



# 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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### Editor's Comments

As I prepare for the Sydney trip I am seeking God's face for what He would have me to speak. There are several issues that I believe need to be addressed in the church at this time. However, there appears to be an increasing closed-mindedness amongst Christians that is nothing short of frightening. Added to this is the disturbing reports received of public prophecies threatening those who would speak against the 'new waves' such as in the Toronto and Pensacola 'revivals'. Some of these 'prophecies' even have 'God' as saying He will strike dead those who resist the current movements!

Recently I received several calls from people who are disturbed by the facts presented in this newsletter. One bookstore manager has requested to be taken off the mailing list and accused us of 'sewing deception' by exposing authors such as Benny Hinn, Copeland, Howard-Browne and others signs and wonders leaders. The above bookstore is lettered with literature by the above authors, all pushing forth new teachings considered heresy, or unheard of, in 1,900 years of orthodox Bible Christianity! Some say they 'feel the presence of the Lord' at Benny Hinn meetings, or 'what about the miracles and healings?' Of course Diakrisis has documented the fallacy of these deceptions, but we also say: 'what about the false teachings and false prophecies'! It is obvious that many are being conditioned through 'lying signs and wonders' to a 'delusion' at hand, and even to 'believing a lie', (2 Thess 2:9-11).

Yet perhaps an even bigger delusion today is those who would believe they are 'saved' when they are not. Perhaps this is part of the ultimate lie of 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 - that men will believe that people and things are of God that really are not. One of the key issues I believe needs to be taught in the church today is the meaning of, and the differences between, justification and sanctification/holiness. I am convinced Bible Colleges and churches need to teach what imputed righteousness really means and its link with sanctification/holiness, (See Diakrisis, 1/98). The necessity for this is highlighted by today's 'easy believism' which causes multitudes to think they can be 'justified' without a need to be sanctified, holy, and separate from a sinful world. The early reformers were insistent on a changed life as the evidence of justification.

Today's modern evangelism implicitly teaches a watered down form of justification without sanctification and holiness (Heb 12:14), and a false assurance without examining oneself, (2 Cor 13:5, 2 Pet 1:10). The tragic results are false conversions en mass. In my opinion, a polarised church is currently filling up with tares or false conversions instead of wheat. Lord, give us a higher view of salvation! **Terry Arnold**

### 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, Sydney.

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## James 2 and the Cults

Many cult groups and false religions will eagerly quote one scripture - James 2:14, to refute justification by faith without works. The Scriptures do not contradict and it is a wise thing to ask the cultist if they believe the Scriptures contradict in any points. A 'yes' answer will show that they do not believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God. A 'no' answer puts the pressure back on them to show how James 2 does not contradict Scriptures like Ephesians 2:8,9. Most cultists will answer to the latter.

This Scripture if taken out of context may appear to be teaching justification by works. Any confusion between faith and works here might come if we fail to realise that there is a difference between justification *before men* and justification *before God*. The Pauline justification is clearly speaking of a justification and righteousness *before God*. However, James is primarily focusing on a justification *before men as proof of true saving faith*. Before God we are justified *by faith without works*, (Rom.3:28; 4:5,6; Eph.2:8,9). However, before men we are justified *by works* and not by faith *only*. Throughout James we see the theme of Christian character, behaviour, deeds, and good works *before men*. Indeed it is by our works before men that we glorify God.

A careful exegesis of James also shows the following points: James is clearly writing of *two kinds of faith* - a true faith and a spurious or false faith: **'What doth it profit my brethren though a man say he has faith, and have not works? can (that) faith save him?'** (vs.14) A man may say he has faith, (perhaps a confession only), but is it true faith if it has no works? A literal translation in the Greek continues: *can that (or this particular) faith save him?* The word **'say'** here is often missed and is a key word. One may confess that they have faith but this does not necessarily mean it is a true faith. James then goes on to question this spurious faith further: **'Even so faith if it has not works is dead, being alone'**, (vs.17). A literal translation reads: *'This faith if it has not works is dead by itself.'* The question to ask at this point is - *what faith?* James then goes on to prove his point: **'Yes, a man may say you have faith and I have works: show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith with works'**, (vs.18). A literal translation reads: *'But one will say 'you have faith and I have works': [However I say] show me your faith without your works and I will show you, by my works, my faith'*. James again is contrasting a spurious faith with a real faith. To cement this proof even further, James then shows that even demons have faith too, but it is obviously not a real and true faith! **'...the devils also believe...'** The Greek word for **'believe'** here is the *same* word as for **'faith'** ('from *Pistis*'). Just as **'the body is dead without the spirit'**, (vs.26), so a faith that does not produce works is also dead. True faith will have works, or it is simply not true faith and is therefore dead or counterfeit.

Luther summarises: *'This is what St. James means in his epistle when he says: 'Faith without works is dead, [2:26] ' that is the fact that if works do not follow it is a certain sign that there is no faith, but a dead thought and dream, which people falsely call faith'.*\* The Tyndale commentary states: *'James is not therefore defining the mode of justification as Paul is so careful to do. His aim is to destroy the pretence of those who imagined they had faith, when there was no evidence in the way they behaved to show that their faith was alive. Justified in this verse means in effect 'shown to be justified'. James is saying that we are justified by faith but that faith is not alone because it will produce good works',* (Eph.2:10).

**Terry Arnold** \**What Luther Says*, Vol.III, PP.1231, 1232.

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## The Roots of Revival & Apostasy

Even our critics would agree that there has been a major shift in the Evangelical church and it's evangelistic methods this century and especially this decade. In terms of doctrine, the shift came during the nineteenth and especially the twentieth century. Before that time the revivals were almost exclusively conducted under the Calvinists of the great awakenings. Many attribute the shift to the Arminian (some say semi-Pelagian) practices of evangelism, (such as the 'decisional' type campaigns of Billy Graham) to Charles Finney and the various Pentecostal evangelists of later years. The Calvinists stressed the sovereignty of God. Certainly the great awakenings of the eighteenth century were sovereign moves of God, as they broke out in several places of the world at once. They were certainly not carried or 'imparted' from person to person and across nations as today's 'revivals' are.

The twentieth century saw Pentecostalism spread rapidly, with the likes of Demos Shakarian of the Full Gospel Business mens fellowship spreading new teachings further. Shakarian was a follower of the false prophet William Branham and an adherent of the failed and false latter rain teaching, which became the melting pot for many false prophets and false teaching. These latter rain prophets eventually fell in false prophecies and fleshly scandals and remnants were assimilated into the Vineyard movement, from which the 'Toronto Blessing' came forth.

In 1959, Dennis Bennett, an Anglican minister from California, helped to take one of Pentecostal experiences, (unknown tongues as the initial evidence of the 'Baptism with the Holy Spirit'), into the mainline churches. Many believe this was the beginnings of the neo-Pentecostal or Charismatic Movement.\*

In 1990 the Kansas City Prophets, (which came out of the failed Latter Rain movement and were accepted into the Vineyard Churches by John Wimber), prophesied revival in England in that year. Several leaders accepted this claim including Gerald Coates, Roger Forster, Danny Millar (Holy Trinity Brompton), Lyn Green (YWAM) and Terry Virgo. Many of these never repented. After some years of disappointment, the 'Toronto Blessing' hit England, and when that waned they received the Pensacola 'revival'. The Pensacola 'revival' came when Steve Hill was 'slain in the spirit' by Sandy Millar at Holy Trinity Brompton, in London, which was in fact the major centre for the 'Toronto Blessing'! (Steve Hill had been to Toronto several times).

In 1995 Gerald Coates gave a false prophecy to R.T. Kendall at a Spring Harvest conference in front of 4,000 people. Coates predicted revival in Kendall's church and to the *'high of the land'* by Oct.1996. This prophecy has failed. However, in retrospect Kendall believed that Coates simply got the timing wrong!

Many Pentecostals today are simply unaware of the jigsaw of bad roots and the spurious players of the current 'revivals'. The signs and wonders movement today is racked with failed prophecies, false prophets, false or demonic healings, false fruit, and an insatiable desire for power and money that is sucking the life out of the church! Thank God that Jesus is the head of the church, otherwise we would destroy it! God is sifting his church and judging and separating those who will stand on His Word. They may be called narrow minded bigots and judgmental thinkers, in the eyes of many. However, perhaps too they will be His *'elect'*, who will not be deceived by the lying signs and wonders that lead to the *'strong delusion'* which causes people to believe a *'lie'*.

**Terry Arnold** \*The Charismatic movement, although somewhat linked with the Pentecostal movement, has emphasis distinct from classical Pentecostalism. Neo-Pentecostalism is perhaps best understood as the merger of later generations of Pentecostals with Charismaticism.

## Homosexuality

If one speaks against homosexuality today one is likely to be branded unloving, bigoted and divisive. This is despite the Bible being clear cut on homosexuality. It calls it a *'vile affection'*; being *'against nature'*; *'unseemly'*; and *'error'*, (Rom. 1:26,27), and that this act of *'going after strange flesh'* will bring *'eternal fire'*, (Jude 7). The Greek words for *'strange flesh'* here mean *'another of a different kind'* and refer to men with men or women with women, and occasionally perhaps evil angels with women. Another reference is 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 says: *'...the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of Heaven...nor the effeminate, nor the abusers of themselves with mankind...'* The original Greek words here for *'effeminate'* and *'abusers'* clearly refer to sodomites, homosexuals and lesbians. Homosexuality is in fact severely condemned in both Testaments, (eg OT: Lev 18:22). Yet the above truth about homosexuality at times is whitewashed by so called 'Christian' gay and lesbian activists who plead and refer to God's love for them. Yes, Jesus died for all and God loves His people, but nevertheless He calls all to repentance *before* judgement. Their is a *pay day* coming! God is a God of love but He is also a righteous judge. Sin must be judged, either in the believer by grace through faith in the blood sacrifice and the death and resurrection of Christ; or at the awesome Great White Throne Judgement of unbelievers preceding the eternity of Hell!

This is where the debate usually ends, but wait...homosexuality not only destroys lives spiritually but also *physically!* **The following statistics need to be read and heard!:** *The median age of death for married men is nearly twice that of homosexuals; 75 compared with 39. Only 1 percent of homosexuals live beyond retirement age of 65. The average age of death for married women is 79 compared with 45 for lesbians. Homosexuals are 87 times more likely to commit suicide and 23 times more likely to die from heart attacks. Homosexuals account for nearly 90 percent of all AIDS cases. One who lives an exclusively homosexual lifestyle is 1,000 times more likely to contact AIDS than a heterosexual. Lethal health hazards such as\*... are common homosexual practices. Sodomasochism is practised by 37 percent of homosexuals. More shocking and shameful statistics could be given, but these should be enough to condemn homosexuality from a purely humanistic/social perspective. Yes, they destroy lives - their own and multitudes of others! Secondly they destroy lives morally, and thus eternally, by leading others into their own destructive sin. The tiny 2 percent minority making up the homosexual population consistently accounts for one third to one half of all sexual child abuse. A primary task of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) is the removal of all age of consent laws. The most extensive study done to date of male sexual child abusers reveals that the average homosexual victimises 7.5 times as many boys as the average heterosexual does girls.'* ('Berean Call', 7/97) Homosexuality is physically, mentally, socially and spiritually dangerous to society!

Part of the problem with homosexuality is that the world sees churches rapidly weakening on the issue. The November 13, 1989 issue of *Time Magazine* reported that there may be some 10,000 homosexual Roman Catholic priests in the USA alone. Other statistics show that in private surveys of Catholic priests, over 40% admit to paedophilia or homosexuality. In Australia it is believed that the percentages of priests who are homosexuals is similar to the US. The media has constantly, over the last decade, exposed numerous priests for perversions of the worst kind. The blame is usually placed on the individual priests. In my opinion, the root cause is the unscriptural celibacy *laws* imposed upon Catholic priests.\*\*

The increase of homosexuality tolerance among churches has steadily climbed since the latter half of this century. In 1984 the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship became the first major denomination to acknowledge marriage between homosexual couples. In 1987 the Episcopal (Anglican) diocese of Newark, New Jersey, called for recognition of homosexual marriage. In 1988 Bishop Spong of the Episcopal church wrote a book and applauded homosexuality in church as a *'positive good'*. In 1988 the Uniting Church of Canada became the first denomination in Canada to authorise ordination of homosexuals to ministry.

Since that time there has been a steady increase of acceptance of homosexuality, and ordination of homosexuals and lesbians. In 1993 the World Council of Churches (WCC) sponsored a conference where many speakers promoted lesbianism. One workshop was called *'Prophetic Voice of Lesbians In the Church'* - they claimed that the Mary and Martha of the Bible were lesbian lovers. One Presbyterian minister spoke of making love with her lesbian partner and over 100 lesbians were given a standing ovation when they went on stage to publicly acknowledge they were lesbians. In 1994 the United Church of Christ leaders joined the *'March on Washington For Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation'*.

In 1996 the 500 member synod of the Uniting Church in South Australia rejected a proposal to put a moratorium on the appointment of homosexuals to positions of leadership. Since that time there have been many ministers in the Uniting Church admit to their homosexuality or lesbianism, and in 1998 a group entered and marched in the *Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi-Gras* flying the Uniting Church emblem flag! In the last few years there have been many divisions and splits within the Uniting Church of Australia, with many congregations separating completely from the Uniting Church.

In 1997 homosexual rock singer, Elton John, sang his song *'Candle in the Wind'* in London's Westminster Abbey at the funeral of Princess Dianna. Since that time other churches are moving progressively towards acceptance of homosexuality as normal, or accepting the idea of gay and lesbians in ministry. *Has the world come into the church to take the church into the world? God forbid!*

Like Lot, let us be the ones who will come out of the Sodom and Gomorrah of our times. Christ cannot look upon unforgiven and unrepentant sin. His wrath abides upon such. Let us remember to separate the sinner from their sin - *love* the sinner the way that only Christ in us can, but *hate* the sin. **Terry Arnold**

\* We have deleted these as too disgusting to print.

\*\* For a treatment of celibacy and Catholicism refer to the book *'To Catholics Whom I love'* by the author.

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## Holiness

*'The word 'holy' in various forms occurs more than 600 times in the Bible. One entire book, Leviticus, is devoted to the subject, and the idea of holiness is woven elsewhere throughout the fabric of Scripture. More importantly, God specifically commands us to be holy, (see Lev 11:44).'*

(*'Pursuit of Holiness'* by Jerry Bridges, P.19)

## What the World Sees?

**(The following is an appraisal of the church by 'Newsweek' a secular journal)**

*'Denominational loyalties are disappearing. Seminaries float theories that once would have been blasphemous...divine authority is hardly absolute. On top of that, current literary theory holds that texts are determined more by the reader than by the writer...'*

## Justification

Justification means to acquit or to declare someone just or righteous. It is the opposite of condemnation. A key text is Romans 5:1: *'Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ'*. In a court of law the only one who could be declared righteous is the one who is righteous. We can only be declared righteous by God because of the righteousness of Jesus Christ and *His* work of the cross. He bore our sins in His body on the cross, (1 Pet.2:24). He was the sin bearer. When He had done this He shouted *'It is finished,'* (Jn.19:30) The Greek for *'finished'* here is *'Teleo'* meaning the debt or account is paid in full. In the courts of Heaven, upon repentance and faith, we are free of the debt from our sin, and it is only by grace that we enter into this freedom, (Eph.2:8,9). The proof of this justification on earth is a changed life. God continues his work from the cross in the sanctification of the believer. One of the effects of sanctification is good works (Eph.2:10), and a holy and surrendered life to the one Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. **Terry Arnold**

## The Aftermath of the 'Toronto Blessing'

Over the last few years we have had many reports and documentation of divided churches, broken marriages, and wounded Christians, as a direct result of the 'Toronto Blessing'. However, a new 'fruit' is the number of reports of immorality, sexual sin and adultery, from those who were heavily involved in the 'blessing'. We have documentation of churches that have been rocked by divisions and charges of sexual immorality, involving pastors and elders. Perhaps the simple sowing-reaping principle is now being made evident. If we sew in the flesh we will reap the flesh. **Terry Arnold**

## Max Lucado

In my earlier Christian walk I had been an admirer of Max Lucado who no doubt has written some excellent and classic works. However, I was dismayed to hear recently that he addressed a *Promise Keepers* meeting (4/10/97), which included many thousands of Roman Catholics and he called all to come together in unity and *'repent of our sectarianism'*. He led the meeting in prayer for a united world church. He was followed by *Promise Keepers* board member, Catholic, Mike Timmis. **Terry Arnold**

## Testimonies of Pensacola

Joseph Chambers, D.D. (A classical Pentecostal Minister) writes: *'I have a video of a Brownsville Assembly of God revival service (Pensacola, Florida) where the lead singer had every characteristic of a Beatles type singer. He appeared to be a homosexual, his eyes were glazed with a demonic appearance, his hair was the exact description of demons - 'And they has as the hair of women', (Rev 9:8)*

*'These revival services whether at Pensacola, Toronto Canada, or a Rodney Howard-Browne laughing service, are exact copies of a rock concerts with the same emotions, the same hysteria, the same dance, and the same trivialising of truth, righteousness, and the glory of God...I am repulsed by someone charging the Holy Spirit with the foolishness of this present hour. He has no part in physical convulsions, insane babbling, uncertain sounds, and wallowing on the floor in hysteria. He is God, not a bartender, or a new Age guru'. ('The False Anointing' by J. Chambers, P. 7, 10)*

*'...He was sitting near the front of the church and he started to hear a dog barking. His initial reaction was, 'How dare someone bring their pet into the house of God!'. He then turned around and saw that it was a woman doing the barking. He was so upset that he left never to return.'* (A visitor from Dothan, Alabama; cited in *'Brownsville Pensacola'* by Andrew Strom, P.4)

Tom Schaefer, a secular writer, writing of the Pensacola services: *'The sense of awe and mystery that could drop believers to their knees is mostly absent. A fearful respect that once meant removing shoes or reverencing a symbol of divine presence is rarely observed. Today many believers have homogenized the Holy One. They conceive of God in ways that don't require their humble obedience or patient trusting in adversity. That way, their spiritual digestive systems aren't upset. (The Charlotte Observer)*

**Editors comments: When the secular writers view our churches with such insight we should smell apostasy. As in the apostate days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, when God's people became a 'reproach to the heathen', so unsaved today are discerning the state of the church and its antics. Year by year the TV evangelists fall and add to this dilemma. The call is for holiness, repentance, separation and a return to simple Bible truths.**

## Biblical Principles of Past Revivals

1. The Bible only for faith and morals (*'Sola Scriptura'*)
2. Justification through faith only (*'Sola Fide'*)
3. Justification in Christ Jesus only (*'Sola Christo'*)

In the great Reformation and in every true revival, these principles have been uplifted. Let the reader test the so called 'revivals' of today, with their extra-biblical teachings and new revelations, which lead to the extremes and excesses now so common. Are the above three principles being uplifted?

**Terry Arnold**

## Extra-Biblical Teaching

John Kilpatrick, pastor of 'Pensacola outpouring' says: *'When you say 'there's got to be more!', then hunger is born in your heart...Its like you just ate a meal but afterward, you say, 'That wasn't what I wanted. I want something different - I'm hungry for something more'.'*\*

John Arnott, pastor of the 'Toronto blessing' says: *'Now you need to have a doctrine for more. You need to have a theology for more.'* \*\*

\* *'Destiny Image Digest'* Vol.5, No.1, 1997, article *'Pastoring the revival'* \*\* *'Dynamics of Receiving Spiritual Experiences'*, TAV 18/11/94 Tape 2.

## TV

*'...The television screen itself has a strong bias toward a psychology of secularism. The screen is so saturated with our memories of profane events, so deeply associated with the commercial and entertaining worlds that it is difficult for it to be recreated as a frame for sacred events...The television screen wants you to remember that it's imagery is always available for your amusement and pleasure. The television preachers are well aware of this...contributions to these shows run into the millions. It has been estimated that the total revenue of the electronic church exceeds \$500 million a year...The preachers are forthright about how they control the content of their preaching to maximise their ratings. You shall wait a very long time indeed if you wish to hear an electronic preacher refer to the difficulties a rich man will have in gaining access to Heaven...What is delivered as easy and amusing, is another kind of religion altogether.'*

(*'Amusing Ourselves To Death'* by Neil Postman, P.119-123)

## Healings in Pensacola?

Steve Hill has stated: *'We've had major, major testimonies of tumours shrinking and disappearing with documented evidence from the doctors'*. However, when Kilpatrick and his staff were challenged to produce documentation, the administrative assistant said: *'We've had a couple of people...get up on the platform and say it, but I've never received any (documentation)...until I have the documented proof in my hand I don't say anything'*.

Al Dagar from the Christian publication *Media Spotlight* (1997), has stated: *'I still was not able to track down any documentation from medical sources for any of the healings...after more than two years, no healing testimonies could be gotten from Brownsville AOG in spite of their claims that they have doctors document them.'*

## The Finances of the 'Revivals'

Brownsville Assembly of God (Pensacola), although still paying for its building finished in 1992, has now gone back into debt for a new facility to house the 'revival'. The new building will cost \$3 million. If we add to this the thousands of visitors who pay kingdom dollars to get the 'blessing' or to get the 'impartation', plus tons of expensive glossy advertising and conferences, this latest 'revival' is the most expensive in history.

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***'He who does not preach atonement by the blood of Jesus does not preach the cross; and he who does not declare justification by faith in Christ Jesus has missed the mark altogether. Spurgeon***  
(From: *'The Cross Our Glory'* from *'12 Sermons On the Passion and Death of Christ'*, P. 144)

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## Memory Regression

*'Retired fire fighter George Franklin was the first man ever to be convicted by 'repressed memories'. He was sentenced to life for a 20 year old murder because his daughter 'remembered' it under therapy. After seven years his lawyers finally had his conviction overturned...His daughter accused him of raping and murdering her best friend eight year old Susan Nason, 20 years earlier. Two therapists brought out the 'memories' under a hypnotic type session...The lawyers were able to prove the unreliability of regressed memories...George is now suing the other side, including the therapists, to clear his name completely. ('New Weekly', Oct.13, 1997)*

**Editors Comments: Memory regression is dangerous. Several 'twelve steps programmes', including those used in Alcoholics Anonymous, use similar forms of therapy. Several Christian groups have 'Christianised' these programs. I have personally counselled people from these programs and seen the effects of unscriptural methods used. Doctors tell us that the brain has ways of storing and dealing with difficult and hurtful information from the past. Often these thoughts may be jumbled and mixed. When a person comes out of a long coma, the relatives are sent from the room because the victim may manifest words and thoughts that would shock relatives. We were never meant to mess with a persons mind, including the jumbled thoughts of parts of the brain we do not understand fully.**

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## Billy Graham On Clinton Scandal

*'Despite escalating scandals, President Bill Clinton's job approval ratings are at an all time high. As special prosecutor Kenneth Starr continues to gather evidence in the sex - and - perjury 'fornigate' scandal, Clinton has gained the support of one of the nations most respected men - the Rev. Billy Graham.*

*Interviewed by Kathie Couric on NBC's 'Today' show 5<sup>th</sup> March, Graham said he agreed that the President has a responsibility to provide moral leadership for the nation. But when pressed to respond to allegations of infidelity concerning Clinton, Graham said, 'I forgive him...because I know the frailty of human nature and I know how hard it is - especially a strong, vigorous young man like he is...he has such a tremendous personality that I think the ladies just go wild over him'.*

*In a 'Wall St. Journal' editorial the following day, William Bennett took Graham to task for offering what theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer called 'cheap grace' - Bennett wrote, 'Mr Graham, perhaps the nations most admired religious figure, apparently is willing to shrug off both adultery and lying without any public admission of apology on Mr Clinton's part.'*

*Gary Bauer, President of the Family Research Council, agreed with Bennett, and added that Clinton is 'not a raw youth', but a fifty year old man with a daughter in college. As a married man and President of the United States, he should be expected to control his sexual impulses'.*

*Bauer added, 'The Gospel's message of forgiveness is unintelligible apart from the conviction of sin and guilt. Contrition, confession, repentance and amendment of life, the Biblical pattern for remission, forgiveness and restoration. The American people seem prepared to forgive Clinton, but not apart from some convincing evidence of a humble and contrite confession of wrong doing. To date, the President has neither confessed to misdeeds nor asked for anyone's forgiveness'.*

*Bauer observed that during the Watergate era 'Dr Graham continued to defend Richard Nixon when it had become obvious to most of the country that he had betrayed his office. That loyalty was inappropriate then, and...I believe it is inappropriate now. 'A spokesman for Graham said the evangelist had no further comment on the matter'. (Christian newspaper, 'New Life', 3/98 & also EP News Service)*

## More Lies From Benny Hinn

During the recent visit of Benny Hinn to Sydney, he said: *'Jesus Christ has just given you a brand new kidney...Our ministry is rich but not me personally. We are a non-profit organisation.'*

**Editors comments: Several have died from the consequences of believing in these false healings. Benny Hinn lives in a \$1 million dollar house on a golf course in Florida, drives an \$80,000 BMW, and has an income well over \$800,000 per year and growing. Some of Benny Hinn's books have had to be edited because of lies and exaggerations. Yet increasing multitudes of Christians continue to follow this man!**

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## Verbal Inspiration

Meaning: The originals of the Old and New Testament Scriptures were word for word the words of God. Many times the Bible says: *'God spake.'*

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## Movies

*'In 1996 some 60% of all PG rated movies had obscene language. Over one third had profanities.'*  
(*Bible Advocate*, 10/97)

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## Lest We Forget

The first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer was burned at the stake by the Roman Catholic authorities on March 21, 1556. (The recent Archbishops of Canterbury have embraced the Popes and joined hands with Catholicism. How times have changed!) In the last four years of Queen Mary's reign in England 288 people were burned to death for their Protestant faith. Twenty-six were clergymen, fifty-five were women, and four were children. John Rogers, a vicar in London, was the first - he was burned on the 4th Feb., 1555. It is said he silenced his critics at the hearing, having an answer for all points. On the way to the burning, his wife and ten children watched as he went by. He calmly repeated the 51st Psalm. A huge crowd gathered at Smithfield and applauded Rogers. The French ambassador later said he went to death 'as if he was walking to his wedding'. Thank God, he died quickly.

The second to go was Bishop Hooper who was burned days after (9th Feb.), in sight of his own Cathedral. Nearly 7,000 people crowded near the execution site and Roman Catholic friars watched from windows above. Hooper was offered the chance to recant his beliefs and accept the Pope and Catholicism, but he steadfastly refused. He suffered horribly for 45 minutes. Three times the fire was relit while he constantly prayed, 'Lord Jesus have mercy on me... Lord Jesus receive my spirit'. He beat his breast until his hand burned to a stump and eventually fell off.

On the same day Rowland Taylor was burned near his parish. His last words were 'Good people, I have taught you nothing but God's Holy Word... out of the Bible; and I am come hither to seal it with my blood'. He was then hit violently on the head for speaking and was chained to a stake. As the flames reached him he cried out, 'Merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, receive my soul into thy hands'. Soon after a guard smashed his brains.

In March the same year Robert Ferrar, bishop of a church in Wales, was next to go to be with the Lord. He told a friend that if he once stirred in the flames the friend would know his doctrine was not true. Ferrar stood in the flames holding out his hands if till they were burned to stumps, and all this without moving! An onlooker took pity on him, and to end his sufferings struck him on the head.

The following July, Chaplain John Bradford was next to go. He was a prominent preacher and much effort was made to have him repent of his Protestant faith and come back to Catholicism. At the site he said: 'Oh England, England, repent thee of thy sins! Beware of idolatry; beware of false antichrists! Take heed they do not deceive you! He then turned to another martyr beside him and said; 'Be of good comfort, brother; for we shall have a merry supper with the Lord tonight... strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth to eternal life, and few there be that find it.'

Most of the hundreds of martyrs were burned because they refused the doctrine of 'transubstantiation' or the 'real presence'; that is, that the bread and wine change *really* into the *actual* body and blood of Christ and that this was performed by the words of a priest. Let us remember that the institution of Roman Catholicism has not changed one single doctrine, (stated in Vatican II). Let us not forget what it has cost our forefathers for the faith. Are we prepared to pay this price? **Terry Arnold**

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### 'Altered States of Consciousness' (ASC)

**Definition:** The deliberate cultivation of abnormal or uncontrolled states of consciousness, (states not normally experienced apart from a specific technique or programme to develop them).

**Founder:** Unknown but practised by many early paganistic people and recently by New Agers.

**How it works:** Proponents claim that altered states allegedly produce a 'higher' state of consciousness or 'being', including dramatic revelations and a positive restructuring of the participants world view.

**Occultic potential:** Spirit contact; psychic transformation.

**Problems:** Obvious occultic associations.

**Christian evaluation:** Forbidden - on the basis of occultic associations and contacting the dead or other spirits.

**Dangers:** Apparent 'mental' illness; occult bondages; spirit possession or oppression.

**Question:** What's the difference between the ASC in the 'Toronto and Pensacola' blessings' and the ASC in New Age? (Adapted from 'The Remnant' Vol.1, No.6, 6/97)

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### The Big Picture

*'Holy Laughter is not an isolated phenomena. The seed of occultic deception has been growing in the Charismatic/Evangelical world for a number of years. There is clear integration between what is happening in the New Age cults and what is happening in the church. The direction is identical... All the hype about a worldwide revival that will sweep billions into this religious kingdom fits the Devils new World Religion, but it is totally contrary to the Holy Scriptures... The first thing that must be lost before deception can invade is Biblical holiness. Biblical holiness provides a pure conscience that is absolutely essential to a healthy and pure mind and good discernment.'* (Holy Laughter' by Joseph Chambers D.D. A classical Pentecostal Minister. P.4, 10)

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### The Cross

*'The history of grace begins earlier and goes on later, but in it's middle point stands the cross. Of two eternities this is the hinge; of past decrees and future glories this is the pivot. Let us come to the cross...'* **Spurgeon:** (Sermon: 'The Cross Our Glory.' From: '12 Sermons On the Passion and Death of Christ'. P.137)

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### How Not To Counsel

Your lad makes a 'decision for Christ' early in life. You were very happy at the time - then he reaches the teen years; he becomes rebellious - against you, against the church, and against all authority.

One day he says: 'I'm not going to church any more and what's more I don't want to be a Christian'. 'But' you say, 'You are a Christian, I remember when you made your decision for Christ, you prayed and you were so sincere.'

Parents who respond this way are actually reinforcing the deception the young person is already in and making it even more certain that he will finish up in Hell.

Eventually your lad becomes a man, marries a churchgoing girl and begins attending church again. However, holiness is absent from his lifestyle, there is no relish for the Word of God, and there is not heart affection for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally this man dies. At the funeral the pastor says some nice things about him and offers words of comfort to the family. But the man is already in anguish in Hell - cursing God and everyone else for his deception - and will continue to do so forever.

Our Lord made it very clear that '**by their fruits you shall know them**'. If there is no genuine, visible fruit, then the worst thing we can do is to tell a person that they are a Christian!

## Your Comments and Questions

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

*Dear Terry, I am writing firstly to say thankyou for sending me copies of 'Diakrisis' over the past few months. I have found some of the articles interesting and quite challenging. Secondly though, and this probably sounds contradictory, I would appreciate it if you would take me off your mailing list. I request this because, quite frankly, I have found a sameness in both the 'target groups' of your writing and in the way you write about them. One can only be left to wonder if you find anything positive within the Pentecostal Movement, particularly the AOG, which is of God. If and when you do I would be only too pleased to receive 'Diakrisis' again and would gladly pay towards its production. Yours in His love and service. (AOG pastor, Vict.)*

**Editor's reply: Dear pastor...Thankyou for your letter...we have been pleased to have AOG pastors like yourself, who are open minded, on the mailing list. I was disappointed to read that you wish to be taken off the mailing list. However, I can understand what you are saying. It is not everyone's taste to receive material such as the likes of *Diakrisis*.**

**I wish the ministry could be easier and that I did not have to have the 'sameness' and the 'target groups' as you put it. Perhaps this is because of the pain I feel when I receive so many distress calls by people affected by false teaching, extremes and counterfeits. I wish I could show pastors the files of letters, and even introduce them to hundreds of people shipwrecked by things happening in churches today. This is the big picture that many pastors are not aware of.**

**I realise that I may give the impression that I do not 'find anything positive within the Pentecostal movement, particularly the AOG...'The problem is that it is the AOG that has led the charge to Toronto and Pensacola, and endorsed the Word-Faith Movement as well as Benny Hinn, and the signs and wonders movement in general. It is from this church that we find the most problems and calls for help. All that I can say here is that I am totally and strongly opposed to the direction AOG have gone in the past few years, as are at least some AOG pastors themselves. I am opposed to extremes of Neo-Pentecostalism...I realise there are autonomous churches that are not involved in these things...there is a rising but small tide of AOG pastors questioning the shift in direction of the Australian AOG...**

**Thankyou for you interest and patience. I appreciate your points made and in 1998 I am doing my best to vary the content of the newsletter...Thankyou for your letter and may the Lord greatly bless you...Yours in His service and until the race is ended.**

*(Pastor's reply)Dear Terry, Greetings to you. Thankyou for your return letter (1/2/98). Thankyou also for the January and February copies of 'Diakrisis', which I am currently reading through. I'll give you one thing, Terry, you are persistent and whether or not I agree with all you say, I admire persistence. Probably because it's a powerful Biblical principle. So, having said that and having read your letter and some of each of the newsletters, I am willing to continue to receive 'Diakrisis'.*

*You are obviously a man with a passion to challenge us regarding the truths of the Word and I can't argue with that. Obviously I will not agree with everything you say (as you accept), but I am willing to be challenged and stretched in my thinking...*

**Editor's comments: If our frame of reference is the infallible Bible; if we have an open yet discerning mind, we will come to the knowledge of truth, and the truth will set us free from bondage. I was encouraged by this pastor's open mind and willingness to be challenged, especially when the AOG leadership is openly supporting false teachers, false prophets, false teaching and phenomena, that we have been exposing. Lord, help us all to read, study, test and be challenged!**

*Dear Terry, I am writing to encourage you in your stand for the truth and also to ask you to put my name on your mailing list...I have been borrowing your newsletters for some time now and thank you for the information that you provide. I have just finished reading your book, 'Finding the Balance' and also the book, The Sings and Wonders Movement – Exposed'.*

*My wife...and myself have been actively involved in exposing, to the members of the body of Christ, the errors of various movements currently infecting the church. We are long time members of...(AOG) myself having been involved on the teaching support staff of the college for 5 years. We have actively opposed the introduction of Word of Faith theology and the 'Toronto Blessing' into our congregation, by meeting on a number of occasions with the previous and current pastoral staff...and writing to the AOG executive about our concerns...nothing...seems to have had any effect...*

*In my experience (I hesitate to use the word these days), I have found that once the people hear of the 'Jesus went to hell' theology they usually react in horror and we have an open door. Despite pointing out this heresy to him (the pastor) (and many other obvious errors), I have been warned by the pastor that I am not to share my concerns with my friends in the congregation because it will undo the great work that he has accomplished in bringing unity into our assembly...However, I believe God has called me to stand for, and contend for the faith as Jude 3 calls us all to, and I will warn my friends at every opportunity.*

*When asked his position on the 'Toronto Blessing' or the Pensacola movement, the pastor's reply was that he was watching and evaluating the situation. He was unable to determine if it was God or not, but he was keeping an open mind. However, since his arrival in...he has only brought itinerant ministries who support and encourage the manifestations as seen in the Toronto meetings...He is being dishonest...he is attempting to please both camps.*

*...I find amazing that a man who confesses that after three or four years he is unable to determine what God is saying to him regarding Toronto, is able to boldly grab the microphone in each Sunday service and proclaim at great length and with great enthusiasm that, 'Thus saith the Lord this' or 'Thus saith the Lord that'. He can prophesy in the first person on a regular basis but is unable to hear the voice of the Lord on something as crucial as the protection of the flock from wolves disguised as sheep, or servants of Satan disguised as ministers of righteousness.*

*...The current 'revival' is sewage in the eyes of our God and yet people are rejoicing in it...I believe God is calling me to rescue as many as possible...God is equipping us to perform that task..I am currently holding meetings at my home...The teachings that the people are not getting from the pulpit in churches is what the Bible says about false teachers, false apostles, false prophets and general endtime events...there are no warnings to be discerning. Hence we have new 'Bibles' introduced into the church such as the 'Message', new movement such as 'Promise Keepers'...We have a good level of success and fruit is being produced. [We] are still members of the assembly...so we can reach more people...Once again we thank you for your ministry and the information that you provide. There is no excuse in these days not to be aware of what is happening in the church...God's Word informs us that His people perish from lack of knowledge...We need to know what the enemy is planning - we need to be aware of his devices. God bless you as you continue to serve Him, Yours in Christs service, (Name withheld at editors discretion)*

## Your Comments and Questions

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*Dear Mr. Arnold, The Lord Jesus Bless you and also your ministry. Thanking you for helping me through the narrow gate. I was confused before, but through your truth...have found strength and peace. (Y.R. Vict.)*

*Dear Terry...It is always pleasing to receive your newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you at Bonnet Bay. We're all writing down our 'questions'!...God bless. (T.R. Sydney)*

*Dear Terry, Thankyou for doing what I would liked to have done when I was younger. You do it so well. I am sure you must become weary, seeing so much apostasy. I am sure you will not turn back the tide but continue to be a light on the hill as we await the shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. Love in Christ. (D. & M.W. Sydney)*

*Dear Terry...We find your ministry a great encouragement and very informative, especially the information on the sects of the New Age and how the world itself does not want to hear the Word of God. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you as you do His wonderful work. (C.W. & J.G., Coffs Harbour)*

*Dear Terry, enclosed is a contribution. Your newsletters are fantastic! God bless you. (M.D., Sydney)*

*Dear Terry, Just a short not to encourage you on the job you are doing with 'Diakrisis' newsletters...A lady that attends the church that my wife and I have pioneered passed on the Sept.97 edition. Praise God that he has raised up someone who is willing to stand for the truth no matter what the persecution is...I really enjoyed the reading, especially the article that expresses the so called 'Pensacola Outpouring'...Look forward to receiving your true Holy Spirit led comments. Would it be possible to have back issues...I have several people that I am sure would be interested in receiving your ministry on a regular basis. In His service. (Rev. D.T., Drummond, Vict)*

*Dear Terry, Please accept our donation to help with your mission work. May the Lord bless the remnant of people who uphold the truth. (A church in Sydney)*

*Dear Terry, Thanks again for continuing to send us 'Diakrisis' - these newsletters themselves have been used to assist young people...to know the other side of the coin. (J. & J.M. missionaries, Spain)*

### 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...I have found this newsletter very helpful to me as I go to the Uniting Church and get very starved for the true Word. If it wasn't for my Bible - The Word of God, and the help of your newsletter, I would be a very weak Christian. I gave my heart to Jesus about the same time I started school and I am 63 now. He is my everything each day of my life. I pray God will bless your work for Him. I thank my God for the peace He gives, that the world does not have. Blessings in Jesus. (A.G. WA)*

### 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. 7.30pm. 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

**June 14th** (Before and after lunch) Grace Bible Church, Ocean Shores (Brunswick Heads), NSW, Ph. (02)66801078

**June/July:** Tentative visits to Brisbane & Gold Coast planned

### Urgent Request

A prominent Television program has contacted us and urgently requested evidence of false healings from the ministry of Benny Hinn in *Australia*. If anyone can supply testimonies or evidence, contact Terry Arnold, (Ph. 018183093).

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