in order to make his testimony valid. Consider this BYU-Idaho Devotional from 2005: "Jesus was a lamb without spot or blemish. He was the sinless Son of God. And he chose to die at the hands of evil men so that salvation could come to all who believe and obey. "...Joseph submitted to death at the hands of evil men so that salvation could come to all who believe and obey." (Jack H. Goasling, "Joseph Smith's Christlike Attributes," June 28, 2005) Mr. Goasling, of the First Quorum of the Seventy, said that Joseph Smith, like Jesus, died so that salvation could come. Consider the Weber Stake Ward Teachers' Lesson from June 1922: "Christ sealed his testimony with his blood on Calvary. Joseph Smith sealed his testimony with his blood at Carthage, Ill. Who shall doubt the divine mission of these Saviours of mankind?" This lesson taught that Joseph's death had great significance "(like Christ's)." Consider this newspaper report from 1988: "The Old Carthage Jail, where Mormon founder Joseph Smith was murdered in 1844, holds the same significance to his...followers as Calvary holds for Christians all over the world. That's the comparison made by Ted Cannon, director of the Mormon Visitor Centers at Carthage and Nauvoo." (Journal Star, Peoria, IL, Sunday, June 26, 1988, D3) Mormon Ted Cannon suggested an understanding among Mormons that Calvary and Carthage [jail] have at least equal significance. Consider these words from an LDS hymn: "The Saints, the Saints, his only pride! For them he lived, for them he died... "Unchanged in death with a Saviors love, he pleads their cause in the courts above... "He died, he died, for those he loved. He reigns, he reigns in the realms above..." (The Seer, Joseph, The Seer, Hymns, 1975, #296) This hymn claims that Joseph died for his followers and now intercedes for them before the judgment seat of God. Finally, consider the writings of Rodney Turner, Emeritus Professor of Ancient Scripture (BYU): "Jesus Christ and Joseph the Prophet came to bring life, light, and salvation to mankind. In doing so, they sealed their testimonies with their life's blood. Both died because of who they were and what they proclaimed. For had they not lived the lives they lived and borne the witnesses they bore, they would not have died as they did. So Jesus died on the hill of Calvary; Joseph in the shadows of Carthage. Each triumphed in his own way." (Rodney Turner, Jesus and Joseph: Parallel Lives, 169) These statements all demonstrate that many Mormons do understand an "inherent significance (like Christ's)" in Joseph Smith's death. While they don't believe Joseph died for their sins, his death was nevertheless necessary and efficacious for them in securing the full effect of the [LDS] new covenant [3rd heaven 'exaltation'], the validity of Joseph's testimony, and the coming of salvation.

<http://blog.mrm.org/2010/07/joseph-smiths-death-not-inherently-significant/>

s in full-blown apostasy does not know what is going on - And further, I say that anyone who thinks the visible church is in better condition now seriously needs to have their spiritual head examined - Biblical truth is the only framework by which we can evaluate the rightness or wrongness of ministry methods - Any end-justifies-the-means philosophy of ministry inevitably will compromise doctrine, despite any proviso to the contrary - Utterly missing from most of the [modern] church growth literature is any critical analysis of the faulty doctrinal platform on which much contemporary church growth is built">No doubt there's rough spiritual sea dead ahead - Circa 1987 Dr. Walter Martin made the following dead on target assessment: Anyone who does not know that today the church visible-world around-is in full-blown apostasy does not know what is going on - And further, I say that anyone who thinks the visible church is in better condition now seriously needs to have their spiritual head examined - Biblical truth is the only framework by which we can evaluate the rightness or wrongness of ministry methods - Any end-justifies-the-means philosophy of ministry inevitably will compromise doctrine, despite any proviso to the contrary - Utterly missing from most of the [modern] church growth literature is any critical analysis of the faulty doctrinal platform on which much contemporary church growth is built

No doubt there's rough spiritual sea dead ahead; and while I don't agree with everything he taught, Apprising Ministries has told you before that Dr. Walter Martin (1928-1989), author of the classic textbook *The Kingdom of the Cults*, was widely recognized as one of the foremost defenders of what he would so often call "the historic orthodox Christian faith." Circa 1987 Dr. Martin made the following dead on target assessment: Anyone who does not know that today the church visible-world around-is in full-blown apostasy does not know what is going on. And further, I say that anyone who thinks the visible church is in better condition now seriously needs to have their spiritual head examined. ... Biblical truth is the only framework by which we can evaluate the rightness or wrongness of ministry methods. Any end-justifies-the-means philosophy of ministry inevitably will compromise doctrine, despite any proviso to the contrary. If we make effectiveness the gauge of right and wrong, how can that fail to color our doctrine? Ultimately the pragmatist's notion of truth is shaped by what seems effective, not by the objective revelation of Scripture. A look at the methodology of the church growth movement shows how this occurs. The movement studies all growing churches-even those with false doctrine at the core of their teaching. Sometimes Mormon assemblies, Roman Catholic churches, even Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Halls are held up to the specialist's scrutiny. The church growth expert looks for characteristics common to all growing churches and advocates whatever methods seem to work. Are we to believe that growth in non-Christian congregations is proof that God is at work? Why would we want to duplicate the methodology of religious [control - cult] groups that deny the gospel? Isn't it fair to question whether any growth resulting from such methods is illegitimate, engineered by fleshly means? After all, if a method works as well for a cult as it does for the people of God, there's no reason to assume positive results signify God's blessing. Utterly missing from most of the church growth literature is any critical analysis of the faulty doctrinal platform on which much contemporary church growth is built.

<http://apprising.org/2010/07/10/fuller-theological-seminary-birther-church-growth-movement/>

APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE - SATURDAY, JULY 31, 8:00AM - 5:00PM - You won't want to miss this all day conference featuring some of the best Apologists in Christianity [Dr. Norman Geisler, Ergun Caner] who will be responding to some critical issues confronting the church today - See bulletin insert {Note: It will be interesting to see if Calvary Chapel will withdraw Dr. Norman Geisler and Ergun Caner from participation in this Church event and begin to put an end to this obvious charade, hoax and falsehood that is taking place or if Calvary Chapel will continue on in its business as usual manner and continue to be a part of the Caner [Ergun and Emir] cover-up, deceit and lies that are now openly taking place within Christianity.}

Apologetics Conference: Calvary Chapel Downey is hosting an Apologetics Conference on Sat., July 31. Come out and glean from some excellent speakers: *Norman Geisler, "Understanding and Answering the Emergent Church"; Paul Copan, "Responding to Relativism with Absolutes"; Ron Rhodes, "The Reliability of the New Testament"; *Ergun Caner, "5 Reasons Why I am not a Muslim"; Doug Geivett, "If God, Why Evil?"; William Dembski, "The Scientific Case for Intelligent Design"; and Patty Tunnicliffe, "Oprah Winfrey". For cost and detailed information, contact CC Downey's Church office [Source: www.cccsdowney.org/high-school/monthly-letter/]. -- Dr. Norman Geisler's Speaking Schedule - July 31, [2010] Calvary Chapel (Downey, CA), Apologetics Conference [Source: www.normangeisler.net/schedule2.html]

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Time and Judgment by Randy Maugans {Time - Eternity: "Romans 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:" -- "Romans 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." -- Judgment: "John 3:18 He [person] that believeth on Him [Jesus] is not condemned: but he that believeth not *is condemned (judged) already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God." Note: The Judgment of God is occurring NOW it is not a future event but a future accumulation of our ongoing events (as Randy is pointing out) in our own actions and through our own deeds. Also Note: The Apostle Paul makes it clear that the Judgment of God is not to be feared by the Christian since we have already passed from death to life and from condemnation into Righteousness in Jesus Christ. -- "Philippians 4:3 ... with other my fellowlabourers [in the Gospel], whose names are in the Book of Life (eternal)."} (Mp3)

In the words of Solomon we gain some fascinating insights into salvation and the process of judgment, or the rendering of one's existence into the eternal. In breaking off the chains of religion and dogma...moving into the realm of pure spirit we become, in one sense, "law unto ourselves", or more correctly, Creator's law unto ourselves. This is called freedom-the freedom obtained and sealed by Messiah. This leads into huge questions about judgment, law, devotion and an ascendancy into power and dominion in this present life. Our choices in the here and now are the fulcrum into the infinite. Understanding that religion is a closed system, but devotion of Creator is the gateway to true liberty and self-determination. Segment two is a reading from the "Archko Volume," and an historical perspective on religion, worship, and government from a completely God-centric position. From the perspective of Rabbi Hillel III, we view the transitions of devotion toward Creator, and the ebb and flow of the religious structures through time.

<http://threshingfloor-radio.com/index.php/2010/07/time-and-judgment-2/>

Excellent!! Commentary by James White - Another Attempt to Make Lemon Juice Out of Lemons.... (Video)

Is lying in the pulpit not a "moral" failure? How did we get here in the Evangelical Church? Some thoughts.

PTC Slams Fox [Network] for Skirting Broadcast Decency Law, Ignoring FCC Authority - The degree of arrogance in Fox's [Rupert Murdoch] behavior is simply astounding - a January 3, 2010 episode of "American Dad" which resulted in over 100,000 indecency complaints - It is preposterous for Fox executives to argue that since they didn't see indecency complaints from specific DMAs, the complaints don't exist - We urge the FCC to get tough with Fox and stand ready to revoke the licenses of any and all broadcasters who refuse to comply with the terms of those licenses

LOS ANGELES (July 7, 2010) - The Parents Television Council™ called out Fox for its latest attempt to skirt the broadcast decency law and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authority. According to Broadcasting & Cable, Fox is arguing that it should not be forced to pay a \$25,000 fine to the FCC after it refused to provide vital information about a January 3, 2010 episode of "American Dad" which resulted in over 100,000 indecency complaints. "The degree of arrogance in Fox's behavior is simply astounding. The network has refused to provide information about an explicit episode of 'American Dad' to the sole government agency responsible for enforcing the broadcast decency law. While that is contemptible enough, now Fox has the audacity to try to skirt a fine that was proposed simply because it didn't provide the information the FCC requested," said PTC President Tim Winter. ... "The indecent 'American Dad' episode at issue generated more than 100,000 FCC complaints from citizens around the United States. It is preposterous for Fox executives to argue that since they didn't see indecency complaints from specific DMAs, the complaints don't exist. The question is about which Fox affiliates aired the show, and the answer is simple and straightforward. ... "We agree with Fox that the FCC must act in a more timely manner to adjudicate indecency complaints. But Fox's decision to dismiss the investigative efforts of the very agency that grants broadcast licenses demonstrates contempt for the law, not to mention parents and families. We urge the FCC to get tough with Fox and stand ready to revoke the licenses of any and all broadcasters who refuse to comply with the terms of those licenses," Winter concluded.

<http://www.parentstv.org/PTC/news/release/2010/0707.asp>

"Driven By Destiny" [Emergent Church book] is slated for release in October 2010 - The premise of Dr. Adams' book is completely at odds with the biblical teaching on what "rights" we, as Christians, have to our lives - With her new book "Driven by Destiny" Dr. LaVerne Adams reveals 12 secret keys that inspire readers to overcome feelings of confusion and frustration while navigating their own unique destiny roadmap - Rick Warren "America's Pastor" has written the foreword to the new book loaded with theological error and which promises to be heavy on pragmatic, self-focused, "Word Faith-y" narcissism as if American Christians needed any more encouragement for that - this [New Age] teaching has taken on Christian terminology and flooded into today's churches

Dr. Adams is passionate about motivating people [to] live the life of their dreams. Sounds terrific....except for that little problem of Christians having no "rights." You see, we are slaves, slaves to Christ (1 Peter 2:16), and slaves do not have rights. Our lives are not our own, we have been bought for a price (1 Corinthians 6:20), and only God can know and direct our destiny. If I plan out my life and God has a destiny in store for me other than the one I have mapped out, I must bend the knee in humble submission before God's greater plan for my life. Just ask Stephen [Acts 6:5-7:60], who was stoned to death after rebuking the Sanhedrin for their sinful rejection of the prophets and Messiah himself. About Stephen [it doesn't get anymore 'outside the box' than what Stephen displayed in completely trusting God with his life!], I wonder: did the "life of (his) dreams" include death by stoning? Probably not, because in our flesh, we are all small, narcissistic, self-protective and vain to the extreme. But when submitted to the Lord, as Stephen was, and as we all must strive to be by God's grace, our lives have deeper meaning and serve eternal purposes that our finite minds cannot grasp. But not according to Dr. Adams, whose assessment of Stephen would be that he was not successfully navigating his "unique destiny roadmap." Poor Stephen, not to have the "12 Secret Keys" to unlocking his future.....he had only the Lord to entrust his destiny to. In addition to being unbiblical, this kind of positive self-talk in Dr. Adams' book also comes very close to being New Age/Integral Spirituality thought, which is not Christian at all. When I was in the New Age back in the 90s, this thinking was dubbed "New Thought." Its theology? What mind can conceive, man can achieve. This thoroughly New Age thinking really went mainstream and took off in 2007 with the book "The Secret," which "explained" that the secret of success in anyone's life was based on something called the "law of attraction." This "law of attraction" puts forth the concept that thoughts have energy and power, and when you clear yourself of negative blocks, get focused and think your thoughts purposefully, your thoughts will create what you desire by "attraction." The problem? This is not Christian teaching...which teaches a crucified self, a life yielded to its Maker. Nevertheless, this teaching has taken on Christian terminology and flooded into today's churches.

<http://apprising.org/2010/07/07/dr-laverne-adams-and-rick-warren-driven-by-destiny/>

Next Short Study - Coming Soon - Basic Christian: The Fullness of God!

Redemption, first fruits, works, boundaries, self-righteousness, -- what is the fullness of God and how do we experience it now! Hint: we experience God in His fullness in a first fruits (glimpse - foretaste) manner until the fullness of our bodily redemption (Romans 8:23) takes place in heaven. -- "Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which *have the firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit, even we [Christians] ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption [in heaven], to wit, the redemption of our body." {Note: The future "redemption of our body" is when we can enter bodily [body, soul and spirit] into the presence of God - thought we are already able to enter Spiritually (*having the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit) into the presence of God but not yet bodily into the presence of God. Also Note: we receive from God the 'firstfruits' or 'born again' portion of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit then produces from within us our 'first fruits' of fellowship with God and our individual service to God that we live out and display in our own lives. What is being displayed in and through the many false prophets of today (Todd Bentley, Bob Jones, C. Peter Wagner, Rick Warren, Greg Laurie 'Lost Boy' [Harvest Crusade], the late William Branham, etc.), is not the existence, working or manifestation of the Holy Spirit but it is instead a counterfeit unholy spirit of deception, manipulation, harm and deceit.}

<http://basicchristian.info/wordpress/>

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Mormon Coffee blog: Researcher Helen Radkey has discovered what she believes to be [LDS] records for proxy temple ordinances performed on behalf of Mary (Jesus' mother), Jesus Christ, and Mary Magdalene - While Ms. Radkey found "Joseph" listed as Mary's spouse, the submission form indicated Mary's "Husband #1" was "God the Father" - Ms. Radkey says her research also turned up recent proxy temple ordinances on behalf of Jesus Christ, though he is identified in the records as "Jesus Christian" and "Jesus Cristian" Ms. Radkey explains the records show that Jesus was [LDS] baptized by proxy on April 8, 2010, and after initiatory and endowment ordinances, was finally sealed to his "spouse" "Mary Magdalena" on April 9, 2010 - all at the [LDS] Salt Lake City Temple

Everyone Needs LDS Temple Ordinances: July 5, 2010 By Sharon Lindbloom - Researcher Helen Radkey has discovered what she believes to be records for proxy temple ordinances performed on behalf of Mary (Jesus' mother), Jesus Christ, and Mary Magdalene. Ms. Radkey writes, "'Mary Mother of Jesus,' the spouse of 'Joseph' 'of the House of David...'" was baptized and confirmed a member of the LDS Church by proxy on December 9, 2009 in the Idaho Falls Idaho (LDS) Temple. She was subjected to initiatory temple ordinances on December 16, 2009; an endowment ceremony on December 26, 2009; and a sealing to parents on January 7, 2010-all rites occurred in the Idaho Falls Idaho Temple." While Ms. Radkey found "Joseph" listed as Mary's spouse, the submission form indicated Mary's "Husband #1" was "God the Father." Ms. Radkey says her research also turned up recent proxy temple ordinances on behalf of Jesus Christ, though he is identified in the records as "Jesus Christian" and "Jesus Cristian." Ms. Radkey explains the records show that Jesus was baptized by proxy on April 8, 2010, and after initiatory and endowment ordinances, was finally sealed to his "spouse" "Mary Magdalena" on April 9, 2010 - all at the Salt Lake City Temple. The same proxy ordinances were performed for "Mary Magdalena" on the same dates in the same LDS temple. Ms. Radkey found a record for "Heavenly Father" as well: ... I would be surprised if the LDS Church approved (or would ever approve) proxy temple ordinances for Heavenly Father or Jesus Christ, so please don't misunderstand me to be suggesting that these records and ordinances had official sanction. However, doesn't this make you wonder? • What led any Mormon to think and act on the notion that Jesus Christ needs proxy temple ordinances like baptism by the "proper authority," endowments, and temple marriage? According to Mormonism, if Jesus is a god he's already obtained those essential requirements for exaltation, hasn't he? • Why would Jesus' mother need proxy ordinances performed on her behalf? If temple ordinances were part of the early Christian church (as the LDS Church claims) wouldn't Mary have participated in her own ordinances while she was living? • What would cause someone to identify Mary's "husband #1" as God the Father? Is this the logical conclusion to which a Mormon has come based on the teachings of Brigham Young and other early LDS leaders? • As Ms. Radkey asks, "Why was 'Heavenly Father' listed in New FamilySearch-not only as the spouse of Mary-but as a living being who could possibly need LDS ordinances? Does LDS doctrine naturally lead to this kind of thinking about God?

<http://blog.mrm.org/2010/07/everyone-needs-lds-temple-ordinances/>

Mormon Coffee blog: In his (YouTube) critique, FlackerMan disputes the frequently asserted LDS claim that [LDS founder] Joseph Smith knew he was going to die at Carthage [jail] - Comments: falcon on June 24th, 2010 - Man, the [LDS] Mormons are writing fast and furious today! Usually it only gets this hot when something about the faux priesthood is posted - Let's not forget, Joseph Smith ended up in jail for ordering the destruction of a printing press - Spin away Mormons but it was this lawless deed that sent him to jail and eventually to his death - Yea, I know and [LDS President] Brigham Young wasn't complicit in the Mountain Meadows Massacre [9-11-1857, in Utah the LDS ambush and murder of 120 American settlers on their way from Missouri to California] either - Smith wasn't interested in buying the farm when he went to jail - He had every reason to want to live - **He [Joseph Smith] had power, money and sex **the three things that corrupt men and he was corrupt - We're not talking about a flawed prophet here - We're talking about [Joseph Smith] a religious charlatan who armed himself [with 1 of 2 pistols smuggled into his jail cell by a fellow Mormon] in order to shoot his way out of jail if necessary - I for one wished the guy had lived - The whole deal would have eventually crumbled around him - He would have been the author of his own destruction which I guess he was any way

I have edited and listed many of FlackerMan's questions here for your consideration. Joseph removed his temple garments before going to Carthage and told others to do the same {It's likely that Joseph Smith had everyone removed their LDS 'temple underwear garments' prior to getting to Carthage because once in town and especially once in jail it could easily be discovered that Joseph Smith had stolen the Freemasonry concepts from the Freemasons and was using them in his own LDS rituals [temple rituals] including using the two main Freemason symbols [compass and square] markings on their own LDS underwear and certainly the local Freemasons would not approve of it.} (D. Michael Quinn, *The Mormon Hierarchy: Origins of Power*, 146). Why would he do this if he were about to die a martyr's death for his testimony? Joseph, Hyrum and others drank wine while singing songs in Carthage Jail (*History of the Church*, 7:101). Why would Joseph disobey the [LDS] Word of Wisdom, a direct [LDS] revelation from God, if he knew he was very soon to stand before that God for judgment and be required to give an account of his behavior? **Joseph sent an order to the [LDS-Mormon] Nauvoo Legion instructing an [LDS] attack on Carthage Jail to free the prisoners. When the mob approached, Joseph mistook them for his [Mormon Legion] liberators and told the frightened jailer, "Don't trouble yourself, they have come to rescue me" (Quinn, 141). Why would Joseph have made plans for, and expected, his escape if he knew he was going to die? Joseph had and used a gun defensively during the attack (*History of the Church*, 7:101-103). Why would he bother to fend off his attackers if he was going "like a lamb to the slaughter" and knew he was about to die? When Joseph's gun ran out of ammunition {jammed - approximately 3 of six shots were fired by Joseph Smith from one of two smuggled pistols - by most accounts hitting three people from the mob eventually killing two one who died from his wound in the arm and another after being seriously wounded in the face while less seriously wounding a third person in the shoulder - source: <http://www.i4m.com/think/history/carthage-jail-smith.htm>} he [Joseph Smith] ran to the [second story] window [in back of the jail] and, using the Masonic distress code ["O Lord My God! Is there no help for the widow's son?"], called for help from fellow Masons who might have been in the mob (see E. Cecil McGavin, *Mormonism and Masonry*, 16-17). Why would he call for help if he knew his destiny was to die that day? Indeed, if Joseph knew his death was imminent, why did he not just give himself up for the safety of his friends who were with him? After the deaths of Joseph and Hyrum, the LDS Church was in crisis. No clear direction for succession in leadership had been set in place. This lack of direction resulted in many schisms and breakaway Mormon groups all claiming to be God's only true church. If Joseph knew he was never to return from Carthage Jail, why didn't he definitively name a successor before his death? Did Joseph Smith know he was going to Carthage to die? The circumstances and Joseph's behavior surrounding his death make that seem highly unlikely. This is yet another faith-promoting Mormon myth employed to persuade people to pin their eternal hopes to what is ultimately a lie. ... Comments: David on June 24th, 2010 - Sharon, Let me play a little Devil's Advocate. I think it is fairly obvious that Joseph and company had a good idea that they might die if they went to jail. Is anyone disputing this? This was possibly a reason, or even the reason, why they were about to flee into the rocky mountains. Even if Joseph was interested in clearing his name at trial, he was not obliged to turn himself in as his safety was far from guaranteed as the historical record demonstrates. Granted, I think Joseph was engaged in at least one, and possibly multiple illegal activities (the destruction of the printing press {extensive bank-money fraud (Joseph Smith's Kirtland Bank Failure - "An illegal bank created by Joseph Smith")}) being the foremost), but the state is supposed to be better than mere criminals and on that day it was not. ... Sharon on June 24th, 2010 - David, I'm on the road so this will be quick, but I'm gonna push back a little on this. I do not believe Joseph and Hyrum thought they were going to die at Carthage. I think there is plenty of evidence that suggests they thought they would either be liberated by the Nauvoo Legion, or, by Habeas Corpus which had worked so well for Joseph many times before. As for the WoW, true it was not yet a commandment, yet God did allegedly give specific directions regarding alcohol which Joseph disregarded in that situation. And last quick point, I think the context of the frontier is important to keep in mind, yet we need to be careful to not go too far. Yes, there was mob justice, but even so, history shows that the people *generally* wanted to solve things within the law (demonstrated, perhaps, by your surprise that the violence was not worse than it was).

<http://blog.mrm.org/2010/06/imminent-martyrdom/>

*****Highly Recommended - #5 AN INSIDER'S WARNING - BOB JONES (no relation to Bob Jones of Bob**

Jones University) - LAKELAND OUTPOURING - TODD BENTLEY - True or False? (YouTube)

Andrew Strom is author of the first book on the Lakeland outpouring. He spent 11 years in the same Prophetic movement as Todd Bentley. Here he tells us why he questions the Lakeland outpouring, the teachings, drunk behavior, strange signs and wonders, etc. What will it take to see real Revival?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fjRv1AcgiQ>

Hilarious!! False Prophet Post of the Day! - Todd Bentley - Is Emma the Angel Branham's "Jesus" [what about Maroni, does Emma know Maroni?] (YouTube)

"they took a picture of it in the science world..." ROFLMAO!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtkG80wAEmA>

The False Prophet - William Marion Branham (1909-1965) - One thing which characterized his meetings was his total dependence upon an angel - When his angel would show up then supernatural events and manifestations would begin to occur - Once he was asked if it was the Holy Spirit that did these things in his meetings - What was Branham's response? No, my angel does these things! - Branham died in 1965 after his car was struck by a drunk driver - For many days after his death several well known Latter Rain ministers prayed over his body in an attempt to raise Branham from the dead. . .obviously they failed

The False Prophet - William Marion Branham: William Branham was a minister I once greatly admired. I have several of his books, many teaching tapes, and a video of his ministry in action. I would actually weep when hearing him minister supernaturally and wonder why the Lord is not manifesting Himself in this way today. Like most of the "giants" of Pentecostalism, if one can get past the hype and the emotion and do some solid logical research one will discover the adage is true that states: "The best of men are men at best." I do not doubt Branham's sincerity, nor His love for Jesus but it is indisputable that his teachings were heretical and many of his prophecies failed to come to pass. Due to teaching false doctrine and giving out false prophecies, William Branham must be labeled a false prophet. Some may ask "why Branham on the Rogue of the month, he has been dead for over 20 years."? The answer is simple - many 1,000's of people, and almost all the leaders of Pentecostalism and Charismania still revere this man as a true prophet. The web is filled with sites dedicated to Branham in English, French, and Spanish. All of his sermons are still sent out world-wide, all of his teachings now on cassette and video tape are being sold to yet another generation of "sign-seekers." So, though he himself is dead, the poison of his false teachings are still affecting multitudes of people. For this reason William Branham rightly deserves a place in the Rogues Gallery. ... My Critique of William Branham: The above are just a couple of excerpts from some of Branham's meetings. One thing which characterized his meetings was his total dependence upon an angel. When his angel would show up then supernatural events and manifestations would begin to occur. Once he was asked if it was the Holy Spirit that did these things in his meetings. What was Branham's response? No, my angel does these things! When ministering to people William Branham would always ask them if they believed he was God's prophet. When they answered yes then he would begin to tell them what was wrong with them and lay hands on them and send them on their way. It seemed as if the people had to buy into his claim to be a prophet before the angel (spirit) would reveal to Branham what was wrong with them. Now, unlike many outright frauds, like Peter Popoff, Branham did reveal things to people and about them that he got supernaturally. He was not faking these things. What happened in his meetings were without a doubt supernatural in nature. The issue is this - there are only 2 possibilities then, they were from God or they were from the devil. We have no Biblical record of Jesus doing His mighty works by the assistance of any angel(s). He did them by virtue [ability] of being God the Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles in the book of Acts did what they did by the power of the Holy Spirit, again no angel is mentioned. With this Biblical record, why then did Branham need an angel when no other Biblical prophet or apostle needed one? At best his experience with this angel is extra-Biblical and thus very suspect. It is now my opinion that this angel was an angel of light. "2 Cor. 11:13-15 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds." Because of the signs and wonders in his meetings Branham demanded that the people accept his teaching. The "Word" he delivered was "confirmed" by signs following (or preceding at times). What does the Scripture say regarding this? "Deut. 13:1-3 If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." This text has always proven troublesome to those in the prophetic movement. They attempt to point out the signs and wonders proving what they are doing and teaching is approved of God. The problem is what they are teaching is usually either diametrically opposed to orthodox Christian doctrine or extra-Biblical in content. Branham arose, he did signs and wonders, much of what he revealed about people was true . . .(but we cannot discount the reality of familiar spirits who also can reveal exactly the things Branham did with the help of his angel). What of his doctrine? Did it lead God's people way from the true knowledge of God? YES! William Branham's Beliefs: Branham started off as a Baptist and then changed over to a Oneness Pentecostal. *He [Branham] vehemently denied the Trinity of God and took a strong "Jesus Only" stance in regards to the godhead [probably following the LDS-Mormon heresy that we can become like Jesus]. This alone places him in the ranks of earlier heretics. The early church fathers fought long and hard battles against those who denied the reality of One God in three distinct persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thus, his Jesus was not the true Jesus of the Bible. *Branham also believed he was Elijah the prophet, see the picture above. This picture is available on the William Branham Homepage and many many other sites on the web. What was more, other people believed him to be the prophet Elijah who was to come before

the return of Christ Jesus. Branham was not Elijah, thus we can easily see the depth of the deception working in him and his followers. *Branham taught a works salvation, not uncommon for most Pentecostals, although his form was rather extreme in regards to dress, make-up, etc. Thus, his doctrine of salvation was not sola gratia (grace), sola fide (faith), sola scriptura (scripture) as the reformers correctly taught. *Branham held to the belief in UFO's and somehow they figure into the end times (which is interesting when one considered the X-Files and Heavens' Gate). *He also taught about the great pyramid and its Biblical meaning and significance to his ministry. Branham died in 1965 after his car was struck by a drunk driver. For many days after his death several well known Latter Rain ministers prayed over his body in an attempt to raise Branham from the dead. . .obviously they failed. William Branham's Legacy: Apart from the fact that almost everything he said or taught publicly is available in one form or another there is a more lasting and damaging legacy left behind. Branham was responsible in a great part for the formation of what came to be known as the New Order of the Latter Rain. Branham believed in the distributing of spiritual gifts by the laying on of hands, he believed in restored prophets and apostles. He was the vanguard of many more to come who will operate in this end-time glory and power. Branham had a great influence over Hawtin & Hunt who would formalize his concepts into more of a doctrinal base at the Sharon compound in North Battleford. These errors, many propagated by Branham are still infecting millions today. This is unfortunately his legacy, and that being one of heresy, aberrant teachings, and deceiving signs.

<http://www.forgottenword.org/branham.html>

Branham Vs Todd Bentley (YouTube)

Hear William Branham share his thoughts on the Trinity. {Hint! [Branham] thinks it's from the Devil so then he thinks it is the Devil that is proclaiming Jesus to be God (Trinity view) while Branham then thinks the Holy Spirit is busy demoting Jesus and then exalting man to equality with Jesus -- or is it that Satan the Devil is busy exalting man while it is the Holy Spirit who is exalting the (Trinity) Truth of Jesus. I'm going to go with the Holy Spirit (Trinity) view that Jesus is God along with the Father and the Holy Spirit and that man is a sinner along with Satan and the other fallen angels.}

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_bvvSOLW7Q

Kansas City Prophets (KCP) The Roots of the Revival - these will outline the history and sequence of events - and even more importantly the entire 233-page report by Ernie Gruen that circulated to thousands of pastors in an attempt to show them what was really going on at Grace ministries with the KCP - The above testimony and open letter to the current eldership will bring us up to date with the situation and show how the errors were never dealt with but only denied and swept under the carpet, while the doctrines and practises of the KCP got out into the wild and infected the Church as a whole - 1983 Bob Jones arrives at KCP - 1991 (November) Bob Jones {after issuing many false, ridiculous and unBiblical prophecies is} exposed in a sexual scandal and removed from public ministry by Vineyard/KCF

Some of us who dealt with the Kansas City Prophets (hereafter known as KCP in this report) in the 80's and 90's might think this report and the others associated with it are very much out of date and unnecessary now that the "prophets" have moved on and the church where they began their work has changed into Metro Christian Fellowship (formerly Grace Fellowship). Quite the contrary! While the KCP episode may be long gone in itself, it's now necessary to bring their doctrines to light once more, because the doctrines that are so very widespread and popular within the revival churches - indeed, central to the whole apostasy - were brought into prominence at that time. They have since grown to massive proportions and account for many seemingly inexplicable practices like impartation, the glory cloud, birthing, the inner room experience, spiritual levels, the overcomers, Joshua generation, Joel's Army, Saul and David, Ishmael and Isaac, the Jezebel spirit, school of the prophets, tabernacle of David, city church and much more. Prophets who were hosted by Mike Bickle such as Paul Cain, Bob Jones, Rick Joyner, and John Paul Jackson have gone on to take a leading role in the formation of the New Apostolic Church. I had already given a short summary of events in my separate article on IHOP - International Houses of Prayer, or the Harp and Bowl prayer initiative, which started out with Metro Fellowship. To that I have added several reports written at the time by such ministries as CRI and PFO - these will outline the history and sequence of events - and even more importantly the entire 233-page report by Ernie Gruen that circulated to thousands of pastors in an attempt to show them what was really going on at Grace ministries with the KCP. More importantly, I have added an eye-witness testimony of events from a former member of Grace Fellowship/Metro City Fellowship who spent eight years there during the era of the KCP. Begin reading this testimony [HERE](#); and follow the links within each article for the subsequent parts. The above testimony and open letter to the current eldership will bring us up to date with the situation and show how the errors were never dealt with but only denied and swept under the carpet, while the doctrines and practices of the KCP got out into the wild and infected the Church as a whole.

<http://www.intotruth.org/kcp/kcp-roots.html>

put out the fire - Yeah, hes a credible one - NOT! {Note: This Bob Jones heretic [Kansas City false prophets] is no relationship to any of the Bob Jones heretics of [BJU]. They are each their own heretical false teaching self, espousing to the public their own personal flavor of false doctrine and false teachings and are not to be confused with each other as I have just done even though I knew they were not the same person [KC Bob Jones and BJU Bob Jones II], but they seem to have been under the same false spirit and I do issue my apology for confusing the two people.} (YouTube)">Bob Jones Talks About "Fire" in Longview, WA - "Christians are going to get themselves clean (false works gospel) so they can come before the Father" - Oh, his 'preaching' was so hot that fire trucks showed up to put out the fire - Yeah, he's a credible one - NOT! {Note: This Bob Jones heretic [Kansas City false prophets] is no relationship to any of the Bob Jones heretics of [BJU]. They are each their own heretical false teaching self, espousing to the public their own personal flavor of false doctrine and false teachings and are not to be confused with each other as I have just done even though I knew they were not the same person [KC Bob Jones and BJU Bob Jones II], but they seem to have been under the same false spirit and I do issue my apology for confusing the two people.} (YouTube)

Comment: bob seems very satisfied with himself. ... Worship God in the Spirit according to the Holy Spirit inspired [in us - through the Bible], not the proven false prophet Bob Jones. ... He needs to repent of his false prophecies and come clean.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3mcgQQfBgo>

Bob Jones (fake Kansas City prophet - no relation to Bob Jones of Bob Jones University): 3 ft angel [demonic - Erma - Emma-O] encounter - [while in his own living room during a (self-induced?) New Age-NWO trance] - Erma feeding her leavened bread to women of the Church - {Note: Bob Jones

might have viewed women as three feet tall figures but Jesus Christ and true Judeo-Christianity esteems, exalts and honors women and motherhood far beyond any religion, institution or culture of the world.} (YouTube)

EMMA-O, The [Buddhist] god of the underworld. He lives in the Yellow Springs under the earth in a huge castle all covered in silver and gold, rosy pearls and other jewels. Thus, he, (she) appears in these Charismatic meetings, he brings gold dust, silver, rosy pearls and other jewels to steal the souls of the deluded Christians.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhBmHrZw6Y4>

WARNING! Monica Dennington [started her ministry while in Kansas City] of "Tic Toc Ministries" - She is a false teacher who says the Holy Spirit is a woman! {Note: both Beth Moore and Nancy Leigh DeMoss (sister of Mark DeMoss) have also gone down this same path where they started out apparently teaching sound doctrine but are now also teaching more of a New Age Contemplative and cult (LDS) friendly message. Also Note: in 2007 the Nancy Leigh DeMoss Ministry (Revive Our Hearts - Women's Ministry) suddenly received a "matchable donation" (of between \$10,000-\$25,000) from an "unnamable" [LDS?] source while at the same time her brother Mark DeMoss was employed by the Mitt Romney campaign. Presumably the donation was payment to Nancy so she would not speak out about or against the LDS cult - something that since 2007 Nancy has rarely if ever done.} (YouTube Video)

I'm shocked also. Jesus always was. He was not created [by sex between Father God and a female Holy Spirit]. A body of flesh was created for him through God and Mary but Jesus always was. This is so basic. I'm really surprized at Monica's twist on such a simple concept. This is bad news. Her previous teachings that I have heard seemed to be spot on.

<http://www.watchmanscry.com/forum/showthread.php?t=7471>

Why We Say Beth Moore is a Contemplative Advocate - In our recent article "Rick Warren Points Network Followers to the Contemplative 'Sabbath'" we state that Beth Moore is a "contemplative advocate" - Some people have a hard time with this statement - Why do we say she is advocating contemplative spirituality? Below is our explanation

The Be Still DVD by Fox Home Entertainment was released in April 2007. Featured speakers included Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, Max Lucado, Beth Moore and many others. There is no indication on the DVD that Beth Moore is against contemplative prayer (the subject of the DVD), and in fact when we spoke with her assistant shortly after the release of the DVD, she told us that Beth Moore did not have a problem with Richard Foster or Dallas Willard's teachings. Furthermore, a statement was issued by Living Proof Ministries (see statement) that clarified: "We believe that once you view the Be Still video you will agree that there is no problem with its expression of Truth." Living Proof is offering to send a free copy of the DVD to anyone who receives their email statement and wishes to view the DVD, saying that, "It would be our privilege to do this for you to assure you that there is no problem with Beth's participation in the Be Still video." ... Moore builds her case for contemplative in her frequent references to Brennan Manning in her book, suggesting that his contribution to "our generation of believers may be a gift without parallel" (p. 72). This is indeed a troubling statement made by a Christian leader who so many women look to for direction and instruction in their spiritual lives. Many of those women, in reading Moore's comments about Manning and her quoting of him in the book may turn to the writings of Manning for further insights. When they do, they will find that Manning is a devout admirer of Beatrice Bruteau of The School for Contemplation. ... Lighthouse Trails has received a number of angry emails and calls from women who want Lighthouse Trails to stop saying this about Beth Moore, but we are presenting solid facts in a non-vitriolic, straight-forward manner, and we believe we are compelled by the Lord to do so, as are all believers required to defend the faith. Postscript: The Be Still DVD is being widely promoted and can be found even in your local video rental stores. Couple this DVD with the fast growing CCN (Church Communication Network - hosts of the marriage seminar with Moore and Thomas) and we can safely say that contemplative prayer is quickly becoming "normal" in Christianity. But before we are too swift to think "oh well, maybe it isn't that bad," listen to these words by mystic Richard Kirby: "The meditation of advanced occultists is identical with the prayer of advanced mystics." That statement is taken from Ray Yungen's book, A Time of Departing. Ray saw this coming back in 1994 when he sat and listened to Richard Foster and soon realized Foster was promoting the teachings of mystic Thomas Merton.

<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/?p=1444>

Todd Bently, Deceiving angel began his [revival] ministry [in Florida] (YouTube)

Comments: Does this man know how to read?? Is he capable of reading the Bible? I never see him read or quote the Bible. Strange, really strange. He is great at kicking, punching, closelining, and well assaulting people. No wonder our planet is doomed! ... WOW. LOL This is a joke right? This guy is just another dood who decided to become a false preacher cuz you can make a lot of money quick. Read the Bible people, dont listen to idiots like Todd, he just wants your money.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tb1GYiYNZIM>

Todd Bentley - Emma The Angel - [Todd Bentley is] "Lyn' to My Face" (YouTube)

Comments: I am so tired of all of the false prophets and garbage being preached to so many gullable people. It is sickening. My own family has been affected by many of these false teachers and they call themselves christians. Where is their discernment??? I do not understand WHY sooo many people fall for this stuff??? Incredible!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNV-5RQiwss>

Who is Emma-O? - as followed by Bob Jones and Todd Bentley (YouTube)

Comments: God Bless You for exposing the truth... we must all worship Jesus Christ... not some "angel" a false prophet reveals to people... pray for the people who follow Todd Bently and Emma-O...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gvhy9VC7y18>

Wikipedia.org: Bob Jones Jr. (II) - Robert Reynolds Jones, Jr. (1911-1997), best-known as Bob Jones, Jr., was the second president and chancellor of Bob Jones University - Jones was the son of Bob Jones, Sr., the university's founder - He served as president from 1947 to 1971 and then as chancellor until his death - Jones enjoyed playing villains in Shakespeare plays and religious films-he founded the BJU cinema department in 1950 - he genuinely enjoyed a life of ideas and the fine arts

Education: ... Jones was often called "Dr. Bob, Jr." during his lifetime-he disliked the "Jr."-but his doctorates were honorary, even though the first was conferred by Asbury College in 1934, when he was only twenty-three. Early career: As a young man Jones became an accomplished Shakespearean actor and studied at Stratford-upon-Avon. He considered turning professional and even received an offer from Hollywood-thereby causing some anxious moments for his evangelist father. Jones, Jr. did create a one-man show he called "Curtain Calls", in which he portrayed seven or eight Shakespearean characters accompanied by classical music, scheduling performances four weeks a year from 1933 to 1945. Jones believed that his primary calling was helping his father administer Bob Jones College. Administration per se seems to have held little interest for him; at least his autobiography contains virtually no mention of his college presidency. Nevertheless, Jones seems to have directed the school more autocratically after 1953, when the assistant of Bob Jones, Sr., Theodore Mercer, was fired, apparently for trying to lead a faculty rebellion against the Joneses. Fundamentalist Leader: Both Jones's position and his intellectual gifts made him a natural leader of separatist fundamentalism. Although he participated in the founding of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) in 1942 and was elected vice president in 1950, Jones left the organization in the following year because of its interest in cultivating a more moderate-to Jones, "compromising"-stance with those who denied biblical orthodoxy. By 1959, Jones had formally broken with Billy Graham, who had accepted the sponsorship of liberal Protestants and Roman Catholics for his 1957 New York City crusade. Later Jones criticized other fundamentalists who were insufficiently separatistic, such as evangelist John R. Rice and Jerry Falwell [Sr.], whose Moral Majority had embraced Catholics and Mormons. ... Personal life: Jones could be a demanding superior with strong, hyperbolically expressed, views about matters political and religious. But he also could display a childlike humility, especially on his many visits to foreign missionaries. Intimates found him witty and even impish. Although Jones enjoyed playing villains in Shakespeare plays and religious films-he founded the BJU cinema department in 1950-he genuinely enjoyed a life of ideas and the fine arts. A curator at the North Carolina Museum of Art was genuinely surprised when Jones failed to reflect his preconception as "a kind of backwoods evangelical" who would "thump the Bible" at him. "There was a gentleness and a kinship there," he recalled. "And even if he knew you thought differently than he did, that was OK; you could still be his friend." In 1938, he married Fannie May Holmes. They had three children, including Bob Jones III, who succeeded him as president of BJU. Bob Jones, Jr. published two religious novels, several books of sermons, and an autobiography. Jones died of cancer in 1997 at the age of 86; he is buried near his parents on the campus of Bob Jones University.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Jones,_Jr.

{Flashback 2007} Bob Jones (III) Dances With The Devil - Bob Jones III, chancellor of the Christian fundamentalist school [Bob Jones University] named for his family, is endorsing Republican [LDS Mormon] Mitt Romney for president

In his endorsement of Mitt Romney, Dr. Bob Jones III also said, "This all about beating Hillary." Oh, really? Since when does a preacher of the Gospel and Christian educator put electing charlatans (of any political party) ahead of standing for truth and doing right? And this leads to another problem. Our Christian "leaders" have forgotten what it means to stand on principle. They have gotten so bogged down in politics that they have forsaken the divine call to be watchmen on the wall. If Bob Jones III would be as concerned about standing for truth and principle as he is about "beating Hillary," many others might be encouraged to do the same--and we preachers might actually be able to have a positive impact upon the direction of our country. As it is, our Christian "leaders" are not only not helping to lead our nation out of its current mess, they are actually contributing to the problem, as Dr. Jones' endorsement of Mitt Romney illustrates. Furthermore, what is Dr. Bob going to say to the students and graduates of Bob Jones University? How can he justify all the years of "separation" preaching that BJU is known for? Where is his consistency? How can he now turn around and convince his students that all those Christian "standards" regarding the fellowship of light with darkness, reproving evil, contending for the faith, etc., apply only to areas outside politics? Obviously, BJU students now know that when it comes to politics, we can cast all those principles aside. It makes one wonder what other areas of the Christian life are exempt from Biblical principles. Maybe our business life? But that's a subject for another day.

<http://www.constitutionparty.com/news.php?aid=668>

Basic Christian: On break until after the 4th - Have a Blessed 4th of July 2010

God bless everyone in Jesus Christ as we continue in our Bible devotions, study, prayer, fellowship and obedience to God in Jesus Christ. ~ David Anson Brown

<http://basicchristian.info/wordpress/>

~ ~ ~ Updated - Basic Christian: blog History Study - The 8 Kingdoms of the World (PDF)

Nimrod, Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, [Revised Rome - NWO] Antichrist, Millennial (1,000 year) Kingdom Reign of Jesus Christ.

http://www.basicchristian.org/blog_History_Study.pdf

~ ~ ~ Updated - Basic Christian: blog Bible Study - Genesis - Revelation (PDF)

The complete Basic Christian blog Bible Study covering Genesis to Revelation in PDF format.

http://basicchristian.org/blog_Bible_Study.pdf

Church Discipline: The Guest Teachers Series - DOES THE TRUTH MATTER ANYMORE? by John MacArthur \$64.95 (5 Parts DVD) - entire series \$203.72 (CrossTv.com) {Note: Christianity involves two parts, the death of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus. We follow Jesus in our own death (dying - self discipline) to self, sin and this world and in our own personal resurrection in living to God and His Holy Spiritual realm. Much of what the Emergent (New Age) Church is trying to do is to live the spiritual resurrection (grace, peace, holiness, wellbeing, sharing, joy) without first experiencing the death to self, sin and this world. Christianity is grounded and based in both parts, both dying to self (discipline) and resurrection (joy) living to God - these videos are more about the dying to self (self discipline) part but don't forget to also live the holy spiritual (grace, peace, holiness, wellbeing,

sharing, joy) resurrection part. (Philippians 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 10:31)} (DVDs)

Everywhere is apathy. Nobody cares whether that which is preached is true or false. A sermon is a sermon whatever the subject; only, the shorter it is the better." Those words were written by Charles Spurgeon MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO! Yet, he might have just as easily been describing the state of the church at the beginning of the 21st Century. Well, in this "tell-it-like-it-is" indictment of the attitudes, methods and approaches of much of the modern church, Pastor John MacArthur picks up where Charles Spurgeon left off. This is 'MUST VIEWING' for the modern Christian. Presented by: John MacArthur

<http://www.crosstv.com/GuestTeachers.htm>

Vacation For The Frank and Chris Show - {Just listened to what is normally the Frank and Chris Show podcast (one of my favorite podcast programs) but today it is an announcement that the podcast is on a (well deserved) break - Myself (and many others) will be looking forward to the return of the podcast in whatever form it takes and there are still plenty of excellent podcasts and projects going on over at the RRN website.} (Mp3s)

We're taking a break. -All Frank's Fault- Download for a quick update and stay tuned.

<http://revelationsradionetwork.com/podcasts/the-frank-and-chris-show.html>

Windows Phone 7 in trouble? MeeGo DOA? Not good signs: Microsoft backtracks on its clean break from Windows Mobile, while Intel invests in [Google] Android OS - By Galen Gruman | InfoWorld {MeeGo won't fail because the bar for handheld devices is extremely low especially when compared to other devices like a desktop pc that has to do everything locally [games, research, render video, run spreadsheets] for everyone at any one time but a handheld device only has a few tasks [widgets] to perform and most of the tasks are rendered on remote cloud computing - it goes online - it checks email - it checks Facebook - it checks the weather - then going really out on a limb it displays an eBook or plays an Mp3 or a Video - and these small, repetitive, quickly enabled tasks are what the Linux operating system [like MeeGo] and handheld devices [like Intel Moorestown] specialize in - end of story!}

If I believed in conspiracy theories, I'd say that Windows Phone 7 is a failure six months before its expected availability. And the Nokia-Intel MeeGo operating system will be dead on arrival, if it's ever released.

Windows Phone 7: Microsoft seems to be investing in alternatives Let's start with Windows Phone 7. Touted earlier this year as the successor to the much unloved Windows Mobile platform, Microsoft has gone largely silent on Windows Phone 7 since then, all but ignoring its great hope to stave off the iPhone at its recent TechEd conference. (And according to a recent Cnet report, Microsoft is sticking with its earlier decision not to include copy and paste -- sheesh! [probably can't copy and paste with an ARM based CPU]) In the meantime, Microsoft has announced three other mobile operating systems. If Windows Phone 7 is meant to be the break-from-the-past successor to Windows Mobile, as Microsoft has said, the all-new mobile OS that brings Microsoft into the 21st century, why has Microsoft released Windows Phone (the poorly received Kin phones) and now the Windows Embedded Handheld OS? A Microsoft spokesman told me that Windows Embedded Handheld OS was meant to provide continuity for enterprises using specialized Windows Mobile 6.5 devices. Windows Phone 7 won't run Windows Mobile applications, so developers had two choices: Switch to Windows Phone 7 and rework the apps to the modern operating system, or keep using their specialty legacy devices. ... Intel invests in Android, while MeeGo limps along: Intel is another company that seems to be hedging its bets -- or is quietly backing a new horse -- on the mobile operating system front. This winter, it dropped its Moblin mobile Linux effort and joined with Nokia to develop a new mobile OS (MeeGo) that merged Moblin with Nokia's in-development Maemo, the intended successor to Nokia's lackluster Symbian operating system. You can tell from that description that neither the Moblin nor Maemo efforts were moving with any urgency. There've been plenty of conferences but little tangible result. And now word is out that Intel is porting Google's new Android OS 2.2 (Froyo) to the x86 chip architecture this summer. That can only mean Intel sees Android mattering greatly in the tablet and perhaps netbook markets, so Intel wants to make sure its Atom chips can power those devices. (Android was developed for the competing ARM-architecture chips, such as the Qualcomm Snapdragon in the HTC Droid Incredible and the Texas Instruments OMAP3630 in the forthcoming Motorola Droid X.) The speed at which Intel is moving on Android, compared to the snail's pace development of MeeGo, is telling. If Intel thought MeeGo were a significant OS, it would be pushing that effort along. ... Developing MeeGo in incremental stages over several years also seems a sure way to lose, and Intel's speedy action in porting Android to x86 tells me that Intel already knows the MeeGo bet will fail.

<http://www.infoworld.com/d/mobilize/windows-phone-7-in-trouble-mee-go-doa-665>

[MS] Windows Phone 7 (yet to be released to consumers) "an ad-serving machine" - "For marketers this is actually turning out to be an ad-serving machine" - Microsoft says consumers can opt out of the services if they feel overwhelmed by the bombardment {Windows Phone 7 [a completely different form factor than the already existing MS Windows 7 for desktop computers] is now the odd operating system out. Phone 7 is designed not to run on an Intel CPU but on an ARM [phone] CPU -- but Apple iPhone and Google Android operating systems already run on an ARM [phone] CPU so MS Phone 7 is already left out. Intel and Nokia are developing MeeGo [Linux] and derivatives of MeeGo [Tablet] to be used on Intel CPUs and also a version of Android will run on an Intel CPU later this summer. It's important because with the already existing ARM [phone] CPU a phone is still basically a phone although ever increasingly more powerful but with an Intel CPU in a new phone the new Intel phone now becomes an Intel computer phone.}

By Stewart Mitchell Posted on 28 Jun 2010 - Microsoft has branded its Windows Phone 7 smartphone platform [unrelated to MS windows 7 desktop version] an "ad-serving machine" during a briefing to show off new features. "For marketers this is actually turning out to be an ad-serving machine," said Kostas Mallios, general manager at Microsoft's Live Labs, at an advertising industry conference. "It lets advertisers connect with consumers over time." Microsoft showed off three tools in the sales-blitz portfolio - Apps, Tiles and Toast - which give brand owners access to the front pages of handsets if consumers download apps from third parties. With the Tiles and Apps feature, Mallios said, icons on the homepage would be dynamic so a brand could send out information about offers or new releases. Should the message fail to get through - perhaps because the consumer has turned the application off - then a third tool, dubbed Toast, could be used to crank up the volume. "If the app isn't running then Toast is a dynamic way of reaching people," said Mallios. "Toast can enable an advertiser to push content out to the device." Microsoft says consumers can opt out of the services if they feel overwhelmed by the bombardment. Windows Phone 7 is expected to be released in October [2010].

<http://www.pcpro.co.uk/news/359020/windows-phone-7-an-ad-serving-machine>

{Flashback} Intel/Nokia MeeGo 1.0 on Many Devices and Screen Sizes (Beijing, April 2010) - Netbook, TV, Mall Restaurant Menu, Coupon and Smart Sign Demonstration (YouTube)

**A very important video to watch it shows the coming Smart Phone, Smart Device and accompanying (World Wide - Global) Cloud Computing concept for consumers.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ub_cwsJnQps

e their own system in Phone 7 but so far Microsoft seems to be the one to avoid.}>{Flashback} More info on Windows Phone 7: Windows Live ID (i.e. Hotmail account) will be required {There is a ton of new (and transitional) always on internet phone [Intel Moorestown] - type of technology and gadgets coming out this fall and into 2011 finally providing for stable and highly useable mobile internet devices. Intel and Nokia have the MeeGo operating system, Google has their Android system, Apple has their iPhone system and Microsoft will have their own system in Phone 7 but so far Microsoft seems to be the one to avoid.}

Microsoft still has a lot of work to do until the first Windows Phone 7 devices are launched (sometime in the fourth quarter of the year), and that's why we don't know all we'd want to know about the upcoming OS. However, new details have been uncovered by Tweakers.net, **including the fact that, to use a Windows Phone 7 handset [phone], you will need a Windows Live ID account (you automatically have one if you use Hotmail or MSN Messenger). Apparently, Windows Live ID will also provide access to Windows Marketplace. Furthermore, it looks like Windows Phone 7 will only support ARM7 processors (like the Qualcomm Snapdragon). This leaves out Intel's Moorestown processors - but it's not like Intel cares too much, since it has MeeGo and we'll soon see Moorestown-based MeeGo devices on the market. As previously mentioned, all Windows Phone 7 devices will require capacitive touchscreen displays (apparently, non-touch devices won't be able to run WP7), three buttons on the front (Back, Start and Search), a power button, a camera button, and two volume buttons. Weird enough, it looks like Windows Phone 7 will support Bluetooth 2.1, but not Bluetooth 3.0. Well, maybe support for the newer version of Bluetooth will be added after launch.

<http://www.unwiredview.com/2010/04/20/more-info-on-windows-phone-7-windows-live-id-will-be-required/>

Washington Post: Obama names Cook religious freedom ambassador - The White House just announced that they're filling the long awaited position of ambassador-at-large for international

religious freedom - The appointee is Rev. Suzan Johnson Cook, whose experience includes pastoring a New York City church and founding a group called Wisdom Worldwide Center She has also been a chaplain for NYPD

UPDATE: Cook's name had been out there for months (as we reported in January), so there has been plenty of time for the self-described international religious freedom community to react. Reaction has been pretty uniform -- respect for Cook's work in building a New York City-based mega-ministry and in her interest in public service, but concern for the lack of any expertise in international religious freedom and human rights work, or foreign policy work in general. And this at a time when President Obama has beefed up the staffing and role of religion in embassies worldwide. International religious freedom advocates have also been upset that the position remained empty for so long and that Cook -- unlike other ambassadors-at-large within the State Department -- and her staff will have less access to the Secretary of State than they believe the law creating her position envisioned.

http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/undergod/2010/06/obama_names_cook_religious_freedom_ambassador.html

LighthouseTrailsResearch.com: Obama Names Suzan Johnson Cook Ambassador For International Religious Freedom - According to a Washington DC press release in 2009, Johnson Cook is "dubbed Billy Graham and Oprah rolled into one" i.e., a new spirituality "Christian" - According to Johnson Cook's website, she is also a member of Renaissance Weekend, an interfaith **think tank [NWO 'think tank' religion i.e. Rick Warren] that "seeks to build bridges across traditional divides of professions and politics, geography and generations, religions and philosophies"

According to a Washington DC press release in 2009, Johnson Cook is "dubbed Billy Graham and Oprah rolled into one" (i.e., a new spirituality "Christian"). Since aggressively stepping up to the "spiritual" plate during the 911 attacks in 2001 [Ergun and Emir Caner also arose out of the ashes of 9-11-2001], serving as the only NYPD Chaplain's until now, Dr. Sujay has been called, "America's Chaplain". She firmly believes that, "We are mind, body and spirit which means it's time to put the stress of the current economic decline aside and get back to the basics of life - which is simply getting back in touch with your God, His wonderful promises and purpose for our lives." According to Johnson Cook's website, she is also a member of Renaissance Weekend, an interfaith think tank that "seeks to build bridges across traditional divides of professions and politics, geography and generations, religions and philosophies."

<http://www.lighthouse TrailsResearch.com/blog/>

Wikipedia.org: Mike MacIntosh "a Ground Zero Chaplain" - the senior pastor of Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego, California a Calvary Chapel affiliate - [Book] (2002) When Your World Falls Apart: Life Lessons from a Ground Zero Chaplain by Mike MacIntosh, Foreward by Anne Graham Lotz {Wow! 9-11 books and bracelets - some Calvary Chapel pastors seemed to see 9-11 as an opportunity to make some quick money. No wonder Calvary Chapel Pastors don't investigate [or even publically talk about] the possible NYC 9-11-2001 events because it seems in their best interest (best income opportunities) to go along with the official 9-11 version of events.}

Mike MacIntosh (born 1944) is the senior pastor of Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego, California, and is a Christian leader in the United States. MacIntosh left the hippie scene of the 1960s and got involved with Calvary Chapel. He then went on to pastor Horizon Christian Fellowship, a Calvary Chapel affiliate, beginning in 1974. He is also the organizer of Festival of Life, an international evangelical outreach program. MacIntosh has also served as a chaplain for the San Diego Police Department, and has been involved in post-9/11 rescue efforts in New York City, as documented in his book *When Your World Falls Apart*. [When Your World Falls Apart (2002): Life Lessons from a Ground Zero Chaplain by Mike MacIntosh, Foreword by Anne Graham Lotz - Amazon.com] -- An Unofficial Associate Pastor: An example of this is Calvary of Albuquerque [pastor Skip Hietzig] where Skip's wife, Lenya, functioned almost as a pastor for women. Her "9-11 bracelet" idea [was it her idea alone or was it a 'think tank' religion idea being passed along through Lenya Hietzig?] ended up costing the church hundreds of thousands of dollars in inventory write-offs. - Source: <http://calvarychapel.pbworks.com/pastors-wife>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_MacIntosh

s that Leonard Sweet will indeed be speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque {Note: Because of deceptive and non-Christian practices emanating from various Calvary Chapel pastors the website links from Basic Christian to Skip Heitzig and several other Calvary Chapel (Costa Mesa) resources, Churches and pastors have recently been removed by the Basic Christian Ministry.}>{Flashback} Calvary Chapel (Skip Heitzig) Albuquerque States: Leonard Sweet Will Not Be Speaking at Conference - Lighthouse Trails Calls For Answers - Questions Arise: Is New Age Sympathizer Leonard Sweet Speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque or Not? - the National Worship Leader Conference website still maintains that Leonard Sweet will indeed be speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque {Note: Because of deceptive and non-Christian practices emanating from various Calvary Chapel pastors the website links from Basic Christian to Skip Heitzig and several other Calvary Chapel (Costa Mesa) resources, Churches and pastors have recently been removed by the Basic Christian Ministry.}

This is an update regarding the Lighthouse Trails report that New Age sympathizer Leonard Sweet is scheduled to speak at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque for the National Worship Leader Conference this June. Conflicting reports are occurring as to whether Sweet's speaking engagement has been cancelled. Please refer to our recent posting, Questions Arise: Is New Age Sympathizer Leonard Sweet Speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque or Not? where we write on some of these conflicting reports. A number of Lighthouse Trails' readers contacted us over the last couple days sending us copies of an email they each received from an undisclosed personnel at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque. **The form letter states: Thank you for contacting us here at The Connection and thanks for writing to Pastor Skip. We always love to hear from you. The conference is not a Calvary conference. The conference is being put on by Worship Leader Magazine using our facility - just like CAPE, Home school graduation, funerals, etc. Therefore, Leonard Sweet is not speaking at "Skip's Church". [LT: Heitzig is one of the speakers at this event.] He is part of a conference using Calvary's facilities. Leonard Sweet will attend the conference but WILL NOT BE SPEAKING. It is our prayer that God will continue to reveal Himself to you through His Word as you seek to know Him. Love in Christ, Connection Communications -- Because the National Worship Leader Conference website still maintains that Leonard Sweet will indeed be speaking at Calvary Chapel Albuquerque, an official public notice from CCA stating that Leonard Sweet will not be speaking there could help clear up the present confusion. Just as important, a statement explaining to the body of Christ why they have decided to remove him from the platform would be important. In a day and age when so many Christian leaders are sending out mixed messages to the Church regarding spiritual deception, those wanting to maintain biblical integrity need to be forthright and clear in what they believe and stand for. And regardless of what denomination or movement this confusion is occurring in, those particular leaders do have a biblical obligation to the entire body of Jesus Christ. This is not Lighthouse Trails saying this - this is what the Bible requests of leaders and pastors.

<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/?p=4462>

{Flashback} Note: There has been a change to the referencing for each of the Basic Christian blog Bible Study postings - Each posting will now contain the Bible's book and chapter and will no longer provide a reference to an alternate past study by Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa - The change is being made out of necessity in that the teachings of the Basic Christian blog Bible Study are too divergent from the alternate material of Calvary Chapel and therefore providing Chuck Smith or Calvary Chapel as an alternate reference in the blog Bible Study has been causing too much confusion within the current blog Bible Study - The re-referencing of each post will be completed as soon as possible - My sincere apologies for any inconvenience that this has caused or might cause for anyone studying the Bible - God bless you, David Anson Brown

Originally the postings to the Basic Christian blog Bible Study were listed with an alternate past study of the Calvary Chapel C3000 series by Chuck Smith however the teachings and material of Chuck Smith have become to inconsistent and run to counter to the current [in progress] teachings given in the Basic Christian blog Bible Study and therefore there is no reason to [continue to] provide a listing to an alternate Chuck Smith resource. Sadly, it has also recently [in part through the faithful and diligent ministry of Randy Maugans at The Threshing Floor] come to the attention of the Basic Christian ministry that there are now several serious allegations that Chuck Smith does not have his own material but often plagiarizes much of his material from other sources [including now New Age material i.e. his 2006 book "When Storms Come" by Chuck Smith with (later removed) portions plagiarized from two New Age authors] and that Chuck Smith had then put his name on the material of others as though it was his own material. In Short there was an attempt to provide a reference to some past material as an alternate counterbalance to the Basic Christian material however it quickly became evident that the material of the alternate teaching of Chuck Smith is filled with too many personal antecedents has too many inconsistencies [biblical names, dates and locations] (probably from his use of too many external sources i.e. other commentaries) and even outright biblical misrepresentations [i.e. Kingdom - eternal rewards] to the point that the past study of Chuck Smith is incompatible with the current Basic Christian blog Bible Study and therefore for clarity all references to any Calvary Chapel or Chuck Smith material will be removed from all of the Basic Christian material.

http://www.basicchristian.org/truth_deception.html

{Flashback} Dr. Norman Geisler On Ergun Caner by Peter Lumpkins [Apparently it's not a hoax and Dr. Norman Geisler did author that incoherent rant.] {Note: We live in crucial times and as such it is now time that we REJECT the current Christian pastors, teachers and leaders that are unable or unwilling to accurately evaluate and assess the post 9-11-2001 era of danger, beguile and betrayal that we now exist in. Too many Pastors are still more interested in their own personal agendas, comfort and finances than in spreading the gospel message of Jesus Christ. -- Past pastors, teachers and leaders like Chuck Smith Sr. of Calvary Chapel, Rick Warren, John Hagee, Greg Laurie, Skip Heitzig, James Dobson, Norman Geisler, Jerry Falwell Jr., John MacArthur, Rick Joyner, Mark Demoss, Tony Perkins, David Brody, Lee Strobel, R.C. Sproul, Max Lucado and a host of others who consider themselves to be apostles, prophets, teachers and leaders need no longer be taken seriously or even be considered to be viable as a Christian Church authority by those within or without the true Christian Church. It is time to call into question their motives, abilities, agendas and desires that make them unwilling to accurately or faithfully proclaim the trusted Gospel of Jesus Christ!}

COMMENTS: Peter, With all due respect to Dr. Geisler's accomplishments of years past, I fear this is another of a group of recent statements showing how out of touch he is with present [since 9-11-2001] reality. What have we come to in the evangelical community when fabrications, exaggerations and lies are dismissed and those who expose such things are called "libelous"? I'm sorry, but relying solely on the assessments of men like Elmer Towns and Norm Geisler in a postmodern, digital age is not altogether sound. It would be safe to say that these men spend little or no time on the internet, much less reading blogs, web sites, twitter feeds, etc. The abundance of information today can be overwhelming for those of previous generations. This is not to say that the present environment is better, just VERY different. Moreover, Dr. Geisler is not a completely unbiased source in this matter. Caner is a regular speaker at apologetics conferences held at Southern Evangelical Seminary, founded by Geisler. Furthermore, how is it possible that he able to render summary judgement on this matter by only talking to "Dr. Caner and other principal parties at Liberty"? How can one make a final judgement on a matter by only talking to one side of the matter? What if we applied this same standard in our legal system? What if judges rendered judgement on a case after only speaking with the defendant? This seems grossly biased to me. Lastly, I agree we all should "pray for and encourage our brother". We should PRAY that DR. Caner will repent of his fabrications and falsehoods. We should ENCOURAGE Dr. Caner to start telling his TRUE testimony: that of a child from a broken him divided between Islamic and secularistic values whom God miraculously and graciously brought to salvation. {Amen!}

http://peterlumpkins.typepad.com/peter_lumpkins/2010/05/dr-norman-geisler-on-ergun-caner-by-peter-lumpkins.html#more

The Threshing Floor Radio Show-June 27, 2010-Randy Maugans - The End of Religion (Mp3)

"The tendency to turn human judgments into divine commands makes religion one of the most dangerous forces in the world." Georgia Harkness -- We have got to deal with this: Many religious doctrines are of men, not God. Religion is a tool of control that drives blind allegiances to falsehoods, stifles growth, and limits our capacity to be both critical and embracing of new information. Religion substitutes rigid rules and narrow interpretation for genuine seeking of TRUTH. Even worse, religion is conformity to a world-view that streams into the goals of the elites...easily aroused to passions of fervor, the religious become unwitting pawns in a game of social control, genocide, and war. This is about you...your quest...your battle for truth regardless of cost...heedless of risk. Faith begins at the point of not knowing, it ends at the moment you think you "know."

<http://threshingfloor-radio.com/index.php/2010/06/the-end-of-religion/>

The Zeph Report - "Z Live" on WWCR - June 26, 2010 - Guest Randy Maugans - An extended transmission of the live shortwave feed (Mp3)

"And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. Isaiah 40:5" - A word is spoken in the show: REJECT FEAR! Additionally, I would say embrace love-AGAPE. The gulf oil spill is a shadow of the wounds that are in each of us...places that bleed, are broken, and need healing. Empty out yourself from yourself and get real before the Lord. The off-air segment finds us discussing music, along with summarizing the themes brought out in the broadcast. Nothing planned...no agendas...the Spirit heals in the places of our wounds.

<http://threshingfloor-radio.com/index.php/2010/06/z-live-fear-not/>

LHTR Discussion Topic: The Shack Author Says "The God of Evangelical Christianity is a Monster" - Comments: Young's Jesus cannot save - Young is leading his readers straight to the Lake of Fire - He doesn't understand God's love [or God's Holiness, His righteousness and His justice] -- Incredibly,

this novel continues to cut a swath through the Body of Christ - Will it make a difference when--and if--Christians learn the truth about the author's rejection of the Biblical Christ? -- I am very distressed as my denomination [unknown] greatly pushes this book as wonderful - has had lots of discussion groups, promotes its reading - When I said it was wrong, I got into all kinds of trouble - It saddens me greatly that the Christian community now puts "modern novels and wrong doctrine" above the Bible - Guess they only want to read things that "tickle the ears"

On Friday night, author and researcher Ray Yungen attended a lecture at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon to hear The Shack author William Paul Young. The name of Young's talk was "Can God Really Be That Good?" During the talk, Young told the audience that "the God of evangelical Christianity is a monster." He was referring to the belief that God is a God of judgment and will judge the unbelieving. Young also rejects the biblical view of atonement (wherein Jesus died as a substitute for us to pay the price of our sins). This view by Young is evident in a radio interview he had one year ago where he rejected the biblical view of the atonement. He echoes the sentiments of William Shannon and Brennan Manning, who both say that the God who punishes His own son to pay for the sins of others does not exist: He is the God who exacts the last drop of blood from His Son, so that His just anger, evoked by sin, may be appeased. This God whose moods alternate between graciousness and fierce anger - a God who is still all too familiar to many Christians - is a caricature of the true God. This God does not exist. (Shannon, Silence on Fire, p. 110, also see Manning who stated the very same thing in Above All, pp. 58-59). Young told the audience that his book has now sold 14 million copies. He says that he believes his book has been a "god thing" to heal people's souls because so many people have been tainted by this evangelical God. Young said his book is so effective because when you put something in a story form it gets past mental defenses. Young's obvious disdain for evangelical Christianity (in a derogatory manner, he said there are "1.4 million" rules in the evangelical church) is shown in his book as well when The Shack's "Jesus" states: "I have no desire to make them [people from all religious and political backgrounds] Christian, but I do want to join them in their transformation into sons and daughters of my Papa" (p. 184). Young asked "evangelicals," "Do you want to hold onto your darkness?" and answered for them, "No, you want to get rid of it."

<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/LTForum/index.php/topic,32.msg65.html>

Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we [Christians] have received, not the spirit of the world, but the [Holy] Spirit which is of God; that we might know *the things that are freely given to us of God. {Note: As Christians if we were to try to go the 'works' route in attempting to facilitate a relationship with God our own works would continually keep us from experiencing the fullness of God, all that God has for us at any one moment. Works imply receiving something later, a later payment that is missing but a personal relationship facilitates fullness in God and with God at all times regardless of our own works or of our own abilities.}

'1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we [Christians] have received, not the spirit of the world, but the [Holy] Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.' -- 'Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.' -- 'Romans 5:17 For if by one man's [Adam's] offence death reigned by one; much more they [Saints - Christians] which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.' -- 'Romans 8:15-17 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the [born again] Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, *that we are the Children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.' -- 'Philippians 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.'

<http://www.ChristianFaithDownloads.com/>

Josh McDowell: Can I Trust the Bible? - Parts 1-4 Video (wmv)

"The Bible stands alone among all other books. It is unique, 'different from all others,' in the following ways plus a multitude more: *Continuity, *Circulation, *Translation, *Survival, *Teachings, *Influence on Literature, and *Influence on Civilization." Evidence That Demands a Verdict, Pg. 4, 4-16.

http://www.josh.org/site/c.ddKDIMNtEqG/b.4172663/k.624E/Can_I_Trust_the_Bible.htm

Hooray! This marks the official release of "The Bible vs Joseph Smith!" In a conversation between a Christian and a Mormon, the prophets of both the Bible and the Book of Mormon are put head to head in a test to see which prophets are truly speaking for God - If even one prophecy fails to come true, that prophet is a false prophet, and must be put to death -- See Also: The Bible vs. The Book of Mormon - DVD Trailers (Online Videos)

Hooray! This marks the official release of "The Bible vs Joseph Smith!" We have worked very hard on this full-length documentary since the beginning of August last year, and it's now finally available. And now is when we need your help more than ever! Here are some things you can do: 1. Order multiple copies to use in your witness to Mormons, and to promote the film in your community. 2. Host a local showing of the documentary (not restricted to pastors). 3. Forward our release email to 10 or more of your friends (for those on our mailing list). 4. Share this post on your Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc., with the "share" icon at the bottom of this post! 5. Embed the trailer on your own website or blog with the code below: You have blessed us so much! Thank you for all your support, now let's spread this tool as far and wide as possible to uncover the fallacy of Mormonism, and reveal the glory of God in Jesus Christ! *If you are a Mormon, email us and we'll set you up to watch The Bible vs Joseph Smith for free.

<http://sourceflix.com/the-bible-vs-joseph-smith-official-release/>

PREEMPTION BROADCAST with Russ Dizdar - Prophecy Prayer, the Past Present and Future (Mp3s)

Prophecy Prayer, the Past Present and Future the Book of Daniel chapter 9.

<http://preemptionbroadcast.podomatic.com/>

The Amber May [Radio] Show is Coming To An End - Amber May's time on 1010 AM is coming to an end - She is so saddened by the ending - *She will continue to do podcasts - Please continue to visit her website www.ambermayshow.com - She just opened an online store on the website please check it out - She needs funds to pay off the radio bill - Amber May also has several discount offers on her website as well - Please check out the blog while you are there as well (Mp3s)

Welcome to The Amber May Show. The aim of the program is to give hope to hurting hearts. The show also tries encouraging the believers of Christ, in their daily walk with him. Amber May deals with life issues from a biblical perspective. Amber May would also like to introduce the character of God to those who may not know him. She hopes that people will have a better understanding of God after they listen to the program. Please check out the podcast. There might be a show that she had done, that may help you with a life struggle that you are currently dealing with. Amber May would love to hear from you. Please visit her contact page or, follow her on the social medias below. Make sure you check out the discounts page for some money saving codes for your next purchase. Please consider making a donation, radio air time is expensive.

<http://www.ambermayshow.com/>

Navigators.org: The Evolution of the Wheel Illustration - Throughout his ministry, Dawson Trotman, founder and first president of The Navigators, liked to use illustrations or diagrams like this to help others remember basic principles of the Christian life - So in the 1930s, when he was working with Sunday School classes and boys' clubs, he used the best illustration he had heard describing the balanced Christian life--the three-legged stool - But Trotman became dissatisfied with the [stool] illustration ... So in 1968 "Obedience" was moved to the rim of the Wheel and "Fellowship" replaced it as a spoke - That leaves us with the Wheel as it is today - And whether it remains in this form, or is eventually changed again, it is a useful way of understanding and remembering the essentials for living the Christian life

The Wheel® - History: The Evolution of the Wheel Illustration by Ray King - "They say the Christian life is like a three-legged stool," the young Sunday School teacher told his class. "You must be supported by three things--the Word, prayer and witnessing--to be effective in your Christian lives." Throughout his ministry, Dawson Trotman, founder and first president of The Navigators, liked to use illustrations or diagrams like this to help others remember basic principles of the Christian life. So in the 1930s, when he was working with Sunday School classes and boys' clubs, he used the best illustration he had heard describing the balanced Christian life--the three-legged stool (illustration 1). But Trotman became dissatisfied with the illustration. It left the Christian sitting down--certainly not a practical way to approach the dynamic Christian life he saw taught in the Bible. After much thought and prayer, he designed what he called "The Wheel" illustration to solve this problem. This wasn't the Wheel many of us know today, but a forerunner to it. The hub was Christ, the center of the Christian's life; but there were only three spokes on this wheel, corresponding to the three legs of the stool (illustration 2). Now he had the Christian moving, but he began to see another weakness in the illustration. It showed that Christians should witness, know the Word and pray, but it left out the application of the Bible to all areas of one's life demonstrating the power of Christian living. So Trotman added a fourth spoke--"Living the Life" --to the Wheel (illustration 3). The rim was called "The Christian Life" or "The Christian in Action." This emphasis on living every area of life with and for the Lord came at an important time. Dr. Arthur Glasser, dean of the School of Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary, says, "Dawson was one of the pioneers in reacting against easy believism. Daws said 'You can't treat a command in the Bible as advice. A command is a command!' He was a living protest against a form of Christianity that sought to understand the Bible, but which wasn't serious about obeying it." Later the new fourth spoke, "Living the Life," was shortened to "Obedience" and the rim was renamed "The Christian Living the Life" (illustration 4). Some people asked, "Where is the Holy Spirit in the Wheel?" Trotman answered that the Holy Spirit was intrinsic throughout, being necessary to the fulfillment of each component of the Wheel. After Trotman's death, in 1956, the Wheel continued to change. Some thought "Obedience" shouldn't be a spoke, since it wasn't in the same category as the other spokes. Rather, it was the theme of the entire Wheel. At the same time others realized that another basic element of the Christian life was not included in the Wheel, even though it was being practiced throughout the body of Christ and was found throughout the New Testament--fellowship. So in 1968 "Obedience" was moved to the rim of the Wheel and "Fellowship" replaced it as a spoke. That leaves us with the Wheel as it is today (illustration 5). And whether it remains in this form, or is eventually changed again, it is a useful way of understanding and remembering the essentials for living the Christian life, just as its forerunners were. Original title: "The Wheel Was Once a Three-Legged Stool," by Ray King from the January 1975 issue of NavLog.

<http://www.navigators.org/us/resources/illustrations/items/The%20Wheel%20-%20History>

Navigators: The Wheel - Illustration with Bible Verses (PDF)

Just as any wheel in balance must have the *hub directly in the *center (established), any life in balance must be centered [established] on Christ. He is the power source for a dynamic Christian life just as the wheel is driven forward by the power of the hub. The direction of any wheel also comes from the hub and so every mature believer follows the Lordship of Christ. He sets the direction for their lives. ... • The *rim [surrounding outer area - that holds everything together] on a wheel is where the rubber meets the road. This is living the daily life of following Christ by being *obedient to His commands. • The *spokes represent the basics of walking with Christ. Every believer must have these elements in their life in order to grow consistently and fruitfully. The **vertical spokes depict our relationship with God. The foundational spoke is the *Word (Holy Bible). In His Word God speaks to us and we get direction from Him. Through *Prayer we speak to God sharing with Him our needs, we praise His greatness and confess our sins. • The **horizontal spokes depict our relationships with people - *Fellowship (being served) is our relationship with believers [and also with non-believers]. We share the love of Christ with one another. *Witnessing (Serving) is our relationship with those who don't know Christ [and also with those who do know Jesus]. We share the reality of Christ and His gospel by our words and our lifestyle.

<http://www.navresources.com/navresources/page6/files/TheWheel.pdf>

the five classical stages - the illumination (light) of God (John 1:4-5) first causes within us the desires and ability to purge our sinful behavior from our own lives. Its backward for us to attempt to purge [work out of ourselves] the darkness in the often vain and false (Matthew 12:43-45) hope that Gods light will then suddenly enter into us having used our own works [methods] that are actually counter to the Biblical principles of a personal, trusting, meaningful and intimate relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Biblically we are to have Gods light (Bible, Prayer, Fellowship, Service all surrounded (encompassed) by obedience to God - i.e. the Navigators.org wheel illustration) enter into us first and then with the light of God in Jesus Christ in us, His life in us automatically removes the darkness from us and with it our doubts and the fears of this world.}>Warning: Amazon.com Recommends Henri Nouwen to Lighthouse Trails Readers - A Lighthouse Trails reader who had purchased a copy of Castles in the Sand from Amazon - The customer received the notice below from Amazon telling them that since they liked Castles in the Sand, they might also like Henri Nouwen's book, Spiritual formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit - We want to issue this warning that Henri Nouwen was a proponent of contemplative mysticism, the kind that Castles in the Sand so clearly warns against - {Note: I would at the least flip 2 and 3 of 'The five classical stages' - the illumination (light) of God (John 1:4-5) first causes within us the desires and ability to purge our sinful behavior from our own lives. It's backward for us to attempt to purge [work out of ourselves] the darkness in the often vain and false (Matthew 12:43-45) hope that God's light will then suddenly enter into us having used our own works [methods] that are actually counter to the Biblical principles of a personal, trusting, meaningful and intimate relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Biblically we are to have God's light (Bible, Prayer, Fellowship, Service all surrounded (encompassed) by obedience to God - i.e. the Navigators.org 'wheel' illustration) enter into us first and then with the light of God in Jesus Christ in us, His life in us automatically removes the darkness from us and with it our doubts and the fears of this world.}**

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<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/?p=4604>

Mormon Coffee blog: In his (YouTube) critique, FlackerMan disputes the frequently asserted LDS claim that [LDS founder] Joseph Smith knew he was going to die at Carthage [jail] - Comments: falcon on June 24th, 2010 - Man, the [LDS] Mormons are writing fast and furious today! Usually it only gets this hot when something about the faux priesthood is posted - Let's not forget, Joseph Smith ended up in jail for ordering the destruction of a printing press - Spin away Mormons but it was this lawless deed that sent him to jail and eventually to his death - Yea, I know and [LDS President] Brigham Young wasn't complicit in the Mountain Meadows Massacre [9-11-1857, in Utah the LDS ambush and murder of 120 American settlers on their way from Missouri to California] either - Smith wasn't interested in buying the farm when he went to jail - He had every reason to want to live - **He [Joseph Smith] had power, money and sex **the three things that corrupt men and he was corrupt - We're not talking about a flawed prophet here - We're talking about [Joseph Smith] a religious charlatan who armed himself [with 1 of 2 pistols smuggled into his jail cell by a fellow Mormon] in order to shoot his way out of jail if necessary - I for one wished the guy had lived - The whole deal would have eventually crumbled around him - He would have been the author of his own destruction

which I guess he was any way

I have edited and listed many of FlackerMan's questions here for your consideration. Joseph removed his temple garments before going to Carthage and told others to do the same {It's likely that Joseph Smith had everyone removed their LDS 'temple underwear garments' prior to getting to Carthage because once in town and especially once in jail it could easily be discovered that Joseph Smith had stolen the Freemasonry concepts from the Freemasons and was using them in his own LDS rituals [temple rituals] including using the two main Freemason symbols [compass and square] markings on their own LDS underwear and certainly the local Freemasons would not approve of it.} (D. Michael Quinn, *The Mormon Hierarchy: Origins of Power*, 146). Why would he do this if he were about to die a martyr's death for his testimony? Joseph, Hyrum and others drank wine while singing songs in Carthage Jail (*History of the Church*, 7:101). Why would Joseph disobey the [LDS] Word of Wisdom, a direct [LDS] revelation from God, if he knew he was very soon to stand before that God for judgment and be required to give an account of his behavior? **Joseph sent an order to the [LDS-Mormon] Nauvoo Legion instructing an [LDS] attack on Carthage Jail to free the prisoners. When the mob approached, Joseph mistook them for his [Mormon Legion] liberators and told the frightened jailer, "Don't trouble yourself, they have come to rescue me" (Quinn, 141). Why would Joseph have made plans for, and expected, his escape if he knew he was going to die? Joseph had and used a gun defensively during the attack (*History of the Church*, 7:101-103). Why would he bother to fend off his attackers if he was going "like a lamb to the slaughter" and knew he was about to die? When Joseph's gun ran out of ammunition {jammed - approximately 3 of six shots were fired by Joseph Smith from one of two smuggled pistols - by most accounts hitting three people from the mob eventually killing two one who died from his wound in the arm and another after being seriously wounded in the face while less seriously wounding a third person in the shoulder - source: <http://www.i4m.com/think/history/carthage-jail-smith.htm>} he [Joseph Smith] ran to the [second story] window [in back of the jail] and, using the Masonic distress code ["O Lord My God! Is there no help for the widow's son?"], called for help from fellow Masons who might have been in the mob (see E. Cecil McGavin, *Mormonism and Masonry*, 16-17). Why would he call for help if he knew his destiny was to die that day? Indeed, if Joseph knew his death was imminent, why did he not just give himself up for the safety of his friends who were with him? After the deaths of Joseph and Hyrum, the LDS Church was in crisis. No clear direction for succession in leadership had been set in place. This lack of direction resulted in many schisms and breakaway Mormon groups all claiming to be God's only true church. If Joseph knew he was never to return from Carthage Jail, why didn't he definitively name a successor before his death? Did Joseph Smith know he was going to Carthage to die? The circumstances and Joseph's behavior surrounding his death make that seem highly unlikely. This is yet another faith-promoting Mormon myth employed to persuade people to pin their eternal hopes to what is ultimately a lie. ... Comments: David on June 24th, 2010 - Sharon, Let me play a little Devil's Advocate. I think it is fairly obvious that Joseph and company had a good idea that they might die if they went to jail. Is anyone disputing this? This was possibly a reason, or even the reason, why they were about to flee into the rocky mountains. Even if Joseph was interested in clearing his name at trial, he was not obliged to turn himself in as his safety was far from guaranteed as the historical record demonstrates. Granted, I think Joseph was engaged in at least one, and possibly multiple illegal activities (the destruction of the printing press {extensive bank-money fraud (Joseph Smith's Kirtland Bank Failure - "An illegal bank created by Joseph Smith")}) being the foremost), but the state is supposed to be better than mere criminals and on that day it was not. ... Sharon on June 24th, 2010 - David, I'm on the road so this will be quick, but I'm gonna push back a little on this. I do not believe Joseph and Hyrum thought they were going to die at Carthage. I think there is plenty of evidence that suggests they thought they would either be liberated by the Nauvoo Legion, or, by Habeas Corpus which had worked so well for Joseph many times before. As for the WoW, true it was not yet a commandment, yet God did allegedly give specific directions regarding alcohol which Joseph disregarded in that situation. And last quick point, I think the context of the frontier is important to keep in mind, yet we need to be careful to not go too far. Yes, there was mob justice, but even so, history shows that the people *generally* wanted to solve things within the law (demonstrated, perhaps, by your surprise that the violence was not worse than it was).

<http://blog.mrm.org/2010/06/imminent-martyrdom/>

{Flashback} HOTM: Heart of the Matter a Live One Hour Call-in Show - 06/23/2009 Episode 171 Mountain Meadows Pt VII - at about 27 minutes into the show during the call-in portion Danny from Georgia calls in and among other things comments that "he is believing for the Lord to change millions of lives" [Danny is in a sense prophesying that millions of people are about to come out of the LDS organization and into true Christianity. Is the LDS about to come crashing down as a failed, bankrupt organization? I hope so and I certainly agree with Danny and Heart of the Matter on this one!] {Though the Basic Christian ministry is not a part of the ministry to the LDS movement it does join in prayer and in the hope that millions of people will be delivered from the LDS and into the glorious light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Note: Basic Christian is a Theology, Bible Study and Current Events ministry and sometimes the current events involve LDS issues. Above all the Basic Christian ministry is a Servant Ministry serving people by providing Links, Information and Resources to Christian material. - The Basic Christian ministry is not a Leadership ministry, not a Teaching ministry and not a Counseling ministry. The Basic Christian ministry does seek to use the Spiritual gifts of Discernment, Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom in its ministry capacity.} (Online Video - Mp4 and Mp3 Downloads)

About Heart of the Matter: Started in early 2006, Heart of the Matter is a TV show produced in the Mecca of Mormonism, Salt Lake City. It's where Mormonism meets Biblical Christianity face to face! Shawn McCraney, the host of Heart of the Matter, provides great entertainment value and valuable knowledge of Mormonism and what it means to be a Born-Again Christian. Shawn is the author of "I Was a Born-Again Mormon" and the pastor of Calvary Campus. -- Live One Hour Call-in Show - Airs Tuesdays 8pm MST - Rebroadcasts Tuesdays 11am MST -Salt Lake City Channel 20 KTMW - Boise, Idaho Channel 18 KCLP.

<http://hotm.tv/shows/20090623.htm>

{Flashback} Basic Christian: Christianity and the Mormon (LDS) Cult are Very Different

Mormonism (LDS) practices and engages in the longtime deceitful and illegal marketing practice of "bait and switch" to offer - bait the customer with one product and then through excuses, deceit and manipulations to steer the customer into a different inferior product. In this case Mormons universally offer Jesus, the Bible and a "truer Christianity" and then in a dishonest way switching from the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Bible to the teachings of Joseph Smith and others. The Mormon Church is deliberately trying to avoid their true identity as a Mormon cult and is instead representing themselves as something they are not, which is true Christian followers of Jesus. Following are a few considerations as to why Mormonism is a cult and in no way resembles Christianity.

http://www.basicchristian.org/christian_mormon.html

Verse-by-Verse Commentary with Dr. Grant C. Richison exposes the mind of God to the mind of man by expounding individual books of God's Word verse-by-verse (PDFs)

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Verse-by-Verse Commentary is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. ... NEW EXPOSITION BOOK: We finished the exposition on Ruth (in the process editing). Matthew still in process of editing as well. Romans is our next book. Browse Studies by Book and Verse - 3000 studies and 6000 pages (PDFs) available free!

David Payne Drama - [Apostle Paul] Prisoner of Passion - Payne delivers a powerful and inspiring presentation as Paul the Apostle reflecting on his life in Christ - Preview (YouTube)

Who is David Payne? Born in London, England, David Payne discovered his calling as an actor portraying C. S. Lewis in the stage production of Shadowlands at Nashville's prestigious Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Acclaimed for the power, sensitivity, and authenticity of his portrayal of C. S. Lewis in the shows Shadowlands, In Search of Joy, and Weep for Joy, Payne now tours the U.S. performing his Lewis-inspired repertoire, which also includes his characterization of "Professor Daemon" in Target Practice - a show that found its inspiration from Lewis's The Screwtape Letters. More recently, he has starred as Aslan the Lion in U.S. tours of The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe and The Magician's Nephew. His latest stage production is Prisoner of Passion. Drawing from the Pauline epistles and using the text of the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) translation, Payne delivers a powerful and inspiring presentation as Paul the apostle reflecting on his life in Christ. For more information, visit Payne's Ministry, Rising Image. Visit DavidPayneDrama on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DavidPayneDrama#p/a>

Heartlight.org [Daily Devotions] Facebook App

We're excited to announce our new free Facebook application which lets you read, discuss, and share all of our daily devotionals and articles using your Facebook account. You can choose which of these resources are accessible to you in Facebook, including our daily graphics. You can find this free application here: <http://apps.facebook.com/heartlight> (email ben@heartlight.org if you have problems or questions). Please also take a moment to become a fan of heartlight and tell your friends and family about us: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/HeartlightR/121754564503401> - We have also released our new mobile version of Heartlight.org, so you can easily access our resources on iPhone, Android, BlackBerry, and other mobile devices. Take a look here: <http://www.heartlight.mobi>

<http://apps.facebook.com/heartlight>

Lighthouse Trails Interactive Forum - On June 22nd, 2010, Lighthouse Trails launched its first forum/message board

On June 22nd, 2010, Lighthouse Trails launched its first forum/message board. A great place to leave comments, talk to others, and learn more about defending the faith and understanding the look of spiritual deception. You can get to the forum by clicking here. If you want to post discussion there, you will need to register.

<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/?p=4636>

mobile-computing-news: SSD drives going mainstream - Best Buy retails two Intel SSD Drives - The X25-M available in 80GB in stores and the X25-V available in a 40GB variation {Note: These are Intel 2nd Generation (G2) [34nm] SSDs the even better with larger storage Intel 3rd Generation (G3) [25nm] SSDs will be out later this year.}

Over 800 Best Buy stores across the United States will begin carrying the award winning Intel X25-M, as well as the more 'affordable' Intel X25-V, with the X25-M available in 80GB in stores and the X25-V available in a 40GB variation. The reason these Intel SSD variations retailing in Best Buy is such a big deal is because this represents the very first time Best Buy has ever allocated shelf space to solid state drives by selling them in stores. This is an important step in the adoption of solid state drives, since a massive portion of computer components and hardware is still sold over the counter, and the mainstream presence Best Buy has may just be what this market segment needs to give it a boost.

<http://www.mobile-computing-news.co.uk/buyers-guide/5270/ssd-drives-going-mainstream-best-buy-retails-two-intel-ssd-drives.html>

Engadget: Intel swings 25nm [G3 SSD] factory doors open for a tour de fab

Intel and Micron's recent announcement that their collective superhero body, appropriately named IM Flash, is sampling 25nm flash chips has been accompanied with a whirlwind tour of their Utah production facilities for a few lucky journalists. PC Perspective bring us the atmospheric photo above, along with some videos, as they prance about one of the most hallowed (and cleanest) environments known to gadget lovers. Apart from the die shrink, the lads also discuss Intel's reputed plans for a G3 SSD refresh some time "later this year" with snappier controllers onboard, which apparently was echoed by Micron who also intend to pump out faster processors with their SSD products. While you wait for all that to happen, hit the source link to find out how and where the stuff that gets put inside SSDs is made.

<http://www.engadget.com/2010/02/03/intel-swings-25nm-factory-doors-open-for-a-tour-de-fab/>

Wikipedia: Microsoft Windows Live SkyDrive - Windows Live SkyDrive is part of Microsoft's Windows Live range of online [cloud computing - cloud storage] services - Publicly-shared files do not require a Windows Live ID to access (.docx file downloads)

Windows Live SkyDrive (initially Windows Live Folders) is part of Microsoft's Windows Live range of online services. SkyDrive is a file storage and sharing service that allows users to upload files to the computing cloud, then access them from a web browser. It uses Windows Live ID to control access to the user's files, allowing them to keep the files private, share with contacts, or make the files public. Publicly-shared files do not require a Windows Live ID to access. ... RSS feeds: It is possible to subscribe to RSS feeds of the content of public folders. The feeds contain preview images of the added files - either a thumbnail of an image or an icon representing the file type - and links to the file download pages. ... Download as .zip file: Entire directories can [also] be downloaded as a single .zip file with this feature. This feature is found in the "More" dropdown menu.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Live_SkyDrive

Basic Christian - via Microsoft Skydrive Online Storage | Share Files with Shared Folders | Windows Live SkyDrive - File Downloads Available (File - .docx - MS Word 2010) {Note: Select the blue File Tab then the Download Option to download. - Also Note: All the files download by default in Protected Mode and start in Protected Mode when first opened but can be edited after opening by selecting edit mode.}

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<http://cid-4d902fa26862aee3.office.live.com/browse.aspx/.Documents/Basic%20Christian>

***Update: Starting soon [now in effect] Basic Christian is uploading version 2010 .docx MS Word files and will [has] discontinued uploading the 2007 MS Word version**

Note: Currently Basic Christian files are uploaded to the internet in (MS Word format) .doc [MS Word 2003] and .docx [MS Word 2007 format]. With the current release of MS Word 2010 the .docx extension remains however the 2007 version and the 2010 version of MS Word are different and possibly incompatible. The .doc [MS Word 2003] version will continue to be uploaded and the new .docx [MS Word 2010] version will be uploaded replacing the .docx [MS Word 2007] version.

<http://basicchristian.org/>

Holiness (Mp3)

A Christian music with message compilation.

<http://www.christianfaithdownloads.com/mp3s/>

The Amber May Show - End Times Part 1 &2 (Mp3s)

This show looks at the End Times. Many people believe we are in the last days now and that God in all his glory will arrive on scene any day. May that is true but maybe it's not. Check this program out.

<http://theambermayshow.podbean.com/2010/06/08/the-amber-may-show-end-times-part-1/>

AnswersInGenesis.org: Counterfeit Reality with Bill Jack - Parts 1 & 2 (Online Video)

Shot live before 300 teens and embellished with cutting-edge comic book style animation, Demolishing Strongholds features four highly engaging speakers: Ken Ham, Bill Jack, Charles Ware, and Carl Kerby. Each will prepare your students to stand firm on the authority of God's Word, and each will equip and challenge them to activate their faith!

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/media/video/ondemand>

SPIRITUALITY WITHOUT BOUNDARIES (A Reformed View Commentary on Individual Holiness) - We

are saved [individual salvation] by grace, through faith [in Jesus Christ] (Ephesians 2:8) - We are [also] sanctified [our continuing individual holiness (Christian Maturity) in] the same way [by our faith in the completed and accomplished works of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:10)] - *The people who really do love God and want to please Him often feel that they do not [do enough,] give enough and likely do not love [Him] enough - [Rick Warren and] Whitney's message [takes advantage of our natural guilt of not doing enough to please God but] is only abusive to those that believe him-much as the (ancient practice of the) sale of indulgences only abused those that believed indulgences were effective in sanctifying the dead [in a made-up purgatory] - Reformed Theology [in theory] exists to resist the processes [of self guilt] that led Luther to despair as he tried every practice the church had to offer for achieving [his own personal] holiness [until Luther found a personal trust and relationship with Jesus Christ] - {Note: I find Reformed Theology to be excessively human focused, man exalting and man centered i.e. John Calvin, [John MacArthur, R. C. Sproul and many others] and not as focused on the presence, workings, gifting, reality, equality, leading and empowerment all freely given of God [the Father, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit] that the Bible directs us to be.}

Before I begin my critique, I want to place before you the areas where Whitney and I agree. Whitney has the gospel right and explains it (Whitney: 28). He is correct that it is the Holy Spirit who imparts a desire for holiness and does so for all Christians. He is correct that the purpose of sanctification is to conform us to the image of Christ. Some of the practices he endorses are valid means of grace (such as the Word of God and prayer). He cites in valid ways many orthodox teachers from church history. He understands that evangelism includes the call to repent and believe and that sharing the gospel constitutes "success" even if people refuse to listen (Whitney: 103). I appreciated his emphasis on the need to study the Bible in a scholarly way in his chapter about learning. And his thesis that we ought to make holiness a priority and take action to that end is a valid implication of his theme verse: "Discipline yourself for the purpose of "godliness" (1 Timothy 4:7). But I disagree with the manner in which Whitney uses Paul's athletic metaphor in his applications. Paul implies neither asceticism nor sanctification by human effort. Had Whitney's book been written when I was in Bible College, it would have proven toxic to me. I would have eaten up his ideas and embarked on a plan to put into practice everything he teaches. In fact, taken as a whole, the errors I pursued as a young Christian would be the most practical way to implement Whitney's approach to holiness: join a Christian commune or a monastery. I am very concerned that Whitney will harm young Christians who wish to be the best Christians they can be, just as I was. Because it contains the true gospel and begins with a respect for the scriptures, I believe Whitney's book to be even more seductive than were the teachers I was reading-like Watchman Nee. *Ordinary life [reality] does not lend itself to the [staged] high level practice of asceticism, pietism, and mysticism [emotions and feelings]. The problems with Whitney's book are these: serious category errors, a lack of boundaries, failure to understand the means of grace, pragmatism, the endorsement of false teachers such as Richard Foster and Dallas Willard without caveat, and his own toned-down version of mysticism. I shall proceed to show what I mean by interacting with his ideas. ... So Whitney is out of bounds to tell us we must do certain things that are not in the Bible if we want to achieve godliness on no other grounds than he said so. He provides arguments in order to justify some of his other practices, but shabby and weak arguments are not valid and should not be heeded. For example, when he teaches us to practice journaling he says this: "Though journaling is not commanded in Scripture, it is modeled" ... The writing of the Psalms and Lamentations was not done because God had made a general promise that if people of faith were to write a journal about their own feelings, experiences, and issues, that God would thereby sanctify them. David and Jeremiah were Holy Spirit-inspired Biblical authors, not people who "modeled" the practice of journaling so that others would do the same. The writers of Psalms and Lamentations wrote scripture that is binding and true. Despite Whitney's claims, our own journaling is a product of our imaginations-and not of scripture. Scripture is a valid means of sanctification and our own imaginative writings are not. ... We see the same problem in Whitney's claim that stewardship is a spiritual discipline. Yes, we are required to be stewards of all we have, including time and money, which Whitney discusses. True Christians are those who have died with Christ to the world and all its claims on us. But do we make ourselves stewards by spending more time in spiritual activities and giving away as much of our money as possible? Or do we put ourselves under God's means of grace, by faith, and as we study and believe the Bible, become stewards by God's grace? I consider Whitney's teaching on giving to be abusive. Paul refers to giving as a "gracious work" in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. That means that when God performs a work of grace, people become generous and eager to give. But Paul specifically says that giving is voluntary. Whitney says, "The proportion of your income that you give back to God is one distinct indication of how much you trust Him to provide for your needs. ... Donald Whitney is not teaching people to give everything away and move into a commune. He is, however, teaching Christians to think like those who give everything away and move into some equivalent of a monastery. As I read his book I thought about what happened to me when I thought that way. We have no way of being sure of how much we love and trust God. Only God knows. ... We are presumptuous when we create our own trials by asceticism supposedly to prove to ourselves that we trust Him. We should give and serve by His grace and not think that how much we give is a true indication that we trust God to provide for us. A person can give everything away and yet not trust God on His terms at all. ... When I met with Rick Warren at the end of his 2008 Summit for his PEACE plan, Chris Rosebrough was there as well. He had sat through every session for several days and told Warren that what he heard day after day was "do more, sacrifice more, give more, etc.," but that he did not hear about the forgiveness of sins. Chris told Warren that he admits that he fails, doesn't serve enough, lacks self-discipline in some ways, and certainly has guilt. But, he said, Warren's program apparently offers nothing in the way of the cleansing of sin and hope for those

who know they fall short. When I followed up and specifically asked Warren if he believed in the means of grace, he answered "Of course I do." If Whitney were asked, he likely would give the same answer. Chris had raised an important, pastoral consideration. The truly converted are constantly aware of their sinfulness. Ironically, the more sanctified a Christian becomes, the more he is aware of his sinfulness, and the more it troubles him. What would happen if the troubled Christian, perhaps having the "wretched man" thoughts that Paul expressed, picked up Whitney's book on spiritual disciplines looking for hope and believed what he read there? I see only two reasonable outcomes: hopelessness or self-righteousness. If he is totally honest, the outcome must be hopeless. Pastorally we must offer hope, not an illegitimate method. The hope is found [only] through the [eternal life] blood of Christ. The means of grace include the Lord's Supper because that reminds us of the reason for our hope. -- There are many similarities between Whitney's book and many portions of The Purpose Driven Life. Unless you start with a theology of innate human ability, neither book makes much sense. Whitney makes the analogy of a boy who wants to play a guitar. *The boy is given a vision by an angel [vs. the reality of God the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:10-13)] of an accomplished guitar player. The guitar playing dazzles the boy with amazement at its quality. Then the angel tells him that the person playing is him in a few years, but he must practice (Whitney: 15, 16). The idea is that if you have vision of what you will become, you will be motivated to put in all the effort. The analogy itself smacks of works righteousness. Whitney claims that Romans 8:29 supports his analogy. This is patently false because in context, **being conformed to the image of Christ is a certainty because of what God [Father, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit] does in every believer and not contingent on various levels of effort between believers. Furthermore, world-class guitar players begin with innate abilities that must be developed, and I agree that if that person works hard and has great teaching and is given opportunities he will do well. ***But we begin with no innate ability to be holy. ***Even as believers holiness does not come from innate ability plus practice, but from God's work [Father, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit] of grace. The analogy inculcates an attitude of works righteousness even if Whitney (like Rick Warren) denies believing such.

<http://apprising.org/2010/06/18/donald-whitney-and-spiritual-disciplines-spirituality-without-boundaries/>

Bible verse: Matthew 13:43 Then shall the Righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of [God] their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. {The complete Bible is available at ChristianFaithDownloads.com}

Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his [the oppressor - ultimately Satan] burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing [personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ]. - Isaiah 58:6-14 Is not this the fast that I [God] have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy [prayers] house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own [shortcomings] flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy Righteousness shall go before thee; the Glory of the LORD [Jesus Christ] shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call [in prayer], and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I Am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke [coercion of others], the putting forth of the finger [manipulation of others], and speaking vanity [false and empty talk]; And if thou draw out thy soul [in compassion] to the hungry, and satisfy [attend to] the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot [self ways] from [during] the Sabbath [rest and trust in God], from doing thy pleasure on My Holy Day [every day for the Christian]; and call the Sabbath [trust and rest in God] a delight, the Holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour Him [Jesus Christ], not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob {Jacob (stumbler) was renamed (Genesis 32:28) by God to Israel (submitted to God) - God knows that we are ALL stumblers just like Jacob but those who look to God and have a personal relationship with God [and even strive with God] as Jacob did we will be accepted by God and renamed by God (Revelation 2:17)} thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. - Matthew 13:43 Then shall the Righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of [God] their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. -- Holy Bible

<http://www.ChristianFaithDownloads.com/>

VFTB: Sarah Leslie - Discernment Nazis! (Mp3)

CHRISTIANS WHO oppose dominion theology, the heretical idea that Christ isn't coming back until we take over the Earth (starting with America, of course), are no better than Nazi collaborators or Communist sympathizers. That's according to Janet Porter, who made those claims last week in her column at WorldNetDaily and an interview on KFOX radio in San Francisco. Sarah Leslie of Discernment Ministries was the target of Porter's hit piece, which is odd considering that Sarah, far from being a closet Christian, is the former head of Iowa Right to Life and a pioneer of the homeschooling movement. We discussed where dominion theology deviates from scripture, why it's dangerous, and how Christians should engage and try to change the culture. Recommended listening: Sarah's interview with Ingrid Schlueter on the Crosstalk radio program.

<http://vftb.net/?p=3772>

Crosstalk: Ingrid Schlueter with Sarah Leslie - The Gospel is More Important than America (Mp3)

Sarah Leslie is an author and researcher, a member of the board of directors of Discernment Ministries and also a member of the Discernment Research Group. On May 3, Crosstalk aired a program dealing with the May Day event held at the Lincoln Memorial. Ingrid and Sarah brought to listener attention a movement known as the New Apostolic Reformation. The program exposed teachers such as Dutch Sheets, Chuck Pierce, and false "prophetesses" Cindy Jacobs and Stacey Campbell whose teachings revolve around the New Apostolic Reformation. It's a movement centered around a theology of dominionism that asks for a renewal of America based upon the idea that Christ's work on the cross wasn't finished. Janet Porter of Faith 2 Action was a key organizer of this event. Recently she wrote a piece called, "Christians" for the Separation of Church and State?" where she criticized Discernment Ministries and their herescope blogsite; falsely criticizing them for being "highly critical of any Christian group that engages in any type of political or cultural activity." Sarah explains that Porter not only brought in mainstream Christian leaders, but also some of the deceptive leaders from the New Apostolic Reformation, giving them the mainstream recognition they've been seeking.

http://www.crosstalkamerica.com/shows/2010/06/the_gospel_is_more_important_t.php

*****Highly Recommended - Bible versions Controversy EXPLAINED - find out the MAJOR differences (Mp3)**

Can you trust the new versions? before you say yes, you need to hear this message. learn where they came from, who is behind them, and HEAR ACTUAL AUDIO FROM CHUCK SWENDOL, DR. D.A.WAITE AND OTHERS... Learn what you need to know before you use that new [deceptive] bible version.

<http://www.christianfaithdownloads.com/mp3s/>

Verse by Verse with Mike and Chris - Chris and Mike begin a new study in the book of Galatians (Mp3)

Verse by Verse Bible Teaching Podcast and Links.

<http://versebyversebibleteaching.com>

The Berean Chronicles - Podcast Archive (Mp3's)

Our mission here at The Berean Chronicles is to expose the Apostate Church, to equip the Saints with Truth, Knowledge, and Wisdom to be the Salt and Light Christ Jesus has called us to be. With the TRUTH given out on this talk show, we pray it will lead all who listen who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to the Saving knowledge.

<http://thebereanchronicles.podomatic.com/>

EPISODE 51 - Sword of the Spirit: Update from CJ (Mp3)

This is a show that I did to let everyone know what's been going on with me and why I haven't done a show in a while.

<http://revelationsradionetwork.com/podcasts/sword-of-the-spirit.html>

PREEMPTION BROADCAST with Russ Dizdar - REVELATION THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE (Mp3s)

FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE...THE RED HORSE....CHAOS and human slaughter.

<http://preemptionbroadcast.podomatic.com/>

DR. JOHN PIPER AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS - Apprising Ministries now brings you a follow up to Questions Concerning Dr. John Piper where I told you that when Dr. Piper made the ill-advised decision to invite Leadership Network's propped-up Purpose Driven Pope Rick Warren to DG 2010 [Desiring God National Conference, October 1-3 in Minneapolis] as a keynote speaker it set off a rippling effect where people, and not merely discernment ministries, have started to look a little closer at his theology, educational background, and associations; e.g. his charismatic bent, Fuller Theological Seminary, and the late Ralph Winter - Unfortunately it got even worse when Dr. Piper decided to defend his decision: At root I think [Rick Warren] is theological and doctrinal and sound - There's also no doubt that Warren himself promotes CSM, e.g. Rick Warren, Saddleback Church, And Spiritual Disciplines, which now seems to shed some light on the DG 2010 invitation - This opposition to the Bible is SOP [Standard Operating Procedure] for mystics as I explained in Tony Campolo: "Christian Mysticism (Emotions and Feelings)" Trumps (goes one better than) The Bible [and presumably (Matthew 24:24, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) the coming false signs, wonders and miracles will then trump the individual mysticism]

As I've asked before, just how apostate do you have to be in order for apostates to consider you apostate? But here's an important point building upon what Fisher just told us concerning the rebirth of interest in mysticism during the 1960's and 70's; in *Root Of This New Downgrade* I told you that those of us who've studied mysticism and liberal theology know that this rebirth of mysticism-precisely the same neo-Gnosticism taught in Foster-Willardism-would spread into the ecumenical movement of mainline denominations, and then into evangelicalism with the charismatic revival as it then traveled through the Jesus People/Movement circa early 1970's, and also into what became the Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission, which launched the man-centered Church Growth Movement. Which brings us back around to unanswered questions concerning Dr. John Piper and books by false prophet C. Peter Wagner, as well as books by the main purveyors of spurious CSM Richard Foster and Dallas Willard in the library Online catalog of Bethlehem Baptist Church (BBC) where Dr. John Piper is listed as "Vocational Elder; Pastor for Preaching & Vision; Chancellor, Bethlehem College and Seminary." In the video below Dr. Piper is asked what he thinks about corrupt Contemplative/Centering Prayer (CCP); CCP is the crowing jewel of spurious CSM and a type of meditation in an altered state of consciousness, which itself is a form of neo-Gnosticism that flowered in the antibiblical monastic traditions of apostate Roman Catholicism. Considering what Dr. Piper has to say about CCP, although for me he seemed a bit evasive, the following books in the BBC library Online catalog would seem to sow some confusion as to what Dr. Piper's position actually is. Remember my question concerning apostates considering apostates apostate; well, here's Madame Guyon's ode to CCP, *Experiencing the Depths of Jesus Christ*: ... This opposition to the Bible is SOP for mystics as I explained in Tony Campolo: "Christian Mysticism" Trumps The Bible; and the leading online apologetics and discernment ministry Lighthouse Trails Research (LTR) points out that Manning "says that Dr. Beatrice Bruteau is a 'trustworthy guide to contemplative consciousness.'" ... Unfortunately, when Dr. Piper made his error of inviting Rick Warren to DG 2010, it has raised more unanswered questions, could Dr. Piper possibly have been more influenced by C. Peter Wagner, of the New Apostolic Reformation and formerly Fuller Theological Seminary, than we may have known? Perhaps all the more likely when we consider that both Dr. John Piper and C. Peter Wagner were both quite taken with the late "mission engineer" Ralph Winter; as was Rick Warren. There's also no doubt that Warren himself promotes CSM, e.g. Rick Warren, Saddleback Church, *And Spiritual Disciplines*, which now seems to shed some light on the DG 2010 invitation. As I said before, it's beginning to look like Dr. Piper has a lot more in common with Rick Warren already than we even knew. Again I point you to what Dr. Piper said in his defense of the Warren invitation, "I just think he could put me to shame with his aggressively, in-your-life, transformative discipling of his church." From my ongoing research into all of this, I'll tell you that our key to seeing a deeper connection with all of these men, and maybe even a motive as to why Dr. Piper made his invitation to invite Rick Warren into the Reformed camp, just might lie in the little phrase "transformative discipling of his church."

<http://apprising.org/2010/06/17/dr-john-piper-and-unanswered-questions/>

***UPDATE* [May 10, 2010] LIBERTY UNIVERSITY [LU] FORMS INQUIRY COMMITTEE ABOUT ERGUN CANER - "In light of the fact that several newspapers [alerted by two bloggers one Christian blogger (Dr. James White - Phoenix, AZ) and one Muslim blogger (Mohammad Khan - London, England)] have raised questions, we felt it necessary to initiate a formal inquiry" Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. said - an official inquiry with a goal of issuing its conclusions by the end of June [30, 2010]**

This is a short follow up to Has Muslim Convert Dr. Ergun Caner Been Exposed As A Jihadi Fraud? here at Apprising Ministries. It's beginning to appear that we may actually find the answer to that question after all. *Update* Now here's the very latest from News & Events on Committee formed to investigate Caner statements at Liberty University itself: Liberty University's Provost Dr. Ron Godwin is forming a committee to investigate a series of accusations against Ergun Caner, president of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. The allegations have questioned public statements Caner has made regarding the details of his personal life story. Godwin is forming a committee to conduct an official inquiry with a goal of issuing its conclusions by the end of June. Following inquiries from several members of the mainstream media, Liberty decided to initiate its own investigation. "In light of the fact that several newspapers have raised questions, we felt it necessary to initiate a formal inquiry," Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. said.

<http://apprising.org/2010/05/10/liberty-forms-inquiry-committee-about-ergun-caner/>

Pastor Bryant Wright elected SBC president - Wright wins runoff for SBC president {Congratulations to SBC President Pastor Bryant Wright (Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, GA) [second term - first term in 2005] and Congratulations to Executive Committee President Frank Page. The SBC will have good leadership in Pastor Bryant Wright and the SBC Executive Committee will have good oversight in Frank Page.}

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention messengers Tuesday afternoon elected Atlanta-area pastor Bryant Wright as their next president. Bryant Wright, senior pastor of the 7,600 member Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., won the run-off election for president of the Southern Baptist Convention with 55 percent of the vote. More than 7,660 messengers voted during the June 15 election at the 153rd annual meeting of the SBC at the Orange Country Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

<http://www.bpnews.net/BPnews.asp?ID=33149>

[SBC] Amended GCR report passes easily - [significant amendment] 'We affirm that designated giving to special causes is to be given *as a supplement to the Cooperative Program (CP) and *not as a substitute for Cooperative Program giving'

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention messengers overwhelmingly adopted the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report Monday afternoon after it was amended twice to strengthen the language regarding the Cooperative Program. -- By an estimated 3-to-1 margin, the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report was adopted June 15 by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. After the historic vote, task force chairman Ronnie Floyd recalled the statement issued by northern and southern Baptists after the 1845 founding of the Southern Baptist Convention and told the assembly: "Following the pattern of our leaders of old, we also would say to the watching world that the differences between those who support the Great Commission Resurgence report and recommendations and those who do not should not be exaggerated. "We are still brothers and sisters in Christ. We differ on no article of faith. We are guided by our shared commitment to the Gospel itself and to the articles of faith identified in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. The Southern Baptist Convention is a convention of churches that is committed to a missional vision of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world and to make disciples of all the nations. We are a Great Commission people." The seven recommendations of the report were adopted on a show of ballots after about an hour and a half of debate, with one significant amendment. ... "Not to divide the body of Southern Baptists but to find some common ground on which we can stand for the sake of God's Kingdom, I would like to add this sentence that would state that 'We affirm that designated giving to special causes is to be given as a supplement to the Cooperative Program and not as a substitute for Cooperative Program giving.' "I would agree with this," Waters said, "and hope this could provide a pathway forward to finding us as people who love missions and evangelism, for the sake of Jesus Christ." Messengers adopted the proposed amendment with a show of ballots.

<http://www.bpnews.net/BPnews.asp?ID=33150>

**Open Letter to Southern Baptists about the GCRTF Recommendations by Dr. Morris H. Chapman
June 4, 2010 - The solution to our Convention's greatest need lies in multiple pockets [agendas] of personal repentance, evangelistic recommitment at the personal and local church level, and willing obedience to the commands of Christ - Real revival will not issue from a mere rewording of our mission statement**

An open letter to Southern Baptists has been released by Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, regarding issues to be decided at the convention's June 15-16 annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. The full text of Chapman's letter follows assessing the recommendations of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force: ... I am concerned that if the Convention approves the task force recommendations, it will be embarking upon a harmful course. I, like the task force, believe that the Convention can and should do better. But unlike the task force, I do not believe the answer lies in the recommendations it proposes. The solution to our Convention's greatest need lies in multiple pockets of personal repentance, evangelistic recommitment at the personal and local church level, and willing obedience to the commands of Christ. Real revival will not issue from a mere rewording of our mission statement. Our core values, already recorded in Scripture, are God-breathed and sufficient. Our giving methods have proven their worth by providing for the largest mission forces (overseas and domestic) in history and the most expansive seminary system in the world. In fact, in the past our churches have produced twice the baptisms on half the revenue contributed to the SBC, so merely reallocating a few resources at the SBC level will not solve our underlying problems. We must concentrate on the only real solution. That solution is not structural, procedural, financial, or methodological. It is spiritual. And if we approve the task force report, we will be saying, as a Convention, that we believe our future performance lies in some realm other than the spiritual. ... It can be confusing when strongly expressed positions exist among people who love the Lord Jesus Christ with their whole hearts. But while I fully agree with the preamble of the task force's preliminary report, I cannot affirm their recommendations. I am firmly convinced that none of the recommendations will move us forward for the kind of spiritual renewal that must take place if we are to see an abundant harvest take place in our local churches. At most, they will merely make us feel as if we have done something, when we haven't. ... As I leave my post, my continued prayer until I go to see Jesus will be that God will blanket Southern Baptists with a spirit-empowered spiritual awakening that shall spread from coast to coast and beyond. If spiritual awakening of this magnitude were to come before I die, I will spend the rest of my years on earth praising God for answering the prayers of His people. Please read "A Better Way Ahead." Consider its contents and determine for yourself whether any or all of them seem better alternatives to those promoted by the task force. And if they do, as the Lord leads, feel free to offer one or more of them as substitute recommendations at the appropriate time. ~ Your brother in Christ, Morris H. Chapman

<http://baptist2baptist.net/gcr/articles/MHC-06-04b-10.asp>

Floyd: [SBC] GCRTF has changed wording of component three heading - "Encouraging Cooperative Program and Other Great Commission Giving" rather than its previous heading, "Celebrating and Empowering Great Commission Giving"

ORLANDO (FBW) - On the eve of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force's report to the Southern Baptist Convention, Chairman Ronnie Floyd announced to state Baptist newspaper editors a change in the heading of component three to reflect the committee's support of the Cooperative Program. Floyd told the Association of State Baptist Papers June 14 that component three will now carry the heading, "Encouraging Cooperative Program and Other Great Commission Giving," rather than its previous heading, "Celebrating and Empowering Great Commission Giving." ... Commenting on opposition to the report, Floyd said that some confusion resulted from unclear communication by the task force while other confusion occurred because people misunderstood the committee's intentions. Yet meetings with state convention leaders helped the task force communicate its vision more clearly and end some of the strife, according to Floyd. He acknowledged that opposition from the Executive Committee proved challenging but said all the discussion and dissent ultimately contributed to refining the report. "This is not a perfect report," he said. "Nobody has ever stood up and said it's a perfect report. We're going to find out tomorrow how imperfect it is in some ways, and that's OK. We've been willing to change along the way. We have never dug our feet in the ground and said, 'No.' We have tried our very best to be willing. And if the Lord so chooses to do something to change it tomorrow to be better, then so be it." Floyd said the presentation of the report will last approximately 30 minutes with the remainder of the task force's hour and forty-five minute time slot allotted for discussion.

[SBC] Real change requires a 'different spirit' - Later during the meeting this week, [outgoing SBC President] Hunt will present findings from the Great Commission Resurgence (GCR) Task force to messengers [delegates] and will encourage them to adopt the recommendations, which call for more resources [leaving traditional churches and] targeting [pseudo] evangelism around the nation and around the world {Note: There seems to be no shortage of a 'different spirit' at the 2010 SBC - There is a spirit of deceptive closed door committee elections along with a spirit of manipulation, coercion, public peer pressure and vague misrepresentations bordering on outright deception.}

The [outgoing] president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) exhorted delegates [at] the denomination's annual business meeting to step out in faith and not allow unbelief or manmade obstacles to squelch God-sized dreams. Dr. Johnny Hunt delivered the annual president's address Tuesday morning to thousands of SBC "messengers" (delegates) gathered in Orlando. He preached from the Old Testament book of Numbers and used the characters Caleb and Joshua as examples of two people who stood against popular opinion and encouraged Israel to take the Promised Land. "Isn't that amazing?" asked Hunt. "God placed in this leader a different spirit. I'm telling you, in the name of Jesus, if things are going to change, it can't be the same. Somebody's got to have a different spirit; somebody's got to say we can go, we can take, we can overcome." Later during the meeting this week, Hunt will present findings from the Great Commission Resurgence Task force to messengers and will encourage them to adopt the recommendations, which call for more resources targeting evangelism around the nation and around the world.

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Church/Default.aspx?id=1051210>

[SBC] Executive Committee elects Frank Page president [president/CEO - SBC Executive Committee] in closed session - Outside the meeting, rumors spread that some Executive Committee members objected to the process used to select Chapman's replacement and questioned Page's involvement as a member of the SBC's {Ponzi Scheme like in appearance} Great Commission Resurgence (GCR) Task Force

ORLANDO, Fla. (ABP) - The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted in a closed session June 14 to elect former SBC president Frank Page as the organization's next president and CEO, replacing Morris Chapman, who retires Sept. 30 after 18 years. Page, 57, becomes president/CEO-elect July 1 and takes office Oct. 1. He currently serves as vice president of evangelization for the SBC North American Mission Board, a post he took in October 2009 after serving as a local-church pastor for more than 30 years. Randall James, chairman of the Executive Committee, requested deliberation about Page's election be discussed in executive session as a "personnel matter." He said that several members of the committee expressed a desire to close the session. One member, Stephen Wilson of Kentucky, objected that the Executive Committee should conduct its business in the open, but a large majority supported the recommendation to ask observers of the meeting, including media, to leave. Executive Committee members questioned Page, who as SBC president in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 was an ex-officio member of the committee, in private for more than an hour before dismissing him for prayer and the vote. Outside the meeting, rumors spread that some Executive Committee members objected to the process used to select Chapman's replacement and questioned Page's involvement as a member of the SBC's Great Commission Resurgence (GCR) Task Force. The blue-ribbon panel is bringing recommendations to the SBC's annual meeting that include reducing the Executive Committee's budget by nearly a third. Page told reporters outside the meeting room that various members of the Executive Committee saw his involvement on the task force as both a positive and a negative. "Some said I wasn't supportive enough of the GCR," he said. "Others said 'I can't believe you support any of it.'" Page also said he believes both his brief tenure at NAMB [North American Mission Board], after eight years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Taylors, S.C., and appointment to the Great Commission Task Force were providential. "I think God gave me that time to see the inside of a denomination better than I would have as a pastor," he said. "I think he let me go to NAMB to see some of the inside. I like some of it. Some of it I don't, as I've looked on the inside of the denomination. "Secondly, I think being part of the GCR at the same time helped me to provide a perspective to say NAMB has a unique missiological need. I think that was an encouragement to some on the committee to see that NAMB does have a place separately than the International Mission Board." Page said he believes the biggest reason God brought him to NAMB was to draw attention to a 10-year effort nicknamed GPS, short for "God's Plan for Sharing" the gospel message.

<http://www.abpnews.com/content/view/5236/53/>

The [SBC] Great Commission Resurgence Debate - Celebrating and Empowering Great Commission Giving (GCR) - The Task Force also encourages Southern Baptists to celebrate the total dollar amount given to Southern Baptist causes (such as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missionaries and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missionaries). Churches will report "Great Commission Giving" by recording their gifts through the Cooperative Program as well as their gifts to other Southern Baptist causes - Those who oppose this recommendation believe that the sum total of "Great Commission Giving" will dilute the value of the Cooperative Program (CP) - churches will have less reason to support the (CP) program, leading to the dismantling of the current structure and the rise of special interests {Note: even if this kind of exploitive and coercive giving [and the accompanying bait and switch fundraising tactics] wasn't unbiblical it would still be sickening by normal societal standards that prohibit exploiting vulnerable (uninformed) and underprivileged people.}

It's easy to be confused about the recommendations of the Southern Baptist Convention's Great Commission Task Force (GCR). Through state papers, blogs, and websites, the conversation about the future of the SBC has been moving at a furious pace. Hype can eventually obscure reality, leading to misunderstandings and miscommunication on the part of both camps. GCR supporters have sometimes spoken as if this resolution will be the spark of a worldwide revival that will send renewal through the SBC. GCR detractors have sometimes spoken as if these resolutions would end the SBC as we know it and destroy all our cooperative efforts. Today, the Convention will consider the Task Force's recommendations. If the pastor's conference has been any indication, it appears that there is widespread support for these recommendations. Final attendance numbers are not in yet, but to anyone who has been to the Convention's annual meetings in recent years, it is clear that the crowd is much bigger, much younger, and much more diverse. Most of the speakers at the pastor's conference on Sunday and Monday called pastors and messengers to center their churches upon the gospel and the Great Commission. Several young pastors, such as Matt Chandler (pastor of The Village in Dallas, Texas) and David Platt (pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Alabama), addressed Convention attendees. Today, Southern Baptists will vote on the recommendations of the Great Commission Task Force. Here is a summary of the report and the subsequent debate: ... 3. Celebrating and Empowering Great Commission Giving Summary: The Task Force affirms the Cooperative Program (the churches' undesignated gifts for supporting the various ministries and entities of the state and national conventions) as the central means of mobilizing our churches and extending our reach. The Task Force also encourages Southern Baptists to celebrate the total dollar amount given to Southern Baptist causes (such as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missionaries and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missionaries). Churches will report "Great Commission Giving" by recording their gifts through the Cooperative Program as well as their gifts to other Southern Baptist causes. Debate: • Those who oppose this recommendation believe that the sum total of "Great Commission Giving" will dilute the value of the Cooperative Program by elevating designated gifts for specific ministries. The result will be a return to societal giving, in which various entities will be forced to go from church to church, asking for funds. By celebrating designated giving, churches will have less reason to support the program, leading to the dismantling of the current structure and the rise of special interests. • Those who support this recommendation believe that the program is already weakened and needs to be strengthened, not by chastising churches for giving designated gifts, but by celebrating all Great Commission giving. Once churches become convinced [deceived enough] that the ministries funded by the program are worth their Great Commission dollars, they will rise to the occasion and increase giving in all areas. ... Summary: The (GTRF) Task Force recommends that the responsibility of promoting the Cooperative Program (CP) among local churches be transferred from the executive committee to the state conventions. The Executive Committee would work with the state conventions in developing a strategy for encouraging churches to increase participation and giving to the program.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2010/juneweb-only/34-21.0.html>

Christian Living - Can I take communion at home like the disciples did? YES! - Communion brings you closer to the Lord as it is to be a proclamation of what Jesus did for you - your mind and heart become saturated with the truth of who Jesus is and all that His blood purchased for you - We pay tribute and honor to Jesus when we remember Him via administering communion to [ourselves and or] one another

"Can I take communion at home like the disciples did?" YES! I will give you the scriptures that support my answer. I am familiar with the practices that surround the modern day observance of the Lord's Supper...taking communion during special times of the year, taking communion to signify the beginning of certain seasons & celebrations...and the administering of communion just before one passes from this world. I'd like to start by telling you a few important things concerning communion..the Lord's Supper..the meal that heals. Communion brings healing to your body..wholeness to your life. Communion brings you closer to the Lord as it is to be a proclamation of what Jesus did for you..your mind and heart become saturated with the truth of who Jesus is and all that His blood purchased for you. We pay tribute and honor to Jesus when we remember Him via administering communion to [ourselves and or] one another..our family, our friends, our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Quite often I have wondered (other Christian's have as well) why the modern Church doesn't seem to have all that which the early Church had..the power of God on their lives, the stick-to-it-ness or longevity when it comes to serving the Lord. I mean, we pray, we fast, we worship, we read the Bible..and yet, something seems to be missing. The answer? Daily communion [or weekly, or occasional communion]. The New Testament believers (who were the Body of Christ..as we are today) met in one another's home daily and did what Paul (in 1 Cor. 11:26) instructed them to do: "For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again. While it is common practice to take communion in a church (like you mentioned having done) we know that the Church is really the Body of Christ Jesus...the New Testament believers gathered daily..ate together daily..observed the Lord's Supper daily. Keeping Jesus (and everything Jesus did) in the forefront of their lives made them strong as a family..communion, prayer, worship & the teaching of Jesus' words became the glue that held the early Church together...and it is no different for us today.

<http://en.allexperts.com/q/Christianity-Christian-Living-1401/communion-home-disciples.htm>

Communion Bread Recipe

Communion Bread Recipe Ingredients: 1/2 cup Water (cold), 1/2 teaspoon Salt, 6 tablespoons Olive Oil, 2 cups Whole Wheat Bread Flour [unleavened - no yeast]. -- Directions: Blend first three ingredients (water, salt, oil) in blender or beat vigorously in a bowl until white. Pour into flour and mix. Turn out onto floured board and knead for 5 minutes. Roll out to 1/4-inch thick {or thinner}, mark {a cross and or squares} lightly with a pizza cutter {or a knife}, cutting most squares almost through, but leaving some to be broken {off later - if necessary for Church} by {Church} Elders {also make pierce marks or holes with a fork}. -- Bake at 275:F degrees until nicely browned; (about 45 minutes to 1 hour). Note: Leftovers are traditionally burned or buried [it's not necessary and some or all of the bread can also be eaten by itself apart from Communion as a regular flatbread and also as a bread in a fellowship with God (break bread with God) meal/snack i.e. with cheese, smoked fish, sausage, olives, artichokes or other items and snacks, possibly including (unwatered) regular grape juice {juice can of course be watered down (and probably should) but not mingled like Communion wine just watered down to taste} or wine (if preferred) to drink]. Source: Adapted from Eat for Strength - Agatha M. Thrash, M.D. This recipe from CDKitchen for Communion Bread serves/makes 200.

http://www.cdkitchen.com/recipes/recs/2/Communion_Bread16829.shtml

Baking Stone - Do you have a stone oven? We don't - But we make "stone oven" pizzas, *flatbreads [Communion Bread], and hearth breads with this pizza baking stone

For the absolutely crispiest-crust pizza and bread. Do you have a stone oven? We don't. But we make "stone oven" pizzas, flatbreads, and hearth breads with this pizza baking stone. Brick-oven baking stone absorbs the oven's heat, then transfers it to bread. Moisture disperses out through the crust, making terrific, light-textured breads and pizzas with an incredible crackly-crunchy crust. ... Cook's Illustrated Top Choice! "We tested 10 baking stones and came to prefer a fairly large one (16 by 14 inches is ideal) with smooth edges. The Baker's Catalogue Baking Stone's moderate weight and ample size make it our favorite."

<http://www.kingarthurflour.com/shop/items/pizza-baking-stone>

Baptists, combating malaise ["out of sorts" feeling], preoccupied by numbers - [Compromising (straying) from Biblical standards] Churches in America are losing ground with each successive generation - "I think the hand-wringing is driven by an angst of do we [SBC] want to join so many other [Protestant] denominations in decline?" said Ed Stetzer, president of SBC-affiliated LifeWay Research, which compiles and analyzes statistics - "In our history as Southern Baptists, we've never had the kind of malaise statistically we've had in the last five years" said Alvin Reid, professor of evangelism at Southeastern

Ask a Southern Baptist about the state of the denomination, and you'll probably get an answer with numbers in it. Numbers of baptisms in particular. And recently, declining numbers of baptisms. As members of the nation's largest Protestant denomination ready for their annual meeting next week in Orlando, Fla., statistics loom large in their plans to chart a new direction after years of malaise. "In 2008 we baptized only 75,000 teenagers," reads a new Southern Baptist report, Penetrating the Lostness. "In 1970 we baptized 140,000. Why? ... Churches in America are losing ground with each successive generation." Why are Southern Baptists so focused on statistics? Simply put, they view them as a tangible way of tracking how well they are reaching those they call the "lost" - people without Jesus Christ. "I think the hand-wringing is driven by an angst of do we want to join so many other denominations in decline?" said Ed Stetzer, president of SBC-affiliated LifeWay Research, which compiles and analyzes statistics. Stetzer has issued blunt assessments of the denomination's baptism rates and membership decline - a reversal of fortunes that some Baptists have had trouble acknowledging. In a May commentary, he reviewed the ups and downs of baptism rates over the past six decades and declared that membership has probably peaked at 16.1 million. "Blips, untended, become dips ... and dips, untended, become crypts," he warned in the commentary that appeared on Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's Between the Times blog. Other observers look at the numbers with worry. "In our history as Southern Baptists, we've never had the kind of malaise statistically we've had in the last five years," said Alvin Reid, professor of evangelism at Southeastern.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/life/religion/7046843.html>

SBC must build its Great Commission legacy [through humble individual service to Jesus Christ and not by donations or money tithed or given to SBC principals especially in the form of thinly veiled pleas and slightly disguised threats (i.e. pastors will be laid off) in requesting additional finances 'In difficult economic times' as Pastor David Uth seems to be doing], Uth says {Note: Money, pride and paid (professional) Charity work seldom mix very well and Christianity in the image of Jesus Christ is the essence of Humble Servant Charity Work. We need to be humble and be about the true reconciliation work of Jesus Christ and often that means being only in charge of ourselves and having authority only over ourselves and not having a staff, an expense account and not even having status within society all while we individually and collectively labor lovingly in God's Kingdom the True and Eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ.}

ORLANDO (FBW)-The Southern Baptist Convention sits at a crucial point in history when it must recommit to building a legacy of obedience to the Great Commission, David Uth, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, said June 13 at the SBC Pastor's Conference. "There comes a point where we say, 'This is where we want to go. This is what we want life to look like. This is what we want our legacy to be,'" Uth said. "And I really believe this convention is the defining moment for us that will determine that legacy." Preaching from Acts 20, Uth said a godly denominational legacy must include living out the Great Commission rather than merely discussing it. "As Southern Baptists, we have been saying a lot about the Great Commission all of our history," he said. "We have been saying a lot about this kind of a legacy. But at some point, saying is not enough." Uth listed three steps Southern Baptists must take in order to build a legacy that glorifies God. First, they must walk with humility. "Southern Baptists, we're not all that. We need to honor and glorify the One from whom all blessings flow. We are not all that," Uth said. "One of the things that has broken my heart is to hear people talk about their ministry and people talk about their church. People talk about this and that, 'We did this. We did that. We did this.' Let me tell you, if you've done anything worthwhile of eternal value, you didn't do it. Your Father granted it from heaven. Give Him glory." Second, they must shed tears over the lostness in the world. While Southern Baptists cry over votes that don't go their way and derailed personal ambitions, many have stopped crying over non-Christians who are on the path to hell, Uth said. Yet the multitudes who do not know Jesus should be among the greatest causes of tears, he said. ... Third, Southern Baptists must fulfill their ministry despite trials. In difficult economic times, churches and denominational entities are being forced to cut budgets, he said. In fact, First Baptist Orlando recently cut six pastoral staff members. But fulfilling the Great Commission is worth the pain of budget cuts, he said. "The church does not exist to employ people. It exists to reach the nations for God's glory. And if I could just be so bold to say, the Southern Baptist Convention does not exist to employ people. It exists to reach the nations for the glory of God. And it just might be we have to do hard things," he said. Through any trial, Jesus is enough to sustain those who are following Him, Uth said.

<http://www.gofbw.com/news.asp?ID=11850>

Criteria for Christian Communion

Criteria for Christian Communion: 1. First the 'body' (of Jesus Christ) bread [wafer] is to be unleavened (sinless), unsweetened (reality), salt (preserved), holes (pierced) and browned (bruised). 2. Second the 'blood' (of Jesus Christ) cup [grape juice, wine] is to be mingled (combined) 1/3 water with 2/3 grape [fruit of the vine]. Use three separate glasses or containers, 1 with water, 1 with grape, 1 empty. Then pour [mingle] at the same time both the grape and the water into the empty cup creating the cup of 2/3 grape mingled with 1/3 water. 3. Reading a Bible verse or passage provides the 3rd element of Communion the element of the Word of God being the Spirit of God. - Note: When the Communion bread is lifted up blessed, exalted and broken it represents the physical body of Jesus Christ on the cross then when the bread is eaten (consumed, eternalized) it represents the Spiritual [resurrection] body of Jesus Christ. Likewise when the Communion blood is mingled [grape, water] it represents the physical blood and water of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross [after His death - by the spear wound (John 19:34-35)] for the remission of our sins and then when the blood is drink (consumed, eternalized) it represents the resurrection eternal life Spiritual blood of Jesus Christ. Both [the one body] the physical (earthly) body of Jesus Christ and His eternal Spiritual Resurrection [bodily resurrection] of Jesus Christ [along with our new eternal spiritual body in Jesus Christ] are represented in the one Communion of bread and wine (grape).

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Criteria for Christian Baptism

Criteria for Christian Baptism: 1. The person being baptized confesses a personal individual faith in Jesus Christ [the Apostles' Creed, a Psalm or a Bible verse can be read or recited]. Acknowledging the sinless Divine life, sacrificial atoning death on the cross and three days later the resurrection [eternal life] of Jesus Christ. 2. The person administering the baptism is to baptize in the Name of God the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit [not in the name of any individual, group or denomination] i.e. (Matthew 28:18-20) "I baptize you in the Name of God the Father, the beloved Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit." 3. The water baptism event [submerging into water] signifies our (dying) death and burial to this world (sin and death) while then [emerging from the water] signifies our own personal resurrection with eternal life in Jesus Christ entering into a new life in the eternal Kingdom of God. - Note: The water baptism [and accompanying confession of faith] is the Biblical public confession of faith for each individual Christian and is not to be confused with an alter call that although being a public stand it is not in its entirety the Biblical confession of faith.

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Bible verse: 1 John 5:1-21 ... For whatsoever is [Spiritually] born [again] of God overcometh the world: and *this is the victory that overcometh the world, even **our faith ... {Note: it is 'our faith' in the completed and accomplished works of Jesus Christ, His works, His sinless life, His cross and His everlasting resurrection life that overcomes this fallen and sinful world. Our faith in Jesus overcomes the fallen world because Jesus overcame the sin and death of the world and it is not our works (good, bad or otherwise) that overcome the world but exclusively our faith in Jesus Christ and what He has accomplished for us to freely receive of from His eternal life. - Also Note: some new teachings now insist that God as assigned evil works or necessary evil in works of death and destruction for some [chosen or appointed] people to carry out i.e. 'messengers of destruction and death' or 'death angels' and it's simply another deception (Romans 3:8) and lie from Satan as the True God [the Holy God of Israel] is the God of everlasting life in Jesus Christ. The Holy God is not the god of human schemes of murder and mayhem. God is the God of forgiveness of sins, reconciliation for mankind and eternal life all in Jesus Christ.} The complete Bible is available at ChristianFaithDownloads.com

1 John 5:1-21 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ (having and giving eternal life) is [Spiritually] born [again] of God: and every one that loveth Him [God the Father] that begat [sent Jesus into the world] loveth Him [Jesus] also that is begotten [was physically manifested in the world] of [in the exact Spiritual image of] Him [God the Father]. By this we know that we love the Children of God [Christians], when we love God, and keep His commandments [Love God, love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39)]. For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments: and His Commandments [of Love] are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and *this is the victory that overcometh the world, even **our faith [in love for God]. Who is he [worshiper] that overcometh the world, but he [Christian] that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He [Jesus] that came by water [womb] and blood [cross], even Jesus Christ; not by water [O.T. judgment upon the entire earth (Genesis 6:7, Numbers 31:23)] only, but by water and {now also} blood [N.T. judgment upon the entire earth (Matthew 26:28)]. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness [of the global judgments of water (O.T.), blood of Jesus (N.T.), the judgment of fire (2 Peter 3:12) yet to come and of the only Eternal Life through Jesus Christ], because the [Holy] Spirit is Truth. **For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. **And there are three that bear [judgment and eternal life] witness in earth, the Spirit [of Jesus Christ (Luke 23:46)], and the water [from the cross of Jesus Christ (John 19:34-35)], and the blood [from the cross of Jesus Christ (John 19:34-35)]: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son [Jesus Christ]. He [person] that believeth on the Son of God hath the [Holy Spirit] witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him [God] a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is [only] in His Son [Jesus Christ]. He that hath the Son hath [eternal] life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not [reconciled to God] life. These things have I written unto you that believe [faith] on the Name [Jesus] of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. If any man see his brother sin a sin [mistakes] which is not [unbelief] unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin [unbelief] unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All [mistakes] unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin [of mistakes] not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not [by not denying that Jesus is God]; but he that is begotten of God (born again) keepeth himself, and that wicked [Satan] one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come [personally], and hath given us an [Holy Spirit] understanding, that we may know Him [God] that is True, and we are in Him that is True, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and eternal life. Little children [Christians - not yet adopted as Sons of God], keep yourselves from idols [unholy desires]. Amen. -- Holy Bible

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Note: The Basic Christian Info Feed will be on a short pause and will continue in about a week continuing with a brief Bible study (and hopefully at a later time a much more in-depth study) looking into the Biblical triune (3 in 1) nature [testimony, salvation, judgment] of the water, blood and Spirit (also represented in breath, wind, fire) that are each freely offered and given from God to all of mankind globally as a witness of sin (and eventually as a judgment against sin), a testimony of the once physical presence of Jesus Christ and as an eternal remedy for our own individual Salvation

Where the Apostle Peter's significant life changing event during his time with Jesus seemed to be at the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:1-8, 2 Peter 1:16-18) the Apostle John's significant life changing event with Jesus seems to have been at the cross (John 19:34-35, 1 John 5:7-9) when Jesus was pierced by the Roman spear and the blood and water poured out from the wound in Jesus' side. The Apostle John then regards the presence of the Spirit and the separation of the blood and water coming out from Jesus as a witness, a judgment, and a testimony of salvation for all of mankind. When the Basic Christian blog History study returns in about a week we will Biblically look into the blood, water and fire (spirit), testimonies and judgments of the Bible from throughout the Old Testament starting in Genesis and continuing consistently throughout the entire Bible then concluding in book of Revelation [the sin of Adam and Eve and the shedding of blood, the Aaronic Priesthood, the Last Supper Communion, the atoning cross of Jesus Christ, the Resurrection of Jesus and birth (Alpha) of the Christian Church, the Pentecost global Spirit empowerment and witness, the calling home into heaven by Jesus the rapture (Omega) of the Christian Church, Revelation-Tribulation]. -- "John 19:34-35 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His [Jesus'] side, and forthwith came there out {the global Judgment, global Testimony and global Salvation of} *blood and *water. And he (Disciple John) *that saw it bare record [testimony], and his [testimony] record is true: **and he knoweth that he saith true, ***that ye [individuals] might believe [salvation]." -- "1 John 5:7-9 For there are *three (triune) that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear *witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, *the witness [Spirit, water, blood] of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son [Jesus Christ]."

http://www.basicchristian.org/blog_historystudy.html

ABP Opinion: 1st reaction to Great Commission Resurgence, 2nd verse - My strategy to encourage churches to higher CP (Cooperative Program) giving is this: Demonstrated commitment to CP from those who lead the Southern Baptist Convention - SBC president Johnny Hunt, who has pledged to double his church's CP (Cooperative Program) giving this year to about \$900,000 {Note: This is a deliberate plan to take money away from the local Church authority [and local Church work] by donating it upstream [instead of downstream to needier Churches and causes] to some vague, vapid [non-Christian] national-international (secular) and fraudulent causes i.e. Rick Warren's purpose driven agendas and the New Apostolic Reformation and their upstream donations to their main church offices and to a select few (possibly non-Christian, infiltrated) directors, presidents and staff members.}

If the SBC is to adopt a new mission statement -- and such adoption should be considered a huge undertaking -- what is the statement it replaces? The SBC was formed in 1845, according to our founding documents, for the "purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." The purpose of our convention, according to Article II of our bylaws, is "to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God." Are a "purpose" and a "mission statement" the same thing? If the proposed mission statement is an add-on, it can be enthusiastically endorsed. If it is to change the purpose statement of the convention, it needs far more serious consideration than to be the first of seven recommendations from a task force formed for a different purpose entirely. The task force still wants to dilute the Cooperative Program by making it the "first and primary component" of something they would call Great Commission Giving. The progress report in February basically would have taken any responsibility for Cooperative Program promotion and "returned" it to the state conventions. The new version still doesn't recognize that the states have always had primary responsibility for CP promotion and it urges the SBC Executive Committee to work with state conventions to form a "unified strategy with clearly established goals" by 2013. My strategy to encourage churches to higher CP giving is this: Demonstrated commitment to CP from those who lead the Southern Baptist Convention. SBC president Johnny Hunt, who has pledged to double his church's CP giving this year to about \$900,000, rightly reminded the editors that no one responds positively to criticism. You can't get someone to do more of something by emphasizing how little of it they currently do. He reminded us that "thousands" of churches that claim SBC affiliation give nothing to CP -- and the six-percent average church CP commitment would be much smaller if not for the large dollar amounts churches like his provide.

<http://www.abpnews.com/content/view/5117/9/>

t plain funny business in general going on with SBC pooled and shared (CP) finances and resources.}">The [Four] 2010 SBC presidential candidates share views - The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held June 15-16 [2010] in Orlando, Fla. The following is a summary of each of the four announced presidential candidates' views on issues, including the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force (GTRF) report and the Cooperative Program (CP) {Note: It looks like plans for lots of manipulation, hiding, transferring, switching and just plain funny business in general going on with SBC pooled and shared (CP) finances and resources.}

Endel's strongest concern was that "the GCRTF may accelerate the crumbling of the CP funding system that holds our mission work together." Endel expressed his concerns about "Great Commission Giving" using the hypothetical that churches couldn't operate on a system that celebrated designated giving over unrestricted tithing to the general budget. In such a system, he said, funding falls apart such that bake sales would be needed to pay the bills, but there would be more than enough people wanting to contribute to the youth pastor's salary. "Conflict and competition will soon kill a church funded like that," Endel said. Endel also took issue with the final report recommendation that would result in the elimination of funding for Cooperative Program promotion and stewardship education by the SBC Executive Committee. "It is my opinion that the assistance of the Executive Committee has saved all Southern Baptists millions of dollars by helping us collectively develop materials rather than forcing every state convention to separately develop these materials," Endel said. "Videos and printed materials are much cheaper when developed together and produced from one centralized source." Endel said the loss of this partnership "will be far more than the money saved by cutting the work of the Executive Committee." ... Jackson also expressed this point in terms of leadership representation. "While I applaud our megachurches and their very capable leadership, most of whom are longtime friends and acquaintances of mine, I do believe that we need a more representative balance of input and leadership from all of the churches in the convention." Jackson said his greatest concern with the GCRTF report has to do with CP giving. "Although the GCRTF report calls for a renewed emphasis in the giving to the CP," he said, "it also places it under the heading 'Great Commission Giving.' The CP becomes a way to give, not 'the' way. Such a change is risky at best." ... Traylor said the most pressing need is for spiritual awakening and leaders who are "deeply committed servants of Christ" as well as "resolute in their commitment to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000." As a way to move Southern Baptists toward spiritual awakening, Traylor said he would seek to call Southern Baptists to solemn assembly in January 2011 and "explore the possibility of incorporating the solemn assembly model in our SBC annual meeting" and that he would promote the use of NAMB's evangelism initiative, God's Plan for Sharing. He also indicated leadership is important to this end in that "the SBC president sets a direction with appointments. ... Individuals within the churches must return to Christ as their first love, Wright said in naming the most critical need in the Southern Baptist Convention. The lack of tithing reveals the idolatries of materialism and hedonism among evangelicals, he said, adding that the epidemic of sexual immorality has weakened the church. Wright proposes greater direct missions involvement to galvanize individuals and churches, and advocates that state conventions "keep less in the state and send more dollars to the IMB and to other areas of the country where lostness is so prevalent." He supports the work of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force, but sees their efforts as a first step. "As a former church planter here at Johnson Ferry," he wrote to Baptist Press, "I am encouraged that the Task Force sees the importance of church planting in the areas of greatest need in the United States - particularly our pioneer states and our large cities. Also, I agree with the Task Force that every church should be a 'missional center.'" He would challenge local churches to participate on a mission trip as well as focusing on the immediate community as their mission field. Wright also expressed his desire that leaders be appointed who have a passion for Christ, commitment to the Word and a vision for seeing the Great Commission fulfilled. "I would seek to nominate folks that represent a broad spectrum of SBC life: pastors, church staff, laypeople, mainline states, pioneer states, larger churches, smaller churches, seasoned veterans and young leaders," he said.

<http://www.tnbaptist.org/BRARticle.asp?ID=3386>

[Four] Pastors [Bryant Wright, Leo Endel, Jimmy Jackson, Ted Traylor] nominated for 2010 Southern Baptist Convention presidency - The presidency will be decided by thousands of delegates - called "messengers" - who will attend the annual conference, representing more than 45,000 Southern Baptist churches throughout the country and their more than 16 million members - Unlike the top-down approach of Roman Catholicism, from Pope to priest, Southern Baptist churches are [were once in theory] autonomous (self governing) - The selection will be made at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday and Wednesday [June 15 and 16, 2010] - current SBC President Johnny Hunt (two terms of one year each), pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ga., is ineligible for re-election

Bryant Wright, senior pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and founder of Right From The Heart Ministries, is one of four nominees for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention when that organization meets in Orlando on Tuesday. Wright's nomination was made by Dr. David Uth, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando. "Bryant has been a consistent leader among Southern Baptists who acknowledges and appreciates our traditional heritage while embracing some of the creative and innovative methods of reaching today's generation for Christ," Uth said. The presidency will be decided by thousands of delegates - called "messengers" - who will attend the annual conference, representing more than 45,000 Southern Baptist churches throughout the country and their more than 16 million members, Wright said. Attendance is expected to be between 12,000 to 18,000, with up to 14,000 being messengers. Unlike the top-down approach of Roman Catholicism, from Pope to priest, Southern Baptist churches are autonomous. The term Southern Baptist Convention refers to both the denomination and its annual meeting. Working through 1,200 local associations and 41 state conventions and fellowships, Southern Baptists share a common bond of basic biblical beliefs and a commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Convention attendees are called messengers rather than delegates because they are not instructed how to vote. Churches have up to 10 messengers they get to send to the convention, depending on their size. Since all 10 messengers from any one church may vote differently on the candidate of their choice, there's no way to predict who will be elected president.

http://www.cherokeetribune.com/view/full_story/7916914/article-Local-pastor-nominated-for-Southern-Baptist-Convention-presidency

SBC seminaries send forth [2010] graduates - The work of the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention is showcased with each spring's commencement - Reports from the seminaries' services follow - Such faithfulness will ensure that the world knows "you are exactly what you claim to be" Paige Patterson, Southwestern's president, said during his commissioning message **"And if you will be faithful to the assignment you have [from SBC members?], then God will maintain your work, whatever His purpose for you" {Note: This is a very strange, unbiblical and even highly blasphemous comment from Paige Patterson. Does Paige Patterson wrongly believe that being loyal to and serving the SBC is the same thing as being loyal to and serving God if so this is very mistaken and very unbiblical. - Also Note: God does not uphold our work, God ONLY upholds His works (Joshua 5:13-15, Romans 8:4, Hebrews 1:1-3).}

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The work of the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention is showcased with each spring's commencement. Reports from the seminaries' services follow. ... SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY -- One hundred years after the institution moved from Waco to Fort Worth, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary graduates were exhorted to continue to walk in integrity through life and ministry regardless of the result during spring commencement May 8. Such faithfulness will ensure that the world knows "you are exactly what you claim to be," Paige Patterson, Southwestern's president, said during his commissioning message. "And if you will be faithful to the assignment you have, then God will maintain your work, whatever His purpose for you." Preaching about the apostles' imprisonment in Acts 5, Patterson cautioned the graduates that there is no guarantee life will continue as it has for them in the same circumstances that they have enjoyed. "And many of you will not be serving in this country anyway," Patterson told the diverse group, which represented eight countries as well as those wishing to serve overseas. "Many of you will go to places where your life will be in jeopardy." Regardless, Patterson used Scripture to remind the students that the presence of God will be with them wherever they may serve -- something that enabled the early church to continue their ministry, "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for the name" (Acts 5:41). "Rejoicing that they could suffer. Aren't those words in strange proximity to one another?" Patterson said. "That is the key to the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. You will suffer, not only possibly physically, but you will certainly, every one of you, suffer misunderstanding, misrepresentation, abuse and attack of various kinds in the ministry to which you go. "It will come," he assured them. "You have a choice at that point. You may either become bitter and resent what has happened to you, and that bitterness will permeate everything about you and everything around you to the point that there will be no joy at all, or you can choose to rejoice that you, too, are counted worthy to suffer for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Southwestern administrators conferred 214 degrees, including 21 undergraduate, 172 master's and 19 doctorates.

<http://www.bpnews.net/BPnews.asp?ID=33084>

Wikipedia: Paige Patterson - Role in the [supposed] Southern Baptist Convention SBC Conservative Resurgence

Role in the SBC Conservative Resurgence: Patterson is best known for his prominent role in a conservative resurgence within the SBC starting in 1979 with the election of Adrian Rogers as Convention President. Believing SBC seminaries and other SBC institutions had drifted away from their conservative Biblical roots, Patterson joined with Judge Paul Pressler of Houston, TX to carry out a plan that included exposing the liberal theology taught and practiced by the leadership in SBC institutions. The most important issue was the nature of scripture, particularly, whether or not it is inerrant. Patterson, Pressler, and a host of pastors and laymen began to spread the word that the teaching of SBC leadership was not reflective of their constituents who were paying their salaries. Patterson and the conservatives won the support of hundreds of like-minded churches, and as many as 40,000 messengers (church members willing to travel to the annual Southern Baptist Convention to vote). Patterson's influence has been felt at all levels of Southern Baptist life. The seminaries have for the most part returned to their conservative moorings. Local churches are hiring pastors educated at schools led by conservatives. Missionaries are being influenced by Patterson's leadership. By the time Patterson was appointed president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, the conservative leadership required that all faculty sign documents stating their allegiance to Southern Baptist theology, most notably, the Baptist Faith and Message.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paige_Patterson

Ergun Caner and brother Emir Caner - visit with *longtime mentor and Southwestern Seminary President Paige Patterson (Photo)

Ergun Caner, left, president of Liberty Theological Seminary and brother to Emir Caner, right, visit with longtime mentor and Southwestern Seminary President Paige Patterson, center, before the ceremony.

<http://www.christianindex.org/3604.imgpre>

[LU's] Ergun Caner: Lynchburg paper gives backgrounder - Also listed beside Caner's name, in Liberty University's online catalog of graduate courses and faculty, is a doctor of ministry degree - On his website, Caner says the doctor of ministry was an honorary degree, one of two that he has been given - It's so honorary that it's described this way in a 2003 Baptist Press article - "completed a D.Min. at Emmanuel Baptist University and a D. Theol. at the University of South Africa" - You do not describe an honorary degree as "completed" - "Completed" implies some sort of coursework was done - Ergun just needs to come clean, and the sooner, the better - Preferably before the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) meets in Orlando, FL. in a month [June 13-16, 2010]

... and, more to the point of something I've been all over on this blog: Also listed beside Caner's name, in Liberty University's online catalog of graduate courses and faculty, is a doctor of ministry degree [D.Min.]. On his website, Caner says the doctor of ministry was an honorary degree, one of two that he has been given. That's been Ergun's excuse every time he's been questioned about it. I brought this up last August 2 in a blog post. Scroll down to "Is It Butter or Parkay? (Ergun's Allegedly Honorary Degree)" for the full scoop, but here's the pertinent detail. Ergun claims that his D.Min from "Emmanuel Baptist University" is honorary. It's so honorary that it's described this way in a 2003 Baptist Press article talking about his move from Criswell College to Liberty University: After receiving a B.A. from Cumberland College, Caner received the M.A. from The Criswell College, M.Div. and Th.M. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and completed a D.Min. at Emmanuel Baptist University and a D. Theol. at the University of South Africa. Erm. No. You do not describe an honorary degree as "completed." "Completed" implies some sort of coursework was done. It's the same word used to describe his earned Th.D from the University of South Africa. Now, I don't know if Ergun completed any coursework for the D.Min beyond writing a check, addressing an envelope, putting a stamp on the envelope and walking it down to the post office. But it can't be an "honorary" degree if he purchased it. Ergun just needs to come clean, and the sooner, the better. Preferably before the SBC meets in Orlando in a month, maybe? -- COMMENTS: It's an odd comment to begin with, because a D.Min [Doctor of Ministry] is not usually an honorary degree, but a completed one. As a professional degree it does not entitle one to the honorific "Dr." Nevertheless *it is awarded upon completion of a course of study and ***the production of a professional paper [In some United States doctoral programs, the term "dissertation" can refer to the major part of the student's total time spent along with two or three years of classes, and may take years of full-time work to complete. At most universities, *dissertation is the term for the **required submission [paper] for the doctorate [degree], and thesis refers only to the master's degree requirement. - Wiki.com]. I've never heard of an honorary one. This is extremely "hinky." ... The whole question of honorary degrees, whether they should be awarded, whether they are something to be proud of, listed as accomplishments, etc. is kind of murky, and I might gently suggest that on this particular issue there's smoke but not much fire. [Sr.] Jerry Falwell's only doctorate was honorary [three honorary doctorates - Wiki.com], but people who thought highly of him often referred to him as "Dr Falwell" rather than "Jerry." If you look at the "About the Authors" section at the end of some of the Left Behind books you may see that Jerry Jenkins claims to "hold" two honorary degrees while Tim LaHaye distinguishes between his earned degree and his honorary degrees. Jerry Falwell Jr. earned a JD [Juris Doctor], but you will occasionally see him referred to as "Dr Falwell," even though that is not the typical mode of address for a lawyer. Finally, some schools only address medical doctors (MDs, not dentists or PhDs in community health) as "Doctor" and all other doctoral degree recipients as "Mister." That's how it was where I got mine. Anyway, I'd suggest that there's smoke but no fire here; if he earned a doctorate in South Africa then he's Dr Caner, regardless of whether he got another honorary doctorate.

<http://mmmirele.blogspot.com/2010/05/ergun-caner-lynchburg-paper-gives.html>

Apprising Ministries: The Emerging church - Three voices from the "emergent church" will explore this capacity of postmodern Christianity *to embrace and redefine tradition, ... Who should attend: Any futurist who feels that everything must change about [traditional Christian] religion and is curious about how progressive [New Age] Christianity is a leading indicator of change - What you'll learn: Attendees will learn how to ground [embed and saturate] their leadership and foresight in the concerns of tomorrow's [New World Order] spiritualities and relate religious concepts to futures thinking through a theology of (false and deceptive) hope - How can this *new knowledge be applied: Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how postmodern spiritualities are **reshaping conservative theologies and communities

Back in November of 2005 the online apologetics and discernment work Apprising Ministries warned you about what is now a full blown cult of neo-liberalism operating within mainstream evangelicalism, the sinfully ecumenical Emerging Church. These past few years this EC has been busy forging together its new form of postmodern liberal theology, a Liberalism 2.0 many call Emergence Christianity, which Emergent Church guru Brian McLaren begins laying out in his latest book A New Kind of Christianity. ... Three voices from the "emergent church" will explore this capacity of postmodern Christianity to embrace and redefine tradition, ... Who should attend: Any futurist who feels that everything must change about religion and is curious about how progressive Christianity is a leading indicator of change. What you'll learn: Attendees will learn how to ground their leadership and foresight in the concerns of tomorrow's spiritualities and relate religious concepts to futures thinking through a theology of hope. How can this new knowledge be applied: Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how postmodern spiritualities are reshaping conservative theologies and communities.

<http://apprising.org/2010/06/05/mike-morrell-on-matthew-fox-john-wimber-and-the-emergent-church/>

[Modern] Pietism - Pietism was a movement within Lutheranism, lasting from the late 17th century to the mid-18th century and later - It proved to be very influential throughout Protestantism and Anabaptism, inspiring not only Anglican priest John Wesley to begin the Methodist movement, but also Alexander Mack to begin the Brethren movement - The Pietist movement combined the Lutheranism of the time with the Reformed, and especially Puritan, emphasis on individual piety, and a vigorous Christian life

History: Although pietism surely had roots prior to the Reformation and to some extent the cause of it, as a distinct movement within Protestantism pietism became identifiable in the 17th century. The Lutheran Church had continued Philipp Melanchthon's attempt to construct an intellectual backbone for the Evangelical Lutheran faith. By the 17th century the denomination remained a confessional theological and sacramental institution, influenced by orthodox Lutheran theologians such as Johann Gerhard of Jena (d. 1637), and keeping with the liturgical traditions of the Roman Catholicism of which it saw itself as a reformed variation. In the Reformed Church, on the other hand, John Calvin had not only influenced doctrine, but for a particular formation of Christian life. The Presbyterian constitution gave the people a share in church life which the Lutherans lacked, but it appeared to some to degenerate into a dogmatic legalism which, the Lutherans believed, imperiled Christian freedom and fostered self-righteousness. However, in the pietist view, ritualistic elements which Luther wanted to remove were captivating the mainstream of the Lutheran church, squeezing the pietists into fellowships with which they were comfortable. ... In Pia desideria "Pious Desires" (1675), Spener made six proposals as the best means of restoring the life of the Church: 1. The earnest and thorough study of the Bible in private meetings, ecclesiolae in ecclesia ("little churches within the church"). 2. The Christian priesthood being universal, the laity [people] should share in the spiritual government of the Church. 3. A knowledge of Christianity must be attended by the practice of it as its indispensable sign and supplement. 4. Instead of merely didactic, and often bitter, attacks on the heterodox [variant views] and unbelievers, a sympathetic and kindly treatment of them. 5. A reorganization of the theological training of the universities, giving more prominence to the devotional life. 6. A different style of preaching, namely, in the place of pleasing rhetoric [examples directed from news, events and stories], the implanting of [Biblical] Christianity in the inner or new man [spiritual man], the soul of which is faith, and its effects the fruits of life. - This work produced a great impression throughout Germany, and although large numbers of the orthodox Lutheran theologians and pastors were deeply offended by Spener's book, its complaints and its demands were both too well justified to admit of their being point-blank denied. A large number of pastors immediately adopted Spener's proposals. ... In modern societies where Pietism has had a profound impact its religious foundations are no longer apparent. Atheistic pietism is a term used by Asgeir Helgason to describe a pietistic (moralistic) approach to life without religion. "We have denied the existence of God but kept the pietistic rules". Atheistic pietism has been suggested to be one of the characteristics (traits) of the modern day Swedish national spirit. The term is first known to have been used by W.H. Mallock in 1879.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pietism>

[Modern] Anabaptist - Anabaptists "re-baptizers" or "adult baptism" [believer's baptism - credobaptism (reciting the well-known "Apostles' Creed" or a personal Bible verse or a Psalm at baptism)] are Christians of the Radical Reformation - Puritans of England and their Baptist branch arose independently, but were influenced by the Anabaptist movement - Where men believe in the freedom of religion, supported by a guarantee of separation of church and state [government], they have entered into that [Anabaptist] heritage - Where men have caught the Anabaptist vision of [N.T.] discipleship, they have become worthy of that heritage - Where corporate discipleship submits itself to the New Testament pattern of the church, the heir has then entered full possession of his [N.T. - Anabaptist] legacy

[Some] Anabaptists rejected *conventional [common and Biblically acceptable] Christian practices such as wearing wedding rings, taking oaths, and participating in civil government. They adhered to a literal interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount and Believer's baptism. The name Anabaptist is derived from this, because credobaptism ('Believer's baptism' - adult baptism) was considered heresy by all other major Christian denominations at the time of the reformation period (specifically, all major Christian denominations saw [infant] baptism as necessary for salvation and necessary for infants, and held that it was wrong to delay baptism until the child had reached a certain age; they did, however, require that those who converted later in life should confess a baptismal creed [the Apostles' Creed] at baptism (credobaptism). Anabaptists required that candidates be able to make their own confessions of faith and so refused baptism to infants). As a result, Anabaptists were heavily persecuted during the 16th century and into the 17th by both Roman Catholics and other Protestants. ... Somewhat related to this is the theory that the Anabaptists are of Waldensian origin. Some hold the idea that the Waldenses are part of the apostolic succession, while others simply believe they were an independent group out of whom the Anabaptists arose. Estep asserts "the Waldenses disappeared in Switzerland a century before the rise of the Anabaptist movement." Ludwig Keller, Thomas M. Lindsay, H. C. Vedder, Delbert Grätz, and Thieleman J. van Braught all held, in varying degrees, the position that the Anabaptists were of Waldensian origin. ... The Anabaptists were early promoters of a free church and freedom of religion (sometimes associated with separation of church and state). When it was introduced by the Anabaptists in the 15th and 16th centuries, religious freedom independent of the state was unthinkable to both clerical and governmental leaders. Religious liberty was equated with anarchy; Kropotkin traces the birth of anarchist thought in Europe to these early Anabaptist communities. According to Estep: Where men believe in the freedom of religion, supported by a guarantee of separation of church and state, they have entered into that heritage. Where men have caught the Anabaptist vision of discipleship, they have become worthy of that heritage. Where corporate discipleship submits itself to the New Testament pattern of the church, the heir has then entered full possession of his legacy.

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h is going to be His Kingdom of Righteousness [Isaiah 5:16, Isaiah 26:9, Isaiah 45:8, 19, Romans 1:17, 1 Corinthians 15:34, 2 Corinthians 3:9, 5:21, Galatians 5:5, Revelation 22:11] and in order for us as individuals to be able to inhabit properly within the Kingdom of God we need to have a concept of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ in our own lives. - Starting in about 2012 the Basic Christian Ministry is hoping to transition into more Biblical exploration of just what is the Righteousness of Jesus Christ and how does it apply to each Christian in our own personal life and really the Righteousness of Jesus Christ functions and is displayed through the Holy Spirit and in the eternal Melchizedek, Righteous High Priesthood of Jesus Christ.}>Apprising Ministries: MYSTICISM PART 5 - Pietism [personal righteousness] & Subjective [my version of self-righteousness] Christianity - Where Did Pietism Go Wrong? Of course that is a loaded question and presupposes that Pietism did go wrong - Given the fact that Pietism, to some degree, lives on in church related groups as diverse as Amish, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal and the Amana Society it is hard to be precise - But, wherever experience and subjectivity reigns supreme over Scripture in the lives and churches of twenty-first century believers there is something wrong {Note: The Basic Christian ministry at its core is really a remnant of the Anabaptist - Pietism movement. In about 2001 the Basic Christian: Statement of Faith was re-written and expanded including the phrase "while to the *righteous He [Jesus Christ] will give of His life, His gifts, and His glory" this was added with much consideration and what it means is that the purpose of the Basic Christian ministry at its core is a Ministry of Righteousness in Jesus Christ. Righteousness is an extremely loaded word and it should be but it is so loaded that after that one small phrase [and a few more words] were added to the Basic Christian: Statement of Faith that article went from among the most popular articles on the website to one of the least popular articles on the site yet Righteousness (our righteousness only in Jesus Christ) is such an important Biblical concept that I decided to leave that phrase in the Statement of Faith just to help us keep our goals and ambitions on track and in a proper order. - The coming Millennial 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on earth is going to be His Kingdom of Righteousness [Isaiah 5:16, Isaiah 26:9, Isaiah 45:8, 19,

Romans 1:17, 1 Corinthians 15:34, 2 Corinthians 3:9, 5:21, Galatians 5:5, Revelation 22:11] and in order for us as individuals to be able to inhabit properly within the Kingdom of God we need to have a concept of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ in our own lives. - Starting in about 2012 the Basic Christian Ministry is hoping to transition into more Biblical exploration of just what is the Righteousness of Jesus Christ and how does it apply to each Christian in our own personal life and really the Righteousness of Jesus Christ functions and is displayed through the Holy Spirit and in the eternal Melchizedek, Righteous High Priesthood of Jesus Christ.}

Although Pietists adhered to the inspiration of the Bible, they advocated individual feeling as being of primary importance. That may have been an adequate method for avoiding cold orthodoxy of "Protestant scholasticism," it opened the door for the equally dangerous enemy of "subjective experientialism." The first generation of Pietists could recall and reflect on its grounding in Scripture while validly advocating the need for individual experience. A second generation would stress the need for individual experience, but often without a proper Biblical or catechetical basis. This would leave a third generation that would question individual experience with no Biblical or doctrinal "standard" to serve as an objective criterion. In turn, their unanswered questions would tend to demand an authority. When Scriptures were neglected, human reason or subjective experience would fill the need as the required "standard." Thus while not causing other movements Pietism gave impetus to three other movements in the post-Reformation church: deism [reason and logic used apart from the Bible to get to know God], skepticism [doubting Biblical passages that don't seem to relate to the physical realm] and rationalism [placing personal human physical reasoning and understanding as a higher authority than the scriptures of the Holy Bible]. ... The great-grandchildren of Pietism live on in modern evangelicalism. On the positive side, much like original Pietists there is a great hunger today for spirituality. People want a spirituality that works in the trenches of life. They want a faith that is relevant, provides answers and draws them closer to God. There is little interest in "dead orthodoxy." People want to feel something - experience something. George Gallup documents this spiritual hunger in his book, *The Next American Spirituality*. Unfortunately much of the spirituality that he observes is without biblical foundation leading him to warn, "Contemporary spirituality can resemble a grab bag of random experiences that does little more than promise to make our eyes mist up or our heart warm. We need perspective to separate the junk food from the wholesome, the faddish from the truly transforming." But perspective is hard to come by due to the massive level of biblical illiteracy, not only in America but among Christians as well. Half, he says, "Of those describing themselves as Christians are unable to name who delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Many Americans cannot name the reason for celebrating Easter or what the Ten Commandments are. People think the name of Noah's wife was Joan, as in Joan of Ark." Then there is what some have called "the great disconnect." That is, there is a wide chasm between what Americans in general, and self-proclaimed Christians in particular, claim to believe and how they live. While the general populace claim to have a great interest in spirituality, and Christians claim to be followers of Christ, our societies, homes and churches are inundated with corruption, violence, substance abuse, racism, divorce and materialism. This "cluster of moral and theological shortcomings seemingly throws into question the transforming power of religious beliefs," Gallup admits, leading him to state, "Just because Americans claim they are more spiritual does not make them so." That leads into an excellent question, "Is the church really rediscovering its spiritual moorings - or just engaging in retreat from seemingly insoluble problems?" ... Such [emotional self-experience] "piety" is changing every facet of Christian and church life. Take worship for example. Monte E. Wilson has noted, "For the modern evangelical, worship is defined exclusively in terms of the individual's experience. Worship, then, is not about adoring God but about being nourished with religious feelings, so much so that the worshiper has become the object of worship." The cause for this type of worship, Wilson believes, is the loss of devotion to Scriptures. He writes in pejorative terms, "Others-probably the majority in modern American evangelicalism-have utterly neglected any commitment to the content of the Word and have ended with narcissistic 'worship' services where everyone drowns in a sea of subjectivism and calls it 'being bathed in the presence of the Holy Spirit.' These people come to church exclusively to 'feel' God." Pietistic leanings, of course, are not limited to worship and the gathered church. Where they are most evident, and most concerning is in the area of "God's leading." How does God speak to and lead His people according to Scripture? And how has Pietistic understanding of these things affected the way we interpret both Scripture and our subject feelings? This will be the topic of our next paper.

Apologetics Training Videos - Shepherd's Fellowship of Greensboro - In part I of our series on apologetic and evangelistic methods, Dustin S. Segers defines the problems inherent in modern evangelistic and apologetic methods and then goes on to discuss biblical methods of apologetics and evangelism {Apologetics Training from a Reformed, Calvinistic Theology - Good material but with the patented Reformed biased view. Charles Finney (1792 -1875) one of the greatest men of the Christian faith is referenced in the teaching as a heretic but it's not true. [Finney was a primary influence on the "revival" style of theology which emerged in the 19th century (1800's). Though coming from a Calvinistic background, Finney rejected (Shepherding) tenets of "Old Divinity" Calvinism which he felt were unbiblical and counter to evangelism and Christian mission. - Wiki.com]}. Many of the Reformed theologies and Apologetics teachings in this series are excellent it is just that a heavily biased Reformed Only (Shepherding) view is never that excellent of a way to share, teach or preach the Holy Bible to fellow Christians.} (YouTube)

Why Do We Exist? - 5. Restoring (Shepherding) Biblical Pastoral Oversight [vs. body of Jesus Christ fellowship, individuality (grace), freedom, ability and equality in Jesus Christ]. Many church leaders have neglected the duties of overseeing the spiritual welfare of individuals and families. Programs, facilities, and finances are managed and promoted by many pastors. If pastors and elders fail to care for souls, they fail to obey God to the great detriment of the church (1Pet. 5:1-2; Acts 20:28). We desire to see each individual in Shepherd's Fellowship mature to the glory of God so that each life produces a great harvest in the kingdom of God. While we want to purpose to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3), we wish to see continually good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ (Col. 2:5). Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. (Heb 13:17) In conclusion, our desire is to glorify God in all that we do through proper preaching, teaching, ministering and evangelizing (Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Cor. 12:31). We pray that God will cause His gospel to spread quickly through our local area to bring honor and glory to Christ and to seek and save those who are lost (Eph. 3:21).

<http://www.youtube.com/SFofGSO#p/u/23/9-FnMvJH0a0>

Basic Christian: Statement of Faith and Beliefs - Updated: Now Includes 'The Chicago Statement on Biblical Application' from The Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

Basic Christian: Statement of Faith • We believe that God is the creator of the universe creating both of the seen (physical) and the unseen (spiritual) realms and that God the creator is also the giver of life. • We believe the Holy Bible is God's word Personally spoken by God for mankind for the purpose of revealing who He is and it is without error in all issues to which it speaks. • We believe in the Triunity (Trinity), one God in three Persons, consisting of Father, Son Jesus, and Holy Spirit. • We Believe Jesus Christ is Divine God who came from Heaven to mankind as a man yet retaining the Divinity of God and who while living a sinless life was rejected and betrayed by man to be crucified and die on the cross yet not to remain dead but to Resurrect the third day in accordance with His Everlasting Divine life. • We believe that the death of Jesus on the cross provided complete atonement for all the sins of the world therefore cleansing those who choose to be cleansed from their sin to then receive the Holy Spirit and by receiving the Holy Spirit becoming "Born Again" and being Born Again becoming children of God. Children in the family of God and as children in a personal relationship with their Father who is God above all and as children also inheritors in the Heavenly Kingdom of Jesus the kingdom that is without end. • We believe that Jesus is the judge of all of mankind's thoughts, intentions and actions and that He is just and wise in His judgment. As judge, Jesus will judge the unjust to everlasting condemnation while to the righteous He will give of His life, His gifts, and His glory. • We believe Jesus physically rose from the dead, was seen by and interacted with many eyewitnesses including the Disciples and Apostles and that Jesus has now ascended back into Heaven where He originally came from. Jesus is currently seated in Majesty, Power and Authority alongside the Father and He is now accessible to us in both Prayer and Fellowship. ~ God Bless you, David Anson Brown

<http://www.basicchristian.org/statement.html>

1689 Baptist Confession of Faith - "The Baptist Confession of Faith adopted by the ministers and messengers of the General Assembly which met in London in 1689" the Second London Confession, originally composed in 1677, has ever since been called "The 1689 Confession"

This became the most popular confession of Calvinistic Baptists in the English speaking world. It enjoyed editions in Britain in 1693, 1699, 1719, 1720, 1791, 1809. In 1855 C. H. Spurgeon issued a new edition. It was only the second year of his ministry at the New Park Street Chapel. Spurgeon wrote, "I have thought it right to reprint in a cheap form this excellent list of doctrines, which were subscribed to by the Baptist Ministers in the year 1689. We need a banner because of the truth; it may be that this small volume may aid the cause of the glorious gospel by testifying plainly what are its leading doctrines ... May the Lord soon restore unto Zion a pure language, and may her watchmen see eye to eye." He addressed these remarks to "all the Household of Faith, who rejoice in the glorious doctrines of Free Grace." Other British editions have appeared in 1958, 1963, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1974. -- In the later 1600's Benjamin Keach and another minister of London published the 1689 Confession with two articles added, one on "the laying on of hands" and another "the singing of psalms". When Elias Keach, son of Benjamin, became a Baptist minister in America in 1688, he became a part of the Calvinistic Baptists who formed the Philadelphia Baptist Association in 1707. Through him the Second London Confession with his father's addenda was adopted by the Philadelphia Association. For years the association appealed to the confession, formally adopting it in 1742. The first edition of the "Philadelphia Confession of Faith" was printed by Benjamin Franklin in 1743. Under this name the 1689 confession became the definitive doctrinal statement of Calvinistic Baptists throughout the colonial and early United States periods. Associations in Virginia (1766) Rhode Island (1767), South Carolina (1767), Kentucky (1785), and Tennessee (1788) adopted the confession. It came to be known in America as "The Baptist Confession". Familiarity with the Confession and its doctrines declined in the latter half of the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries. But since God has remarkably revived Biblical Calvinism among Baptists in recent days, interest in this historic confession has been renewed.

<http://www.dominionbaptist.org/confession/>

Historic Baptist Documents - Confessions, Catechisms, Creeds

Many contemporaries have a deep-seated suspicion of catechisms. In our own Baptist denomination, many would consider the words "Baptist catechism" as mutually exclusive. A popular misconception is that catechisms are used in times and places where inadequate views of conversion predominate or the fires of evangelism have long since turned to white ash. If the Bible is preached, they continue, no catechism is necessary; catechisms tend to produce mere intellectual assent where true heart religion is absent. This concern reflects a healthy interest for the experiential side of true Christianity. Concern for conversion and fervor, however, should never diminish one's commitment to the individual truths of Christianity nor the necessity of teaching them in a full and coherent manner. An Encouragement to Use Catechisms, Tom Nettles -- I am persuaded that the use of a good Catechism in all our families will be a great safeguard against the increasing errors of the times, and therefore I have compiled this little manual from the Westminster Assembly's and Baptist Catechisms, for the use of my own church and congregation. Those who use it in their families or classes must labour to explain the sense; but the words should be carefully learned by heart, for they will be understood better as years pass. ~ C. H. Spurgeon -- "There never was a man in the world without a creed. What is a creed? A creed is what you believe. What is a confession? It is a declaration of what you believe. That declaration may be oral or it may be committed to writing, but the creed is there either expressed or implied." ~ B.H. Carroll

<http://www.reformedreader.org/cc/hbd.htm>

Note: Just a reminder that the pace of the Basic Christian blog History Study is going to slowdown throughout the Summer

The Basic Christian Study of The Christian Apostles is going to continue at a slower pace as we spend the Summer leisurely looking into the early formation that began the Christian Church and at the original Church structure that continues to hold the Christian Church together today.

<http://basicchristian.info/wordpress/>

Starting Soon - A Basic Christian Study: The Christian Apostles {Note: To say that the Christian Church only started at Pentecost [50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ] and not on the Resurrection Sunday of Jesus (Luke 24:45, John 20:22) is to say that the Apostles were not Christians [the entire 40 days that Jesus met with them after His resurrection and before His ascension] it wipes out the [True] Christian Apostolic dispensation [lasting only 40 days] and with it a great part of the foundation that the Christian Church is founded and based upon.}

Matthew 10:2-4 Now the names of the Twelve Apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. -- Matthew 28:18-20 And [40 days after the resurrection] Jesus came and spake unto them [Apostles], saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations [the Christian Apostles' doctrine], baptizing them [converts to Christianity] in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them [fellow Christians] to observe all things whatsoever I [Jesus Christ] have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you [Disciples] alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. -- Acts 2:42 And they [Pentecost converts to Christianity] continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. -- 1 Corinthians 15:7-9 After that [first resurrection days of Jesus - being seen by Peter and the {remaining} 12 Apostles {at that time only 11 Apostles} and then over 500 resurrection witnesses at one time], He [resurrected Jesus] was seen of James [Gospel of James - son of Joseph and half-brother of Jesus]; then of all the Apostles [who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ]. **And last of all He [Jesus] was seen of me [Apostle Paul - The 12th Apostle, Judas' replacement - chosen by God (Romans 1:1, 1 Corinthians 1:1, etc.) not by the casting of lots (Acts 1:26)] also, *as of one born out of due time [missing the 40 days of the Apostle dispensation]. For I [Apostle Paul/Saul] am the least of the Apostles, that am not meet to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. -- Ephesians 2:19-22 Now therefore ye [Gentiles] are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the [Jewish] Saints, and of the Household of God; And are built upon *the foundation of the [N.T.] Apostles and [O.T.] Prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief [foundation] Corner Stone; In [Jesus Christ] whom all the [Temple] building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation [living place] of God through the [Holy] Spirit.

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th Jesus Christ] for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come - Amen">The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.): ... And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic [universal] and **[A]postolic Church [based on the foundation of the Apostles] - I acknowledge one Baptism [personal - individual identity (cross and resurrection) with Jesus Christ] for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come - Amen

The Three Ecumenical or Universal Creeds -- The Apostles' Creed [The title, *Symbolum Apostolicum* (Symbol or Creed of the Apostles), appears for the first time in a letter from a Council in Milan (probably written by Ambrose himself) to Pope Siricius in about 390 A.D. - Wiki.com]: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic [universal] Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. -- The Nicene Creed [adopted in the city of Nicaea by the first (second) ecumenical council (Jerusalem Acts 15:6 was the first ecumenical Church council), which met there in 325 A.D. - Wiki.com]: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic [universal] and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. -- The Athanasian Creed [The use of the Creed in a sermon by Caesarius of Arles, as well as a theological resemblance to works by Vincent of Lérins, point to Southern Gaul as its origin. The most likely time frame is in the late fifth or early sixth century A.D. (475-525 A.D.) at least 100 years after Athanasius (293 A.D. - May 2, 373 A.D.) - Wiki.com]: Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic [universal] faith. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic [universal] faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three Eternals, but one Eternal. As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost almighty. And yet they are not three Almighty, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords, but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, So are we forbidden by the catholic [universal] religion to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none: neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less than another; But the whole three Persons are coeternal together, and coequal: so that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped. He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood; Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not two, but one Christ: One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking the manhood into God; One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person. For as

the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead; He ascended into heaven; He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give an account of their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the catholic [universal] faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

<http://www.bookofconcord.org/creeds.php>

Creating Your Own Way To Worship God - Mark Driscoll [pastor of Mars Hill Fellowship in Seattle Washington] and Neo-Reformed New-Calvinist [once saved always saved] Contemplative [New Age - altered state of consciousness i.e. transcendental meditation] Spirituality - Dr. John Piper, who's seen as a "pioneer" of this New Calvinism - back in February of this year [2010] Driscoll was a featured speaker, along with CSM teacher Peter Scazzero, at the Radicalis conference put on by Purpose Driven Pope [exercising excessive authority] Rick Warren at his Saddleback Church {Really as others have noted the contemplative meditative spirituality movement is the new circumcision of modern Christianity. In the ancient Church early Christians attempted to focus on circumcision in order to avoid the seemingly unpopular cross and teachings of Jesus Christ. Today modern Christians are contemplating anything and everything in another attempt to distance themselves from the cross (sin nature of mankind) and what they perceive to be unpopular teachings of Jesus Christ all the while neglecting the true Majesty and Glory of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.}

Creating Your Own Way To Worship God - Apprising Ministries has shared some concern about this New Calvinism as expressed e.g. by Matt Chandler and particularly Mark Driscoll, founder of Acts 29 Network, in recent posts such as Acts 29 Network And Reformed Counter Reformation Spirituality? and Acts 29 Pastor Matt Chandler On Being A Reformed Charismatic. In my assessment there's very good reason for concern as these people are rapidly growing in popularity and influence within the younger sector of the Reformed Camp; being blessed as they are by Dr. John Piper, who's seen as a "pioneer" of this New Calvinism. Then in Spiritual Disciplines According To Martin Luther I connected some more of the dots for you concerning the Acts 29 Church Planting Network itself where you heard from Darren Patrick, its own Vice President, that they are a "neo-Reformed" section of the Emerging Church. Let me be perfectly clear: Acts 29 is most certainly not heretical in its basic theological beliefs. The concern here is the recommendation of a key component that was hidden within the Trojan Horse of the sinfully ecumenical Emergent Church (EC) and its new "big tent" progressive/liberal de-formation of the Christian faith they call Emergence Christianity. This EC-a neo-liberal cult now firmly entrenched within the walls of mainstream evangelicalism-has long been busy now blurring doctrinal lines through their core doctrine of Contemplative Spirituality/Mysticism (CSM) as taught by Living Spiritual Teacher and Quaker mystic Richard Foster along with his spiritual twin and Southern Baptist minister Dallas Willard. ... Although Driscoll, pastor of Mars Hill Fellowship in Seattle Washington, is said to have denounced certain aspects of the emergent church, Driscoll is a proponent of the main element behind the emerging church - contemplative prayer. ... I previously pointed out in Who Is John Main? this form of "mantra meditation" encouraged by Thomas, and apparently also recommended by Driscoll, is traced to Dom (father) John Main (1926-1982). Main was a Roman Catholic priest and monk of the Order of Saint Benedict (OSB); he's also universally known by those in the so-called "contemplative tradition" as the man who rediscovered "the practice of pure prayer, or Christian meditation," using a "holy phrase" also known as a mantra. In 1975 Main "began the first meditation groups at his monastery in London and, later, in Montreal." ... In closing this out, for now, you should understand that what this CSM ends up producing is a sappy, centered on the self, psycho-babble form of Christianity as these mystics "go within" themselves in search of "an authentic self" aka some supposed "true self." However, at its very core, it ends up a denial of the doctrine of original sin. I find it rather odd that people, who would tell us they are Protestants in line with Reformation theology, would be so quick to recommend this kind of Counter Reformation spirituality to their church planters and to the younger section of evangelicals influenced by this New Calvinism.

John Piper - More Details About Our 2010 National Conference - The conference theme is Think: The Life of the Mind & the Love of God - A number of people have asked about John Piper's decision to invite [purpose driven] Rick Warren - Below is a 12 minute clip from last night's Ask Pastor John session where he addresses that question and explains why he thinks it will be good for Rick [Warren] to come (Video)

The 2010 Desiring God National Conference will take place, Lord willing, October 1-3 in Minneapolis. The conference theme is Think: The Life of the Mind & the Love of God, and the speakers and message titles are as follows: Al Mohler - "The Way the World Thinks: Meeting the Natural Mind in the Mirror and in the Market Place"; Rick Warren - "Thinking Purposefully for the Glory of Christ: The Life of the Mind and Global Reality"; R. C. Sproul (via video) - "Thinking Deeply in the Ocean of Revelation: The Bible and the Life of the Mind"; Thabiti Anyabwile - "Thinking for the Sake of Global Faithfulness: Confronting Islam with the Mind of Christ"; Francis Chan - "Think Hard, Stay Humble: The Life of the Mind and the Peril of Pride"; John Piper - "Thinking for the Sake of Joy: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God" -- John Piper's Upcoming Leave - By John Piper March 28, 2010 - As you may have already heard in the sermon from March 27-28, the elders graciously approved on March 22 a leave of absence that will take me away from Bethlehem from May 1 through December 31, 2010. We thought it might be helpful to put an explanation in a letter to go along with the sermon. I asked the elders to consider this leave [without pay - but possibly with perks (Per diem - travel, living expences) that can far exceed the regular salary] because of a growing sense that my soul, my marriage, my family, and my ministry-pattern need a reality check from the Holy Spirit. On the one hand, I love my Lord, my wife, my five children and their families first and foremost; and I love my work of preaching and writing and leading Bethlehem. I hope the Lord gives me at least five more years as the pastor for preaching and vision at Bethlehem. But on the other hand, I see several species of pride in my soul that, while they may not rise to the level of disqualifying me for ministry, grieve me, and have taken a toll on my relationship with Noël and others who are dear to me. How do I apologize to you, not for a specific deed, but for ongoing character flaws, and their effects on everybody? I'll say it now, and no doubt will say it again, I'm sorry. Since I don't have just one deed to point to, I simply ask for a spirit of forgiveness; and I give you as much assurance as I can that I am not making peace, but war, with my own sins. ... Personally, I view these months as a kind of relaunch of what I hope will be the most humble, happy, fruitful five years of our 35 years at Bethlehem and 46 years of marriage. Would you pray with me to that end? And would you stand by your church with all your might? May God make these eight months the best Bethlehem has ever known. It would be just like God to do the greatest things when I am not there. "Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7). I love you and promise to pray for you every day. Pastor John.

http://www.desiringgod.org/Blog/2323_more_details_about_our_national_conference/

The question remains: Is this phenomenon of former pastors becoming full-time conference speakers and authors a good thing? Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove suggests it's not in his new book, 'The Wisdom of Stability: Rooting Faith in a Mobile Culture' {Note: there is the added burden that today MUCH of what is passed off to the Christian public as authored works by leading pastors, teachers and leaders is in fact 'ghost authored' material and more and more the 'ghost authors' of modern Christian material are in actuality New Age authors seeking alternate avenues and venues to saturate their material into. -- Also Note: When it comes to the very serious business of adequately Pastoring a diverse congregation of people any 'one man show' is a complete no-go! It has been conclusively proven time and again in modern-Christianity to be completely UNACCEPTABLE and even TOXIC to allow any one person to have the bulk of authority at any Church level. Even the Catholic Pope presides within a careful system of checks and balances.}

What's going on? Is the local church becoming the "farm team" for full-time conference and book ministry? Normal pastoral transition, pastoral stress, the personality of church planters, and American culture all probably play a role in these type of transitions. ... Third, people who are good at church planting tend to have creative and communication gifts that also make them good writers. Ed Stetzer and Warren Bird write in the 2007 State of Church Planting in the United States, "Aggressive and highly effective church planters tend to be entrepreneurial and find creative means of funding the plant other than with direct assistance from denominational or church-planting agencies." It is not surprising that the entrepreneurial and creative energies of church planters will sometimes lead them to write books describing what they have learned along the way. Belcher, Chan, Rollins, McLaren, and others were all church planters. So was *Eugene Peterson [scam author of the 'ghost authored' and highly New Aged plagiarized 'The Message' bible], who left the church he planted after 29 years to become a professor at Regent College in 1991. (Piper's church has been in existence since the 19th century, but he led it to major growth.) Fourth, American culture expects authors to travel and promote their books through speaking engagements. Outside speaking engagements and further writing often take pastors away from the church they founded. Some pastors, such as Bill Hybels, Rick Warren, Max Lucado, Tim Keller, and Rob Bell, have made arrangements to stay at the churches they founded with other pastors taking on a significant portion of the preaching. ... Still, it is problematic for us to judge people from a distance for their [self-serving] vocational decisions. "If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?" (1 Cor 12:17). We should be careful not to assume that these moves are made out of pride. In Sunday's sermon, for example, Chan was particularly eager to emphasize that he felt God is leading him to greater obscurity, not prominence. But even when prominence does come with these moves, we can all be thankful for good writing and speaking. Maybe God is setting aside some people for these [new apostle] tasks so that the body of Christ might be built up. {It's highly doubtful that this unbiblical, extremely deceptive and very much a worldly compromised movement could possibly be in any way a valid movement or work of God.}

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2010/mayweb-only/28-41.0.html>

It is only by FAITH in Jesus Christ (His sinless life, His atoning cross, His eternal life resurrection) that a person becomes a Christian - NOT by any kind of personal WORKS, good, bad or otherwise (Holy Bible)

"John 3:16-21 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ), that whosoever believeth [faith] in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name [Person] of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light [Jesus Christ] is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their [works] deeds were evil [selfish]. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light [God], neither cometh to the [True] light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth [Biblical] Truth cometh to the light [God], that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought [made - relationship] in God." -- "Ephesians 2:4-10 But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins {the sins of Adam and Eve}, hath quickened us together with [Jesus] Christ, by grace ye are saved; And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: *Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto [God's] good works, *which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

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The works of God are different from the works of man - The Good Works of God are embodied in the works of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (Holy Bible)

"Matthew 16:24-28 Then said Jesus unto His Disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross, and follow Me. *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life [die to this world] for My sake shall find it [eternal life]. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole [fallen] world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For [Jesus Christ] the Son of Man shall come in the Glory of [God] His Father with His [holy] angels; and **then He shall reward every man according to his [godly - Jesus centered] works [after taking up the cross]. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man [glorified - Mt. of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9)] coming in [displaying] His [righteous] Kingdom." -- "Hebrews 12:2-8 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our [Christian] faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." -- "Hebrews 12:12-17 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame [human good works] be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed [relationship with God]. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently [to God] lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." -- "Hebrews 12:22-25 But ye [disciples] are come unto Mount Sion [Zion - the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ], and unto the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of [holy] angels, To the general assembly and Church of the Firstborn [covered by the blood of Jesus], which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect [complete], And to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not Him [Jesus] that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him [Moses] that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him [Jesus] that speaketh from heaven:" -- "Hebrews 12:28-29 Wherefore we [Christians] receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved [shaken down], let us have grace [individuality], whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire [removing unrighteousness]."

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