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"PROPHETS, ETC."
- by Jewel van der Merwe -

Whenever we become "exclusive" in our Christian walk our understanding and scope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ becomes limited. We have to always remember that The Church is The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. God is always cleansing and purging His Church. There is a continual work of grace going on in the hearts and lives of His people.

"Even when we were dead in sins, [God] hath quickened us together with 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." (Ephesians 2:5-7)

We love the Lord Jesus Christ and we love the Church. Our desire is to see each member of the Body of Christ grow into maturity. Our growth is only accomplished by growing in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. That knowledge comes from the Word of God. We are not suddenly going to be zapped with supernatural knowledge acquired without daily searching the Scriptures to see if what we hear is indeed taught in the Word of God.

Notably absent today is preaching on the Cross of Christ. One hundred years before Hitler appeared on the scene, a German poet wrote:

"When once the restraining talisman of the Christian Cross is broken in Germany - then the fury of the ancient warriors, the berserk rage of which the Nordic Poets sang will surge up once again. The old stone gods will rise from forgotten ruins and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes, and Thor with his gothic hammer will leap up and smash the Gothic cathedrals and when that crash comes, it will be like nothing heard before." (Video Documentary, THE TWISTED CROSS)

Alas, today we are seeing abominations in the House of the Lord. The cross is becoming twisted in churches across the land. Hitler's twisted cross originated from his occultic leaning. It was the symbol on the forehead of Buddhist idols. Is this same idolatry entering the Church of Jesus Christ?

Hitler came to power in a country with many Christians, who watched helplessly out of their windows as millions of innocent victims were relentlessly marched to their death. It is worth remembering that Hitler came to power through the manipulation of big lies. Goebbels, his propagandist, believed that if you told people little lies they wouldn't believe them!

We are now living in a far more dangerous day. People are believing the LIE: "Eat this fruit and ye shall be as god."

There are "gods" running around the country calling themselves "prophets" as they claim to be the VOICE of God for today! Out of their mouths come the strangest "prophesies". A new prophetic magazine, *Destiny Image Digest*, Vol. 1, No.1, has an article entitled, "The Emerging Super Race", by Turnel Nelson, and it interestingly notes;

"Praise God, our Creator has a plan to restore order to His creation. Two thousand years ago He raised up a "fourth race" of man, descended from the Second Adam, Jesus Christ. This fourth race is a true super race which will fulfill God's divine purpose to bring righteousness to earth. That super race was created to rule over every nation, every tongue, and every people on this planet. This fourth race...transcends the human body and time itself! God ordained that this earth be conquered and ruled by a super race of spiritual beings who are united by a single scarlet thread - the blood of Christ! God's super race of man in our generation!"

Dr. Patricia Morgan (professor at ORU) in the same magazine on the same theme says:

"God's expressed intention of using the Seed of the woman to crush the head of satan (Gen. 3:15) clarifies His divine hope of generations...Satan's purpose is to steal, to kill and to destroy our children. He is especially targeting the righteous seed. He is afraid that a godly generation will rise up to crush his head."

The theme of this prophetic magazine is that it is now time for this "anointed seed" or "super race" to take dominion of the nations. Scriptures that were literally fulfilled in Jesus Christ are now transferred onto the believers - which is Manifest Sons of God teaching! (This is dealt with in detail in back newsletters entitled, "A Prophetic Set".)

It isn't too hard to understand how this teaching taken to an extreme takes us straight to Christian Identity. This teaching has no problem using the sign of the swastika for an emblem. Our newsletters have been dealing with various trends in the Church. They have been an honest effort to question whether the things that we are hearing be so. With the penchant today for allegorizing scripture and the use of symbols (even having a pad and pencil handy beside the bed to write down dreams so that God's "direction" can be interpreted), it is often very difficult to draw the dividing line between truth and error.

It almost seems that we have been set up so we can not question. We must just accept everything that is dished out and look the other way. Can you imagine Jeremiah or Ezekiel getting on the bandwagon with the false prophets and appeasing the people?

False Prophets Will Arise

We look askance when Rev. Sun Myung Moon matches 2,075 couples and marries them in a mass wedding. The members of the Unification Church rise early each morning for family prayer and offer up all their daily tasks to the service of God and Moon, who is for them the second Messiah. They see themselves as integral to the world's redemption. They compare themselves to the early Christians who were privileged to live in their master's time and have the benefit of his counsel. Moon's followers believe that his decisions are based on his ability to discern. Many of the couples are matched with people of other races and nationalities, in keeping with Moon's ideal of unifying all races and nations in the Unification Church. Every decision, whether large or small, is deferred to Rev. Moon.

We know that his gospel is false. We believe that he is on a real power trip and has learned how to lead gullible followers who are obviously very willing to be led.

However, when this same spirit enters the church, it behooves us to warn the Church. In the "prophetic" move we are witnessing today, there is manifest the trend to control and dominate the hearts and minds of God's people. The power of the written Word of God is diminished by "new and fresh revelation".

"Prophet" Appears on TBN

On February 25, 1993, a "prophet" was on TBN with Matt Crouch, the son of Paul and Jan. I had just taped the previous segment which was very inspiring as Peter LaLonde had visually shown how the literal Word of God was being fulfilled in wonderful detail. In sharp contrast, one of the new latter day "prophets" completed the program.

In the Old Testament Jeremiah warned about this type of prophet: *"Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord."* (Jeremiah 23:16)

On this particular broadcast it was taught that the Body of Christ doesn't understand what the prophet really is. They just don't understand that the Old Testament prophet was different from the New Testament prophet. Naturally they would say that! In the Old Testament if a prophecy was false, the prophet was stoned. However, the way a prophet is defined today makes him not responsible for his prophecies. All of the responsibility falls on the person to whom the prophecy is given! If the prophecy doesn't come to pass, it is that person's fault. He

didn't exercise enough faith, or he didn't "take possession" or he didn't "do battle" long enough.

The "new prophets" are claiming that their "utterances" are more than tongues...they actually believe that they literally become the UTTERANCE OF GOD. Yes, the utterances that come forth from today's prophets is the "spoken word" or the "fresh word from God". This word is on a par with, and in some instances above, the written word. Their claim is that the "spoken word" actually makes the "prophet" a partaker of the DIVINE NATURE. Therefore they can speak into existence healing, finances, etc.

These "new prophets" go on to believe that this is the last generation, and this generation will completely overcome sickness and poverty. On the TBN program, this particular "prophet", Kim Clement, actually said that Christians will be a super-human powerful force that will grind Satan into the ground. The very topping on the cake was that the Word of God, when used, was twisted. For example, Matthew 16:16-18,

"...Peter...said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus...said, flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven...and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

However, this scripture was interpreted on the program as meaning: "Christians must get into revelation from the Word." Yes that sounds very good. However, it is how "the Word" is defined that is so troubling. By "the Word", this "prophet" means a fresh prophetic voice or revelation experienced subjectively apart from the literal Bible revelation. He intimated that for Christians to survive they must build on new subjective revelations and experiences. Needless to say, this concept makes the written Word of God of no effect, especially if the new revelation is put on a par with Scripture. Inevitably, this practice leads to endless speculations and bizarre experiences, always in the hope of achieving the ultimate revelation. This total New Age philosophy and thought, which is claimed to be the Word of God, is much too common a practice among the so-called "prophets" today.

So the prophet continues, "...and upon this Rock of Revelation, I will build my Church. There has to be a fresh [subjective] revelation for the Church today to be built on and the Gates of Hell will not prevail against the Rock of this fresh revelation!"

Matt Crouch's enthusiastic response was, "The Word that we heard as children is not fresh revelation and is not applicable for today. It isn't any good for the warfare today...we are building on Christ and fresh revelation."

How sad that the Well of Salvation we drank deeply of as children has now become dry and now we must quench our thirst at broken cisterns.

A "Prophet" in Waco

Deviation from Scripture leads to strange teachings. An extreme example has been the "prophet" who is presently hitting the headlines. Vernon Howell; who changed his name to David Koresh, holds his followers hostage with his ramblings from Scripture. The question is asked, "Why do people follow him?" His followers actually believe that he speaks for God. They do not discern that they are being deceived and led to their doom!

When David Koresh fought for leadership of the cult, he allied himself with Lois Roden, the founder's 67-year-old widow. She was considered a prophetess. David said that GOD TOLD HIM to sleep with Mrs. Roden and conceive a child. "Despite her age, David told followers that he impregnated Roden, THEN BLAMED HER for losing the baby..." (*Detroit Free Press*, March 3, 1993, pg 1A) These teachings sound bizarre, but they are not too different from what we are hearing today. For instance, "He believed that the return of Christ was imminent but that it could not happen until there was a purer church that could receive Christ." (*Newsweek*, March 15, 1993, The Messiah of Waco).

We have heard much teaching about a "pure" church in recent years. This teaching gives rise to exclusiveness which causes Christians to alienate themselves from others as they try to attain a particular type of "holiness" or "purity".

Koresh was also teaching that "the end would come when he moved to Israel and began converting the Jews. The conversion, he claimed, would cause world-wide upheaval, start a war and would cause American armed forces to invade the Holy Land...then Howell [Koresh] would be transformed into a warrior angel who would cleanse the earth in preparation for the New Jerusalem." (Ibid.) Since that all didn't work out, he then predicted the battle would be in Texas.

"Normal" people will dismiss this cult as a wild deviation and believe they would never be touched by such activity. However, this cult did not start out this way. Whenever there is a departure from the simplicity that is in the Word of God, seducing spirits are given free reign. That is why we have such stern warnings in scripture to TAKE HEED.

Koresh's reference to the "Warrior Angel" uncomfortably sounds like "Joel's Army" or "The New Breed" of people that are going to arise according to "prophet" Paul Cain. This same group of people could also be called "The Elijah Company" according to "prophet" Bill Hamon.

Bishop Paulk Has Long Endorsed The "Prophets"

Bishop Earl Paulk has long endorsed the "prophetic" in his church. I have heard reports from time to time of control exercised over members to the extent that wives were advised to leave their husbands who didn't agree with the teachings and practices. It wasn't unusual for these wives to put everything they owned in the offering plate, including expensive jewelry given as special gifts.

Today, the sexual scandal surrounding the ministers in the Paulk family is shaking the church. The Bishop, Don Paulk (brother) and two nephews have been included. This scandal is just the result of the pernicious doctrines that have been in place and allowed to prosper too long.

A gentleman who had been closely associated with the Bishop for a number of years describes his experience:

"...I do not want to sow discord among brethren. Yet, I can no longer sit idly by and hear the cries of the oppressed...Some pulpits today are almost over-crowded because of the abundance of self-proclaimed prophets, bishops...and their need to be seen in

the honored places. The leadership still enjoys telling everyone what to do with every aspect to their lives while they essentially do as they please...under the guise of 'ministry'...they are building their own empires... Local congregations are falling under the influence of the leadership of this movement...they are subjected to the fear of spiritual reprisal... fear of 'putting their hand to the plow and turning back' - thus they will be unfit for the Kingdom... They are also made to fear that they might miss out on what God is doing and saying since their local leadership has assumed the role of chief interpreters of Scripture, and speak in God's behalf as 'prophets'." (unpublished manuscript)

Charisma and *Ministries Today* have promoted many of the teachings of this NEW WAVE and have given much credibility to the "prophets". Now in soul-searching honesty they point out obvious lies and lack of any accountability - even to ministries with whom Bishop Paulk is closely associated:

"...some of the former members attempted to fulfill the biblical guidelines for confronting fellow Christians (Matt. 18:15-17). When their efforts to confront church leaders were fruitless, they tried to enlist the help of other ministers. When we first learned of the situation, we also contacted several ministers to urge them to mediate the controversy. Some of those leaders were unable - or unwilling - to get involved. Others gave the accusations a cursory hearing, believing it was sufficient to hear only the Paulks' account of the controversy." (*Ministries Today*, Stephen Strang - March/April 1993)

Ministers today are afraid to take a stand? What are they afraid of? Their reputations? Their security?

Many know that something is wrong, but can't put their finger on it! They rely on their "witness" in the Spirit rather than being Bereans, "checking out the Scriptures to see if these things be so"!

The Political Scene

"Prophets" seem to love to have a "political" edge today. But when you consider their theology is "Kingdom Now" and their Agenda is to set up a kingdom on earth, it should not come as a surprise that they get involved in the political arena.

The national news magazine *Newsweek* acclaims President Clinton as, "THE NEW AGE PRESIDENT", "...He may not be into crystals, but he can speak in the rhythms and rhetoric of pop psychology and self-actualization. He can search for the inner self while seeking connectedness with the greater whole."

New Age Magazine Prophecies

Seth is a disembodied spirit who is channeled by Jean Loomis (a medium). Seth has some things to say about Bill Clinton:

"So, dear friends, you now have a very dear friend as President of your great nation. This Bill Clinton is, indeed, very inspired and very inspiring. And his election

indicates a major shift of your group mind...Clinton in many ways embodies the qualities which insure conscious creation of your own reality...He very clearly sees the big picture...He enjoys playing with that picture to see how all the pieces fit so everyone can win. He sees the unlimited potential, the God, in others...Like a great spiritual healer, he inspires others with his vision of them, and they rise to it." (*BODY MIND SPIRIT*, Jan/Feb, 1993)

A national news magazine and a channeled entity via a New Age magazine recognize the "qualities" of our new President. It is very interesting to note the "prophets" lauded in the church are joining forces.

Paul Cain Prophecies

Paul Cain and Rick Joyner produce *The Morning Star Prophetic Bulletin*. In the January, 1993 issue the comments on President Clinton were most "enlightening":

"The Lord said that He was giving us a new president who is better than we deserve. He represents a reprieve from a New World Order that the Church is not prepared to face at this time..."

A reprieve from what? Bill Clinton and Al Gore's policies are *for* the New Order of the World!

"The Lord showed Paul Cain that He wanted to use Bill Clinton to bring blessing to America, not judgment, but this word is conditional on how His people respond." Again, the prophecy is conditional. This absolves the "prophet" from responsibility.

Paul Cain was shown five headlines in his dream because, "Bill Clinton represents grace from God, not judgment...In the dream Paul was told that Bill Clinton was better than we deserved and that he may be viewed as the best president in America since Dwight Eisenhower... The Lord wants to use Bill Clinton to move the country forward and not backward." (Interesting that he should mention Dwight Eisenhower. In a tape I have transcribed, Paul Cain talks about Eisenhower regularly flying out to California to consult with a "prophet".)

The positive prophecies also came out on the TBN program with Kim Clement and Matt Crouch. Kim said that he was tired of "so-called prophets" saying that this country was going to be judged. He didn't seem to think this country would be judged because they sent out so many missionaries. Instead, he believed that tremendous blessing was coming on America. In fact, he stated that the Body of Christ is becoming very aggressive, songs becoming militant, and the Church is getting ready to fight. In fact, if you prophesy "doom and gloom" you are not going to be part of what God is going to do! He was "prophesying: that there is going to be an incredible breakthrough and revival in 20 months. Now, according to his thinking process, "It is not the prophet's responsibility for it to come to pass. It is the responsibility of the one to whom the promise is given."

A Kingdom Set Up On Earth?

Yes, the country is moving forward quickly. It is moving into the "new order of the world" and toward a GLOBAL SPIRITUALITY. The facts are very hard to accept and the truth unpalatable.

On one side, the Dominion/Kingdom Now people work hard to set up a political kingdom, and on the other hand, the new "prophets" spiritualize the Word of God giving their own "words from God" to also set up an earthly kingdom. Meanwhile, in the Church, there is a mingling taking place that is compromising the Word of God and adulterating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In a desire to make a "comfortable" word, the true Gospel is being watered-down. Instead of a church standing strong and clear against the Tidal Wave of evil, the crowds are flocking to "signs and wonders" looking for a new thrill or a spiritual "high" or to get on the latest bandwagon of "something new".

New Age Prophets

A church may feel they are doing "positive" things for their congregation by caring for the "whole" person - not realizing they are being duped into paving the way for the Anti-Christ.

A particular church happily opened its doors to a new program to include a "parish nurse". The purpose of the program was to bring in WHOLE (body-mind-spirit) health strategies. They honestly believed that introducing this into the Church is what God would desire for their people. The "Issues of Philosophy" of this program are very troubling.

Wholism is a new age euphemism that teaches that we are one with creation and with the Creator. In the "Issues of Philosophy" of this program this thought is brought out very clearly: "Each person is unity/integrated whole with varying dimensions that are physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual."

Scripture teaches that man is a sinner separate from his Creator. He needs a Saviour - not just a way to come into "restoration, balance, wholeness and harmony".

The New Age concept of WHOLENESS is a massive deception that has no place in the Church of Jesus Christ. In a new age book, "The Wholeness Principle", the root of the concept is explained very neatly. In a chapter entitled, "Karma: The ultimate Law of Wholeness", we learn that this is fundamental to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Theosophy. "Karma is associated with the system of thought...a nondualistic philosophy which postulates that the universe is a multi-levelled, living whole, within whose vast spectrum, levels are infinitely interconnected, interwoven into a living, co-evolving web of relations."

So where does the "wholeness" concept take us? "The wholeness which constitutes the human being thus embraces death as an integral part of life - part of the natural cycle of birth-death-rebirth. Reincarnation suggests that an individual's evolution proceeds over many lifetimes instead of just one." (Ibid.)

Bringing this teaching to the Church presents Christ as an AVATAR or a Guru to lead men to the Divine. In other words, A FALSE CHRIST. In looking over all the materials from

this church, there was not one mention of the Cross of Christ! It is only at the Cross we can be made truly "whole".

Signs And Wonders

The investigative reporting television program, INSIDE EDITION, recently poignantly showed manipulation using "miracles" as a ploy to build "ratings", thus bringing in more money. They showed Benny Hinn saying that the miracles are not put on television unless they are checked. Yet, they had proof that a number of miracles were not checked. They determined that Benny was marketing miracles.

Many will rush to his defense - they will feel abused because the wicked media is trying to "tear down the Kingdom of God". What a shame the media has to ask these questions! What is the church doing? When Christians question, they are immediately attacked as "heresy hunters".

Al Dager, of *Media Spotlight*, wrote an article analyzing Benny Hinn's teachings and writings. As a result, he received a threatening letter from Benny Hinn's attorney that noted, "We intend to pursue all available remedies under the law, including court action, if necessary." However, the attorney had to acknowledge that analysis is acceptable as long as Mr. Hinn isn't attacked personally.

When teaching is questioned, it is not an attack on a person. It is amazing how defensive people become and so willing to ignore the truth. What will ultimately matter in the courts of heaven will be the truth as it is written in the Word of God. We will not be judged according to some "prophet's" latest revelation, but will be judged according to the Word of the Almighty God - the Word that is forever established!

"Prophet" in the Church

We pastor Miracle Life Church (Fostoria, Michigan), which has experienced some of the things that have been mentioned. The original pastor left the church because of a prophetic word that confirmed it was time to leave the church. At the time, the church was prospering. An "elder" was left in charge. He attended a meeting with other pastors and was told that he needed a "covering" for his church. A "prophetess" offered to be that "covering".

The "prophetess" then came to the church to do a "house cleaning". She called out various spirits that she "felt" were present and was quite insistent that her "ministry" be honored. Before long the "elder" in charge brought in a test that was supposed to classify the congregation to determine if they were sheep, wolves, or goats. (They were even told that the sheep were to be fed, but the goats would be milked.) This labeling was needed in preparation for discipling. All of the members were told they were to attend discipleship meetings in the pastor's home. They had to be trained and submitted. Their "prophetess" was submitted to a board that were known as: "apostle, prophet, teacher, pastor, and evangelist." This group was submitted to a nationally known figure.

The results of the ministry of the "prophetess" was to come in and rip people apart. Eventually, the pastor disassociated himself from her and turned to another group involved in the same structure. By this time, some of the members had left and others were balking. The

balking members were taken to a service so they could observe how wonderful the "move of the spirit" was and certainly by that time they would see how good this group was. The "prophet" in charge of that service emphasized again how important it was that members "be in submission". As the members looked up scripture verses, he would have everyone "pray in tongues" before he read the verse. People would be called up for a "word from the Lord" and then told to run around the church. Halfway through the service, the husbands were told to give wives their wallets and have the wives take out what should be given in the offering.

The frightening aspect of this scenario is that these dear folk were told they could come under judgment of death if they came against God's move and God's men. They were told that they didn't have the presence of God in their homes, their lives, or their marriages - so they would have to be in the House of God where the MAN OF GOD was if they wanted to experience the Presence of GOD!

"Prophets" Move And Give Direction

A friend called the other night and said that a "prophet" came into a local church and gave quite a number of "words" that he purported were from God. One such "word" was that the minister should go find a job, etc. Every word this "prophet" gave was immediately carried out in the minutest of detail. I don't have to be a prophet to say it will not be long and that church will be shipwrecked.

"Prophet" Welcomed In Assembly Of God Church

A member from an Assembly of God church wrote that they had a couple visit their church who "moved in the prophetic". This couple pointed out a young boy who would be a prophet, called out a woman giving graphic details of her fertility system and then told the people to get in small groups and pray for one another. When they were in the small groups they were told to ask the Lord, "which child" was emotionally dominant.

I glanced over their recommended reading list and was horrified. Eight out of the eleven books named were teaching books that completely contradict our doctrines in the Assemblies of God. Yet, that pastor had welcomed this couple into his church with wide open arms.

I have been following this present "prophetic" move with great interest. I do not agree that it is God restoring His Church. The church was birthed by Jesus Christ. He is the Cornerstone. All through the centuries that Church prevailed. It was built upon the Apostles' Doctrine. This "new revelation" that we are receiving today is the doctrine of devils. It is a political ploy to take control and manipulate people.

Dr. Hamon Brings Restoration

One of the prophets on the forefront, Dr. Bill Hamon, says, "The restoration of the Elijah Company of the prophets is so dear to the heart of Jesus, for it will be this company of the last day prophets that prepare the way for His Second Coming...the prophets will also help restore and call forth Apostles of power and restoration for the Church unity and perfection..." So we need the "prophets" to "restore" the Church. You can even go to school and learn how to be a prophet. The next step is an "elitism". This "Elijah Company" does not believe in the "rapture"

of the church, but are setting up a kingdom here on the earth. When they have it all ready, they will invite Jesus back to sit on the throne.

Here we have the "covering" in place also. Dr. Hamon has been set up as senior prophet for the "father covering". Underneath him are three groups..."100 fold, 60 fold, and 30 fold. Three groups, levels, areas of activity...inner circle (portrayed as Peter, James, John), the others (9 of the 12) and then the 70." This is interpreted as a "divine principle".

So, Shepherding/Discipleship has emerged again in different ways made palatable to different groups. In Dr. Hamon's group, sincere commitment is demonstrated by signing the "CI-NPM Covering Confessional Covenant".

On one hand, the Christian can get very fearful as they hear things like new levels of power coming to those who are covenant makers because COVENANT POWER WILL BE THE GREATEST POWER THE CHURCH WILL EXPERIENCE. What are these militant kingdom builders really meaning? What are they coming together to accomplish? What if we do not go along with them?

At a "Prophetic Leadership Conference" recently, the Song of Solomon was used with the question of the bride, "How can I find you?" The answer of the Groom, "Just follow the trail of my flock." The congregation was told that the "trail" also meant, "the droppings or messes of the sheep."

Today when we follow the trail of the flock who are declaring the "prophetic", we will indeed find a mess! Let us forget trying to interpret dreams, finding new symbolism to give "hidden meaning", having a "word" from God and just return to the simplicity of the literal Word of God. It is written, *"Man shall not live by bread a/one, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."*

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Galatians 6:14

Perhaps you have been involved in some of the things mentioned. Confusion reigns in your life. There is no new revelation that you need for deeper understanding. Return to the simplicity of the Gospel. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Your salvation is worth more than all the silver and gold this world has to offer!

CLINTON'S QUEST -- CHRISTIAN OR OCCULT?

- by Berit Kjos -

President Clinton has demonstrated his interest in spiritual things. The media has shown him praying, singing hymns, carrying his family Bible and participating in Christian worship. During the Larry King Live show on inauguration night, a high school friend and neighbor described him as "deeply spiritual." Yet, his ready references to New Age concepts like "centering" and "channeling" creative personal energy¹ raise questions about the nature of his deity. More important, his actions suggest both a preference for the global, politically correct

spirituality touted by Al Gore as "the wisdom distilled by all faiths"² and a radical, anti-Christian philosophy which contrast sharply with the Baptist image that helped him win the election.

Clinton's model for educational "progress", the Governor's School of Arkansas³, opened a window into his liberal agenda. Founded and established by Clinton, it introduces students to a global spirituality, which embraces every non-Biblical path to god--but despises the God of the Bible and those who follow Him.

Sidwell, the Quaker school President and Hillary Clinton chose for their daughter fits right in. Its own promotional literature describes it as "inescapably religious."⁴ Chelsea attends a weekly "meeting for worship" with her classmates. But, like many New Agers and Universalists, the Society of Friends view their deity as a "divine inner presence" (or "That of God in everyone" or "Christ Within" or "Inward Light") immanent within *every* person regardless of doctrine or specific beliefs. For those who wonder if Quakers are Christians "or whether they might more properly be classified within the Universalist traditions," Quaker Stephen Cary has a ready answer:

"If it means commitment to a range of theological doctrines that are central to much Christian thought--doctrines such as the Virgin Birth, Original Sin, and the Atonement, then a large number of Friends would say they are not Christian. But if it means...the adherence to the teachings and the example of Jesus of Nazareth, then I believe all Friends could unite in affirming our Christian basis.⁵

In other words, Jesus, like Buddha, becomes a good teacher who models the path to "union with God"--and quells any conscious need for the cross.

Aligning himself with the liberal National Education Association, Clinton opposes the kind of school choice that would provide vouchers for Christian schools. He favors Charter schools. According to The Progressive Policy Institute's *Mandate for Change*, which Clinton endorsed as a book that "tries to move us toward a better future," Charter schools "seek to foster healthy competition within the public school system by enabling administrators, teachers, and even other groups or individuals to create new schools, chartered by the state, which compete for students and the public funds that flow with them."⁶ The basic qualifications for incorporation into the public school system are simply: the Charter school cannot charge tuition, discriminate, or be religious. Even so, Minnesota's Department of Education has granted charters to two Montessori schools, which blend hands-on teaching with the pantheistic spirituality that characterizes global education.

Few appreciate the Montessori philosophy more than Robert Muller, a New Age mystic and a champion for global education and world government. The current Chancellor of the U.N.'s University for Peace in Costa Rica declared in 1982,

"We need the cosmic education foreseen by the religious and by people like Maria Montessori. We need a holistic education, teaching the holism of the universe and of the planet..."⁷

This holistic, all-inclusive mask for ancient occultism touts tolerance but demonstrates inordinate intolerance toward genuine Christianity. Already permeating public schools and

curriculum from coast to coast, it encourages students to trade truth for myth and facts for personal speculation under the guise of "critical thinking." In other words, the educational philosophy promoted through Clinton's Governor's School has already been established through America 2000 under the leadership of Bush education appointee, Lamar Alexander. Education Secretary William Riley will undoubtedly be encouraged to speed this transformation by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Donna Shalala, both champions for liberal social policies, "children's rights," and educational transformation. "We're looking at a team approach in the Cabinet," Riley announced recently. This planned merger of public schools with health clinics, welfare services, early child care, and politically correct family counseling is opening the door to an ominous alternative to the traditional family.

Determined to transform children into global citizens, educators are designing programs and curriculum that promote global oneness and spiritual connectedness. Positive sounding labels such as Outcome-Based Education or Mastery Learning obscure manipulative methods used to alter Christian beliefs and traditional values. Children are immersed in myths and indoctrinated with idealized forms of paganism (trusting occult powers and practices rather than God) through thematic teaching, psycho-social sharing groups, and holistic or affective (feeling-centered rather than factual) curriculum. Grade-less classrooms and co-operative learning--which use directed group activities, discussions and peer pressure to mold attitudes--are replacing conventional grades and tracking.

A key buzzword is "multicultural." In practice, this generally means showing Christianity to be "judgmental" and "exclusive," while promoting "harmonious," "inclusive" pagan religions. By indoctrinating toddlers in pre-school learning centers and by training parents through programs such as PAT (parents as Teachers) to support their philosophy, educational revolutionaries hope to prevent opposing voices from blocking "progress."

In **Outcome-Based Education**, students will have to pass standardized assessments that test predetermined outcomes--primarily beliefs, feelings and attitudes rather than facts. Responses that reflect assessments of personal and family values are already being stored in computerized data banks and will be used to determine fitness for university entrance and employment. This surveillance bears an ominous resemblance to communist discrimination in the former USSR. Apparently, Christian schools and home schoolers won't be immune to the new standards for educational "success."

Clinton's Georgetown University mentor, Carroll Quigley, exposed some of the financial and philosophical forces behind this social transformation in his massive historical tome, *Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Times*:

"There does exist, and has existed for a generation, an international...network which operates, to some extent, in the way the radical Right believes the communist act. In fact, this network which we may identify as the Round Table Groups [In New York it was known as the Council on Foreign Relations]¹⁰ has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists...and frequently does so. I know of the operations of this network because I...was permitted...in the early 1960's, to examine its papers and secret records. I have objected to few of its policies...my chief difference of opinion is that it wishes to remain unknown, and I believe its role in history is significant enough to be known.

It must be recognized that the power that...energetic Left-wingers exercised was never their own power or Communist power but was ultimately the power of the international financial coterie.. ."11

In his book, Quigley--whom Clinton credited in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention with helping form his political posture--traced with appreciation the power and influence of this secret "network" that is steering the West toward a one-world society. According to Quigley, "the money for the organizational work came originally from the Rhodes Trust" (which funded Clinton's Rhodes scholarship). It multiplied with the support of private foundations (Ford, Carnegie, etc.) and international bankers. To pursue Quigley's path, Clinton merely needs to follow the steps already prepared by other closet revolutionaries within the educational, political and global establishment.

Like Clinton, Quigley's view of Christianity reflects a strange blend of Biblical principles and social philosophy: "Western religious thought has continued to believe that revelation itself is never final, total, complete or literal, but is a continuous symbolic process that must be interpreted and reinterpreted...All versions of the truth...must be understood and interpreted by community discussion..." In other words, there is no absolute truth. Rather than obeying God's Word, man adjusts Scriptures to fit and further his own social agenda.

Clinton's actions, appointments and objectives seem to follow the vision of his mentor. They suggest that Clinton's public identification with Christianity is as subject to his social agenda as his campaign promises concerning taxes. Apparently, the spiritual transformation of America is well under way--and it shows little tolerance for Biblical Christianity. God's people had better wake up, prepare for persecution, and equip their children with truth. Pray for President Clinton, for Congress, for our nation. Trust God and stand together against the mounting challenges to peace and religious freedom in America. Remember: OUR GOD REIGNS!

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