



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

As the Christmas period and the end of the year approaches we wish all our readers a safe, happy and healthy December. This is for many an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. Let us remember who is our Lord and Saviour and continue to honour Him in character, prayer, and in His Word. We thank all our supporters for their support and prayers this year. We have seen and heard of many conversions from false teaching and to Christ. The ministry has again grown considerably and I am praying earnestly for the Lords provision next year to allow us to partake of opportunities that appear open to us. Please pray for Holy Spirit guidance.

As we promised in 1996, this year we have documented and held accountable those leaders involved in the many false prophecies and teachings from the current wave of the signs and wonders movement. We have faced some opposition and attack but the warnings and reproofs have proven there validity and truth. The 'Toronto Blessing' wave has receded but has been replaced by the Pensacola 'revival'. Each year the great 'last days world revival' is still being falsely preached. The false ecumenical movement has taken a stranglehold on an increasing number of churches. The church is truly being sifted, polarised and tried. I personally believe we may be on the brink, (or in the middle?), of the greatest wave of apostasy in 2,000 years!

There are many who are now calling for the church to go back to its roots - to the '*simplicity that is in Christ*' (2Cor.11:3), and the Gospel that was '*once delivered to the saints*', (Jude 3). Some churches are calling for the reformation pillars, ('grace alone', 'Christ alone', 'scripture alone', 'faith alone'), to be re-taught. Some say we need revival; perhaps we need a *reformation!* In 1998 we hope to teach the above pillars and continue to expose the counterfeit. '*Even so, come Lord Jesus*', (Rev.22:20)! **Terry Arnold**

Why Preach Holiness?

Over the years of this ministry I have preached holiness or addressed issues relating to holiness. Many have written to express appreciation. Some are convicted and see the need to yield to the Holy Spirit, (Rom.6:13). Yet some say it brings condemnation.

Holiness preaching is scriptural. Sanctification is the will of God, (1Thess.4:3)! Jesus taught it and Paul unequivocally stated that no one would see Jesus without holiness, (Heb.12:14). Great leaders like J.C. Ryle, Martyn Lloyd Jones, and the reformers, all preached it.*

A common problem is that some people confuse the doctrine of *sanctification* (holiness) with *justification*. I apologise to readers if I have not in the past taught clearly the distinction. The former is the subjective work of the Holy Spirit *in* us, (Phil.2:12,13; 1:6). The latter is the work of Christ by grace alone, through faith alone, without works, (Eph.2:8,9); and is the outside, objective, legal and forensic work of Christ *for* us at conversion, (Rom. 4 & 5). We cannot have sanctification without justification. Justification is His righteousness imputed (accounted to, declared) to us, (Rom.4:11). Justification is an *outward* thing, (*imputed* to our account by Christ). Sanctification and holiness is an *inward* thing, (*imparted* by the Holy Spirit).

Justification frees us from the judgement of the law, which Christ fulfilled; sanctification gives us the power to be holy and to keep, ('in Christ'), His moral law, (Gal.6:2). Nine out of the ten commandments are repeated in the New Testament and we are commanded to keep them, (Jn.14:15)!

Although we are considered holy at conversion, ('positional holiness'), we also mature, ('progressive holiness', 1Jn.3:3; 2Pet.3:18; 1Thess.4:1). Sanctification changes us to be more like Christ, (Gal.4:19; Rom.8:29). If sinful behaviour sees no change, (some excuse this as 'carnal Christians'), than what happened to sanctification? If there is no holiness than one should perhaps question one's justification, (2Cor.13:5). This should put no more guilt on any than does the Gospel of Christ which *convicts* a sinner of his condition! If we are justified and made righteous then we will be sanctified and holy, as we submit to the work of the Holy Ghost. **Terry Arnold** * A useful reference is the classic, '*Holiness*' by J.C. Ryle.

How Well Do You Know Your Bible?

Circle the number before each quotation if you think it is found in the Bible. Answers are found on P.4. Do not look back.

1. *The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.*
2. *Open rebuke is better than secret love.*
3. *A fool and his money are soon parted.*
4. *Every day is a messenger of God.*
5. *No man can serve two masters.*
6. *A merry heart doth good like a medicine.*
7. *Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.*
8. *It is a wise father that knows his own child.*
9. *The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.*
10. *Fair weather cometh out of the north.*
11. *The good deed drives away the evil deeds.*
12. *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*
13. *Not life, but a good life, is to be chiefly valued.*
14. *There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we will.*
15. *I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.*
16. *Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die.*
17. *A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.*
18. *Make haste slowly.*
19. *We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.*
20. *Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*
21. *Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.*
22. *Cowards die many times before their death.*
23. *Wealth maketh many friends.*
24. *Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.*
25. *The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.*
26. *The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.*
27. *There is no new thing under the sun.*
28. *Character is much easier kept than recovered.*
29. *Man is born into trouble, as the sparks fly upward.*
30. *Lost time is never found again.*
31. *The sleep of a labouring man is sweet.*
32. *Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.*
33. *A word to the wise is sufficient.*
34. *No prophet is accepted in his own country.*
35. *Be not righteous over much.*
36. *If wishes were horses, beggars might ride.*
37. *Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof.*
38. *God helps those that help themselves.*
39. *Pride goeth before destruction.*
40. *One picture is worth more than a thousand words.*

Faith (Sermon Notes)

Heb.11:1 **'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen'**. Substance' ('Hupostasis') - support, ground support under, like a title deed or down payment. 'Hoped for' ('Elpizo') - expected. 'Evidence' ('Elengcho') - Proof, conviction of.

- Heb.11:1 **'Faith is the substance'**(confidence, assurance) **of things hoped** (expected), **the evidence** (conviction, proof of) **of things not seen**.

- Faith ('pisteuo') - confidence, trust, surrender, reliance. This same word is also translated **'believe'**, **'assurance'**.

What faith is: It is of God, not us, (Rom.3:22; Gal.2:16 **'Faith of Jesus Christ'**; Rom.3:3 **'Faith of God'** Gal. 2:20 **'Faith of the Son of God'**. Hab.2:4: **'The just shall live by His faith'**. It is a gift of God given to man. It is a shield of our Christian armour, (Eph.6:16).

- Faith is a trust, confidence **'in things hoped for'**. What do we hope for? - Salvation (Rom.8:24,25); future life (Titus 1:2); Resurrection (Acts 23:6); the coming of the Lord (Titus 2:13); the blood (Rom.3:25). All these things are not seen!

- What faith is not: blind faith or a leap in the dark, (rather it is a leap into the light!). Faith begins with knowledge, (revelation); Faith is not a force to manipulate God; is not controlled by laws or contained in words; is not to be used to get healing, money, success, (this is selfish faith). This is New Age form of faith and takes away from the sovereignty of God, (Is.48:11; Eph.1:11; Ps.115:3).

True faith is in a person and his work (Jesus Christ); It will produce fruit and works; true faith saves (Eph.2:8,9); James 2:14 - some **'say'** they have faith. In the Greek it continues, **'Can that faith save Him'**...What faith? (false or true?) vs.17 - What faith? (dead faith); vs.18 - Compare **'Thy (your) faith'** with **'My faith'**; vs.19 - Devils have this faith (false)!; vs.20 - **'Faith without works is dead'**. It is faith alone that justifies but that faith that justifies is not alone, (Calvin). We are saved by faith **for** works. Works are the **effects** of faith. True faith is in a living person: **'believe** ('Pisteuuo' - faith) **on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved'**, (Acts 16:31). The penitent thief was saved by faith! (Eph 2:8,9)

- Put feet to faith. Noah never saw rain till the ark closed! (see also Daniel and the lions).

- Barriers to faith: human reasoning coupled with doubts; Flesh; laziness; materialism that chokes; worldliness.

- How to increase faith: obedience to God and His Word; giving; stop worrying! (Ps.37:7); Prayer and Word of God. **'Without faith it is impossible to please God'**, (Heb.11:6). Terry Arnold

Spurgeon : On Defending the Faith

'We must defend the faith; for what would have become of us if our fathers had not maintained it? If confessors, reformers, martyrs and covenanters had been cowardly to the name and faith of Jesus, where would have been the churches of today?'

It is very pretty, is it not, to read of Luther and his brave deeds? Of course everybody admires Luther! Yes, Yes; but you do not want anyone else to do the same today...So we admire a man who is firm in the faith, say four hundred years ago;...But such a man today is a nuisance and must be put down. Call him a narrow minded bigot, or give him a worse name if you can think of one. Yet imagine in those ages past. Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and their compares had said, 'The world is out of order; but if we try to set it right, we shall only make a great row and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our nightcaps, and sleep over the bad times; and perhaps when we wake, things will have grown better'.

Such conduct upon their part would have entailed upon us a heritage of error. Age after age would have gone down into the infernal depths, and the pestiferous bogs of error would have swallowed all.

These men loved the faith and the name of Jesus too well to see them trampled on. Note that we owe them, and let us pay to our sons the debt we owe to our fathers. It is today as it was in the reformers' days. Decision is needed. Charles Spurgeon

Apostasy Deepens In the Uniting Church?

Sydney Uniting Church Minister, Alan Jackson, has been nominated as the moderator in the NSW Uniting Church. The NSW church has still yet to make a decision on homosexuals being allowed into ministry positions. Although Jackson does not believe the church will ordain homosexuals, he has warned the church not to judge human sexuality. *'In the past the church has been so sure it has been right...What if we find out our whole issue of sexual balance is just the luck of the genetic draw and all that we've said in terms of moral judgement on people in terms of their sexuality - what if it turns out we are wrong?'*, said Mr. Jackson. (*Parramatta Advertiser*, Sydney, 20/8/97)

Editors Comments: If we have been wrong all these years about homosexuality, then Jehovah God was wrong; Jesus was wrong; Paul was wrong; and the Bible is wrong! God forbid! The call is for those within the Uniting Church to contend for the faith (Jude 3), and separate from this church which is surely now ringing loudly the alarm bells of apostasy! Terry Arnold

Follow that leader

'There is a need in the church today for gifted followers. It involves taking risks and trusting leadership. Followers have to follow the lead. Further, you have to be able to change direction, often quickly. As the leader turns a corner, you have to have the capacity to go with the flow, wherever it may take you. People are far too quick to turn away from those who have been their spiritual leaders. Followers shouldn't! We should honour and respect them. People who don't are insecure. Never think it was a coincidence that God gave you the leader you have.' (bold italics mine)

So goes the wisdom of Assembly of God (AOG) National Superintendent Brian Houston, in an article recently published in the *Australian Evangel* magazine, October, 1997. It is similar to the rhetoric heard from most of the cults groups. No matter what the leadership says or does, follow them no matter what, or be branded disloyal, treacherous, mutinous, or just plain 'insecure'. Thousands of young (and not so young), gullible people, read and hear these pronouncements and out of a desire to please God they lay aside their discernment and place their spiritual future trustingly in the hands of these so called *leaders*. Nowhere does scripture allow for this active relinquishing of personal responsibility in judging matters of doctrine and practice in the Christian faith.

If you do as instructed by Brian Houston, you will find yourself well and truly on the high road to Rome*, and actively involved in aiding and abetting the formation of a syncretic one world religion of which God has given *ample* forewarning! If anyone should need further convincing of this it should be noted that the Assemblies of God in Australia recently joined a protest to the Adelaide Festival Committee for daring to depict *The Virgin Mary* playing a piano accordion on their promotional poster! What is Mary, (let alone her espoused perpetual virginity), to them?

On November 1, 1997 at Christian Life centre, Waterloo (AOG) Sydney, Australia's first Promise Keepers Rally was held. The grand title for this event is *'Breaking Down the Walls'*. And they meant it. *'Break down the walls in God's family'* states their promotional literature. The Pope heartily approves of this mens movement, as do many elders of Mormonism. The founder of PK is openly sympathetic to Roman Catholicism. A Mike Timmis recently joined the board of Directors. A Roman Catholic, he is scheduled to speak at the 1997 Catholic Men's Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, a staunch Roman Catholic institution which holds annual conferences defending the RC doctrine of Mary as the sinless Queen of Heaven. One conference brochure showed a heading: *'Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharistic Conference'* and a photo has a Catholic priest holding Rosary beads - (used to count ritualistic prayers to Mary).

Along with the Pope and other Roman Catholic luminaries, Brian Houston was seen to publicly endorse the *Share the Holy Spirit* Conference held in Sydney in October 1997. This conference was designed specifically to promote ecumenism and unity with an organisation that has murdered countless thousands of true believers down through the centuries.

AOG in Australia seem to endorse just about anything going in the field of ecumenism and unity without truth. They endorse *Awakening 2000, March for Jesus, Quest Australia, the Walk for Reconciliation, Promise Keepers*, etc. They invite men to speak at their gatherings who openly support Roman Catholicism and hold aberrant theological views. They have Benny Hinn as their National Conference speaker, a man who has been exposed several times by the media and church leaders for plain charlatany and who is now facing a \$25 million dollar law suit.

When are the *followers* going to awake and begin to question the direction in which they are being led? It is simply amazing that the support and promotion of Rome is being done so openly, without so much as a wimper from the rank and file! But then, if you believe what you are told - that to question and not submit to *the leadership* is to be 'insecure', then you are open to each and every deception that is introduced by them. God help these men. By their own words they bring judgement on themselves by demanding blind loyalty to their dictates.

The similarities between Pentecostalism and Roman Catholicism exposed decades ago by the likes of Dr. G. Campbell Morgan (Prince of Expositors), are becoming more stark by the day - gnosticism, unknown tongues, mysticism, and now the slavish following of an anointed priesthood, (spiritual Leaders).

It now follows that those noble Bereans (Acts 17:11) should never have been commended for not taking Paul's word as truth until they searched out the scriptures to prove it so! No! They were simply displaying their *'insecurity'!* Mike Claydon

* See *Diakrisis* article, 'Decade of Decline', 8/97.

Townsville Apostasy

Recently a photo appeared in a Townsville (Qld.) paper describing a Uniting minister, Anglican priest, and a Catholic priest, reportedly preaching at each others services. The Uniting Minister said, *'The things that unite us are far greater than the things that divide us'*. This lie forgets that the things that divide concern the very essentials of salvation and caused the reformation!

A Presbyterian minister reportedly wrote an article countering this above false unity. He wrote: *'What divides the Presbyterian church and the others represented in this pulpit exchange programme? We believe that the Bible is God's inerrant Word; it alone and not the church tradition - is the source of God's truth. Jesus Christ alone saves us from sin and God's judgement; Mary is not a co-redeemer. There are only two sacraments instituted by Christ, not seven, and they don't confer salvation nor are necessary to it...We believe that confession of sin is made not to a priest but to Christ, nor does any priest have the right to absolve sin...What then do these churches have in common that they can share together? A denial of the infallibility of scripture, resulting in a rejection of absolutes, so that the social gospel, and the thorny questions of reception of homosexuals into the ministry take first place in their agendas....'*

Editors Comments: Let us be encouraged by the likes of this minister to speak truth and expose the evils of false unity (ecumenism)! How can we fellowship with *'another Gospel'* without being *'accursed'*? Was the reformation a mistake? Why were millions of Christians burned and tortured at the hands of the Catholic Church? Can light fellowship with darkness? (2Cor.6:14-18), or love exist without truth? How can two walk together unless they be agreed? (Amos 3:3). *'Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them, (Rom.16:17)...Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (2Cor.6:14-18)...Now I command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received from us, (2Thess.3:6)...If any man teach otherwise, and consent not...to the doctrine which is according to Godliness;...from such withdraw thyself, (1Tim.6:3-5).*

The Mixture At Pensacola

Recently several people and Pastors have sent me video and audio tapes of Pensacola. Some showed good sound preaching on repentance, holiness, and even sin. They showed dozens of people being water baptised and confessing their addictions of drugs, alcohol, etc. Although very few of these people mentioned Jesus or sin, there did appear to be genuine conviction of wrong lifestyles. Other tapes I saw showed such extremes and excesses that only the closed minded or hardened signs and wonders enthusiasts would not at least question the spirits involved. It appears that there is much more of a *mixture* in Pensacola than in the Toronto phenomena. It is for this reason that I believe Pensacola could well be more dangerous than any other 'revival'.

What does God say about mixtures? Biblical teaching on mixtures comes from both the Old and the New Testaments: in the Old Testament - God's dealings with Israel, and in the New Testament - the '*leaven*'. Whenever Israel tried to mix the culture, idols, or ways of the surrounding nations, God's anger, warning, and judgement resulted. He hated mixtures! He continually warned them to separate themselves and not to take in the ways of the surrounding nations and allow any *mixtures*. In the New Testament we find the teaching of the *leaven* as a symbol of sin, error, (Cor.5:6-8; Gal.5:9), and false teaching, (Matt.13:33; 16:6-12; Mk.8:15; Lk.12:1; 13:21). This *leaven* caused a mixture that was a stench in the nostril of God and aroused the fury of Jesus, especially towards the doctrine of the pharisees. In the parable of the woman and the leaven, the leaven is mixed with the bread and the whole loaf (truth) is affected. We are told clearly that '*A little leaven (error) leavens the whole lump...to purge out the old leaven*' and to have only '*the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*', (1Cor.5:6-8). Therefore what are we to do with the unbiblical, the fleshly, the demonic, and the extremes and excesses at Pensacola?

The manifestations at Pensacola include: roaring like a lion, shaking violently, laughing uncontrollably, becoming unconscious, (ASC - Altered States of Consciousness), lapses of memory, losing control, (eg. spiritual 'drunkenness', being unable to dress properly), twisting, twitching of muscles, and 'fetal birthing,' (ie. experiencing birth pangs - said to be birthing a 'revival'). Not one of these is in scripture unless it is from an evil source or a judgement from God. Another prominent manifestation at Pensacola is a manifestation similar to the disease of Cerebral Palsy. In every case in the Bible of this condition it is either demonic or a sickness. In either case Jesus or the apostles would heal or cast it out!

What are the real manifestations of the spirit? Galatians 5:22 should suffice: '*love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance* [self control]...' There are rare extraordinary manifestations in scripture but when the extraordinary is copied and imparted on mass then we surely go well beyond scripture.

The idea that the Holy Ghost can impart Himself in instalments is nowhere to be found in scripture! Yet this is what was taught at Toronto and is encouraged at Pensacola and by the signs and wonders movement today. Yet the Holy Ghost is a person! You cannot dissect Him and meter Him out! You can only do this if you believe in a New Age type of spirit!

There is a mixture in the Pensacola phenomenon and the *leaven* has not been purged out! Amy Ward, one of the examples being used worldwide of the pensacola manifestations, apparently asked the spirit that was shaking her body: '*Why are you doing this to my body?*' The spirit answered her, '*I'm cleansing you up*'. This should ring alarm bells to discerning Christians. The cleansing work is done by the *blood* of Jesus, not the spirit.

What also are we to think of the false claims made by Pensacola leaders - that crime rates have dropped, that schools have had dramatic increases in '*Christian groups*', and that police drop offenders of at the church to be saved? One investigator reported that he talked '*with the manager of a convenience store that is directly across from the front of the church. They sell alcoholic beverages and lottery tickets. The manager informed me that business had grown during the approximate two years of this 'revival'. It was absolutely clear, beyond a doubt, that this event has had no impact on the community of Brownsville. I learned from a community business man that claims were circulating around about how crime had dropped dramatically. He was almost angry about this kind of falsehood being told all over the country...The administrative assistant to the sheriff of Escambia County gave me this quote, 'The crime rate for 1996 increased by 2.9% over 1995 (Brownsville is in this county, not in the city of Pensacola)...Robbery increased from 146 to 177, forcible sex offences increased from 52 to 69; simple assault and battery increased from 623 to 656 and drug possession rose from 647 to 660...The police had more calls for help than in each of the previous five years. There were other areas where the statistics show a decline: Homicide had reached a peak in 1993 and almost declined by 50% in 1994. The year before the Pensacola event began, there were six in 1995 and five in 1996...Steve [Hill] stated...when the revival started there were only three Christian groups of students in all the county schools. He stated that there are now 32 groups, one in each public school. [However] I have personally talked with the superintendent of public schools, the deputy superintendent, one high school principle, an assistant high school principle, a teacher/sponsor, plus several secretaries, etc. Not one word of that report is true. [They] bluntly stated that there had been no change in Christian groups. Some spoke critically and told me of teachers that have had to call parents to come and get their students because they were disrupting class by jerking or falling on the floor. Mr. Hill also told of police cars delivering teenagers they had arrested to the door of the church to be saved...The crowd goes wild when he tells it. I have talked with the chief of police and the administrative assistant to the sheriff about this report. It has absolutely no foundation. Both the county and the city departments told me that any police officer or deputy sheriff would be fired immediately if such action was taken. In fact such action would be illegal and contrary to the gospel.**

The leaven has not been purged and it has affected and changed the 'truth'. At the least we must '*Prove the spirits; and if you are not able to do so, then take the advice of Gamaliel and wait*'.** At the best, we must separate! **Terry Arnold**

*'The End Times', March/April, 1997 ** 'Here I Stand' by Roland Bainton, P.209.

Answers to Questionnaire P.2

There are twenty Bible references. If you circled 15 of the 20 Biblical references, you're a Bible student. If you had fewer than half correct, you have plenty of company. Answers: 1. Shakespeare. 2. Pr.27:5 3. 16th. Century. 4. Russian Proverb. 5. Matt.6:24 6. Pr.17:22 7. Eccl.11:1 8. Shakespeare. 9. 19th, Century. 10. Job 37:22 11. The Koran. 12. Amos 3:3 13. Plato 14. Shakespeare. 15. Job 19:20 16. Is.22:13 17. Pr.27:15 18. Latin. 19. Book of Common prayer. 20. Ps.30:5 21. Benjamin Franklin. 22. Shakespeare. 23. Pr.19:4 24. Thomas Jefferson's seal. 25. Eccl.9:11 26. Jer.31:29; Ezek.18:2. 27. Eccl.1:9 28. Thomas Paine. 29. Job 5:7 30. Benjamin Franklin. 31. Ecc.5:12 32. Unknown proverb. 33. Terence, 150 B.C. 34. Lk.4:24 35. Eccl.7:8 36. John Ray 1670. 37. Eccl.7:8 38. Benjamin Franklin. 39. Pr.16:18 40. Chinese Proverb. **Source: 'Baptist Challenge'**

One Pastor's Plea

(The following is an open letter written by a Pentecostal pastor in Qld.)

Dear Pastor/Elder,

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is with grave concern that I am writing this open letter to the pastors and elders of the churches in Caloundra, that call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The current Toronto (laughing revival) and Pensacola (shaking revival) phenomenon are false and are deceiving many. It is the view of myself and the Caloundra Christian Centre, that this current so called revival is not of God but is demonic and a part of the endtime deception that Paul spoke of in 2Thessalonians Chapter 2.

I have not come to this judgement lightly but after visiting the church in Toronto and speaking with people who profess to be authorities on this phenomenon both for and against, through much prayer, and after having carefully tested the spirits by the inerrant, God breathed Word of God, the Bible, the only source of truth.

Because I believe this to be a deception I have no alternative but to continue to make a public stand regarding this false revival - exhorting with scriptures and encouraging confused Christians to search the truth and to walk in God's ways.

It concerns me that men like Smith Wigglesworth are used to promote this false revival when they are not here today to make a scriptural judgement...It concerns me that past revivals are used as validity for this so called new revival. Men like Finney and Wesley condemned the manifestations of barking and shaking, etc. as demonic and stopped them - and when they did not stop the manifestations the revival would come to a quick end...[past] revivals were founded on the strong preaching of the Word of God and not physical fleshly manifestations.

I keep hearing that God is doing a 'new thing', so why use the old revivals to give validity? Or, is this 'new thing' just an 'old thing' rehashed?

It has come to my notice that publicly speaking out against this false revival and naming names I have been marked as being against Christ (ie. antichrist) and our church brandished a cult. It continues to amaze me that those who follow this 'new' revival continue to threaten with destruction, even death, those who would be as the Bereans and study God's Word and make a judgement based on the Word. We love Jesus Christ and exalt Him as our Lord and Saviour and certainly would not blaspheme the Holy Ghost because He came into our lives to make Jesus real to us...If Jesus did it we want to do it. If Jesus did not bark like a dog or shake like He had Cerebral Palsy then we won't bark like a dog or shake like we have Cerebral Palsy, nor should anyone else. We were made in the image of God, not in the image of animals. There is only one person, Satan, who would want to reduce mankind to the level of animals....

*...Can you remember the day you gave your life to Jesus? Can you remember that 'first love', when you accepted Jesus by faith? Why is that not sufficient today? Why do we want more?...The only way to discern the 'false' from the 'truth' is by the Word of God. Why do we need the gimmicks, when throughout the book of Acts the simple message of the Gospel sufficed? Are we ashamed of the Gospel or like Paul, can we boldly proclaim, **'I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believeth'**.*

In all honesty can you really go along with men like these:

Rodney Howard Brown: 'The Holy Ghost bartender', 'Joel's bar'. Where is that healthy fear of the Lord? Drunkenness is a curse!

Benny Hinn: A man who doctrinally changes like the wind, who now believes as the Roman Catholics, that the communion elements, actually become the physical blood and physical flesh of Jesus Christ as you partake. Can you stand and follow a man like that?

Kenneth Copeland: Declared that 'if the physical death of Jesus Christ on the cross was sufficient to wash away our sin then any man including himself could have done that'. [However] The Bible declares that the victory was on the cross and the physical blood of the unblemished lamb of God, Jesus Christ, washed away our sin!

Kenneth Hagin: 'Jesus Christ was the first to be born again' Again remember ONLY SINNERS NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN. And what about the play 'Heaven's gate and Hell's Flames'? As men of God we are to rightly divide the Word:

- Did Jesus go to the place of the unrighteous dead to be tormented by Satan and his demons?

- Is Satan in Hell?

- I thought that Hell was a 'prison', but it appears from the play that the prisoners control the prison! Maybe that is so in Queensland, but I do not believe that to be so in God's divine order!

- When is the book of life opened?

- Whom does the Bible say we should fear?

The popular play does not bear any resemblance to the Gospel and is nothing more than a work of fiction, a fable, a lie. So how can one have an altar call for salvation, when the gospel is the power of God unto salvation?

On...we will be showing a video...about ...Pensacola.

- Erecting a replica of the altar of incense at a pastor conference and actually burning incense on it....

- Women crouching down in a birthing position 'giving birth to the revival', with all the sounds and actions of a real birth.

These women are carried through the church as effigies.

- Men thrusting their pelvic region back and forth as a type of intercession...

*The list goes on...Whether you agree with me or not, I and the family at Caloundra Christian Centre love you, but I remind you that God is sovereign, using all things for his purpose, even the sifting of the wheat and the tares. God is calling us back to a sound Biblical understanding - **'The just shall walk by faith'**.*

I pray this letter finds you in good health, a good conscience, and your spirit overflowing with our Lord's abundant grace.

Yours in Christ's service, Pastor Gil Reitsma

'One of the greatest weaknesses of the Charismatic movement is its lack of sound Biblical teaching. There seems to be an undue preoccupation with experience, which is often placed above the Word. As a consequence Charismatics have become a fertile field for strange and unscriptural doctrines proliferating through their ranks.' (*Charisma Vs Charismania*, by Chuck Smith, P.127)

Your Comments and Questions

(Views expressed here are not necessarily those of the editor or advisory panel)

Dear Terry...I...quote from a letter received from a likeminded friend in USA, relating events following her friend's involvement with the 'Toronto Blessing':

'The situation with...continues to spiral downwards. I believe she has become psychologically unstable - she's a completely different person than she was a year ago - completely deluded.. Things are now much worse. She says God told her to leave her devoted husband of 24 years - seems he was 'quenching the spirit' - she's also abandoned all family and all friends and is living with another woman...she says she is 'in the spirit' - we're all in' the flesh'. [she]...seems paranoid, very manipulative...what a frightening heartbreaking mess.

[8 months later] S... and D... are now officially divorced. She is a completely different person, full of herself and her 'spiritual gifts'. But she is not alone. It is happening all around us. It has become a trend. I wonder how much more of this we've yet to see and endure. I believe God is preparing me slowly and carefully to be able to stand firm in the days ahead. I have decided that any incorrect doctrine verified by signs and wonders I will reject. Any 'gifts' untested and presenting a check in my spirit I reject. Any 'giftings' inconsistent with truth already presented in Scripture, I reject. Any 'gifts' demonstrated in the overall context of incorrect teaching, or bad fruit, or arrogant attitude, or fleshly gratification - I reject. To date, that leaves me with only a few gift demonstrations that are valid and Holy Spirit originated and verified - none of these are in connection with Pentecostal/Charismatic 'movements' and trends. I have been narrowed considerably but have found much stability in this stand - I'm not confused by what I see and hear, even if people say it is from God'. (sent in by J.H., Sydney)

Dear Terry, Thankyou once again for a great newsletter. So many Christians do not seem to want to be informed, nor are they at all interested in just where the false 'unity' engendered by the various strands of the ecumenical movement is headed.

However, I am using information contained in your newsletters as I share as our Lord leads with brothers and sisters in Christ...Blessings, yours in Him (E.M., Gympie, Qld.)

Death of a Warrior

On October 18th. Sidney Hunter, editor of the Biblical Fundamentalist (ELE), died suddenly. I knew and remember him as a true defender of the faith. I admired his courage and convictions, his passion for the truth, and his love for his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He will be sadly missed but we rejoice that for him **'to be absent from the body..is to be present with the Lord'**. Please pray for his family and for the filling of the gap that has been left by his absence. **Terry Arnold**

Praise Points

- Praise God for His faithfulness and support for another year.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for wisdom and guidance in planning for next year. Pray for support and labour for the increasing workload.

Dear Terry, Congratulations on yet another 'Diakrisis'. The way this ministry is growing is a delight to watch, and bears all the hallmarks of a true work of God. You have gone about your task quietly, without fanfare, minimal tangible resources, and having regard to the brethren you warn, exhort and encourage in love and truth. Keep up the good work, and don't let the knockers discourage you...Gideons army won the day. I always look forward to each new issue.

The outstanding characteristics making 'Diakrisis' is your obvious concern for the brethren...without stooping to diatribe or character assassination. (J.H. Sydney)

Dear Terry, Thankyou for your 'Diakrisis' papers. They are very relevant and very much appreciated. A friend has lent me a copy of your 'To Catholics Whom I Love'. I am not a Catholic, but consider this book very important, as we see the rush to move in with Rome and its abhorrent teachings. My query is from Page 48, 2nd paragraph, 'The Immaculate Conception'; regarding Catholics arguing that Mary must be sinless to have given birth to a sinless Jesus. The next sentence may be misprinted as it says that'...her blood does touch the baby'. Should this by any chance be 'does not'. ..I genuinely want to know.

Many years ago before Toronto etc. my pastor used to tell us that certain things the Catholic church believed were wrong, and he gave us this short sentence, which I feel is very apt indeed: 'Unity without truth is treason'. Unfortunately he is now fully supporting all the new wave rubbish.

Keep up the good work and may God's blessing be upon it and you and your family, Yours in His wonderful name, Jesus, (V.H. Nunanading, Vict.)

Editors Comments: I appreciate you seeing this error which was in earlier editions. In the more recent editions (sixth edition), this typing error has been corrected. The mothers blood does not touch the baby and Mary did not have to be without sin to give birth to a sinless Jesus.

Dear Terry,...Just recently a friend of ours was told that 'Toronto' doesn't matter anymore. God is moving in a new(?) and deeper way now - 'Pensacola'. Another Christian has told us...that we don't have to worry about a Christian's actions - you just ignore their behaviour and don't judge them; if they have prayed the sinner's prayer, then everything is OK - let God take care of them...God bless you and your team.

Editors Comments: This 'deeper way' is typical of the old heretical gnostic teaching. As for 'Christian's actions' - perhaps we should all take particular notice of Heb.12:14 'Without holiness no one will see the lord'. Holiness is not an option, its mandatory!

Dear Mr. Arnold,

Thankyou for your monthly newsletter, am finding it helpful in showing all the faults with the various cults. Please send me the book 'Signs and wonders - Exposed'. (E.S. Tawonga,

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