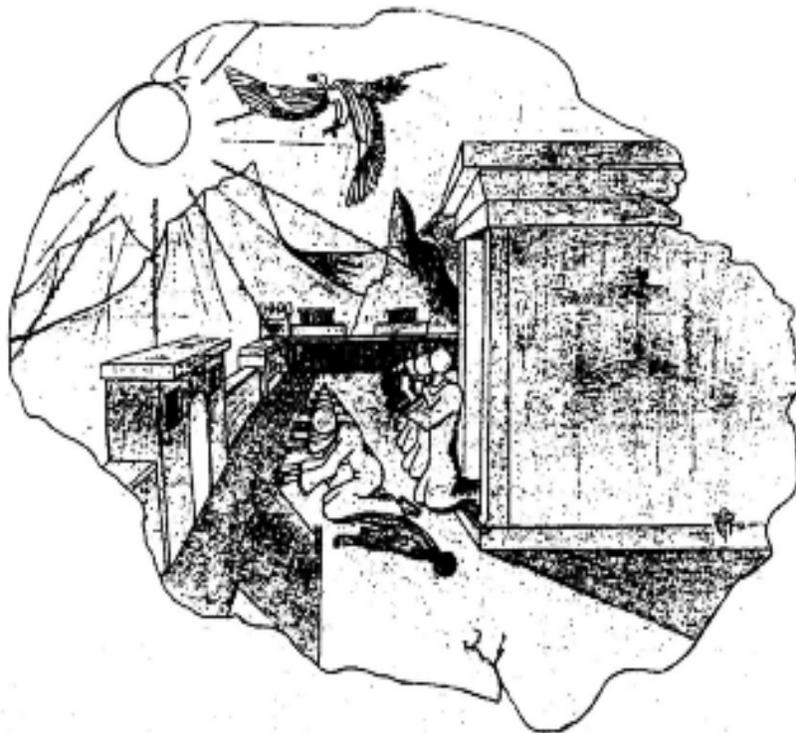


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And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. (Ezekiel 8:16)

"STRANGE FIRE"

by Jewel van der Merwe

Aaron had four sons which were anointed and consecrated to minister in the priest's office. The first two, Nadab and Abihu, died before the Lord when they offered "strange fire".

From the time of Adam it was known that the sacrifice had to be a lamb, yet, Cain also offered "strange" fire to the Lord. God did not accept Cain's sacrifice and as a result Cain became very angry and killed his brother Abel. He became a "curse" in the earth, a vagabond and a "marked" man.

We are now in the New Covenant and under Grace. Through His Grace, God provided the LAMB, our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is the only sacrifice for sin which is acceptable to God. The Word of God says, very clearly, *"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."* (Ephesians 2:8, 9) His work on Calvary provides for our complete salvation - body, soul and spirit. God accepts us through the sacrifice of His Son. His fire PURGES us of all unrighteousness, CONSUMES the dross and CLEANSSES us from all our sin. We are complete in Him.

God has entrusted His "anointed" priests to minister the full counsel of God and not to compromise truth. They must be willing to take up their cross and follow the Lamb where He leads. They are to be faithful ministers of the unchangeable, immutable and pure Word of the Almighty God. It is the Word that has the power to heal the brokenhearted and set the captive free. The only sacrifice that God accepts of His priests is a broken and contrite heart before Him. A heart that cries out for the people - that God will indeed be merciful to a faithless and perverse generation.

However, in the Church today we see those that have been "anointed" to be priests offering strange fires. Caught up with the fervor to build mega--churches, a strange mingling has slowly permeated the very fiber of the fabric of the Church. Terminology has slowly been changed so that words no longer have a biblical context. The premise that is taking hold is: "If it works, it must be all right".

Harbingers of the New Age Movement already at the turn of the century declared:

"...Eventually, there will appear the Church Universal, and its definite outlines will appear towards the close of this century...This Church will be nurtured into activity by the Christ and His disciples when the outpouring of the Christ principle, the true second Coming has been accomplished. No date for the advent do I set, but the time will not be long.

The Christian church in its many branches can serve as a St. John the Baptist, as a voice crying in the wilderness, and as a nucleus through which world illumination may be accomplished. Its work is intended to be the holding of a broad platform. The church must show, a wide tolerance and; teach no revolutionary, doctrines, or cling to any reactionary ideas. The church, as a teaching factor should take the great basic doctrines and (shattering the old, forms in which they are expressed and held) show

their true and inner spiritual significance. The prime work of the church is to teach, and teach ceaselessly, preserving the outer appearance in order to reach the many who are accustomed to church usages. Teachers must be trained; Bible knowledge must be spread; the sacraments must be mystically interpreted, and the power of the church, to heal must be demonstrated." (EXTERNALIZATION OF THE HIERARCHY, Alice A. Bailey, Lucis Trust, pgs 510-11)

These teachings have been on the increase since the turn of the century. In the last ten years the New Age has grown to gigantic proportions. In 1986 (September 29), the New York Times ran a cover story laying out foundational concepts of the New Age Movement. The article focused attention on the following:

1. Rejection of God. New Age thought directly or indirectly rejects the Judeo-Christian concept of a single Omnipotent God who has revealed His will to man and is separate from His creation. The Bible is not to be taken literally.

Too often today we are noting the extreme pull away from being identified as a "Christian" nation. In many quarters Christians are spoken of with contempt and derision. The ranks of the New Age are rapidly being filled by those who have freed themselves from the Christian tradition.

New Age adherents follow the view of many Eastern religions that there is unity in the universe of which all things, including God and man, are equal parts. According to this view, man himself is a deity who can "create his own reality." This view is the foundation of the "Human Potential" training programs. This thinking has been forging its way into the Church. At first subtly, but now bold in its advances.

2. Rejection of Tradition. Although precepts vary from group to group, many argue that Western man, partly because of scientific discoveries of recent centuries, has become disillusioned with the spiritual concepts he inherited. Many groups are also critical of the world's current economic social systems saying they have ravaged the planet. There is a growing dissatisfaction with the "old-time" gospel. Those that believe the Word of God implicitly and earnestly contend for the faith are scorned and derided. They are told they don't "relate" and are "resistors" who just do not want to accept change.

3. A New Force. Mankind is supposed to be at the threshold of a "great evolutionary leap of consciousness" to new beliefs about many things and there is supposed to be an Energy or Force (the New Age god) in the universe that will lead to a happy, peaceful and united new world; the sort of force at work in George Lucas' STAR WARS. The purpose is to transform society to prepare for this New Age or Age of Aquarius. This transformation is otherwise known as the "paradigm shift". Pastors nod in acquiescence; happily willing to appease the people and be "with it" in the latest.

4. Mind Control. To prepare for the New Age, humanity must first alter conventional ways of thinking and begin using areas of their minds they do not normally use. The right brain/left brain theory has developed that is the precursor to a global mind. Altered states of consciousness can be entered through the use of such types of psychological techniques as meditation, hypnosis, chanting, bio-feedback, prolonged isolation and the intervention of

"spirit guides". While participants are in an altered state, leaders of the group are able to implant new ideas and alter thinking processes (a form of mind control).

There are a number of books that promote the New Age vision that have become best sellers. Among these are: MEGATRENDS by Naisbitt, THE AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY by Ferguson and THE TAO OF PHYSICS by Capra.

A New Age magazine called "Common Boundary" claims to be on the forefront of a New Movement. This New Movement integrates spiritual values and principles in the practice of psychotherapy. It is especially geared to sort out the spiritual dimensions of psychotherapy and the psychological aspects of spiritual growth. The purpose is the integration of psychology with the Bible and thereby brings about CHANGE.

There are many highly touted books in "Christian" bookstores that are totally New Age in character. Indeed the strange fire is there.

Self-Esteem

One such book proclaims, "What do you think Jesus would say to you?..Do you think He would tell you what a bunch of miserable sinners you are?.. You are the light of the world..."

The scriptural position is that we are all like sheep who have gone astray. We are all born sinners! The strange fire of Self-Esteem is building on the premise that there is some God-like quality in all of us and we must find our "godhood" or the "divinity that lies within". This new teaching boils down to a worship of oneself in place of God. God's laws and God's standards are not to be taken seriously. All that matters is that "I do what pleases Me". The teaching of original sin is claimed to be "mythical".

Success

Somehow prosperity has come to equal spirituality. The business world is success driven. Do we give the world a palatable Christianity at the expense of the pure Word of God? When we bring in "polished" entertainment to pull in the crowds what is being replaced? Unfortunately, it is replacing the simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation.

Therapy

The books promoting this subject in the Christian world are of the utmost concern. In the view of many, Jesus has become a group therapist for the 90's. Instead of the cross being the answer, we are being fed "relaxation techniques", "visualization" and "guided imagery".

"Christian counselors" are actually telling people that there is a "little me" deep down inside that is carrying hurts and screaming with pain. They advise sitting down several times a day and listening to the "little me". The "little me" must be coaxed up to meet them and to reach out to the healing love of Jesus. In this way a person can become an integrated personality. They actually say that this is a way to get in touch with one's unconscious mind!

Among some of the teachings also being acclaimed by the church is "Reparenting Our Inner-Child". In a particular exercise, adults who had "abused" childhoods had to start at birth and work through the different ages to obviously regain that which they had missed out on in life. Perhaps they were not welcomed into the world. (Who would remember that?) Yet, they had to go back to that time frame as "~", and make affirmations for 0-6 months as: "I'm glad you are alive", "I'm glad you are you", "You can grow at your own pace", etc.

It is very interesting to note that there were seven steps to the progression. From "being", the steps progressed to "doing", "thinking", "identity and power", "structure", "identity, sexuality, separation", and finally "interdependence". Each step had seven affirmations and the final step had twelve. Among these were, "You can be creative, competent, productive and joyful; You can trust your inner wisdom; Your needs are important; Through the years you can expand your commitments to your own growth, to your family, your friends, your community and to all human-kind", etc.

The sets of affirmations were in a circle with a direction on top of each set to color the circle a different color as part of the "therapy". Amazingly, the colors follow the same pattern as what is known as the "Chakras". (see page 8) Each step was colored according to the seven steps of the Chakra! What on earth is going on? Is this mere coincidence or is this deception far greater than I could possibly ever have dreamed?

It is also important to note that the concept of "spirit guides" is very important for a New Ager. Newspaper reports abound with "alleged" incidents in which well known names in the movie, theater, and other entertainment fields encounter disembodied spirits who give them advice and direction. The "inner child" is just another aspect of this teaching.

Codependency

This popular, secular concept is gaining acceptance in churches. The word "codependence" is defined as "being affected by someone else's behavior and wanting to control it." If you are like that, then you must come from a "dysfunctional" family. If you apply that definition - you will find that probably 98% of the population fits that category. The Bible says it so much more simply, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

In one very large Christian Church I visited, I purchased a book by Melody Beattie, an author of the co-dependency idea. According to TIME, December 10, 1990, Beattie "...tapped into a preoccupation with addiction and alcohol, added a whiff of New Age mysticism and came up with a message that reaches Americans adrift in an atomistic society...and gives people a name for their pain - co-dependency." and "...arrived hyper and antisocial at a state hospital where, eventually, a 'spiritual experience' on the hospital lawn transformed her." Her account was as follows: "I lay back and the whole sky turned purple, and I became fully aware that there was a God. My consciousness was raised at that moment." This was her rebirth!

The same author went on to write "CODEPENDENTS' GUIDE TO THE TWELVE STEPS." In this book she says, "Now I have found a spiritual path through some Native American practices, Zen meditation, and shamanistic practices. I am discovering, in the process, a strong sense of my spirituality... To connect with God, we need to relax and open

our conscious and subconscious minds to a Higher Consciousness... We build a connection to God by building a connection to ourselves."

Recovery Movement

The "Recovery" ideas are becoming "gospel" to millions of believers. This is built on "a philosophy that encourages followers to 'fire' their old, unforgiving God and turn to a Higher Power they can accept, whether it is a table, a book or a loving God...turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him...Allows members to define for themselves what is their 'Higher Power.'" (DETROIT NEWS, June 22, 1992).

New Age

This infiltration of New Age ideas has been taking place over a number of years; its ideology is now common place, and unwittingly impacting Western civilization and culture. East and West have been coming together in a "harmonic convergence" to bring about a global mind. Slowly and sadly, the poison has even been spread throughout Christendom. It is now permeating The Church of Jesus Christ to such an extent that it is no longer recognized as a "strange" fire.

Noted New Agers gleefully herald the change. They feel that their "plan" is right on course. A New Age spokesman from England {who has been lecturing on the Reappearance of the "Christ" since 1974) said the following:

"...the Christian Churches have released into the world a view of the Christ which is impossible for modern people to accept; as the one and only Son of God sacrificed by a loving Father to save us from the results of our sins - a blood sacrifice...we have rejected this view, left the church in our millions...to my mind the churches have over emphasized the divinity of Christ. He is divine but in the way you and I are divine the idea of a Christ who comes from the sky from some mythical heaven; that the clouds are going to open and He is going to come down in a long white robe; to my mind all this is ludicrous...does not tie up with our modern scientific knowledge, of human psychology..." {THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE CHRIST AND THE MASTERS OF WISDOM, Benjamin Creme, Tara Press, pg 47)

If the Apostle Paul were here today he would cry out, "O foolish Americans, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"

These are just a few of the strange fires burning. There is so much more. There is departure today from the literal Word of God. We are witnessing the fulfillment of Holy Scripture:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man... Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and

worshipped and served the creature [man] more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." (Romans 1:21-25)

Scripture today is being "mingled" with "another gospel" to make it more palatable for the contemporary church. Going with the "flow" is very easy. It is not just gently floating down a stream, but a mighty torrent sweeping over a precipitous cliff. To try and fight that mighty force seems nigh impossible. The pull to go along with the "strange" fire is very strong. To do so will be at the expense of your soul. It will undermine your walk with God.

What Should The Church Do?

How should the Church of Jesus Christ react to these forces today? Back in the 1800's when spiritism was claiming over 2 million adherents, ministers were faced with the same dilemma. Some did as many do today: They added entertainment to their services to compete with the "thrills" the spiritists were offering.

Some churches back then moved towards the "acceptance" mode of the "spiritists". Hell was a topic to be avoided. Sin was never mentioned. "Spiritism" was an 'easygoing, popular, happy-go-lucky religion', one minister noted. Spiritists said that life after death was inevitably happy and all religions equally good: 'How pleasing this is to the average man; how soothing to the soul that is morally and spiritually lazy.'" (*Christianity Today*, The Return of Spiritism, December 14, 1992.)

Some ministers back then just made light of what was happening. In bored tones they would sigh, "Ah, it is just a fad. It will go away."

However, there were those who took the situation very seriously. They realized that many were "*giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons*" (I Timothy 4:1) "As more Christians took spiritism seriously and challenged it theologically, spiritism as a mass movement faded." (Ibid.)

Church leaders stood firm on the written Word of God!

Today as never before we must "*teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.*" (Titus 2: 1) Our worship must be "Christ-centered worship - worship that is oriented to the glory of God rather than to the needs of men and women." (Ibid.)

The Great Commission is not "hang around just to prove to the world how great your potential is.!" Instead, we are all sinners in need of a Saviour.

May God raise up leaders who are able to rightly divide the Word of Truth. Leaders who accept the fact that the Scriptures are sufficient. It is sad to note that more and more people know less and less about the Bible. Discernment based on Holy Scripture is needed as never before.

God has set us apart as a holy and separate people. He has called us out of this world unto Himself. The attack today is upon the old rugged cross. It is despised by the world. However, we are only reconciled to God at the foot of that cross. If you have been offering strange fires, now is the time to repent. There is room at the cross for you! That is the only sacrifice that

God will accept - YOUR ALL! "Then God's fire upon the altar, of my heart was set aflame, I shall never cease to praise Him, Glory, glory to His name!"

THE NEW VISION OF EUROPE

- by Tricia Tillin, Banner Ministries, England -

In snowy Edinburgh, Scotland, a Summit has just ended with cries of "victory at last!" The Government Ministers of several European nations emerge from their conference room looking smug. This Conference, on the future of Europe, has been dubbed "The Summit doomed to succeed" because the man in the street knows that, whatever he thinks, says or does, the politicians of Europe are hell-bent on unity and will not stop short at any sign of disagreement.

Shortly after the Second World War; there was a desire for peace and harmony amongst the nations to prevent any further devastating wars. This sort of vision led to the formation of the United Nations, and also to the Pan European movement which sought closer unity between the very disparate nations of western Europe. Eventually, by the Treaty of Brussels (1948) and the Treaty of Rome (1957) some European nations committed themselves to closer economic and political ties. They surely could not have forecast the political storms that broke when this union flowered into the Common Market in 1967 which became, in 1991, the European Community.

The Empire In Prophecy

Although on the surface these treaties and partnerships seemed merely commercial, many students of prophecy saw behind them a force working towards the goal of restoring the Roman Empire - and the so-called Holy Roman Empire that followed it.

In the book of Daniel, the statue of the nations is seen in chapter two. It begins with the gold head of Babylon and ends in the two legs and (ultimately) ten toes of Rome. The Roman Empire did indeed have two legs, the Western Roman Empire of Bible days which ended in 476 AD and the Eastern Byzantine Empire which continued until 1453. The Church, which picked up the staff of rule that fell from the hand of the Roman Emperor, also had two "legs", the Western Roman Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. These officially parted company around 1054.

When Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne as Emperor in 800 AD, the Holy Roman Empire was born, uniting together in one religious and political rulership the powers of Church and State. This dominion was to govern Europe for the next thousand years, ending only with the demise of the Hapsburgs when Napoleon declared himself Emperor in 1804. So, from before the birth of Christ right up to the 19th century, both Eastern and Western Europe were dominated by an almost unbroken dynasty of rulers centered on Rome and, later, Germany and Austria. This secular and Papal domination must have been the apple of Satan's eye, creating as it did untold wealth for its rulers, corruption in Church and State, religious bondage and what amounted to a dictatorship over the minds and bodies of the masses. There are those who are set on restoring this Empire.

We all seem to be motivated by our bank balances. Very often, a political or philosophical goal can best be achieved when opposing parties are threatened with the loss of their wealth. So, in 1967 when influential European bodies like the Atomic Energy and the Coal and Steel industries joined together to form the European Economic Community (EEC), tremors were felt around the rest of Europe because of the potential for commercial loss and gain. Other nations tried to jump aboard the wagon. Three more nations (including the UK) joined the original six EEC members in 1973, and in the 1980's the number of participating nations became twelve.

The Maastricht Treaty

The EEC, though often cited by Christians as the prophetic fulfillment of Daniel 2:42 (the ten toes of the statue), hardly troubled the rest of Europe until the watershed of Maastricht in December 1991. Maastricht, in Holland, was the site chosen for the amendment of the Treaty of Rome, to be agreed and signed by all twelve participating members. The result has been known since then as the Maastricht Treaty. Under this Treaty, instead of a Common Market, a Federal State of Europe was proposed, to the alarm of the ordinary people in the street. The European Commission based in Brussels, (president: Jacques Delors) and the European Parliament in Strasbourg were already resented for their meddling in the private affairs of the EC member states. Now they were to be given even greater powers to create binding legislation for all members and to veto the laws of individual nations.

These laws would inevitably favour the stronger nations such as France and Germany and be based on their socialist principles. They would also reflect the German aim of limiting the productivity of industrious nations (such as the UK) and redistributing their wealth among the poorer (less productive) nations. Another factor is the immense and uncontrolled corruption at the heart of Europe and the loss of billions in unnecessary administration, commercial scams and huge handouts given to various pressure groups within the Community. The fertility God provided in Europe was being wantonly abused in the creation of the famous butter mountains and wine lakes, as surplus food went into cold storage, while the overproduction of subsidized farmers was literally dumped and left to rot. So, a treaty calling for closer union was not welcomed with open arms.

Contained in the Treaty were proposals for a single currency (the ECU, or European Currency Unit), economic unity with one Central Bank united social policies, foreign policies, defense policies, and political agreement to the extent that member nations would be signing over their national sovereignty to a centralized bureaucracy.

Discontent Among The Peoples

Panic broke out, especially in the UK; where people are historically, religiously, socially and culturally remote from the rest of Europe and prize above all their national identity

Amongst Christians, it had not gone unnoticed that the blue and gold flag of the EC was identical to the blue gown and twelve gold stars so often seen in pictures and statues of Mary. It was a matter of concern that the architect and driving force of European unity, Jacques Delors, was a devout Catholic. Christians in the UK remember that the Pope has never forgiven us for our split with Rome, and has made a vow to reunite us with the "true faith". Catholics consider England to be "Mary's Dowry", and will stop at nothing to claim it back.

Added to this was the rumbling discontent over Brussels's interference in the UK. Our lives had been bogged down in an ever-increasing number of petty and restrictive EC regulations that forced small firms into bankruptcy, put up prices and robbed us of our traditional foods and pastimes. So, the inbred suspicion of 'the Continent' added to British disgust when John Major signed the Maastricht Treaty committing us to eventual unity with the rest of Europe.

Problems Galore

After the December signing of the Treaty, there had to come the longer process of ratification in each of the twelve nations. All seemed to be going well until the stunning Danish vote - for they said NO to the Treaty in June 1992. Much scratching of the head ensued. Without the ratification of all twelve members, the Treaty would be null and void, yet France and Germany insisted that the Treaty could not be altered to suit Denmark. No answer to this logical dilemma could be found. Shortly afterwards, in September 1992, more trouble broke out with a currency war caused mainly by Germany's economic self-interest. This resulted in the UK's leaving the ERM (the Exchange Rate Mechanism by which it was hoped to bring all the economies of the EC into line with the eventual aim of a single banking system and single currency).

Despite a French "Yes" to the Treaty in September, which lifted politicians' hopes, yet more problems were caused by violent French opposition to the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) agreement between the EC and the USA. Far from providing reassurance about the Maastricht Treaty, this further demonstrated the desire of each individual Government to act in its own commercial best interests.

It is reported that up to 95% of British people are opposed to the Treaty, yet such is the political will for its enactment that John Major threatened to resign and call a general election if his Parliament refused to give permission to ratify it. The motion, in November '92, to continue with the ratification process was passed by only three votes - and those votes had been wrung out of Euro-rebels by threats and coercion. There seems no chance whatever that the people of Britain will be allowed a referendum on Maastricht.

So, with the dead weight of the Danish refusal to ratify, the breakdown of the ERM, the French opposition to the GATT agreement and rebellion against the Maastricht Treaty - breaking out almost everywhere, John Major met with his EC partners for the Edinburgh Summit in December with nowhere to go but up. The task before him was described as "lining up the sides of Rubik's Cube". However, by a supreme effort, the EC leaders finally agreed there to patch up their differences and work toward unity. At all costs, the Treaty must prevail! It seems that nothing is to stand in the way of the restoration of the Roman Empire, and those who are involved seem driven by a force stronger than themselves to achieve full European union.

Prophecy also notes that it is in the latter time of these Roman "kings" that a new Emperor will arise to dominate Europe and the World (Daniel 8:23) but that at that time the God of Heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 2:44) We can look forward confidently to the overthrow of the new Roman Empire by One who is the Judge of all.

Book Critique

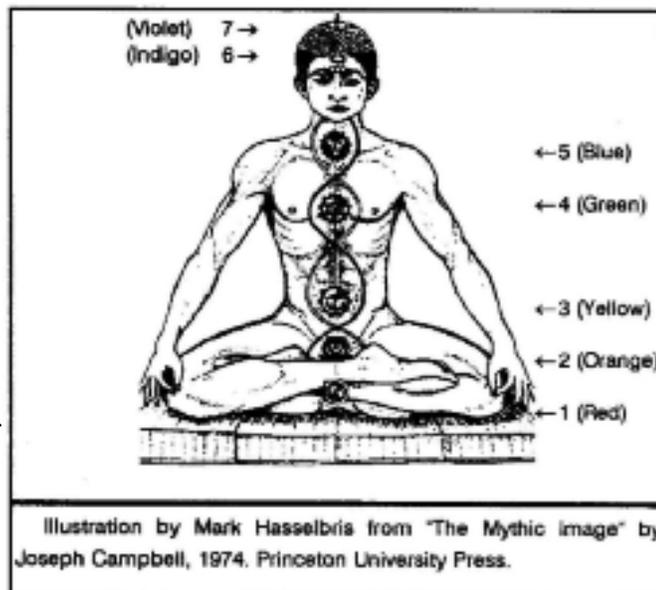
THE SEVEN STEPS TO PERSONAL POWER Biblical or Holistic?

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THE SEVEN STEPS TO PERSONAL POWER is a book by James M. Thomas, Jr., an Episcopal lay preacher and clinical psychologist. He is a psychological consultant to several school districts, the American Legion Children's Home, the Baptist Family Care Ministries of Oklahoma, and conducts seminars around the country for pastors. This book is just another ploy by Satan to saturate the Church with New Age/Holistic/Occult concepts. Thomas says that his Seven Steps is a blending of modern psychological principles and the seven chakras of Eastern mysticism that we must master before achieving spiritual certainty (*the chakras take the place of Jesus who is the only door to spiritual security.*). He also integrates the Bible with the chakras.

The chakra system is historically known as esoteric! occult knowledge. The best metaphysical book that explains the chakra system is THE WHEELS OF LIFE by Anodea Judith. Conceptually, it lines up with Thomas' Seven Steps. But it is not Biblical. However, it is occultic/holistic. It is right out of the pits of Hell, masterminded by Satan to deceive people into believing in a spirituality that excludes the sting of sin. Thomas says that these seven chakras were passed down from the Temple of Babel and lead to the Divine, as well as being practical guides in finding a path to personal empowerment. He says that the chakras integrate science and theology together representing the subtle powers of the mind and unity of body, mind, and spirit. His Seven Steps is a modern model for self-directed change, making up our inner wisdom, the powerful, caring, and creative consultant ever (*inner self; not Jesus Christ as the Great Counselor.*). He also says that the chakras are our intuitive urgings that we should follow instinctively.

In the process of growing up we came to distrust our inner voice, shutting down our inner guidance system. The effect of this shutdown is felt when we are faced with critical decisions. We hope for some surge of divinity to activate our energy system to bring us back to balance (body, mind, and spirit), according to Thomas. He says that we are on a spiritual journey of self-empowerment to integrate our many selves (*seven chakras/seven levels of consciousness/seven personalities.*) into wholeness, but we must take one step at a time. The following are his Seven Steps 10 wholeness:



Step 1/Chakra 1 - "Claim The Power Within", is the chakra which transmits the life principle (*The Force*) through our bodies. Rigid beliefs (*absolutes of Christianity.*) block this energy. We must claim the Power Within, to step inside toward self-responsibility and self-love on our journey into wholeness. He closes each Step with a meditation according to each chakra title.

Step 2/Chakra 2 - "Create What You Need", is the chakra of creativity, the one we can access God's creative power to create. But negative self-talk causes a conflict, a lack of spiritual harmony, blocking our creativity. Positive speech makes us more creative. When we claim our right to be creative, we energize our will, applying the go power of the 1st chakra, helping us to overcome creative blocks and create what we need.

Step 3/Chakra 3 - "Cultivate Emotional Balance", is the chakra that helps control our inner intuitive guidance system to stay in balance (*body, mind, and spirit.*) as we go through life.

Step 4/Chakra 4 - "Set Your Heart On Your Goal", is the heart energy chakra that controls our well-being, healing and forgiveness. Internalized messages of shame and blame since childhood block this chakra, causing terrible spiritual conflict. To clear the blockage we need to forgive God, ourselves, and our parents.

Step 5/Chakra 5 - "Go With Your Inner Voice", is the chakra of our inner wisdom, the still, small voice within. We must listen to it even when it means leaving the values of our parents and peers behind. We must turn off the chatter of our minds (*rational thinking.*) and understand the power of silence (*alpha state of consciousness.*). An internal shifting occurs, making us feel extremely psychic, as the "new me" emerges within (*spiritual transformation occult style**).

Step 6/Chakra 6 - "Know The Power Within", is the chakra of the highest power of the mind, our intuitive power. Knowing universal truth (*The Force*) is based on having an intuitive experience, and not by faith. We must act upon our experience to know truth, to find wholeness.

Step 7/Chakra 7 - "Connect With The Divine", is the chakra where communion occurs between our best selves and the Divine source. Everyone can tap into the Divine source that is housed within our spiritual self (*contrary to what the Bible says in John 3; 16-20*) and connect with Earth Mother Goddess or Father-Mother God who is represented by the still, small voice within.

As Christians, Jesus tells us "let no man deceive you" (Matt. 24:4).

***According to our conceptual research findings.**

Book Critique

QUENCHING THE SPIRIT

William DeArteaga

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DeArteaga has recently authored a book, QUENCHING THE SPIRIT, which is a current hot item in Christian bookstores. In this book you can reduce the basic premise to the following statement: "God brings new truth to the church by first revealing it to cults and occult groups." Consequently, the fact that certain current teachings can be traced to cultic sources is not to be a concern, rather there are no worries because routinely God has worked that way. It is hardly surprising that many Charismatic leaders are rushing to endorse the book. It appears on the surface to give credence to many current teachings, especially those that are committed to the disciplines which require a man's mind to be the force (called faith) which initiates a miracle based upon certain supposed "impersonal spiritual laws" which God has established and with which God must stand by and see how and who uses these laws.

DeArteaga argues that "mind over matter" ministries have a basis or validation in Quantum Physics. (If scripture doesn't establish it, look to science.) DeArteaga suggests that the mind affects subatomic particles, thus proving that man with his mind can affect matter. This both a New Age and Old Age myth. Actually, man's mind cannot affect matter; rather it is the reverse. Light photons bouncing off objects affect the eye and brain. If indeed DeArteaga's supposed false reliance on Quantum Physics is the basis for explaining miracles, then miracles have ceased to be miraculous. A non-supernatural explanation has just evacuated the meaning of a miracle. A miracle has always been understood as God suspending and overriding normal natural law. Are we so wedded to our extra biblical ministries that we will sell our biblical blessing for some New Age pottage?

From this misunderstanding of Quantum Physics, DeArteaga reasons that because "the mind inherently has some tiny power [to influence subatomic particles]...by faith the mind acts in the power of God and can move mountains" (pp 162-3). God's power is seen as a force our minds operate when we obey "spiritual laws". To DeArteaga, these laws channel God's power. This principle, he says, was opened by "the Logos" to the metaphysical cults and from there came into the church.

The thesis of QUENCHING was previously put forth by DeArteaga in a book he authored in 1983 entitled, PAST LIFE VISIONS. In this book he states; "The Holy Spirit will flow into occult groups if it blocked out by Orthodox Christians" (p 17). It is good we have this previous book for in this book his heresies are not as cleverly disguised as in the present volume. In VISIONS (p 132), he lauds Agnes Sanford's incredibly heretical THE HEALING LIGHT and defends her belief in a pre-earth human existence (pp 145-6); seems to embrace evolution of man from a lower species (p 126); declares that "ghosts" are "earthbound souls" (p 187) who may legitimately communicate with the living (p 182) and that the dead should be ministered to by the church (p 183). He argues that reincarnation is Biblical and was even "validated by Jesus" (pp 197-209) and that such a gospel is helpful for India because it allows "the Hindu to maintain... the concept of Karma-reincarnation" (p 215); and he recommends regression into past lives as a standard method of spiritual healing for the Church to adopt (pp 151-163). (The Berean Call, Nov '92)

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Beloved!!! If I must choose between sovereignty of God and the sovereignty of man I feel more comfortable with God in control. I suggest to you God has never used heretics, occultists and pagans to reveal His Truth. He is able to use pagan kings to bring judgement even upon his own people. But He has His own apostles and prophets. Through the Spirit we can receive personal guidance, but the truth of the gospel has already been delivered to the saints once and for all and that doctrinal truth has been kept for us in the scripture which can neither be added to or subtracted from.

All of DeArteaga's examples do not suggest heresy (occult) before orthodoxy, rather it is heresy that forces the church to go back to its only standard of truth, namely the scriptures, and there find the revelation of truth that has always been there. DeArteaga suggests that the church is lazy and rebellious and he deposits his truth there and hopes somebody in the church will happen upon it. He pictures Hagin and others using the Bible as a filter to separate truth

from error in the cults. Rather, it appears scriptural truth was filtered out and significant occultic mind-over-matter error was mixed in and then processed, labelled as God's truth and marketed to the Charismatic community

Does God really grow the fruit of the Spirit from pagan, and occultic roots. I think James gives us a definitive answer in the New Testament: *"Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? Brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs?"* (James 3:11, 12)