

A Ministry of Teaching

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

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Editors Comment

Those who speak out against error within the church are today shunned and discouraged by professing Christians. Many Christians today refuse to look at research and facts that clearly expose false teachers, false prophets and false ecumenical movements. Some are concerned that people will be upset. As in the case of Billy Graham, some have asked: why do you expose a man who has won many souls and who has preached the Gospel...? However, I feel it is hypocritical to be quiet on such names and yet still expose the ecumenical movement. My main reason for naming such names is because while we are working long hours to win Roman Catholics to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word, such ecumenical leaders are openly sending thousands back to the same false system! However, the issue is not so much the men involved, but the ecumenism of our day! Naming names is sometimes necessary to show error within a movement. Of course this opens us up to threats of defamation of which some ('Christians') have already levelled at us in recent times.

I welcome correction on scriptural grounds. My replies to those who contact me in opposition to the ministry is simply: is what we are saying the truth? Is it fact? Is it scriptural? Many want to judge us as unloving yet only God can truly do that. Only God knows our heart motives. I believe the single biggest issue that pervades most error today is the false ecumenical movement. Many false teachings even hide within this Trojan horse. Many people are attached to false movements without seeing the danger of ecumenism, which is rapidly building bridges with Rome. This century and especially in recent times, the Charismatic/neo-Pentecostal movement, with its signs and wonders leaders, has become a potent catalyst for ecumenism. Added to this is the poor witness such movements have become to the unsaved. I recently met a lady who was on route to the latest Benny Hinn Crusade. She admitted to not being a Christian. When I asked why she would go to such a crusade, her answer was: 'It's good entertainment'.

An ex Catholic friend recently recounted to me how he once acted as a 'stooge' at a Billy Graham crusade and went forward to be 'counselled'. He asked his counsellor questions about Catholic beliefs and he was horrified at the acceptance of Catholic doctrine and practises as 'OK' by the counsellor. The counsellor, (thinking the recipient was Catholic), did not tell him to come out of Catholicism. Added to this, when the subject of tongues was raised, the answer given by the counsellor was that 'Catholics speak in tongues too!'

Scripturally and historically we cannot accept the current false ecumenism. Was

God forbid! Terry Arnold

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God's Provision

the Reformation that cost millions of lives a mistake?

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The Error & Danger of Impartation Theology

At salvation, Christ's righteousness is 'imputed' (not imparted) to our account. The Greek word is 'logozimai' and is also translated 'reckoned', 'declared', 'accounted', 'credited', etc, (see Romans Ch.4). This imputation is done from without us and rests in Christ in Heaven, being a legal and forensic declaration in the courts of Heaven that we are justified in the sight of God. This justification is the result of the righteousness of Christ alone and His finished and perfect work at the cross. The free gift that comes with this is the Holy Spirit. All this is a sovereign act of God and by His choosing, according to the drawing of the person to God, (Jn.6:44,65). In this salvation the Holy Spirit now takes up residence within us. We become the temple of the Holy Ghost. At that point and from then on the Holy Spirit now imparts (not imputes) from within, the character of Christ to us. The important thing about this latter impartation is that it comes from within. It is not that the Holy Spirit gives more of Himself for we already have all of Him. It is rather a case of us surrendering ourselves and Him having more of us. This is what the filling of the Holy Ghost is - the Holy Spirit having more control (Eph.5:18), of us from within.

Yet today we have the above Biblical and historical theology of the Holy Spirit turned the opposite way around! There are those who are supposedly 'imparting' the Holy Spirit (in portions) into people *from outside*. This is false, dangerous and occultist teaching. The Holy Spirit is a *person*, (Jn.16:13,14; 14:16,17), and cannot be doled out at will! We either have all of Him in us or we do not have Him, (Rom.8:9)! The Holy Spirit does not dwell in the air around us, but the Devil and his evil angels do! They are called the 'powers of the air'. When one opens themselves up to receive something from outside, they may well get more than and worse than what they are asking to receive.

By all means we should yield ourselves to the Holy Ghost that we might be 'filled with the Spirit', (Eph.5:18). However, here we must realise that the Holy Spirit is already within. After the initial reception of the Holy Spirit at salvation any filling is from within and is the Holy Spirit having more and more control of us. This is what Ephesians 5:18 is referring to - the word filled is in the continuous tense and is a command for us to surrender to the continuous control of the Holy Spirit. Some refer to this as the 'fullness of the Holy Spirit'. Therefore to receive 'the spirit' or any 'anointing' through another person or from without, is unbiblical, dangerous, and even occultist. Never in scripture are we told to wait for some external power to fall on us after we have received the Holy Ghost. The apostles and disciples never had anything fall on them or never received anything from without after Pentecost. Before Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon people but never indwelt them. Many in the Old Testament, such as Samuel and Saul, had the Holy Spirit come upon them in a temporary measure and for a particular purpose. However, after Pentecost, the disciples are shown to have the Spirit indwelling in them for the first time. Then and thereafter they were then 'filled' or 'full of the Holy Spirit'. They were filled continuously from the Spirit that was already within! The idea that the Holy Ghost can impart Himself in instalments is blasphemous and nowhere to be found in scripture! Yet this is precisely what many of the signs and wonders leaders, (Howard-Browne, Copeland, Hinn, etc.), are teaching and practising today. As Christians, we can never have more or less of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit can have more or less of us! He is a sovereign person, a member of the Godhead. He cannot be distributed by 'impartations'. We grow up into Him (Eph.4:15), not by receiving portions of Him.

Impartation theology began in Pentecostal circles late last century and early this century. At one time the American Assembly of God discouraged such impartation teaching and practises, but today they have capitulated through the signs and wonders movement, the 'Toronto Blessing', and especially the 'Pensacola Revival'.

One example of teaching connected with impartation theology is the so called 'Baptism of Fire' - an old heresy now frequently mentioned and practised today in Pentecostal circles. Benjamin Irwin, a Wesleyan Methodist, began teaching this Baptism of Fire' as a 'third blessing'. The so called 'Baptism of Fire' as it is taught today is a wrong interpretation of Matthew 3:7-12. If we read these verses in context we find that John the Baptist was speaking about those who would reject Christ, such as the pharisees that were there at the time. This 'fire' is in fact speaking of Hell and judgement, (1Pet.1:7-9)! Although Irwin taught holiness and other sound doctrines, he also taught a legalistic adherence to Old Testament dietary codes. He eventually added more teachings calling them baptisms of dynamite, lyddite and oxidite. Later Irwin confessed to falling in open and gross sin. His assistant, Joseph King, took over and was one of the first to adopt the new (and unheard of before) teaching of tongues as the initial evidence of the Baptism in the Spirit. The 'Baptism of Fire' teaching was later refined by a Frank Hall, a healing evangelist. He added yet more teachings - that the body could be saved in this life through prayer and fasting, thus making it immortal now. Hall admitted that his impartation theology of the Holy Ghost did not come from scripture but from new revelation from God. He taught that we could never be sick and thus taught similarly to today's 'Word-Faith' teaching. Plagued with illnesses, he eventually died a sick man. Hall was also largely responsible for introducing the Latter Rain teaching of which the false Kansas City prophets came out of and went into the Vineyard movement - from where we got the 'Toronto Blessing' from.

Today in the 'Toronto Blessing', the 'Pensacola revival' and generally in the signs and wonders movement, impartation theology is rampant. What most people fail to realise is that the theology behind the practises is not unlike Roman Catholic 'infusion' teaching, (grace through sacraments, etc.). The similarities are startling! Catholics travel all over the world to receive a blessing or a mystical experience from the many visions and apparitions associated with the Catholic signs and wonders. Pensacola is no different. The vast majority of people coming to Pensacola, (as with the Catholic apparitions), are already converts. Most of the so called 'conversions' are in fact re-dedications, as a look at the many testimonies will show. These 'Christians' often receive a so called impartation of the Holy Spirit with resultant manifestations, that only a few years before were considered demonic by most respected Charismatic/Pentecostal churches.

Associated with the teaching and practises of impartation is the many visions and extra-Biblical revelations given to the ones who receive such impartations. When angels start giving messages and 'power' begins to go through hands laid onto another person, then we must test the spirits! Wesley described the same manifestations imparted at Toronto and Pensacola as 'demonic'! Yet the Pensacola enthusiasts attempt to use Wesley to support their 'revival'.

Today, true impartation of Holy Spirit power or 'anointing' to Christians, can only occur from within, as we surrender to the sovereign control of the Holy Spirit. Any impartation from outside opens up the door to the realms of the occult. The signs and wonders impartation theology is such that the church may well be trafficking in demons. Christians beware! Terry Arnold

Worship

(The following is an extract taken from 'The Australian Wesleyan' magazine, (Wesleyan Methodist), issue 4, 1997)

'Worship is a popular theme in Christian circles today. We are bombarded with new and 'better' worship songs. Conferences are convened for the express purpose of teaching about worship and how to lead worship. One could be excused for wondering whether God's people have ever really worshipped in the past!...may our lives be a daily expression of worship and may we allow others to express their worship differently from us....There is much pragmatism in the church today which would reduce worship to entertainment or aesthetic qualities alone,...Whatever style is chosen, we are still left with the need to identify those unchanging constant elements that constitute truly Christian worship...Worship is a human response to God's own revelation of Himself...Jean-Pierre...warns us against human-centred worship. 'We ourselves must not try to produce spiritual pleasures and experiences, nor try to intensify those we may have. Such natural efforts are in direct opposition and quite contrary to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.'...Worship is a divine-human encounter, which on the divine side issues from grace, and on the human side responds with thanksgiving...It is God who sets the parameters of worship, and not we ourselves...we must worship not from the starting point of our own religious feelings or experiences but from the starting point of God's own revelation in Christ...Worship which centres only on the Father is not Christian worship, but Judaism. Worship which centres only on the Spirit is not Christian worship, but fanaticism. Worship must focus on Jesus Christ, His incarnation, His life, His death, His resurrection and ascension, His presence in Heaven, His presence in our midst, and His coming again. Of course this is not to deny that Christian worship is trinitarian, but we know God in trinity only through the Son....

These words [worship] mean to 'bow down in the presence of God', 'to fear', 'to revere', 'to be in awe'...Worship is the business of honouring God in every aspect of our daily lives, seeking to put Him first in all our relationships, decisions, practices and business dealings. Worship is not a form of meeting, but a way of living. God is much more interested in our 'worship of service' than our 'services of worship'...What we then have on Sunday morning is not members coming to worship, but worshippers coming for fellowship, mutual encouragement, and praising, together. Christians coming together not to worship, but from worship.

...Most descriptive of worship is Hebrews 12:28-13:21. It begins, 'Let us offer God worship acceptable to Him with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire'. Then this 'worship' is spelled out - 'loving one another, welcoming strangers into your home, remembering those in prison and those who are suffering, honouring marriage,...[The] conventional approach to worship is literally mono...tonous. That is we tend to worship God in one tone, in one way, by one means. This monotonous 'worship service' is conducted one way, the same way, week after week with little variety, a minimum of participation, involvement, or ministry by the members.

But this is not of God's ordering. This is of our making...Let's have hymns from Wesley and Psalms from David by all means, but also hymns from Alan, Lynda and Jeff and Psalms from Lisa, Bruce and Martin. Only a little encouragement is needed to bring them to light...make the worship services more appropriate to people of all ages...to families with young children. Churches must seek to help families practically and emotionally...One way that the church can help a family to worship together is to accept the whole family, not just the adults...choose a variety of songs that will relate to all age groups. Try and have at least one song that has actions so that the children can participate. Try giving the children simple percussion instruments to play while the more up tempo songs are being sung....

Both evangelism and social action are outcomes of worship. If they do not spring from a worshipping lifestyle, they are no more than works-righteousness and workaholism... Christian worship is a human response to God's self revelation, expressed in celebration of, and thanksgiving for, His saving activity in Jesus Christ... The ideologies and idolatries of our culture are beginning to determine the methods and content of our worship... God should be both the subject and object of our worship... there is a trend in many worship services... that has shifted the subject of worship from God to us... When God is the object of our worship then we are offering something to Him... people attend worship to receive a blessing rather than to make an offering'...

Charismania

This year Peter Wagner and Ed Silvosa spoke on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (24/2/98), and Wagner recounted how in Argentina in healing services: 'fat people lose weight!...One woman lost 15 kilos in one meeting. That's 32 lbs! I mean she had to tie her skirt before she went home'...baldheaded men have grown whole heads of hair'. Silvoso reported: 'You go to a restaurant...we give thanks for the food, but we don't pray for the food to be blessed, because the Bible says it's already blessed, and even if its poisoned, it will not harm you'.

Editors comments: I used to check these claims out and always found them to be either grossly exaggerated, plain lies, or a series of versions handed down from person to person till they were grossly corrupted. Now I do not bother to even investigate. The teachings and excesses of such men warrant them having to tell untruths to support false doctrine and false experiences.

<u>Quotable</u>

Archbishop Tutu: 'The Holy Spirit is not limited to the church...' And speaking of Mahatma Gandhi, a Hindu, Tutu said: 'The Holy Spirit shines through him'.

Billy Graham: 'I respect other paths to God'. ('Berean Call', 5/98)

Quotable

'Men who speak for God never merge into the fog around them. Noah stood alone in a civilisation of culture and progress. His contemporaries must have laughed at him as an eccentric who was...looking for the world to end. Elijah stood alone among the priests of Baal and the stooges who ate at Jezebel's table...'

Fred Nile

Fred Nile had previously promised to separate from the Uniting Church if Uniting Church gays marched in the Sydney Gay Mardi Gras. They did march in the Mardi Gras. As yet Nile has not followed through on his promise.

(Info from 'Insights' - Uniting Church magazine, 4/98)

Martyrs

More Christians are being martyred this century than any other century in history! One Christian is martyred for his or her faith every three minutes.*

In Sudan, Christians have been carried into the desert in groups of fifty and abandoned. Their captors return daily to offer them food and water if they convert to Islam. Some choose food and water, and Islam, some choose martyrdom for Christ.**

* Vom, 2/98

** Pulpit Helps, 1/98

Shroud Of Turin

The shroud supposedly to be the grave clothes Jesus was wrapped in is still being paraded by the Roman Catholic Church to thousands of viewers. This is despite it being proven a fake by scientists some years ago. The Church officially accepted the verdict of the scientists but keeps to the tradition. (Information from *Herald Sun*, 21/4/98)

Pensacola - A Toronto Rehash?

The following manifestations are listed and distributed by the Brownsville AOG Church in Pensacola. Compare them with Toronto and one will find little difference:

- Falling on the floor..deep inner healing..receiving of visions
- Laughter
- Shaking...a prophetic shaking...often a type of intercessory prayer...God will shake...the theology that says God only works 'this way'.
 - -Deep bowing
 - Roaring sounds like the roar of a lion
 - Roaring sounds like many waters...

Kilpatrick...More Untruths?

Kilpatrick has named two famous politicians who have supposedly been saved at the Brownsville Pensacola 'revival'. A spokesman for those politicians disputes this. Kilpatrick also says that the Alabama Governor, Fob James, was saved at Brownsville and is a regular attendee at the 'revivals'. James' office say otherwise and that he has never attended the revival. (*The Pensacola News Journal* 5/4/98)

Quotable

'We need to remember that when Jesus preached hard truths to his hearers they often left in droves. Hard truths are never popular; the road to visible unity simply removes those hard truths'. ('Signs & Wonders - Exposed', P.87)

Revival...?

66% of Australians believe in God; 57% believe in the paranormal; 53% believe in life on other planets; 32% believe extra-terrestial life has already visited earth; 28% believe some people can communicate with the dead; 22% believe in fortune telling; 15% claim to have direct experience of God. (Sunday Mail research poll 15/3/98)

Messages From a spirit of Mary

The following are messages from the apparitions of Mary (spoken by 'Mary'), with comparisons to the Word of God:

Dec.25th, 1997:'...God will respond with those doing good and thus, little children, good will come to dwell in the heart of each man'.

Bible: 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jer.17:9); 'There is none good but one, that is God...' (Matt.19:17).

Jan.25th, 1998 '...May Holy Mass, little children, not be a habit for you, but life. By living Holy Mass each day, you will feel the need for holiness and you will grow in holiness. I am close to you and intercede before God for each of you, so that He may give you strength to change your heart..' ('Ave Maria', No.41)

The Bible: The Bible condemns the continuing sacrifice of the Mass, (Heb.6:6; 9:26-28; 10:10); and only *Jesus* intercedes for us, (Rom.8:27,34; Heb.7:25)!

Franklin Graham

'Franklin's evangelistic crusade in Adelaide Australia, January 30th - February 1st, 1998, leaves no question about his direction. Present at the media launch for the Graham Crusade in June 1997 were Catholic Archbishop Leonard Faulkner and Anglican Archbishop Ian George...Those who responded to the Gospel invitation at the Franklin Graham Crusade were sent to aforementioned sponsoring churches for 'discipleship'...The Franklin Graham South Australian Crusade committee joined together with 'Youth Alive' (Assemblies of God) to present a 'Christian' rock concert featuring 'Audio Adrenaline'...rock concerts have become an integral part of the Graham meetings. Franklin Graham...in 1997 spoke at...a Promise Keepers Conference..' ('Remnant')

Signs and Wonders & Unbelievers

Signs and wonders will not make people believers: 'But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him', (Jn.12:37)

Anglican & Uniting Merger?

'Anglican and Uniting Church leaders will meet to discuss the first step of a possible merger of two of Australia's biggest Christian denominations.' (Herald Sun, 30/4/98)

Pensacola Testimonies, Quotes, & Comments

- In a recent testimonial from Pensacola ('Tampa & Pensacola'), one person stated: 'Jeff Beacham just prayed one word over me, 'Receive'. It was like a bolt of electricity had gone through my body, and I fell flat on the floor. From that point on my whole life began to change'. Another person stated: 'After a simple prayer for healing the power of God healed 80% of the problem'.
 - 'America is on the brink of an unprecedented revival'.
 - 'John Kilpatrick had his bad fall from a building site, breaking eight ribs and his pelvis in four places.'
- Jeff Beacham said..'...just about every continent was experiencing some sort of spiritual awakening that may be only in its infancy but has the potential, for the first time in history, to sweep the globe'.
- 'It was an amazing sight to see a thousand people on the floor crying out at the top of their voices and slashing about with their new 'swords'. It must have even more amazing for the air-conditioning mechanic who walked right into the middle of this to fix a broken unit...Ken and Lois exhorted the people to 'run' for the Lord. This proved too much for some as dozens literally ran around the auditorium and the anointing was the strongest ever felt at Sydney Christian Life Centre with the whole place in holy upheavel...the ministry team formed two fire tunnels which everyone passed through several times over a period of several hours. We will never be the same again'.

Editors Comments: The word 'receive' has no doubt become a hypnotic mantra-type trigger word in this false revival. Yet I thought it was the Gospel that changed lives rather than a word like 'receive'?

- Does God heal '80%' or 100% in scripture?
- If 'every continent' is in 'revival' then I must have missed something! The statistics in western countries say the opposite! The scriptures also say the opposite, (2Thess.2:3; 1Tim.4:1; 2Tim.4:3,4).
- I feel sorry for the air-conditioning mechanic! Would he not say 'they are mad', (1Cor.14:23)? Would he not ask: 'is this Christianity'? What would be the difference to an asylum for the mentally disabled? I constantly meet unbelievers who think Christianity is a joke after seeing this form of bizarre hype. Lord, rescue those who will love the truth!

Why I Am a Christian and Not a Seventh Day Adventist (SDA)

- I am not a Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) because I believe in the Bible alone as the inspired Word of God and that it alone is to be used and tested for doctrine, (2Tim.3:16; Pr.30:5,6). The SDA church teaches Ellen G. White was a prophet, ('The spirit of Prophecy'), and that her writings were inspired by God. They write: 'Seventh day Adventists hold that Ellen G. White performed the work of a true prophet during the seventy years of her public ministry. As Samuel was a prophet, as Jeremiah was a prophet, as John the Baptist, so we believe that Mrs. White was a prophet to the church of Christ today'. (1) Indeed, Mrs. White herself claimed her writings to be inspired of God as if God was writing them Himself. She said: 'It is God, and not an erring mortal that has spoken in representing God almighty.' (2) This is contrary to scripture, (2Pet.1:20; Rev.22:18). Added to this is the fact that it is documented she was a false prophet, (3) and that she copied large quantities of her work from other authors without permission, yet stated (and believed by SDA church), that her writings were from God. (4)
- I am not an SDA because I believe Jesus was both completely God and completely man, as has been the teaching for 2,000 years. The SDA church believes that Jesus was the archangel Michael, (5) and that he inherited a 'sinful nature'. However, Jesus is not an angel, (Heb.1:4,6), and is never called an angel, but instead, unlike angels, is worshipped throughout the Bible, (Matt.14:33; 28:9; 1Pet.3:18)!
- I am not an SDA because I believe Jesus completed the atonement for my sins *once* on the cross, (Jn.19:30; Heb.9:12; 10:12). The SDA church teaches that Christ is now 'cleansing the sanctuary' in an 'investigative judgement', (invented in 1844), and that my sins are not completely blotted out. However, I believe Jesus cleansed my sin entirely on the cross, (1Jn.1:7; 1Pet.1:19; 2:24). The SDA also believe that Satan finally bears all our sins and is the 'scapegoat'. (6) Yet, the Bible says it was Jesus who bore our sins, not the devil, (1Pet.2:24; 2Cor.5:21; Is.53:6,12).
- I am not an SDA because I do not believe that Sunday is Satan's counterfeit day of worship and that if I keep Sunday it will eventually be the 'mark of the beast'. The early apostles and Christians after Christ ascended assembled on the 'Ist day' (Sunday) of the week, breaking bread (communion), and fellowshipping together, (see Jn.20:19, 26, Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:1,2). The Bible, however, says to judge no man on the Sabbath (Col.2:16), and that it is up to the individual as to which day he chooses, (Rom.14:5,6). Christians should likewise not judge SDA's for keeping Saturday.
- I am not an SDA because I do not believe the Adventists will be God's chosen 'remnant'. This is one of the hallmarks of a cult.
- I am not an SDA because I believe in the eternal punishment of Hell, (Matt.25:46*; Rev.19:20; 20:10, Lk.16:22,23, etc.). The SDA church does not believe in the same Hell that has been taught since the apostles, but rather that we are 'exterminated' (annihilation).
- I am not an SDA because I believe the Bible says that no one knows the time of the second coming, (Mk.13:32,33). The SDA's have a sorry history of date setting and failures! The religion was partly founded on a false prophecy of the coming of Christ in 1884.
- I am not an SDA because I believe that so much has been added to the truth by the SDA church that it's message is 'another gospel' and 'another Jesus' that Paul spoke of, which brings Christians back under the law instead of under grace, (Rom.6:14). Terry Arnold (We recommend books by John R. Rice and ex-Adventist, Mark Duckworth ask for our booklist)
- * The words 'everlasting' and 'eternal' here are the same Greek word 'aionios'. Therefore if 'eternal life' is eternal then so is everlasting punishment also eternal. I have yet to see or hear a refutation for this by the cult groups.
- (1) Review & Herald 4/10/28, P.11) (2) Testimonies Vol.3 P.257 (3) See 'A Close Encounter With Seventh Day Adventism' by Mark Duckworth. (4) See 'The White Lie' by Walter Rea for irrefutable evidence of the plagiarism (theft) in Ellen White's writings. (5) 'Spiritual Gifts', Vol.4, P.58; 'Desire of Ages', P.99; 'Story of redemption,' P.173. (6) 'The Great Controversy', P.485.

To Those Who Doubt The Eternity Of Hell

The following is a verse that I often show to cultists: In Matthew 25:46 the word of God says: 'these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal', (Some translations have 'everlasting life'). The English translation should be enough to convince any that this punishment is truly 'everlasting' or 'eternal'. However, the Greek here has the words 'everlasting' or 'eternal' translated the same Greek word, 'aionion', for both the punishment and the future life spoken of. The root word 'aionios' meaning unending, eternal, forever.

The key question to ask cultists is: if eternal life is forever, eternal, unending ('aionion'), as agreed to by most cults, then why is not the punishment also eternal, everlasting, ('aionion'). Why is the same Greek word used for both? I have yet to have a cultist answer this question. Whether we like it or not, the 'everlasting punishment' here is eternal ('aionion'). What is just for one, the righteous, should it not be just for the other, the unrighteous? Terry Arnold

Quotable

'Do not aim at sensation and 'effect'. It very often happens that converts that are born in excitement die when the excitement is over'. ('How To Win a Soul' by Charles Spurgeon)

Holiness Quotes

'We have misunderstood 'living by faith' (Gal.2:20) to mean that no effort at holiness is required on our part. In fact, sometimes we have even [wrongly] suggested that any effort on our part is 'of the flesh'*

...'God has indeed made provision for us to live a holy life, but He also has given us definite responsibilities.'**

'Surely the Scriptures teach us that in following holiness the true Christian needs personal exertion and work as well as faith.' ***

* 'The Pursuit of Holiness' by Jerry Bridges, P.21

** Ibid P.54

*** 'Holiness' by JC Ryle, P.VIII

Spurgeon On Holiness

'Brethren and sisters, it is not a slight thing to be holy. A man must not say, 'I have faith', and then fall into the sins of an unbeliever; for, after all, our outer life is the test of our inner life; and if the outer life be not purified, rest assured the heart is not changed. That faith which does not bring forth the fruit of holiness is the faith of devils...we should 'be holiness to the Lord.' Holiness is necessary to all the redeemed...' (Spurgeon's sermon: Bought With a Price' from the book, '12 Sermons On The Passion and Death of Christ', P.69.)

Brisbane AOG Church Resigns

'...We as Genesis Family Church formally withdraw from the Assemblies of God. Additionally you will find attached to this letter my ministerial credentials as issued each year by the AOG. In obedience to the numerous exhortations of Scripture, we will have no part of your unfruitful works of darkness. With sorrow in our hearts, we have witnessed a flood of doctrinal error filled with unrighteous deception...Our eyes have clearly perceived that many brethren have been lead away by the error of these deceptions...False fire of revivals has been ignited and directed into church life by your public endorsement...The call of the Lord is consistently the same, only those who come out from under this unrighteousness deception will escape this fearful judgement that is upon the church in our nation today...many saints sleep because they cannot endure sound doctrine; many are drunk, many are slain; many are filled with laughter; many say Lord! Lord!...We do not count you as an enemy...we warn you of your growing error...We ask you to recognise the steady trend of other AOG churches that have also withdrawn from fellowship. The swelling ranks of former AOG churches should alert you.

...Among your biggest omissions is that you have failed to cause the saints to stand and overcome on their own. You have created an overdependence on ministries to solve their problems...you have made the brethren to look to man, rather than to God and His Word, especially when it comes to discerning error...Church historians rightly note that the traditional churches fell because the dominant leadership refused to listen to correction...the Assemblies of God have an alarming and destructive lack of credible teaching in the Word...you have demonstrated little desire to root out personal and corporate sin from the camps of the saints...Not once have you publicly identified false apostles, prophets and teachers...rather than expose them, you have developed a love for the presence of lying signs and wonders in your corporate gatherings. You encourage the sheep and lambs to walk by sight; to seek after feelings - spiritual experiences and vain imaginations all of which hold no validity as being scriptural or acceptance to God.

You have consistently demonstrated no discernment or care when choosing visiting ministries to speak...you routinely open the gates to every wind of doctrine that is fanned by the flames of Hell.

It is becoming increasingly clear to the multitudes of saints who have received a love for the truth, that they will not bow their knee to this deception in the body....

Come back to the Word and obey the voice of the Lord....Do not go beyond what God has written... (Pastor Kerry Angilley and the elders and saints of Genesis Family Church, (22/5/98) (From CETF July/98)

'No man can enter Heaven until he is first convinced he deserves Hell' (John Everett)

Book Review by Terry Arnold

'How to Increase & Release the Anointing' by Rodney Howard-Browne

This book is written by the man most recognised as the founder of the 'Toronto Blessing'. The first half of this book speaks much truth and appears be debunking many Charismatic excesses. However, half way through the book one is suddenly confronted with statements like: 'Jesus was provoking the man in order to locate his level of faith', (P.17); 'God anoints and equips us according to the measure of his call on our lives, but we should remember that the anointing is not taught - it is caught. The only way to get the anointing is to be where the anointing is being poured out...', (P.19); '...the anointing upon the persons life develops faster than the character of that individual', (P.29); 'My grace is sufficient for you. My anointing is sufficient for you...', (P.31, a misquote of scripture!); '...to be in a position to release the anointing to others...', (P.35); '...like a gunslinger would draw a gun out of a holster and point it at his opponent. Suddenly, it felt like my finger tips came off. I felt a volume of the anointing flow out of my hand'...the anointing went out of me right into her...after a while I managed to sober them up...', (P.36); 'When you talk about Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes along to find out who you are speaking about...it is the anointing transferred by the laying on of hands which does the work...', (P.37); '...They then said, 'This is what?' I quoted Acts 2:16-17...The anointing...stayed on me...then it subsided...you can get that anointing at any time...', (P.38,39).

All the above quotations are not proved any where in the book by scripture and are in fact against the Word of God. Nowhere does Howard-Browne define this 'anointing'. His proof text for the transference of the anointing is Mark 5:25-34 which strangely nowhere mentions the word 'anointing'! This passage of scripture in fact speaks of Jesus and the woman with the issue of blood. Howard-Browne wrongly associates the power (of Jesus) with the transference of anointing by us mortals.

In several places in this book Howard-Browne speaks of the Holy Spirit coming *upon* people. This is one of the biggest deceptions of the neo-Pentecostal movement today, because it is Old Testament! In the Old Testament the Spirit came upon people for a specific period of time and for a specific purpose. However, New Testament has the Holy Spirit residing *in us* after Pentecost and working from within and then out to the soul of man. There is simply no reference to anybody in the New Testament having a special 'anointing', except for Jesus, but rather we all now have the same anointing, as in 1John 2:27: 'But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you...' There is not one single scripture in the New Testament that teaches the anointing anything more than this!

The idea of imparting the anointing is nowhere to be found in the New Testament but is in fact occultist! New Age cult groups do exactly this - they impart something from one person to another. The deceased New Age Bhagwhan Rajneesh would pass the 'wine' along by a single touch to the head whereby the recipient would fall to the ground in a trance-like ecstasy. The laying on of hands was never meant to pass the Holy Spirit or the 'anointing' from one person to the other! The Holy Spirit cannot be doled out, dissected, or imparted in any way! This can only be done as a sovereign act by God at salvation. Any subsequent filling, (or baptism as some may call it), is not an impartation from outside but an inward increase of control by the Holy Spirit that is *already within*. This is clearly the meaning of Ephesians 5:18: '...be filled with the Spirit'. The unbiblical teachings in this book by Howard-Browne are extra-Biblical and dangerous. We must not 'go beyond the Word of the Lord', (Nu.22:18). This book is dangerous and the man is clearly a false teacher. As seen on video, this 'anointing' of Howard-Browne causes him to be unable to read the scriptures and instead break down and laugh - what a mockery of scripture! Spiritual drunkenness is never a blessing in the Bible but always a judgement, (Is.29:9,10; Jer.51:37-40). Be warned, this book and this man are dangerous!

The Plight of Many AOG Pastors

Recently an AOG pastor from NSW wrote in another newsletter*: 'We seem to be living in times of great confusion and compromise...yet by God's grace He has enabled us to stand...Over the past few years I been increasingly troubled in my spirit with the departure from the sole sufficiency of the Word of God. We have had many strong winds blow through our denomination - Church Growth movement, Rodney Howard-Browne/Toronto Blessing, Youth Alive emphasis (contemporary - read compromise) approach to drawing youth to Christ, the Faith movement, praise and worship, Vineyard, unity, etc. All of which have created much confusion, unsettledness, and carnal desires in God's people. I have taken a stand against these things only in the last two years and have sought to go back to the basics of the faith...It has not been easy and we have lost families over this position.

...It seems to me that God is calling His people to come out from among them and be separate...I don't think we realise just how asleep we have been and how friendly we have been with the world...For a long time my soul has been vexed with the ungodliness of Television...I tried only to find the 'good shows' that my children could watch, but even these were peppered with grossly immoral advertisements...Finally I did something about it. I put the TV and video out into the garden shed. The results have been to say the least startling...in the first week I noticed my daughters began opening up to my wife in conversation, sharing their joys and problems at school, etc. I myself went personal witnessing for the first time in years last Friday, at the local shopping mall...On Saturday evening the whole family - six children - prepared a spiritual song with singing and instruments which we shared the next morning with the church...I believe the absence of TV from our home had something to do with these events...I have become disillusioned with the whole Pentecostal scene which has promised so much but has delivered so little...I am convinced that many of the so called gifts in operation are in fact lying signs and wonders, (2Thess.2:9-11). May we all receive the love of the truth, which alone will keep us and sanctify us.'

*(Written by an AOG Pastor to the newsletter 'Fairdinkum', No.46)

Editors Comments: Recently, I have met several AOG pastors who have either resigned from AOG or have quietly left the movement. The 10,000 member AOG Church at Glendene, NZ, recently resigned, while a church in Brisbane, Australia, with about 200 adherents, has recently separated, (see P.6). In the last few years I have also met many AOG pastors who are grieved and greatly concerned by the apostasy of their affiliation and its leaders. During our recent Sydney trip AOG pastors attended some of the meetings and expressed their concerns to me privately. Let us pray that many more will firstly see the apostasy the way God see it, and secondly, that many will separate and return to the Word.

'Genesis begins with God and ends with man, and begins with creation by God and ends with man in a coffin.'
(Dakes Bible, see Gen.50:26)

Testimony

(The following Testimony was sent to us recently)

For many years I was a Pentecostal - or 'Charismatic', as the term is now...I gave my heart to the Lord at a non-denominational Bible study camp. My teenage years were spent mainly in a Pentecostal church, but I had not been 'baptised in the spirit' as far as I knew. When I came to Australia, aged 19,...I started going to an Assemblies of God church in Newcastle, NSW, where I met and married my wife.

In my twenties I was 'filled with the spirit' and spoke in tongues ..I...felt a bit of the Pentecostal 'superiority' of having something extra 'that the others haven't got'. But also,...I felt a bit humbled in the sense that I couldn't really work out why. God had given this wonderful gift to me, when so few denominations understood it, let alone accepted it! However, over a period of years, doubts began to creep in...the Pentecostal gifts...there were undoubted miracles, [but] there were many failures - people just were not healed. And no matter how hard various preachers and leaders tried to give the explanations and reasons for the non-occurrence of recoveries, (eg. 'lack of faith' was the main one), I just could not get it out of my head that the Word of God was saying one thing, and something else was happening, or, in this case, not happening!

The emotionalism also got to me. There's nothing wrong that I can see with having emotions, but the 'ism' aspect of deliberate stirring up feelings, the strong, emotional, demanding pleadings to 'come forward', etc., the attitude of making people feel blackmailed - 'if you don't do this you won't get this', really concerned me when I compared it to the cool solid facts of the Word of God. This was one of the growing number of queries that I had.

Then I met [name withheld] through my association with the Gideons, and he pointed me to the Word of God for some answers to some of my questions, such as: Why weren't the other Pentecostal 'gifts' in wide spread use? Why wasn't healing happening every time people were prayed for? (and some of the people involved were one's with great faith). Why were most Pentecostals, in their daily lives and witnessing, apparently no better, and in some case worse, than the 'ordinary' Christians who were supposedly missing the 'full' Gospel?

...The Bible was really opened to me in a way it had never been before. By doing what Paul exhorts in 2Tim.2:15, 'rightly dividing the Word of truth'...by accepting Pauls statements in 2Tim.3;16,17, that 'All scripture is'...(read both verses), I was tremendously helped. Most of my doubts and questions were answered, and I better understood some of the practises I had been unhappy and concerned about both in Pentecostal and mainline evangelical...It was, almost suddenly, the guarantee of the written Words - the only really infallible guide we have, versus the emotional feelings I had been used to men saying 'God said this to me' or 'God has called me to do that', 'God has led me into something else', when often what they wanted to do, and, often, the outcome, was really not glorifying to our Lord and Saviour. Oh yes, it appeared very spiritual - who really feels bold to disagree with someone who says that God has 'called them'?...

To now have what I strongly believe are the real answers to life's situations, to understand more of what God wants in these days, to know the Word of God is my total guide in everything I should do, gives me a great sense of confidence, direction and purpose...To have found that I don't need the 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit', or any other ceremony or ritual, is believing that I am complete in Christ, (Col.2:10), to know what is the hope of His calling, (Eph.1:18), to be able to rightly find the correct guide for my life, is wonderful! (R. Snowden, Sydney)

Your Comments and Questions

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

Dear Terry, The meeting [in Sydney] was an inspiration to all of us - thankyou! Regards, (A.W. Sydney)

Dear Terry and family,...I sincerely believe that we left that place [AOG church] being guided by my heartfelt Godly emotions and we still both do not have any regrets in doing so. Many trials and testings have come our way since leaving...by the grace of God alone and faith in Him we have made it thus so far. We both know that without Him in our lives we can do nothing. Thankyou for your newsletters, they bring very interesting reading. I don't know when I will attend a church again (if ever). I have almost lost my total trust in man. I really miss singing and the music and like minded people but I would rather be the way we are at present than to be in a position where I have to put my trust in a man again...' (Nth. Qld, name withheld at editors discretion)

Editors Comments: The church referred to has a high 'turnover' rate and has undergone division with the loss of many families. This was due to a controlling pastor and the 'Toronto Blessing', etc. Please pray for the above writer, a valued friend, that he will trust firstly Jesus and find a fellowship.

Dear Terry,...we are about to return to Spain for another two years...We praise God for His uplifting and encouragement in your life and through this His perseverance to continue to preach His truth and thus expose error. (J&J.M. Missionaries)

Editors Comments: Please pray for these missionaries as they reach the unsaved, including many Roman Catholics.

Dear Terry,...I too am concerned at the lack of true Biblical discernment and appreciate your ministry...I sometimes feel like I'm a lone voice, but no doubt there are many others who have not bowed the knee to Baal!...May the Lord bless you richly as you labour in His precious Word, Your brother in Christ, (P.M. Sydney)

Dear Terry, I enclose...subscription..to your wonderful organisation. Thankyou for the wonderful witness you have, despite all the hatred and enmity Satan throws at you. I love receiving your newsletter - it's never boring and always thought provoking. I pray God will continue to bless you and your fellow workers, (L.W. Sydney)

Praise Points

- Praise God for encouraging reports still coming in from the May Sydney trip. The truth of the Word sets people free.
- The car broke down on route to Brunswick Heads and needed to be towed. Praise God, Terry shared with two people in the tow truck one was heading for the Benny Hinn crusade! Praise God for the Brunswick church that raised money to pay the repairs to the car. God is a master planner!

 Prayer Points
 - D. C. C. J.
 - Pray for further contact with the lady witnessed to above.
- Pray for several decisions needing to be made for the future operation of TA Ministries. Pray for labour and wisdom.

Dear Terry, We are a home church...on the Gold Coast...We actually formed this home church out of necessity. We were members of [a Baptist church] after being led out just under 2 years ago from the Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement. God our Father in Heaven showed us all the apostasy and deception found in these churches...The [Baptist] church was Christ centred, Bible based, and meeting our needs...unfortunately...we could no longer fellowship in a church that allows...'Freemasonry' practice...and to be members...

We would like to extend an invitation to you...We all need encouraging in this day and age in which we live. Especially, when even the so-called church is opening wide her doors to all forms of hypocrisy, delusion, deception in all its forms and basically to have apathy to obedience to God's Word. We find your newsletter to be of great inspiration to us, enlightening and steering us away from all forms of evil, and directing us back towards the pure truth found only in God's Word. We love Jesus for who He is and for what He has gone ahead and done for us...for now and in the future, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Our hearts and minds are in unity with yours concerning present day apostasy and teachings...Meanwhile please accept our donation for subscription to your newsletter. Could you please backdate...we don't want to miss any issues...May our most high God continue to shower His many blessings on you and over your ministry always. (Name withheld at editors discretion)

Dear Terry, Congratulations on an excellent publication. It is truly inspiring and informative. Thank God you are prepared to expose false prophets and false cults, etc. It is truly astonishing to realise all the lies and half truths and non Bible based preaching that goes on in our churches these days.

I was shocked to learn that once respected people like Billy Graham are now promoting Catholicism and the WCC...I will also pray that you find the finance to go on the internet. It will be a wonderful tool to spread truth...Well done, good job. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in the path of righteousness, Yours in Christ, (S.T., Sydney)

Dear Terry, Praise the Lord for 'Diakrisis' and the discernment that is needed; that opens people's eyes to God's glory in the Gospel and the blessings that it brings, for those that seek will find the narrow path that leads to life. Hope this gift...will bless the ministry to go world-wide through the internet and help finance the costs, Your brother in Christ, (R.V. Brunswick Heads)

Editors Comments: This letter arrived after the one above it. We testify to the Lord's provision daily!

Terry's Itinerary

July 5th 9.30am Hervey Bay Presbyterian Ph. (07)41247018 July 12th, 19th, 26th, Aug. 2nd, 9.30am Gympie Community Church Ph. (07)54823535 (some dates may need confirmation) October: Sydney visit, including New Tribes Mission Bible College.

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