



# Diakrisis

## A Ministry of Teaching

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age...to discern (diakrisis) both good and evil (Heb. 5:14)  
Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine?... (Is.28:9)*

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### Editors Comments

Recently I have been burdened for and dismayed at seeing men and women who were once '*earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints*', (Jude 3), but now in total apostasy to their former positions. I am seeing church leaders who once stood against homosexuality, now softening on the ordaining of homosexuals and lesbians into ministry, and accepting homosexuals as 'Christians'. We are seeing pastors and leaders who once believed the Holy Spirit to be a gentleman who never forced people to lose self control, (Gal.5:22); now believe He violently makes people do things in total lack of control, even to acting as animals. Ministers who once would not fellowship with Catholicism because it is a false religious system and '*another gospel*' (Gal 1:6-9), are now actively engaged in ecumenical pursuits that accept Catholicism as just another 'Christian' religion. Many Christian bookstores who once stocked our books now consider them too 'controversial'. Many leaders who once preached and warned of the great '*falling away*' (2Thess.2:3), are now falling for the lie of a worldwide end-time revival, despite this is not being found in any scripture! So too the Signs and Wonders Movement has truly captured the hearts of many. I see Paul saying to many of these people, '*I marvel that you are soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ, unto another Gospel... let him be accursed*'.

It seems more people are becoming increasingly 'closed minded' to truth. Recently I have obtained the agency for the book and videos titled '*Signs and Wonders Movement - Exposed*'. The book and videos document irrefutable evidence and warns those ensnared in the teachings and practices of many current popular ministries. Yet many will not read or view this evidence because it is too 'negative' or 'controversial'. One wonders if they also view many books of the Bible such as Ezekial, Jeremiah, and the writings of Paul as 'too negative'. Any 'negativity' in our materials pale into insignificance when compared to these inspired writings!

Recently I heard of someone who read this newsletter and accused us of 'judging', using Matthew 7:1 '*judge not that ye not be judged*' - (a common criticism we receive in this ministry). Despite the risk of repetition, I answer this charge with this question: Does not the Bible exhort us to '*Judge righteous judgement*', (Jn.7:24)... '*The spiritual man judges all things*', (1Cor.2:15). My next question is: Do these scriptures contradict Matthew Chapter 7? A 'yes' answer would mean the Bible is *not* inspired and has contradictions. A 'no' answer and common sense would tell us to go back to Matthew Chapter 7 and read it *in context*.

Following verse one, Matthew 7 actually goes on to tell us *to judge*, (judging ourselves first before judging others)! We cannot judge if we have the same or greater sin ('*beam*' or '*log*') in our own lives. Verse five is the key scripture which tells us not to judge *hypocritically*. The whole passage is not saying we should never judge but that we should not judge *hypocritically*.

People who wrongly use Matthew 7 are often closed minded to facts and truth and are opening themselves up to '*believe a lie*', and therefore the '*delusion*' of 2Thessalonians 2:9-12. '*Signs and lying wonders*' *will* deceive them '*because they received not the love of truth*'. The most frightening part is that '*God* [himself] *shall send them strong delusion* and they *will* be deluded! My plea to all readers is to be open minded and '*lovers of truth*'. Be prepared to have even your pet beliefs shaken. Cast off all extra-biblical teachings and practices, for in the last days they will become like tentacles that will choke the life out of the basic and fundamental essentials of the Word of God!

Let us not be a people that God would say: '*Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols*', (Amos 5:23), but let us say: '*I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproached*', (Hab.2:1). Terry Arnold

**(This article is taken from the booklet 'A Medical View of Miraculous Healing', written by a Professor and Christian doctor, Verna Wright, MD, FRCP. )**

*'There is no question of course that God can heal in a miraculous way...God did heal in a miraculous way in Bible times...What we are asking ourselves is, does God heal according to this miraculous fashion today, as a general procedure?'*

*The cry today is, 'Of course! Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.'..[However] He is the same person but not necessarily in purpose. There is a time, there is a place, there is a purpose....*

*I take grave issue with the suggestion that all may be miraculously healed provided they have sufficient faith. I wish to submit to you that it is not true to Scripture, it is not true to experience, and it is damaging in the extreme...*

*I know a church where a person came out thrilled because a leg had been seen to grow half an inch. However, it is impossible to measure accurately a difference of half an inch in the leg. I have tried for years to do it, and you cannot do it, not even with x-rays...There is true shortening of the leg, and there is apparent shortening. A person may suffer an apparent shortening of the leg by a tilt of the pelvis, and so we have to recognise that what may appear to be a lengthening of the leg in these circumstances, would really be a matter of the pelvis getting onto an even keel.*

*There was a lady with a backache. She went to a John Wimber healing meeting and returned thrilled because her backache had been cured. [She] told, 'Well someone laid hands on me and told me that my backache was due to a difference in my length of leg, and that if I went home and measured my legs I would find that they were of equal length and my backache would go'.*

*The lady went home and, surprise, surprise, when she measured her legs they were of equal lengths...follow up of the patient revealed that in three months her pain had returned...[such] healing claims - the majority of which are spurious...*

*Alex Carrel in his book 'Voyage to Lourdes' tells how he saw at Lourdes an abdominal tumour disappear. He tells us that it would have impressed him greatly but for the fact that he had trained at Charing Cross hospital where Mr Norman Lake the surgeon used to tell the story of a patient who had an 'elusive' and painful abdominal tumour. Four times they had taken the patient to theatre, and each time as soon as they put the patient under the anaesthetic the tumour disappeared. On the fourth occasion they decided to go ahead with the operation, and when they opened the abdomen the surgeon was just in time to see a volvulus of the large intestine unwinding. A volvulus is when an organ of the body twists on itself. This man obviously had a mobile large bowel which had twisted on itself...creating a swelling of tumour....*

*[Also] psychological factors can manifest themselves as physical disease, and indeed in most physical disease there is a psychological component...There was an asthmatic sufferer who was allergic to roses and always went into an asthmatic attack if she visited a rose garden. She came into the consulting room of my chief, who happened to have a rose on his desk, and she promptly had an asthmatic attack. It was in fact a plastic rose...*

*Recently John Wimber was in Leeds where he conducted in St. George's church one of his evening meetings. Five of my colleagues (Christian doctors) who go to that church were present. They were so incensed at what they saw that they afterwards wrote an account of their reactions. I will quote to you what they said: 'There was an hour's repetitious chorus singing...A fair amount of reeling and writhing commenced...No space was found for a Scripture reading as such. The congregation was at no time called to prayers of confession of sin and repentance. 'Hold out your hands. Feel heat coming through you. Your eyelids may feel heavy. You may feel like falling; some persons may scream. It is all right. You can see the Holy Spirit resting on people, the power of God resting on many.' ...A team member... took the microphone...There were descriptions of illness that were being suffered by persons present. Those so described were asked to step forward. The list of conditions were general enough for the descriptions to fit several in any group of five hundred or more...*

*The volunteers were then put into trance while hands were laid on them...They remained...with...shakings, tremblings, smiles, fallings, swayings and utterings. Their various features were then exhibited to the congregation. We were assured that the smile here and the posture there were clearly visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended. Throughout the building other individuals proceeded to fall into trance. The audience was told that the Holy Spirit might lead some persons to scream or to breathe very deeply. As one expected from hypnotic states these things happened more or less at once. Uncontrollable laughter, crying, groaning, shrieking and sobbing...*

*All five of the doctors, one of whom is one of this country's leading psychiatrists, described this as hypnosis. Indeed the psychiatrist said it was 'a very expert performance containing all the textbook characteristics of the induction of hypnosis'...*

*...How many of us were saddened that David Watson's testimony\* was so marred by the fact that on radio broadcasts he said not once but two or three times, 'The one thing that encourages me is that all around the world the prophets [Wimber, etc.] have said this sickness [cancer] is not unto death'...*

*...William Nolan was a distinguished surgeon in the USA, a very caring man who signed on as a helper for the famous healing meetings of the late Kathryn Kuhlman. Ultimately he was to leave the organisation and to write a book entitled, 'Healing: A Doctor in search of a Miracle'. This is what he wrote:*

*'...On the one hand I felt that Kathryn Kulman was a sincere, devout, dedicated woman, who believed fervently that she was doing the Lord's will; I did not want to hurt her. On the other hand I was not sure that whatever good Miss Kuhlman was doing was not far outweighed by the pain she was causing. I could not get those crippled and idiot children and their weeping, broken-hearted parents out of my mind, and all the others cruelly disappointed.'*

*...As I outlined the arguments and the data set out in these paragraphs, my guest replied,...I do not want to throw the baby out with the bathwater'. There can only be one response to this sentiment: it is not a baby in that bathwater, it is a tiger, and we need to recognise that.*

*...The great dangers, then, of this miraculous healing teaching are, first, that it discredits the person of Christ because of the very obvious failures, when we claim to serve the saviour Who never fails. Secondly, it undermines the Word, because it elevates a new form of 'revelation' - so called words of knowledge or prophecy. Thirdly, it deceives Christians and breeds a race of gullible believers, taken in by virtually anything. Fourthly, it removes Christian comfort. And finally, it all too often diminishes Christian testimony.'* \* David Watson died despite prophecies by Wimber and other Faith healers that he would be healed.

***'Christ healed everybody and told nobody. We heal nobody and tell everybody'***

Tired of God being omnipotent, independent and sovereign? No problems, subscribe to 'Believers Voice of Victory' magazine produced by Kenneth Copeland Ministries and your weariness will be banished!

The June 1997 edition, distributed widely amongst the churches in Australia, is one of the cruelest and most intimidating pieces of literature ever to be presented to Christendom!

Such contributors as Kenneth & Gloria Copeland, Edwin Louis Cole, (Founder *Christian Men's Network*, Dallas, Texas), and Jeanne Caldwell, (co-pastor *Agape Church*, Little Rock, Arkansas), regale their followers with a view of God's dealings with humanity that is in the least strange to the Bible and 2,000 years of orthodox Christianity.

For a Christian, (or non-Christian, for God is bound by certain laws that even unbelievers are free to work within, and thereby enforce his action), to be ill, poor, overweight, debt ridden, or unable to create reality with their words, simply shows a lack of faith.

What must we think of Christian identities of the past such as Edwards, Brainard, Spurgeon, Martyn Lloyd Jones, for example, who struggled with grinding poverty, terminal diseases, insurmountable debt, and all the other maladies that come with earthly existence? If ever the above people read this publication, and believed what is written as truth, their faith and trust in God would be totally destroyed. How then can Australian believers pay out kingdom dollars for this material?

Consider the following statements made in this edition by the contributors named above: '*The devil has put sickness on precious members of the body of Christ. He's burdened them with poverty...This unscriptural doctrine of suffering for God...It was born [the doctrine of glorifying God through suffering] out of the misdirected fervour of those early Christians who had so focused on glorifying God through persecution they didn't know what to do when the persecution stopped. They then replaced the lions and the burning stakes with all kinds of trouble and pain - mostly sickness and disease...How does God get any glory out of you having the flu?*' In exegesis of 2Corinthians 12:9,10: '*Paul told the devil, 'Wait till I'm my weakest, then shoot your best shot and I'll still whip you with the anointing of God. Paul actually had a good time at it.' You won't be lying in bed [after reading this I guess] whining about suffering for Jesus. You'll be on your feet, enduring hardness like a good soldier, whipping the tar pout of the devil, and bringing genuine glory to God...Of course the theologians have told us it's not that simple...But its time we stopped believing the theologians and just started believing the Bible. No don't think about it - just do it! Stop being so mental and just follow your heart.'* [Kenneth Copeland] '*God created you in His image with an ability to create also. Just as God formed the world with words, your words will shape your world...What we see around us is not the world as God created it, but the results of man's influence by the words he speaks...One of the differences between us and animals is that animals can procreate, but they have no creative power. Man is able to influence the outcome of his life with the words he speaks. Every word we speak is actually a creative word. As we speak Gods words, our world is re-created. It is heavenly!*' [Edwin Cole] '*God revealed to me a powerful principle of prayer - to be effective, your prayers must be specific. In order to answer your prayers, God **has** [bold italics mine] to know exactly what you want...Specific prayers receive specific answers'.* [Jeanne Caldwell]

In an article of personal testimony, a reformed drug addict gains custody of his children and '*he enrolled them in a Catholic school and began attending Friday Mass with them*'.

To be fair, within the 30 page of this four colour superbly artworked publication, there is some truth if you dig for it. But it is an ad mixture which must be an abomination to God. Just how this ministry can deceive so many, and leaders to boot, is amazing, dangerous - and costly. As is usual with 'faith' ministries there is much talk of '*seed faith*' offerings - and you can guess where the 'offerings' are to be 'sown'.

Nowhere in the writings was the God of Israel, Jesus of Nazareth, or the Holy Spirit of Pentecost accurately portrayed and we seriously warn any of our readers involved with Kenneth Copeland Ministries to honour God and His Word and separate immediately! **Mike Claydon**

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## Sermon Notes - Holiness

### What Is Holiness?

**Definitions:** Old Testament: '*Qodesh*' - Sacred things or places; hallowed; distinct. New Testament: '*hagios*' - To sanctify ('*hagimios*'), blameless, separated to something and from something.

*Holiness is keeping the moral law in thought word and deed.* Gal.6:2: we are to '*fulfil the law of Christ*'. Jn.14:15: '*If you love me keep my commandments*'. Is not an experience, not an outside thing, but *inside* work done by the Holy Spirit.

### Why Be Holy?

Because the Word of God says so!: 1Pet.1:15,16: '*But as He which has called you is Holy, so be you Holy in all manner of conversation. because it is written - be you holy, for I am holy*' The holiness of God demands it, because God cannot look upon sin, (Heb.1:13. 1Cor.3:17). '*For if any man defile the temple of God, Him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is Holy which temple you are*'. We are the temple! - ('*Christ in you the hope of glory*'). Eph. 1:4: '*According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.*' We should be holy because it is a wonderful *witness to the unsaved*. We should be holy because it gives us the offensive against *three big enemies*: 1. The world, (James 4:4; 1Jn.2:15). 2. The flesh, (Mk.14:38, 1Cor.9:27). 3. Satan, (1Pet.5:8). *Holiness breaks the power of sin!*

**How To Be Holy:** Sanctification ('*hagimios*') is the work of holiness done by the Holy Spirit. Sanctification or holiness is not the same as justification. Justification is *imputed*, (accounted to; legal and forensic), the other is *imparted*, (one to another). Justification is the ground for sanctification, (Phil.1:6). Sanctification is justification in action. Sanctification (holiness) is *positional* (at salvation) and *progressive*, (continuing on through life at and after justification; see 1Jn.3:3).

How to be holy? Look to the moral law of God as a blueprint and guide. The moral law is not the *legislative* or *ceremonial* law. These were done away with or fulfilled by Christ, (Matt.5:17-18; Greek '*Plero*' means to satisfy or expire). The moral law of God is repeated in the New Testament except for 4th. commandment. The Moral law is *summarised* in Matt.22:37,39. The moral law *shows* us our sin, (1Jn.3:4; Rom.7:7; Gal.3:24). Antinomianism is the idea that '*I am saved so I can do what I like*' Paul spoke against this in Rom.6: '*Sin shall not have dominion over you; for you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? God forbid!*' Some of the instruments that the Holy Ghost uses to make us holy or to sanctify us are: The Word of God, (Eph.5:26); Prayer; and fellowship. Lets examine ourselves (2Cor.13:5) regularly to see if we are attaining to holiness. Heb.12:14 '*Without holiness no one will see the Lord*'. *There are 11*

*The average length of a shot on network television is only 3.5 seconds so that the eye never rests [and] always has something new to see...not that television is entertaining but that it has made entertainment itself the natural format for the representation of all experience...Thinking does not play well on television, a fact that television directors discovered long ago'. ('Amusing Ourselves To Death' by Neil Postman, P. 86,87,90)*

**'Logos' & 'Rhema' Confusion**

Many years ago I was taught, (from Yongi Cho's writings), that the Greek word 'Logos' translated 'word' was the written objective word of Scripture and that 'Rhema' (another Greek equivalent), was the subjective spoken word, such as in prophecy or the Word of God spoken through us. Many other Charismatic writers, (eg. Wagner, Copeland, etc.), also teach that there is a sharp distinction between the two Greek words and that we should be open to new revelations through the 'Rhema' (spoken) word.

For many years I believed this without ever checking where and how these Greek words are used in Scripture. The fact is that these Greek words are *synonyms* and are used *interchangeably*. In fact, sometimes the word 'Logos' is used for the spoken Word (Jn.4:50; 1Cor.12:8), rather than the written Word of Scripture. This therefore invalidates the theory of the distinction between 'Logos' and 'Rhema' as defined by the above writers. It also fails to give support for any 'new revelation'.

This is one of the many examples of man's ideas being imported and accepted without the teaching being checked. **Terry Arnold** (Adapted from an article 'The Plumline', June/July, 1996, Vol.1, No.2.)

**Some Thoughts on Rock and Christian Rock**

Music in itself is amoral and can be used for good or evil. However many would agree that rock music has been a home for drugs, sex, violence, and the occult. In particular, the 'heavy metal' music parades rebellion, violence and filth. The secular 7/88 *Readers Digest* said that the rock music of the day showed everything from rape, incest and homosexuality to sadomasochism and bestiality. Heavy metal has also been linked to much moral, social and psychological damage. Yet high profile figures such as Pat Boone say they are guided by certain Scriptures in releasing heavy metal rock music albums.

Similarly, the number of deaths caused by rock music would fill many books. Many have been killed by riots at concerts. Many others have committed suicide by listening to the hypnotic effects of rock music. Talk to ex-Satan worshippers and they will tell you the effects of rock music!

How can we as Christians possibly take this worldly rock music and make it into *Christian Rock*? A look at some of the covers of Christian rock albums will show how much like the worldly rock it really is. One famous Australian 'Christian' group is now making the top of the charts in the world scene. Even a casual look at the covers of their albums and a view of their performance on stage will show the observer how close it is to the real thing of the world. Will this type of music be in Heaven? Does God borrow from the world? Is not God against mixtures? Is not God against lukewarmness and compromise? What did God say to Israel when they took in parts of the surrounding nations and their ways? The call is for separation and holiness! **Terry Arnold**

*the Holy Spirit to our meeting'?...Being a simple soul I have always understood that the Holy Spirit came to the church nearly 2,000 years ago. And no one has ever told me that He has since left...(Matt.28:20).*

*While I am not saying that God does not move sovereignly by His Holy Spirit today upon individual Christians or upon meetings of Christians, surely the only occasion in the Bible on which anyone held a meeting to await the arrival of the Holy Spirit was at Pentecost. On no other occasion do we read that Christians prayed for Him to come upon those who had already*

What Really Caused the Reformation?...  
...the Word of God! The first printed copy of the Greek text of the N.T. was produced in 1516 AD. *One year later* Luther challenged the Roman Catholic church and then translated the Scriptures in German. Despite opposition by the Catholic Church, the Word of God became freely available to the common people.

**The Muddy Waters of Ecumenism**

*'Those who fellowship with Romanism put a stamp of approval - unwittingly, perhaps, but just as surely - upon the false Gospel preached by their Roman Catholic friends. When Billy Graham includes Catholics in his evangelistic crusades and sends enquiries to Catholic churches, those looking on are made to think that Roman Catholicism must be true Christianity. When evangelical leaders fellowship with Rome, a climate is created whereby it is very difficult to preach that Catholics need to be saved and leave their apostate [church]. Ecumenical evangelicals break down the walls between truth and error and muddy the waters of the Gospel work...'* (**From Calvary Contender 7/1/93**)

**Better or Worse - What Say the Scriptures?**

*'If a single line of Scripture can be produced to prove that the present system of things is to be marked by gradual improvement, religiously, politically, morally or socially, then by all means be hopeful...But where is such a clause to be found? Simply nowhere. The testimony of the Bible, from cover to cover; the distinct teaching of the Holy Scriptures, from beginning to end; the voices of the prophets and apostles in unbroken harmony, all without a single divergent note, go to prove, with a force and clearness perfectly unanswerable, that the present condition of things, so far from gradually improving, will rapidly grow worse...'* (**C.H. Macintosh, extracted from Berean Call, 5/95**)

**Today's Curse**

*'The curse of omnipresent Hollywood style evangelism and a cheapened, vulgar flesh centred type of Gospel preaching, has resulted in the joy of the Lord being blurred and exchanged for 'strange fire', (Num.3:4).*

*Now we hear 'Let's get happy' or 'Come on everybody, join in the fun'. Alas! Do not confuse the joy of our Lord with a trip to the circus, a ride on the merry-go-round, or a weekend on the beach with all expenses paid. Such bright but carnal thrills and fleshly stimulants fade as the flowers. God's joy and delights are not demonstrated in the uncouth, theatrical performances being given by many of today's 'famed Holy Ghost-anointed' preachers and special singers. Their dress, hairstyles, body language, coarse jesting, nightclub presentation of Jesus, mixture of wrong with right; the flippant and frivolous remarks about sin, Hell, Satan and God's terrible judgements, do not reflect the demeanour of genuine spirit-filled Christians. Possibly these jesting clowns and buffoons are best described in Psalm 59:6: 'They return (appear) at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.'...Its origin is in Hell below.' (**Henry Pike, 'Suffering & Death: The Saints' Highest Calling', P.70-71).***

**Second Pentecost?**

*'Where can we find even one scriptural precedent for, ...such practices as 'calling down the Holy Spirit' or 'inviting*

What does the Catholic Church teach about the New Age Movement? The following extract is taken from a book '*Catholic Answers To Questions About The New Age Movement*' by Ronald Quillo. Quillo is a professor of theology, philosophy and spirituality, at a Catholic College. The book is printed by a Catholic ministry with the Imprimatur of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

*'Some New Age techniques...are compatible with Christian dispositions and virtues. Yoga postures (breathing and relaxation that assists spiritual awareness)...can help believers grow in a distinctly Christian faith. Other techniques, including visualisation and guided imagery...have precedents in Christian tradition...A New Age practice or technique like meditation can often help us recapture a true Christian spirit of prayer [P.17]...Turning to the New Age for such diversity should, of course, involve a trust that what is good will rightfully serve our beliefs. [P.18]...The rosary can also serve as a mantra. The rhythmic and devotional repetition of the Hail Mary...And a special Christian prayer, the Rosary thus combines advantages of both the mantra and guided imagery. [P.19]...Catholics are free to determine to what extent they find New Age music aesthetically and spiritually uplifting.[P.20]...The Bible's position on many subjects, including fortune-telling, is not stated definitely...In several places the Bible speaks acceptingly and even positively of fortune-telling, especially when it serves as a kind of prophecy (Gen.44:4,5; Dt. 18:15; Sirach 48:24; Acts 19:6). [P.24]...If the casting of lots can indicate God's intentions, perhaps because of the unity of all things in Christ, then theoretically so can cards designed for fortune-telling [P.25]...We can surmise that the faith depicted in the Bible sensed the eminence of crystals as agents of sacred transforming energy...we continue to find crystals used for spiritual and religious purposes....sapphires and other precious stones have adorned the rings of Bishops and Cardinals. [P.29]...By New Age standards, the Catholic practice of praying for the dead is also an occasion for communicating with someone who once lived on earth. Catholics, of course, believe that a departed person, whether in Purgatory or Heaven, hears the prayers of others....Throughout church history, Christians have experienced what they understand to be communication from beyond this life. [P.43]...In principle, Catholic teaching is not opposed to appropriate forms of association between the living and the dead....Since 1856 the Vatican has forbidden participation in spiritism or spiritualist activities because of the potential for physical and moral harm caused by encounters with malicious spirits...One way to view the New Age movement is as an alternative that helps people fulfil spiritual needs. [P.46]...Three Gospels mention that Jesus walked on water...This feat could involve levitation; the body through psychokinetic direction of the mind and the will, floats in the air and defies gravitational force....paranormal powers can be used to proclaim how God's work is accomplished...[P.48]...He [Jesus] shows by His example that universal love begins with the individual. The New Age perceives love in the same way. [P.51]...Communities, nations, and races should benefit from New Age interests and practices. [P.54]...Catholicity and universality have marked the Roman church precisely because the church has recognized the value of diversity within its boundaries. From this perspective, participants in the New Age movement find welcome in Catholicism; they can expect that any changes will be more those of adaption than loss. [P.60]*

**Editors Comments: This shows Catholicism for what it really is - as a *Chameleon* - an animal that changes its colours and adapts to its surroundings! New Age meditation, encouraged in this article, is dangerous and is opposed to Scripture. Meditation relies on emptying the mind and the Bible says rather to '*fill*' our minds and our hearts with the Spirit of God. For some years I practised transcendental meditation, while a Roman Catholic. It did not conflict with my Catholic beliefs. Visualisation and guided imagery also do not have precedents in Christian tradition. They are of pagan origin and were practised by the Shamanistic faiths, (see '*Seduction of Christianity*' by Dave Hunt).**

**The rosary... a New Age Mantra? The rosary is in fact of pagan origin and can be traced from the Mohammedans. Marco Polo found the king of Mahabar in the thirteenth century counting prayers and St. Francis Xavier was astonished to find Buddhists in Japan using beads in a similar fashion. The Catholic Encyclopedia says, '*There is little or no trace of the 'Hail Mary' as an accepted devotional formula before about AD1050*' \* The Bible tells us that Jesus instructed us not to pray using vain repetitions, (Matt.6:7). The Bible does not speak for fortune telling but rather *against* this practice. Divination or fortune-telling is clearly forbidden, (Nu.22:7; 23:23; Dt.18:10-14; 2Kgs.17:17; 1Sam.6:2; Jer.14:14; 27:9; 29:8; Ezek.12:24; 13:6,7,23; 21:22-29; 22:28; Mic.3:7; Zech. 10:2; Acts 16:16). The scriptures mentioned by the above article supposedly supporting fortune-telling are simply not honest! They nowhere say that God supports this practice.**

**Does God contradict Himself? The Catholic church has a huge contradiction in the area of contacting the dead. On one hand they warn of contact with '*malicious spirits*' yet they allow contact with Mary and the saints who are all '*dead*'. The Bible is clear - it forbids contact with the dead, (Is.8:19,20; Dt.18:10,11; Lev.20:6)! Saul attempted to bypass Gods normal methods and contact the dead (1Sam.28:11), against the Word of God, (Lk.16:26). As for the explanation of Jesus walking on water, does not such terms as '*levitation*' or '*psychokinetic*' reduce the Word of God? Catholicism and '*universalism*' are '*the broad way which leads to destruction*', (Matt.7:13,14). Terry Arnold \**The Catholic Encyclopaedia*, Vol.7, P.111.**

### **When Leaven Gets In**

I once heard a pastor preach that we can come into the '*throne room*' with our '*dirty washing*'. At the time I had a witness in my spirit that something was wrong with this statement but knew not what. Later when studying the temple in the Old Testament, I realised the stringent conditions God applied to the priests before entering into the Holy Place.

We come into Gods presence only on His terms and conditions, not ours! We must receive forgiveness through Christ. Although our fellowship with God may be broken at times by sin, we must always have relationship with God.

***'In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house,..(Ezek.44:7)***

### **Giving Thanks**

A Godly farmer was asked to dine with a well-known gentleman. While there, he asked a blessing at the table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, '*That is old fashioned; it is not customary nowadays for well educated people to pray before they eat.*' The farmer answered that with him it was customary, but that some of those on his farm never prayed over their food. '*Ah, then,*' said the gentleman, '*They are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?'*...'*My pigs,*' the farmer said. (***Biblical Fundamentalist, 4/97***)

*You will be a believer someday.*

*If you never believe on earth,*

*You will believe in Hell.*

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'*Signs and Wonders - Exposed*' by Haville, Hand, Foster and Glover (112 pages; Price: \$9.95)

I read this attractive book in one sitting! I believe it is perhaps the best and clearest book available concerning the current Signs and Wonders Movement. The four authors tackle different aspects of the movements associated with the 'new wave' of teachings and phenomena. All authors have been involved in and experienced the 'fruit' of the various movements, including the Toronto and Word-Faith movements. They believe we have a '*recipe for spiritual deception on a massive scale unless the church sees the urgency of objective truth as contained in the Word of God*'.

John Macarthur says '*this book helps to put the modern signs and wonders movement in clear perspective historically, doctrinally and biblically.*'

This is not just old hat stuff served up again, but four refreshing views on the current state of Christianity. They address such topics as the 'anointing', power religion, the true and false claims of each movement, revival in history, etc. The 'Toronto Blessing' is discussed with some new information and some startling developments concerning the fruit of, testimonies of, as well as some facts on hypnosis.

This book needs to be given to pastors and leaders. It will make people think! If you want to be challenged and if you want something to give to others, get this book now!

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### **Pensacola Claims Continue**

On the 4th - 9th November the Christian Life Centre Mount Annan, Sydney, will be holding the '*Fire To the Nations conference*'. The keynote speaker is evangelist John Davis. One spokesman in the brochure says of him: '*..he has such a touch on his life that there is not another man as strong as this man in the United States today*'.

The senior pastor of Mt Annan, Adrian Gray, says: '*The time has come...the future is now. Its harvest time all over the earth. I believe the last and greatest of all revivals is upon us and, as a result, its harvest time at Christian Life Centre Mount Annan, NSW.*'

Pensacola now also has an '*ambassador*'. John Kilpatrick says: '*The purpose of this [brochure] letter is to inform you that reverend John Davis is the ambassador of the Brownsville Revival*'

The name of Jesus is not mentioned once in this brochure, but signs and wonders are. We are supposed to believe that the '*greatest of all revivals is upon us*'. This is despite the false statistics put forward by Pensacola leaders of dramatic drops in crime rate.\* We are supposed to believe that there is revival now when the statistics in countries like USA, England and Australia, show the opposite! Every decade we hear the same claims dished up in a new form! They come and they go...when will we ever learn? **Terry Arnold** \*The truth shows the opposite - see our article (9/97), '*The Pensacola Outpouring*'.

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### **Diakrisis**

*'In Acts 17:11 we see the Bereans searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so'. The Greek verb, translated in Acts 17:11 as 'searched' more fully carries the sense of to 'investigate, examine, enquire into, scrutinise, sift, question; and to judge of, estimate, and determine the excellence or defects of a person or thing.'...The call of Jude 3 to 'contend earnestly for the faith'...the force of this passage in the Greek original is to be a combatant who is given intensely and vigorously to defeat opposition to matters relating to the faith. This is part of 'fighting the good fight of faith', (cf. 1Tim.6:12 & 2Tim.4:7)...*

*The Greek word commonly used in the New Testament 'Krisis' involves: 'The process of investigation; the act of distinguishing and separating; and a passing of judgement upon a person or thing'. ('Anakrino' and 'Krisis' are from the same family of Greek words)...One of the tragedies of today's 'superficial Christianity' is that many cannot discern between spiritual ministries and soulish ministries, between true and false, (Jude 16-19)...we need discernment, for have you not noticed more and more that when someone believes the Bible is true without any mixture of error and rises up against the apostasy of his day, he is usually labelled the trouble maker and called 'divisive'?...Spurgeon wrote over a century ago when he disfellowshipped from the Baptist Union: 'As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then my counsel has been 'Come out from among them'. I have felt that no protest could be equal*

*'Benny Hinn is the most popular television/healer today, and many of his false prophecies are documented in the 'Confusing World of Benny Hinn'...On December 31, 1989, Benny said, 'The Lord also tells me...about '94 or '95, no later than that, God will destroy the homosexual community of America...by fire...Canada will be visited with a mighty revival that will start on the west coast of British Columbia...in the next three years'. It only takes one false prophesy to make a false prophet, and Hinn's are legion...' (Berean Call, 3/97)*

**Editors Comments: Benny Hinn is now facing a lawsuit for \$25 million for civil rights violations, including charges of collusion with and wrong use of police force. Although he has been exposed several times by the media and Christian organisations for fraud, lying, false miracles/healings, (some resulting in deaths), and false doctrine, yet many Christians and churches continue to support his books and tapes.**

**His financial dealings are also increasingly coming under suspicion. He lives in a house worth over \$650,000 US. He stays in presidential suits up to \$2,000 per night. A trip of several days to Europe by Hinn and his entourage cost \$9,000 return for each of them. His ministry took in \$35 million in 1995 and \$50 million in 1996. On TV he appeals for donations in the tens of thousands.**

**Despite the fact that this man teaches doctrinal heresy, many Christian bookstores and churches still stock his books and videos which also contain lies and gross exaggerations. Amazingly, the Australian Assembly of God Church had him as their speaker at their recent national conference in 1997.**

**We urge readers to obtain the video '*Signs and Wonders exposed*' - Part 1, (available from TA Ministries), and distribute to friends who may be in some way unaware of the dangers of this ministry. This hard hitting video supplies irrefutable evidence that exposes Benny Hinn and his ministry. A book by the same title is also available.**

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### **Holy Speech**

*'But I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is Gods throne; Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great king...But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil', (Matt.5:34,35,37).*

Clean speech is part of holy living for '*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks,* (Lk.6:45).

A holy person will be known by their conversation. '*But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thou words shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned*', (Matt.12:36,37).

## The Greatest Deception:

The more I meet with 'backslidden' Christians who have made 'commitments' at crusades; or with those who claim to be Christian yet live in the flesh and habitual sin; or those who show a lack of fruit; the more I wonder about the parable of the 'wheat and the tares'. The tares grow alongside the wheat until harvest time and are cut down and '*thrown into the fire*', which speaks of Hell. Perhaps the greatest deception of our times are those who are *tares* - they look and even act like Christians and think they will get to Heaven, yet will not. Perhaps the Devil rubs his hands with glee when a 'tare' springs up. Many who have been ensnared in the current false signs and wonders movement with all its healings, miracles and prophecies, Hell will gladly receive, as Christ utters those terrible words: '***I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (lawlessness)***', (Matt.7:23).

In the last few years I have met a number of people who were supposedly 'saved' at crusades, yet are now very much still a part of the world, living and walking after the flesh. Others have become disillusioned with and hardened to, Christianity. Still others have swapped their addictions or their flesh life for fleshly activity and practices *within* the church. Even Billy Graham, in a recent interview with *Time Magazine* admits that he does not believe that half his converts are really Christians.\*

In recent years I have observed and tested the fruit of several 'tent crusades' supported by neo-Pentecostal churches and para church organisations such as the 'Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship' (FGBM). Some of these meetings featured many 'manifestations' supposedly of the Holy Spirit, including 'holy laughter'. People 'fell in the spirit' and many supposedly got delivered, healed, saved and water baptised. One unchurched observer at a recent crusade told me how it was like going to a 'hypnotism show'. He concluded that at least some of these people were '***mad***', (1Cor.14:23). Yet one Pastor, writing of a tent crusade in a Pentecostal magazine claimed there were '***..30 first-time decisions for Christ and 15 re-dedications..All those who made commitments are now in churches and going on in the Lord...***\*\* This same writer claimed people were saved, healed and '*set free*' of alcoholism and other addictions.

I personally investigated and followed up the above claims and found the results to be vastly different. Many later admitted they were never saved. Some decided to be baptised again. Others were steeped in New Age teaching and admitted they were not committed Christians and were never really 'saved' at the crusades. Others were to continue in addictions to drugs, sex and alcohol, and require continual assistance. Most went back to their old ways. I can personally document and show the above statements to be true. Yet some of these same people have been used as 'testimonies' at later crusades when they were still living with addictions and in serious known sin - sin that would put most ministers out of the pulpit and out of ministry. Clearly there is a lack of integrity, honesty, and truth in some modern day evangelistic endeavours.

When one of the leaders involved in one of the above crusades was challenged as to the results, although he originally claimed dozens saved, he could name only six people still in churches after less than one year. One Pentecostal pastor who attended the same crusades, privately expressed honest doubts as to any real fruit. I personally found only *one* person who made a commitment and was attending a church, and praise God showed some fruit of being a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, when we sent letters questioning the false claims and presenting facts of false teaching, most organisers involved reportedly tore them up without a reading. When today's leaders are politely challenged to show the results from such crusades the result is either a wall of silence or an angry reaction.

The gospel at the above crusades in question was mixed with unbiblical manifestations and a false Word-faith teaching, (in particular a *prosperity* doctrine). The problem of huge 'backsliding' rates often can be traced to either a 'mixed gospel' or a gospel *without* the law. This not only dilutes the message but gives an *impure gospel* and becomes '***another Gospel***' and even '***another Jesus***' that Paul spoke of. It preaches what we are saved *to* but not what we are saved *from* - ie. *the wrath of God* upon sin, (Rom.5:9). It preaches the cure without convincing and showing the *disease* - *sin*. It is cheap grace and easy believism! It says '***There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus***', but *omits* the rest of the verse '***...who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit***', (Rom.8:1).\*\*\* The false numbers and the 80% documented 'backsliding' rate# desperately need to be examined by the church! I am increasingly finding people who claim to be Christian yet live in the flesh. Christian Rock takes the place of rock music. Addictions of smoking and drinking continue. Excuses are made for unbiblical sexual activity. Swearing, gossip, and unfruitful language continues unabated. In general, a lack of holiness is increasingly evident among the fruit of churches that promote a mixed gospel. Yet, if one preaches holiness to these people they will brand you as judgemental, negative, bigoted, or simply 'too narrow'! However, the Bible does say: '***...without holiness...no man shall see the Lord***', (Heb.12:14)!

My questions are: What Gospel are we preaching that *creates* huge percentages of backsliders, tares, fleshly and unchanged lives, or those hardened to the Gospel? Should we not be asking such questions and should we not have answers?

The answer given by those who would defend such endeavours is that we should praise God for the few that are saved. However, this is sheer *pragmatism*! Pragmatism says that results prove truth or *if it gets results it works and must be of the Holy Spirit*. However, the real test for such logic is to *push the premise to its limit*. In other words, do we support a satanist camp if someone gets saved from it? I personally was saved while still in the Charismatic Catholic Church - does that mean that the Catholic Church is OK and we should support it? This is the answer to the pragmatists - to extend the logic to its fullest conclusion and see the peril of such thinking. The cult groups use such false pragmatism and have better 'results' (numbers) than Christians!

Perhaps the greatest deception of our times is not so much the false signs and wonders and the false claims thereof but rather the mixture of *leaven* (symbol of sin, error) with truth, which corrupts the whole lump. God is against mixtures! When you add something to truth you ultimately pollute or detract from it! Truth has boundaries, error has none! The pragmatic view that only looks at the thin veneer of so called *results*, blinds the minds of many.

I have agonised over printing this article, but as Paul said, '***Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...***', (2Cor.5:11). There is a massive delusion upon us! Many of the people involved in neo-Pentecostal circles refuse to look at papers and videos that expose the false claims and false teaching involved. They say it is 'too negative'. The truth is they have become *closed minded* and have already developed a 'mindset' that will not look at truth. They are no longer ***receiving the 'love of truth'***, (2Thess.1:9,10), and they ***will*** be deceived and deluded by '***lying signs and wonders***', (vs.9). God calls us to separate from error and to '***purge out the leaven***', (1Cor.5:6-8)! My plea is to bring holiness, integrity, honesty, accountability, and truth, back to the church of the living God! The power of the simple and unadulterated Gospel is still enough to save a soul! **Terry Arnold**

\* *Aust. Beacon*, 8/97, P.5. \*\* (1996 Document on file at TA Ministries). \*\*\* Missing from some modern Bible versions. # See '*The*

Dear Terry, We thank God for your ministry to evangelising Catholics and being a watchman for the body of Christ. As members of the...church we pray for you and your family...Like you we have received much negative response to the information and warnings we are giving to church members in this area.. We did another posting of your April newsletter to all the leaders in the area and did not receive one response! The silence is deafening!...We continue to pray as we love the people and having been deceived by these 'heresies' ourselves....

...[The] 'decisional regeneration' where we 'ask Jesus into our hearts' - the result is as you have noted 'tares', not true Christians and therefore the church is counselling and entertaining 'carnal Christians' who were never born again and never regenerated, therefore not Christians!

We are trying to get our friends in the body to look into this but they are very defensive...Our overall prayer is for God in His mercy to send revival to His church and to this nation. Yours in Christ and His service, (T.&B. S., Nth. Coast, NSW)

Hello Terry, Just received your newsletter...thankyou for that brilliant idea ['community Notice', see 5/97] of foiling the J.W.'s best laid plans! I cannot resist sharing this little incident with you...Not long ago I was editor of our Neighborhood Watch newsletter, and often distributed Christian literature on my letter-boxing rounds. I had long been scheming up plans to foil the efforts of door to door cults like the J.W.'s, and designed a pamphlet (very much like yours), which I embodied into the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

Not long after that, I had a nasty letter from a so-called 'civil libertarian activist', threatening to take me to court. Although nothing really eventuated, I was satisfied that I had got my message across...I had numerous people thank and congratulate me on this article which was very pertinent and necessary advice to the community.

As I read your enclosed 'Community Notice', I involuntarily exclaimed aloud as any good Aussie would do,...**You beauty!** I will certainly use this to advantage not only in my area, but I shall keep a stock in my car and administer them whenever the need arises. Bravo and may God bless you. (Author, M.D. Bundaberg, Qld)

**Praise Points**

- Praise God for several recent contacts with J.W.'s, Mormons, and others in cults and false teaching. Please pray for patience, wisdom and Holy Spirit power as Terry meets with these people whom God loves.

- Praise God that the newsletter is now being requested in several overseas countries.

- Praise God for another church that is supporting the ministry. According to His will and His riches God supplies all our needs.

**Prayer Points**

- For many months we have been praying for another person to help in this ministry. Please pray for this much needed labour to come soon. Pray for some support for this person.

Dear Mr. Arnold,

Thankyou once again for your newsletters which are proving to be most helpful. I am wondering if it has been brought to your attention that the printed Order of Service program for this years 'World Day of Prayer' was really an exercise in paganism? I do not attend the 'World Day of Prayer' these days as I have found this type of problem with these ecumenical get-togethers in past years...I was immediately struck by the symbols on it...in reality they were bowing themselves down before Baal...I have enclosed a copy of a couple of relevant pages from 'The Two Babylons' by Hislop and also enclosing the copy of the cover and introductory page of this years 'World Day of Prayer' order of service. As I have not seen any newsletter, so far, point out this horrible deception, of which so many Christians who attend these type of ecumenical gatherings, seem to be unaware, I thought you might like to make mention of it in your newsletter, (Mrs. E.M., Gympie, Qld)

To TA Ministries, Editor, Recently a pastor of one of the local churches gave me a copy of your April 1997 issue of your newsletter to read, and I was rather impressed with the information it revealed. About ten years ago, on returning to church fellowship after a long twenty-three year break, it became apparent how a considerable decline of church standards had occurred during the period of time we were absent...I have been amazed at what I have learned, it's been like a continual opening of Pandora's box, finding all the mischief-making things of what Satan's been busily up to, and unfortunately still is. (B.S. Gympie, Qld)

Dear Mr. Arnold

Thankyou so much for the latest 'diakrisis' and for your most kind letter as well...We do live in an age of incredible deception and 'good' discernment material is as precious as gold for quickening the mind to the pure milk and meat of God's Word. You mentioned the necessity of staying in the Word every day. I can assure you this is always my highest priority...I can't imagine going into a day without this spiritual food and purifying water. But thanks for the exhortation. It is always good to be reminded!...Thankyou again for all you are doing to equip the people of God for ministry. Your love for God truly does shine like a light set upon a hill, (Matt.5:14). May our good and gracious Heavenly Father continue to bless and minister to you and may He richly and abundantly supply every need according to his riches in Christ Jesus, (Phil.4:19). My love and prayers are with you...In Christ, (G.B., USA)

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