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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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Guest Editors Comments

This ministry unapologetically warns of false teaching, '*false christs*', '*false prophets*', and of the occultic deceptions invading the church today. We attempt to inform and equip Christians to discern the current apostasy. For many, this information when taken in isolation or large doses, can be spiritually draining, and even depressing.

The ability to absorb alarming information and remain unharmed is only achieved by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and constant attention to the Word of God. As saddening as it all is, this apostasy was *promised*, and far from being depressing, it should enthral us, in that it graphically displays the nearness of the return of Jesus and us being instantly with our beloved Lord *forever!* The goal is to remain undecieved and faithful.

We urge our readers to diligently devour scripture, remain constant in prayer and '*to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered!*' A worldwide occultic ecumenical religion is being rapidly formed and many Christian leaders are being deluded into endorsing it. Only a deep '*love of the truth*' will give strength and courage in the days ahead. **Mike Claydon**

Kenneth Hagin Video

Recently friends were insisting I watch a video of a Kenneth Hagin (Snr.) conference. Kenneth Hagin is considered by many to be the founder of the Word-Faith Movement and Kenneth Copeland the current leader. I delayed watching this video because I had seen enough of such Word-Faith teachers with their false teachings and prophecies, and their extremes in and emphasis on, the new 'waves' of signs and wonders.

However, on the insistence of one of my advisors, I viewed the video '*Kenneth Hagin and the spirit of the Serpent.*' What I saw is something that must be commented on.

At the above conference, (October, 1997), Kenneth Hagin prophesied that there is a new 'wave' coming. This new spiritual impartation or 'anointing' was demonstrated at this conference. Spiritual drunkenness was exhibited with manifestations that I believe, if imparted across nations, (as was the Toronto and Pensacola Phenomena), will bring many Christians involved with the current signs and wonders movement to either swim with it or separate. I pray that God will draw more out before it is too late.

In this video Hagin is seen hissing and using his tongue like a serpent; men and women slither down their seats and onto the floor; Copeland is seen crawling across the floor in a drunken state of laughter. The entire conference ends up in pandemonium. I am convinced Satan openly showed his hand at these meetings.

The reader at this stage may think this video not worthwhile watching, (I confess parts did sicken me). However, I am convinced this video may well be used to jolt many in the Word-Faith Movement and in the various signs and wonders phenomena, to have their spiritual eyes opened to *the worsening* deception and *increasing* danger of these men. This video is hard evidence of things to come. **Terry Arnold** (Video is \$20. Recommended not to be viewed with children present)

Sydney Seminar - Teaching Day

Theme: '*The State of the Church*' Topics include: *Which Jesus?; Discernment; Justification, E.C.T.; Revival or Apostasy?; Lovers of Truth (exegesis of 2Thess.2:9-11); The Church - a Reproach to the Nations?* We pray the information presented will be vital meat and food for today's pastors and Christians who are lovers of truth.

When: May 23rd. 9.30am. - 4.30pm. **Where:** Grace Bible Church, 80 Joseph St, Kingswood. **Speaker:** Terry Arnold
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The Other Side of Azusa St.

Many Pentecostals cite the famous *Azusa St. Revival* as the restoration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This event is widely recognised by many church groups, (such as the *Assembly Of God* churches), as the roots of the Pentecostal movement. It was here in Los Angeles, 1906, that many are said to have received the 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' with the evidence of this experience being the gift of unknown 'tongues'. At this time 'fundamentalist' Christians immediately opposed many things involved with these events, believing it to be too subjective and a false and extra source of revelation.

At Azusa St., W.J. Seymour, a student of Charles Parham, began a series of meetings that were to run for over three years. Seymour took with him a previous experience that occurred while at college under Parham. At this college on 1st. Jan. 1901, the students were encouraged to seek the same experience as at Pentecost. The first person to experience the 'Baptism' with the experience of unknown tongues was Agnes Ozman, a 30 year old unmarried 'holiness enthusiast' from Nebraska. She had a reputation of wandering around the country seeking mystical things and the sensational. At the college under Parham, Ozman spoke in an unknown language, (although some thought it was Chinese). The teaching up unto this time was that Acts 2 were languages *known* by the hearers, (as is clearly confirmed in Acts 2:6-11). However, the 'tongue' of Ozman was *unknown* to herself or the hearers. No one but Ozman spoke in tongues initially. The others received the experience two days later. The '*initial evidence*' doctrine, (that tongues is *the* initial evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit), came later, and was initially only accepted by Ozman and later Parham. This doctrine was not taught before this, yet is now one of the main teachings and is included in the statement of faith' of many Pentecostal Churches, (eg. *Assembly of God*).*

Seymour left the college and later was invited to speak at a Nazarine church in Los Angeles but was eventually locked out because of extremes in his holiness doctrine. He then held home meetings and seven people spoke in unknown 'tongues'. People outside were attracted by the noise. He then moved to 312 Azusa St. and commenced meetings that were to go constantly for three years. As time went on the visions and manifestations became more extreme. People had visions of Jesus with blood trickling down His sides. Both men and women preached. What is not widely reported is that when Charles Parham was asked by Seymour to come to assess the situation, he found much that resembled the Corinthian Church.

Parham found it difficult to distinguish between the true and the false use of the gifts. He found '*hypnotic influences, familiar spirit influences, spiritualistic influences, mesmeric influences and all kinds of spells and spasms, falling in trances, etc. All of these things are foreign to and unknown* [to the Apostolic Faith movement] *outside of Los Angeles, except in the places visited by the workers sent out from this city.*' (1) Parham later denounced the movement as a case of '*awful fits and spasms*' and of '*holy rollers and hypnotists*'. (2) This account is backed up by the newspaper reports of that time. The *Los Angeles Times*, (April 18th., 1906, P.1) wrote: '*Meetings are held in a tumbled down shack on Azusa St...and the devotees of the weird doctrines practice the most fanatical rites, preach the wildest theories, and work themselves into a state of wild excitement in their peculiar zeal. Coloured people and a sprinkling of whites compose the congregation. And the night is made hideous in the neighbourhood by the howlings of the worshippers who spend hours swaying forth and back in a nerve-racking attitude of prayer and supplica-*

tion. They claim to have the gift of tongues and to be able to comprehend the babble.' Another source stated: '*Our missionaries have been stationed at Los Angeles [where the Azusa St. meetings were held] during the whole history of the tongues movement, and have watched it closely from the very first outbreak in Seymour's meetings; and truly, conditions have been such that it would be impossible to publish the things that have occurred there. The familiarity between sexes in the public meetings has been shocking, to say the least. Hell has reaped an awful harvest and infidelity has become more strongly rooted on the Pacific Coast than ever before*'. (3) A Samuel Riggins who defected from the Parham school, wrote in the '*Topeka Daily Capital*' newspaper: '*I believe the whole of them are crazy*'.

Other accounts of Azusa St. show that there was a decrease in the preaching. One writer, (writing *in favour* of the 'Toronto Blessing'), admits that, '*Where the Welsh revival went wrong, and Azusa St. too, was in its repudiation of sound and dynamic instruction from the Word of God*'. (4) Bartleman in his book, '*What Really Happened at Azusa St.*', (1925), rejoices that, '*No attempt was made to preach. A few messages were given by the Spirit*'. He also states that the intellect was regarded as thoroughly polluted by sin and that the mind was '*the last fortress of man to yield*'. Theologians were also regarded with great suspicion. It is interesting to note that these *same* features are present in the current 'Toronto Blessing' and 'Pensacola Outpouring'!

The Azusa St. Mission was in fact terminated by 1911.

The story could easily end here except that few people care to research the life of Parham. Earlier in life Parham had suffered a brain viral infection which some believe caused him to behave disorderly. He was in fact rejected ordination by the Methodist Church. He denied the doctrine of eternal punishment, opposed medical and medicine treatment, and believed serious diseases to be demonic. He was also influenced by a cult like centre called '*Shiloh*' run by a Frank Sandford near Durham, Maine, and believed that missionaries could be endowed with special powers for last days mission work. Parham was documented as having mental, emotional, psychological and sociological disorders. In 1907 he was arrested for homosexual acts with a 22 year old man in San Antonio, Texas. (5) The case was not prosecuted for lack of evidence and the scandal remained a mystery. From then unto his death in 1929, he was considered a fallen prophet by many church leaders of his time. However, he continued his religious endeavours up to the end, including raising funds for a trip to the Holy Land to search for the Ark of the Covenant. This trip never materialised as Parham claimed to have been 'mugged' in New York and had all his money stolen. (6)

The above information is almost unknown to most Pentecostals. Only one side of Azusa St. is usually presented in Pentecostal writings. No doubt there was a genuine seeking of God by the persons involved in the Azusa St. revival. However, when the roots, the fruit, and even the lives of the leaders involved are examined, there remains at least some serious questions as to the teachings and the experiences that continue and remain to this day. **Terry Arnold**

* In private conversations with many AOG pastors and superintendents in Australia, I have found many do not (in private) agree with this doctrine. (For further reading on the Baptism with the Spirit and tongues, etc., see booklist for the book, '*Finding the Balance*' by the author). (1) '*The life of Charles Parham*' by Sarah Parham, P.168. (2) '*The Holiness Pentecostal Movement in the United States*' by Vinson Synan, P.112 (3) '*Demons and Tongues*' P. 82. (4) '*Times of Refreshing*' by Dr. Mark Stibbe, P.XVIII (5) '*Fields White Unto Harvest*' by James Goff, PP.106,136. (6) Ibid pages 145,146.

More Gay & Lesbian Churches

'The Uniting Church in Paddington [Sydney] has placed a four square metre banner over its entrance, declaring the church a safe place for Gays and Lesbians...at least one third of Paddington's Eastside parish is made up of gay and lesbian members...' ('Aust. Beacon' 2/98)

Editor's comments: This may be a 'safe place' for them now, but eventually there will be no safety in Hell. Lets pray that the Gospel can be preached without compromise to these people whom God loves, that many would give up this perversion and see it as that which the Bible calls it - sin.

Madness?

'Wesley Campbell of the Toronto Airport Church actually dresses in full Celtic war costume, paints his face blue, just like William Wallace in the Braveheart movie and imitates his speech, to rouse the Christians... This is not the spirit of God.' (CETF 2/98)

Pensacola and the 'Latter Rain' Heresy

In *Diakrisis* 6/97 we printed an article on the 'Latter Rain' heresy. The American AOG separated from this teaching decades ago. The Kansas City prophets were the product of this heresy and after many of them fell in sin and false prophecies, they were accepted into the Vineyard Movement by John Wimber.

Comparing the following quote made at Springfield, Missouri on 12/3/97 by Steve Hill, who introduced the Pensacola 'revival': *'A spiritual race of people are rising, shaking the world'*. Here we see evidence of pure 'Latter Rain' heresy! **Terry Arnold**

'Good Friday'?

Tradition tells us that Jesus was crucified on Friday and scriptures tell us that He rose on Sunday morning early, prior to dawn, (Matt.28:1). As a young Christian I believed this without hesitation, until one day I was challenged to count the number of days and nights from Friday to Sunday. Knowing that Jesus was dead for three days, it was simply impossible to get three days between Friday and Sunday. The sign of the prophet Jonah, (Jonah 1:17), required Christ to be in the grave **'three days and three nights'**, (Matt.12:39,40; Lk.16:22), not just three days. A Friday crucifixion leaves us short by at least one day and a night. The Roman guards were ordered to guard the tomb **'until the [end of] the third day'** (Matt.27:64), and we know Jesus rose very **'early in the morning on the first day [Sunday] of the week...'**, (Mk.16:2). It is clear that the three day period had elapsed sometime early Sunday morning.

The reader at this point might point to John 19:31: **'The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day),...'** Also in Luke 23:54 we read: **'And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on'**. So, was not Jesus killed just before the Sabbath began - from Friday sunset?

What the early Catholic Church neglected to realise was that there were *two Sabbaths* in this week! Only the Gospel of John gives us the clearest detail of the **'high day'** which was *aspecial Sabbath*, not the ordinary weekly Sabbath. The *ordinary* Jewish weekly Sabbath was from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, (the Jewish day begins at sunset.). However, this **'high day'** or *special Sabbath* was the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, (15th of Nisan*). The first and last days of this feast were *special Sabbaths* of which no work was to be done.

The women could not get to the tomb to anoint the body until Sunday. Why? Because the *two Sabbath days* (Thursday & Friday) prevented them from working. It is this confusion over the two Sabbaths that led Catholics to wrongly attribute Friday as the day before the Sabbath. The Astronomer Royal at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England, has determined that in AD32 Nisan 14 was from Wednesday sunset to Thursday sunset. Jesus had to die on the 14th. of Nisan because this was the day that the Passover lambs were slain every year at about 3pm in the afternoon. (The last supper took place the night **'before the feast of the Passover'**). (Jn.13:1)

If we count Thursday as day one**, Friday and Saturday are days two and three. After these three days and nights in the grave Jesus rose before dawn on Sunday morning and *after* the Sabbath, (6pm.Sat) (Matt.28:1).

Since the resurrection the early church began to meet on Sunday, the first day of the week, (Acts 20:7). The Roman Catholic Church was *not* the first to change the day of rest or worship from Saturday to Sunday, as wrongly taught by Seventh Day Adventist churches and some other groups. The scriptures state clearly that the apostles **'met together to break bread'** on **'the first day of the week'**, (Acts 20:7). The earliest accounts of the church fathers show clearly that Christians met on Sunday, long before Constantine (4th. Century) decreed any Sunday as the day of worship or rest.

However, a word of balance here. There are things in the Bible we are not to judge a man on, (food, drink: Col.2:16; 1Tim.4; Rom.14; special days and Sabbaths): **'let no man...judge you...in respect of an holy day...or of the Sabbath days'**, (Col.2:16). How one keeps, celebrates, or thinks of the Passover (traditionally 'Easter'), the resurrection day, or the Sabbaths, is to be judged or discerned by the individual, and not, in my opinion, to be a major contentious issue. **Terry Arnold** *Nisan is the first month of the Jewish calendar corresponding to our March-April. **Some believe this to be Wednesday sunset which is the beginning of Thursday to the Jews.

Mars Rock Fraud

'After enormous press coverage around the world telling us of the wonder rock that showed life on Mars, we now find hidden away in very small corners of the written press the results of tests on that rock. Those tests reveal that the organic traces found in the rock are not from Mars at all, but are from earth.' ('Biblical Fundamentalist', March/98)

Catholics and Holy Laughter?

'More than 1,200 Catholics...jammed the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Philadelphia in August to experience Charismatic revival in a conference that featured Rodney Howard-Browne, who told attendees: 'People cannot believe that revival is in the Catholic Church'. Catholics laughed hysterically after they were hit with what Howard-Browne refers to as 'the joy of the Holy Ghost'...Howard-Browne plans return visits.' ('Charisma', Nov. 1997)

At the last 'Catch the Fire' conference conducted by John & Carol Arnott, a Catholic priest was 'touched' by the spirit. After the conference the Arnotts visited the Catholic Church for a night and spoke glowingly of barriers between denominations being broken down. ('Global Revival News' Archive Web site: <http://www.grm-uk.org/sund>)

Editors Comments: What 'spirit' is involved here? Can we have unity without truth, yet with deception? Is not the Catholic Church still teaching a continuing sacrifice of Calvary instead of a finished one; prayers for the dead; images in worship; Mary as a mediator; Purgatory; Transubstantiation; tradition equal to the Bible; a sinless Mary?

The Difficulties of Separation

Today there is large volume of people moving from one church to another. While many genuinely seek spiritual life, many are perhaps looking for the wrong things and for the wrong reasons. Some are attracted by entertainment, hyped up messages, certain kinds of music, existential experiences, etc. However, on the other side of the coin is a remnant of people who have left churches because of false teaching and apostasy. Many resist going back to any church, not able to trust finding a sound church. Some are more fortunate and seek and do find sound churches that will feed them and teach them the plain unadulterated Word of God.

Many that leave a church may experience a sense of isolation. This can be enhanced when members of the previous church snub, ignore, or treat the person as if 'backslidden'. Some even feel a numbness and a sense of not belonging anywhere, especially if most close friends are in the previous church. Many are just unable to find a church where they 'fit in'.

I have only left one church because of false teaching. When extreme and excessive doctrines were evident I left a charismatic church I was attending and felt immediately isolated from friends of that church. I then went on a long search for other churches and was horrified to find the same excesses in other churches. One of the scriptures that meant much to me at this time was James 1:2 concerning 'trials and tribulations'. It was also a time of throwing oneself before God, as help from, and fellowship with other Christians, dried up. It was also a valuable time of study and reflection on doctrine, and discovering the 'baggage' that had been picked up along the way. For many this can be a painful time, as false teachings are discarded and God has to **'teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God'**, (Heb.5:12).

Eventually I did find a church where the Word of God was preached simply and without the extremes and excesses of the latest signs and wonders 'wave'. We had wonderful fellowship there and it was a 'safe' haven. It was a time of settling and shelter.

However, many are not so fortunate. Many become very lonely and feel spiritually isolated. I constantly meet those who no longer go to church despite Hebrews 10:24, which exhorts us to fellowship and meet with others. Many are also told that they are no longer under the 'covering' and that they are in great danger, even of losing their salvation. These teachings appear to have emanated mainly through Charismatic churches.

Let us pray for those in the wilderness, the disenchanting, the disillusioned, the separated Christians, who have yet to find a 'spiritual home' of encouragement, edification, and fellowship. **Terry Arnold**

Homosexuality Divides Uniting Church Further

'...In all states except Queensland, gay and lesbian ministers can be ordained with the permission of the local Presbytery. There are already two declared homosexuals in the ministry in Victoria and one in NSW.

In a controversial move, a group of Uniting Church members entered a float in last weekend's Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, using the church's symbol.

It is the acceptance of homosexuality that has enraged many ministers and members, causing splinter groups to form and a mass exodus of members. In some cases entire congregations have resigned from the Uniting Church...Three churches have already broken away...and one other has undergone a major split..attendance in the Uniting Church between 1991 and 1996 has dropped dramatically...(Sunday Mail, 8/3/98)

Benny Hinn Circles

Benny Hinn from time to time appears to repent of his false doctrines only to teach either the same heresies or further errors. However, after being exposed many times through the media and by church leaders, he has tightened up his running of his operation. After CNN exposed him several times Hinn fired some of his staff, claiming people fed information to the media.

Hinn appears to have corrected his heretical views about such things as the death of Christ and a nine person Godhead, even though these were spoken under the 'inspiration of the Holy Spirit' at the time. However, he continues to praise Roman Catholicism and claims healings that have never been verified. Added to this is that several have died as a result of false healing claims. Each circle that Benny Hinn completes leaves a trail of damaged lives, false teachings and false prophecies.

Billy Graham Crusade Counsellors

In the Adelaide newspapers early this year there were adverts for Roman Catholics to be counsellors at the Franklin Graham meetings.

Media Network

The Southern Cross Institute of Caloundra, Qld, has a vision to securing media outlets and purchase a National Television Network. A brochure states their aim is to **'advance the kingdom of God in Australia'**. They quote the late J.Edwin Orr: **'The church will only see revival if there is a repentance and public united prayer'**. They quote Isaiah 43: 18-19: **'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland'**. The brochure speaks of introducing **'culturally relevant methods of evangelism'** and **'raising up a people with a passion for the nation...'** **'Go make disciples'** is Christ's command. **For you this may mean 'go pray', 'go plant a church', 'go train', 'go share your faith', or 'go be involved in the Media Vision'**. This is followed by a request for finance.

Editors comments: On investigation into this brochure I discovered that the organisers are into the Word-Faith movement as well as the various signs and wonders teachings, including Benny Hinn, etc. The Isaiah scripture is a well used scripture by such enthusiasts to push the idea that such phenomena as the 'Toronto Blessing' etc, are 'new things' that God is doing. The scripture in fact refers to no such thing. It is a scripture in the middle of a message of the restoration of Israel and is at least partly futuristic. It could not possibly be used to enhance the above signs and wonders movements. My investigations show that this ministry has serious connections with Benny Hinn and that the kind of teaching and material that would be aired would not, in my opinion, be Bible based, nor orthodox.

Ecumenism

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Canberra has just completed **'revival'** meetings (Feb.13-21), sponsored by All Souls Anglican Church, Grace Ministries, Nth. Canberra Baptist Church, Unity Bible College and Queanbeyan AOG.

The speakers were Darrel Stott, an ordained AOG pastor, Bill Cassada, and Randy Clarke (started Toronto), of the vineyard.

More on Baptist Union and Ecumenism

Last month we documented the formation of the *Baptist Ecumenical Fellowship* (BEF) and their support of the apostate NCCA and WCC, (World Council of Churches).

The *National Baptist* Vol.10, No 4, Dec. 1997 writes: *'While it [BEF] wants to be acknowledged as a fellowship by the Baptist Union, it will not be a formal part of the Baptist Union structures, though it will keep Baptist Unions fully informed of its activities and plans...'*

'Stan Solomon, General Superintendent of the Qld. Baptist Union says... 'I am not against working with churches of other mainline denominations. What I am against is official organic joining with them in a structured institutional form...I do not believe we should be identified officially with denominations which deny the very fundamentals of the faith, eg. with universalists, with liberals who deny the virgin birth and/or the bodily resurrection of Christ, nor with the Roman Catholics in their doctrine of transubstantiation, nor with the modern syncretism denying the uniqueness of Christ...I do not believe the Baptist name should be associated, either by official membership or by observer status, with the kind of decisions on social or moral issues which are beginning to emerge from the NCCA, eg. tolerance for homosexuality, (note I did not say homosexuals), and acceptance of other world religions as valid approaches to God...'

Editors Comments: I agree with and praise God for many of the above comments! However, by opening the gate to the BEF being 'a formal part of the Baptist Union structures' does not the BU allow leaven into the lump and weaken its defences against apostasy? Have we not learned from the tragedy of churches like the Uniting Church in Australia, which allowed homosexual factions to exist within its structure, thus now causing division and strife?

Spirit Filled

'Any claim to fullness of the Holy Spirit that is not supported by Christ-like living is a fraud. You cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit and be a carnal Christian at the same time. To be carnal is to be sensual, un sanctified, worldly, etc, but the mark of the Spirit filled person is holiness and Christ-likeness'.

TV

'Television clearly does impair the student's freedom to read...Television does not ban books, it simply displaces them'..If the classroom now begins to seem a stale and a flat environment for learning, the inventors of Television itself are to blame.' (*Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman, P.141-143)

Spiritual Warfare

Much emphasis today is being placed on 'Spiritual Warfare' and 'Territorial spirits', particularly in Charismatic/Pentecostal circles. Territorial spirits are supposedly being broken and cast out of areas of the earth. The devil is being 'rebuked' and 'bound'. Strongholds are supposedly being torn down.

Contrary to this we read in Jude 9 the archangel Michael did not dare rebuke the devil but rather said: **'The Lord rebuke you'**, (see also 2Pet.2:10,11). The tearing down of strongholds as in 2Cor.10:3-6 refers to the *mind*! The context is clear - we are to resist and captivate thoughts that oppose God or the knowledge of God. Many scriptures refer to the danger of a passive mind and exhort the use of the mind, (Mk.12:30; 2Cor.10:5; Is.26:3; Phil.4:8; Rom.12:1,2; Ps.19:14). Today the Charismatic leaders are saying *'don't analyse with your mind, just receive with your heart'*. Passivity of the mind is one of the ingredients of hypnosis and is opposite of 2Cor.10.

The phrase **'principalities...powers'** in Ephesians 6:10-20, is not referring to us making war with demons. The passage is almost all defensive, (the Ephesian armour is mostly defensive, not offensive), and we are told to **'stand'** our ground. The only weapons of attack are the **'Word of God'** and **'prayer'**. Nowhere are we told to march or to command spirits to leave their territories! There is nothing in the Gospel that tells us to evict demons from towns! When we preach the Gospel demons must leave people. As we disciple people they will resist oppression from demons. In all the letters to the seven churches in the book of Revelation there was no mention to bind demons or to command them to leave an area, despite several mentions of Satan and evil. Let us not **'go beyond the Word of the Lord'**, (Nu.22:18)! **Terry Arnold**

Inside The Pensacola 'Revival'

Former church members of the Brownsville 'revival' have stated that the 'revival' did not begin suddenly as has been reported. They state that Pastor Kilpatrick was setting things up beforehand and threatened to quit if the church did not accept revival. His wife had been to Toronto and came back with videos of the 'Toronto Blessing'. Kilpatrick showed several videos of Toronto. He later invited Steve Hill, who Kilpatrick knew was in search of a place to conduct a long series of revival meetings.

Steve Hill admits he exaggerated stories in his autobiography *'Stone Cold Heart'*. The stories of being a self proclaimed *'former junkie'* and *'heroin addict'* are untrue. He was never a heroin addict. Although Hill says he was arrested 13 times between 1972-75, he was in fact arrested 3 times only, according to the records. His answer to the challenge to show the other arrests was that they were *'crimes that were never solved.'* (Above information from *'Pensacola News Journal'*, 1997)

Questions are also being raised as to the finances of and the leadership of the Brownsville AOG church. The revival leaders are amassing fortunes and have set up their own non-profit corporations with the merchandise of the 'revival'. Only one of the corporations is paying sales tax. Steve Hill has claimed that most of his finances go to missions and charity but his financial statements contradict this. Kilpatrick has moved into a luxurious new home complete with security guards and metal gates.

Mental health centres report treating more out of town people who come to Pensacola for the revival. The healing claims of Pensacola are still unsubstantiated and undocumented. News Journals are now exposing the revival for the lies and shams. (Internet: <http://www.pen.net/~crow/secrets.htm>)

Editors Comments: Can you really trust these men? Do they qualify to be 'elders', much less leaders of a 'revival'?

Promise Keepers

Promise keepers is broke. Founder Bill McCartney says God wants every church in America to give *Promise Keepers* \$1,000. (*'Aust. Beacon'*, March/98)

Did You know?

The Jehovah Witnesses are now larger in numbers than the Assemblies of God, The Salvation Army or the Open Brethren in both Australia and New Zealand. (Aust. Bureau of Statistics)

Modern Evangelism

'The words 'believe' and 'repent' are now largely replaced by other terms such as 'Give your life to Christ', 'Open your heart to Christ', 'Do it now', ...'Decide for Christ', etc, ('The Invitation System' by Ian Murray, P.25)

New Stock

'Pensacola' (video) \$25

This is a new video by Joseph R. Chambers, D.D. This video accurately portrays the events and the teachings of the Pensacola 'revival'. It investigates and teaches on the manifestations that have become so controversial throughout the world. The speaker also deals with the music that has accompanied this movement.



The author says: *'This false anointing of divination and false spirits is creating a new class of 'impartation junkies'. They run from one 'mecca' to another for a 'fix'. This is a scholarly and loving look at the impartations in Pensacola. Added to this is a clear Gospel message to those in deception.'*

More on the 'Have Another Drink' Conference

This conference was held at Toronto Airport church - home of the 'Toronto Blessing'. The opening address of session 1, July, 29, 1997 was: *'...Ho-oh, ho-ho, ho-ho, hi-ho, ho, ho, ho, hula, hula hula yaba daba do, walla, walla wumba, zzzzz, zzzzz, ho, zzzzz Jezzzz, us!...[reading Hebrews 4:12] '...Heb..., Hebrews ho ho, Hebrews 12, for the Word that God speaks is alive, walla, walla, wumba, for the Word that speaks is alive, ho, JezzUs, hoot tella, hoot tella, hoot tella, munda, JezzUs, ho ho ho, huh, and full of power - say that and full of power - Ho making inactive, operative energising, effective, it is sharper than a, walla walla wumba hoot tella munda, it is hoot tella wumba hoot tella munda - it is hoot tella munda - No it is zzzzz no it is zzzzz - No it is JezzUs ho ho ho, it is sharper hula hula, it is sharper hella hella it is sharper oohwa.....'*

.....Editors comment: This transcript goes on...and on. This is the church where the original 'Toronto Blessing' was birthed. God have mercy on those that handle the Word of God this way.

The Tongue

Always say less than you think you should. How you say it may count more than what you say. Say an encouraging word wherever possible. If criticism is needed criticise constructively and show truth.

Homosexual Debate in Victorian Baptist Union

'...On Friday 13th. February, the Baptist Union of Victoria voted 'That the Baptist Union of Victoria shall not ordain persons who engage in Homosexual practice'...but there is a great disquiet amongst many that there are gigantic loopholes which will be exploited by homosexual activists...An amendment that endeavoured to prohibit people who supported homosexual practice from being ordained also lost. A great shock to many was the number of ordained ministers who publicly affirmed homosexuality as a gift of God!...One pastor pointed out...'according to the guidelines its OK for a church in the BUV to call a practising homosexual as pastor. It's wrong...If we say its OK, how long will it be before we have a gay Baptist Church?' ('New Life', 262/98)

Southern Baptists Fight Back?

For well over 12 years the battle for the Bible has been fought in the Southern Baptist convention...solid victories, won by the conservative evangelical majority within the Southern Baptist churches, has resulted in: 85% of the lecturing staff at many Southern Baptist seminaries being replaced with conservative evangelicals - the replacement of all seminary presidents with men who believe and stand by the Bible as being 'truth without any mixture of error'.

False Prophet?

Jesse Duplantis has made several prophecies that are more than questionable. The following is a small extract from a prophecy made on 27/11/96: *'He [God] says, 'You tell them that '97 will be a year of Heaven...I will drench them spiritually, physically, financially...The harvest will be great...Destination is just about up. It is the time. I finished this book 2,000 years ago. I'm lonely. My body is not with me, but it soon shall be...The harvest will begin January 1...And I will harvest every day...A great year is ahead, like the world has not seen...I will change the politics of this nation in this year to come...Look...towards South Africa and watch what I will do with this nation in the year to come...saith the Lord'.*

Prophecy

'The main element in prophecy was proclamation or telling forth the Word of God. As preachers in the church and proclaimers of the Word of God the prophets exercised a ministry of exhortation, edification and consolation, (Acts 15:32; 1Cor.14:3). The prophets were subject to others in the church, (1Cor.14:29), and apostolic authority and teaching, (1Cor.14:37,38). They were not sources of new theological truth but expounders of what was already revealed. The foretelling element was sometimes present, as with Agabus and possibly the four daughters of Philip, (Acts 11:28; 21:9-11)...any 'revelation' that adds to or detracts from Scripture is to be rejected.' ('The Pentecostal Issue' by K. Smith P.31)

The Wesley Test

(An Oxford University test by John and Charles Wesley in 1720's)

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am a better person than I really am? In other words am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all acts and works, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I tell other people what was told to me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
4. Am I a slave to fashion, friends, fads, works, or habits?
5. Am I self conscious, self pitying, or do I justify my actions even when I am wrong?
6. Did I live today according to Bible precepts?
7. Did I allow God's Word to speak to me today by reading the Bible at least one hour?
8. Am I enjoying prayer?
9. When did I last speak to someone with the object of my conversation being to lead them to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?
10. Are there contacts that I make for the sake of business or entertainment only, or do I minister Christ to everyone for the glory of God?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I go to bed on time and do I get up on time?
13. Do I knowingly disobey God in anything, which means that I have rebellion in my heart?
14. Do I insist upon doing something at the prompting of my conscious even though no one else really cares?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life? Am I jealous, impure, critical, touchy, irritable or distrustful?
16. How do I spend my spare time and do my spare time activities honour God?
17. Am I proud?
18. Do I thank God that I am not as other people and think myself more significant than other people? (see Qs. 17)
19. Is there anyone that I fear, hate, resent, or criticise? If so what am I doing about it?
20. Do I grumble and complain easily and often?
21. Is Christ real to me so that I do all that I do for His glory?

Testimony of a 'March For Jesus'

To be a Christian we should share common experiences such as conviction of sin, repentance, and a born again experience. Many today say that various activities such as the 'March for Jesus' and various other ecumenical endeavours are a Christian witness to the unsaved community.

Some years ago I joined in a 'March for Jesus' in Sydney. I began the walk rather excited as I saw the various Christian groups singing and parading through the streets that were lined with thousands of spectators. I felt a pride for the name of Jesus, and emotional desire to see the name of my Lord lifted high.

However, as the march progressed I became increasingly disturbed in my spirit. There were several Roman Catholic groups marching in front and behind us. Some of their banners suggested more of Mary than Jesus. No doubt they were sincere and loving people. However, as I remembered my previous Catholic background and why I had to leave it, I realised the contradiction of joining hands with those that I had been reaching out to since I had left Catholicism. Here I was marching with the people from a church that I had written of as preaching '*another Gospel*'. Could I really publicly associate with a religion that I was convinced was a false religion and sending millions to Hell. Would not the public spectators equate Catholicism as 'Christian'?

As I continued to march I asked the Lord to show me truth. I began to be aware of the effigies and puppet dolls with grotesque heads being held up in front of several groups. They looked more like something demonic than anything Godly. I then became aware of other groups that were catalogued as 'cults' in many Christian bookstores.

At this point I was decidedly uneasy and still petitioning the Lord for love and discernment as to how to think about such things. It was then that I noticed women from another church holding hands. At first I dismissed this as possibly harmless. However, after some time it became obvious these were Lesbian women parading as 'Christians'. Everything within me wanted to reach out to these people in love and warn them of their peril according to the Word of God.

When we arrived at our destination at the Sydney Opera House a sky diver suddenly came out of the sky with a banner. Expecting to see the name of Jesus lifted high I watched as he descended to the ground. To my disappointment the banner read '*The Year of the Family*'. Some politicians then spoke and this was followed by contemporary music, all of which had little of Jesus or His Gospel in it.

I never went back to any 'March For Jesus'.

Roman Catholic teaching denies the true Gospel on many fronts. Lesbianism, according to the Word of God, is an abomination in the sight of God. Can we really have love and unity without truth? Can we really be a witness amongst unbelievers?

Many reading this might say: '*Don't be negative and denounce something that is positive and has much good in it...the world needs to see our unity.*' Many have since called me a bigot. However, my question is this: does God approve of **leaven** mixed with the truth? Does not a faithful shepherd or under-shepherd warn and protect his flock? Why plaster over the cracks of *real division*? Would we compromise in things that our forefathers *never tolerated*?

If I am a bigot today then I would have been a wimp in the days when Christians were burned at the stake for some of the very *same* things I have written! If I am a bigot today then I am in good company with the likes of Luther, Latimer, Spurgeon, Lloyd-Jones, etc. Let the Word of the Lord be true: '***Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness?... Wherefore 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)... '***And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them***, (Eph.5:11)... '***If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to Godliness; ...from such withdraw thyself***, (1Tim.6:3-5). Let us be *loving* but *with truth*. It is not a false ecumenism that will save any or be a witness to the world, but rather the *Gospel itself*! **Terry Arnold**

Revival?

Many today speak of revival here or there or the big one to come. However, when did you last see figures like 50,000 souls out of a total New England population of 300,000 coming to Christ as in the Great Awakening of 1740-1770? When did you last see 10,000 people listening in silence to a sermon for one and a half hours through steady rain and in winter? (Whitefield preaching at White Clay Creek, Pennsylvania). When did you last see over 10,000 added to the local churches with the city's entire population numbering only 50,000?

Today people in Britain, USA and Australia, speak of revival, yet in all those countries the numbers in churches are *falling*, the crime rates *increase*, and the cult groups *grow*! In Britain practising Muslims are growing by 30,000 annually. At the same time Sunday Services in the Church of England are dropping by 14,000 annually.*

Nowhere does the Bible speak of a world-wide end-time revival. The exact opposite, a great '***falling away***', is the warning of Scripture. Local revival is possible and certainly needed, but let us be honest about what we call revival!

Terry Arnold (Resource: '*Fairdinkum*' No.43). **Christian Research Association*, London.

Test of a 'Miracle Worker'

'The first and major test of the source of any miracle is to analyse the doctrine of the miracle worker. If the doctrine attested to by the miracle opposes any fundamental truth of Scripture, the person working the wonder is either deceived or a deceiver. The source of such miracle working power is demonic. God will not oppose Himself. Those performing His works will teach His doctrine...The incarnate Word and the written Word never contradict each other. They are both the revelation of God. Wherever Christ and His Word are opposed, denied or compromised, there is the work of evil. No divine miracle can grow out of that soil.' ('*Miracles, Demons and Spiritual Warfare*' by E. Gross, P.80-81).

Early Names for God

El: 'God the strong one' (Gen.31:13)

Eloah: (Dt.32:15,17)

Elohim: (Gen.3; Nu.23:19)

El Shaddai: 'God almighty', 'All sufficient one', (Gen.17:1; 28:3,35:11; Ex.6:3)

El Elyon: 'God most high' (Gen.14:19)

El Roi: 'God who sees'; 'God of vision' (Gen.16:13)

El Olam: 'Eternal God' (Gen.21:33)

'For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches' (Rom.11:16)

Your Comments and Questions

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

Dear Terry,...Be encouraged Terry, your labour is not in vain...A Catholic lady is being challenged about her beliefs. Your leaflet on RC teaching vs. Bible is creating quite a stir in her life at the moment...Her initial reaction was quite angry...she ripped up the first leaflet but...have given her another. Do not be discouraged, the fruit of your labour continues to ripen...As this apostasy grows your newsletter is most needed and you have quite a flock to care for now...I hope and pray that more young Christians will want to get your newsletter...Keep the mast flying for the Lord. He will supply the wind. Your labour is not in vain, (G.C. Sydney)

Dear Terry,...We are encouraged daily to meet people across the body of Christ who are questioning, separating and discerning. We are blessed to be able to give them info from TA Ministries...Hope you and your family are also being encouraged and looking to the Lord for your strength and courage needed in your ministry to the church, Yours in Christ's service, (B.&T.S Brunswick Heads, NSW)

Dear Terry, Enclose is info on a Melbourne Gospel radio...They are now admitting to being 'ecumenical'. I know of Pentecostal and SDA's also in it. Also as you can see the Independent Baptists...have also joined this ecumenical endeavour...This info is not to put anyone down but to expose error. Use the material if you wish...please pray for these men to return to Biblical standards that they once stood for, God bless, (Name withheld at editor's discretion)

Dear Mr. Terry Arnold! We thank and praise God for your latest 'Diakrisis' newsletters; you are watchman for the body of Christ Jesus. My dear wife...and I, we are members of ...AOG. We are praying for you and your family and for your ministry...The Lord's hand is upon you for fruitful ministry! My heart is overwhelmed with the destruction that the church world is headed. It appears that apostasy is almost at the full level...Jesus said 'I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also'. (Jn 14:3). The Word of God is our only standard. We believe the Holy Bible is infallible and supernaturally preserved. Our answer is in the Word of God! And now please, please send us the book and the video 'Signs and Wonders - Exposed'...Praise the Lord! God will bless you. (Name withheld at editors discretion)

Praise Points

- Praise God and thankyou to those who sent donations to help with the setting up on the internet.

- Praise God for the overwhelming response to the coming Sydney trip. Please pray for strength to endure the heavy itinerary.

Prayer Points

- We are now on the internet. The exercise proved to be quite difficult and not without several expensive problems. Unfortunately it is now necessary to upgrade the computer. Please pray for donations, continued book orders, and subscriptions to cover the cost.

Dear Terry...your newsletters are always a real blessing. Keep up the good work of daring to speak the truth in spite of all opposition. We pray for you...we pray for all the other faithful ministries who dare to speak truth...

'Heaven's Gate, Hell's Flame' having been produced in Adelaide at Paradise AOG...The letter from the pastor (Pentecostal) in Queensland, 'One Pastor's Plea' was very good - I totally agree with him - ['Heavens Gate...'] was extremely disturbing...parts (lots) were wrong biblically - 'Jesus' looked like a cross between Kenny Everett and a beauty contestant wearing a purple sash! The angels were all female and does an angel open the 'book of life'? In between, you couldn't help think, yes some is quite good - there is a warning- but in a way this made it worse. At the end, after the interviews with people who'd attended you'd thought 'How can they be saved' - The Gospel was not preached! It was entertainment and fear. Yes it was a 'miracle', a 'revival'...thousands made 'commitments'. All I felt was grief. (T.R. Sydney)

Terry's Itinerary

April 19th. 10am. & 6.30 pm Hervey Bay Church of Christ, Qld. Ph. (07)41289375

Sydney itinerary - May - For enquiries concerning itinerary, please ring Mike Claydon on (02)96892635 Mobile 0414689260. A final updated itinerary will be printed in the May newsletter. At this stage the itinerary is as follows:

May 3rd. Sun. 10am., 12.30pm. Allowera Baptist, (Riverstone High school) Ph.(02)96276189

May 3rd. Sun. 6pm. Oak Flats Christian Centre, Woolongong, Ph. (042)961569 or 968648

May 4th. Mon.5.30pm. Emu Heights Home Group Ph. (047)352771

May 6th. Wed. 7pm. Word of Life College, Ph. (045)682104

May 8th. Fri. 11.30am. New Tribes College Ph. (02)96258118

May 8th. Fri. 8pm. Northbridge Home Group Ph. (02)99587670

May 9th. Sat. 7.30am. Warrimoo Baptist (Mens Breakfast) (047)392845

May 9th. Sat. 7.30 Lethbridge Pk. group ph. (02)98351513

May 10th. Sun. 10am. Hills Community Church, Kenthurst (Nazarine) Ph. (02)96791989

May 10th. Sun. 6.30pm. Soul Salvation Assembly, Rooty Hill, Ph. (02)96266502 Topic: Holiness/Sanctification

May 15th. Fri. 7pm. Bonnet Bay Home Group Ph. (02)95289011

May 16th. Sat. 7.30am. Grace Bible Church (Men's breakfast) Ph. (047)363619

May 17th. Sun. 10am. Picton Bible Church Ph. (046)810227

May 17th. Sun. 7pm. Grace Bible Church Ph. (047)363619

May 20th Wed. 7.30pm. Northwest Christian Centre, Glenhaven, Ph. (02)94562043

May 23rd. Sat. 9.30am. (All day teaching seminar: Theme: 'The State of the Church', see topics on P.1) Ph. (02)96702648

May 24th. 10am. Inner West Baptist, Burwood, Ph. (02)97425719

May 24th. 6.30pm. Pendle Hill Baptist Ph. (02)96363601

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