

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

Some who have read our newsletters accuse us of judging, pharisaism, pride, etc. Some equate us with other ministries who it is felt have used truth without love or balance.

However, regardless of what prior prejudices readers may have, the question that first should be asked is - *is it truth?* C.H. Spurgeon once said: '*A Magazine which is not outspoken, and is destitute of principle, is a literary nuisance*'. If something is true, it can stand being questioned, but if it is not true, then it needs to be questioned! It seems a watchdog is seldom appreciated when it is barking, until it is realised that a real intruder has invaded the home!

The cry served out to today's teaching, counter-cult and discernment ministries is 'don't be negative' or 'doctrine divides'! What this often means is 'don't give me absolute truth', or 'don't be dogmatic about truth'. Was Jesus negative when He warned of Hell, judgement, false doctrine and sin? He called the religious leaders 'hypocrites', 'fools' and the 'blind leading the blind'... Was Paul too negative? Was Jeremiah too negative? These men preached repentance and warned of God's judgement when the 'positive' (false) prophets promised peace and prosperity! Paul constantly exposed false teaching, false teachers and false prophets. He mentioned 'doctrine' at least 26 times in his epistles, (at least 13 in the epistles to Timothy alone). If doctrine divides it is because truth divides! Jesus and Paul would be banned from most modern pulpits! They would today perhaps write unpopular 'newsletters'. Paul said: '*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?*' (Gal.4:16)

Positive or negative is not the issue. The issue is *truth* and *obedience* to doctrine and the Gospel. Is it not truth that 'makes us free'? (Jn.8:32)

Are we in this ministry to be silent when once solid Bible believing churches now gather together in ecumenical fellowship and interfaith services with religions that preach another gospel?; and Pentecostal/Charismatic churches invite false prophets to speak at Christian conferences? Space does not permit mentioning the full litany of errors now being taught and accepted freely within the family of believers. Surely to know the truth and not contend for it, fight for it, die for it if necessary, is contrary to what God expects from His true people.

We wish '*Diakrisis*' would no longer be needed! Until that hour arrives however, we will fearlessly and lovingly teach, inform, equip and at times contend for the doctrine 'once delivered'.

But at all times remembering this: '*...and the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth...*', (2Tim.2:24,25). Terry Arnold

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Reinhard Bonnke

Reinhard Bonnke is a German Pentecostal evangelist with a large ministry mainly to African and European countries. His crusades feature crowds of hundreds of thousands. Miracles, healings and multitudes of 'conversions' are reported.

On 6th October, 14 people were crushed to death in Nigeria when they attempted to rush the stage to try to touch Bonnke. The parents of one of the dead, a little baby girl, tried unsuccessfully to get the body to Bonnke hoping he would raise her from the dead. The family then did the next best thing and laid the body on Bonnke's Mercedes Benz in the hope of the baby coming back to life. Apparently they were putting their faith in the 'anointing' of the faith healer.

Yet Bonnke claims, '*When I step on a platform, often without any touch of mine the blind begin to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak and the cripples to walk...Miracles happen as if copied from the Gospels and the Book of Acts*'. The crusade chairman in Onitsha, Nigeria, boasts: '*We know that when Reinhard Bonnke comes to preach, we will see the...healing power of God in action...Each [person at the crusade] was expecting the miracle that would transform their lives; they looked desperate enough to pursue it...the healing power of God flowed each day as countless numbers reported evidence of the miraculous*'.

As with most of such healing claims, when pressed for evidences, there is either silence...or castigation that any should question such an 'anointed one' as Bonnke. In 1999 we were able to view a video produced by Bonnke's ministry. It detailed what many believe is the most convincing miraculous healing of modern times. The 'healing' of a Jean Neil appeared to be well documented until an investigation by a British Christian surgeon exposed gross inaccuracies, (see *Diakrisis*, Dec/99, P.5,6). Bonnke was asked to take the video off the market but today this fraudulent video still deceives many.

Bonnke has not produced one verified authentic documented healing. Yet the amazing claims continue unabated.

Jesus Christ shunned acclaim and let his miracles speak for themselves. His miracles were to prove He was the Messiah and that His message was from God. '***But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...***', (Jn.20:30,31); '***...Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you...***', (Acts 2:22). When John the Baptist asked the disciples for proof of the Messiahship of Christ, Jesus said to His disciples: '***Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached***', (Lk.7:21-22).

Compare the claimed miraculous 'healings' of Bonnke with those of the time of Christ and the apostles. In the Gospel of Matthew alone it is clear that Jesus healed '***all***', (Matt. 23:24; 8:16; 10:1,8; 12:15; 14:36; etc.); and '***every sickness***' that came to him were *completely* healed, (12:13; 20:34;). Jesus healed '***all***' whether they had faith or not! (Lk.17:11-19; Matt.8:1,14; 12:10; 13:58). Many healings were to do with *organic diseases* which cannot be healed psychosomatically. To sum up the healings of Jesus Christ, Richard Mayhue in his book '*The Healing Promise*' writes that the miracles of Jesus Christ were '***undeniable, successful, spectacular, without any recovery period; permanent, overwhelming, abundant, awesome, instant, authoritative, without limitations, total, and convincing all without any major medical attention that could possibly have taken credit for healing in any way.***'

Bonnke often boasts of his power. His fraudulent claims of

healings have proven without a doubt that he is one of many who make merchandise of God's people, (2Pet.2:3). The fanciful and exaggerated claims of Bonnke are sometimes more occultic than Christian. Bonnke once boasted that '*Locals brought sacks full of witchcraft items to the crusade grounds for burning each night.*' His workers wrote: '*This is the greatest number of witchcraft items we have ever seen. People surrendered their idols by the sack full...we started burning the witchcraft items from the second night of the conference, when Reinhard preached on the Blood of Jesus and took authority over the powers of the enemy. The strongholds in the city were demolished and the people released...Looking at the crowds, it was if fire from heaven had fallen on top of each head and burning hot coals had suddenly been rolled onto the tip of each tongue. The fire seemed intense - almost excruciating - judging by the painful expressions on many faces. The fire caused many people to shake their heads uncontrollably, while speaking non-stop in other tongues*'. These kind of manifestations are never once found in the New Testament and are unbiblical in their nature.

Why do huge crowds follow after the likes of Bonnke? Anthony Thomas, who wrote and directed the recent TV documentary '*Miracles*', believes Bonnke is popular in Africa because he taps into the continent's old religious superstitions. '*Bonnke is [like] the 'voodoo priest', casting spells on his enemies and summoning up good and evil spirits as he dances to the beat of the drum,*' said Thomas.

Jesus Christ warned his believers to '***take heed that no man deceive you...For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect***', (Matt.24:4,24). The word '*Christs*' means '*anointed ones*'. Bonnke and his ministry claim a special anointing.

Bonnke claims to preach the 'full gospel'. However, there is no 'full gospel' or 'half gospel' but only the true Gospel which Paul preached in 1Cor.15:1-4. This Gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf (substitution) because we are vile sinners. The 'full gospel' that Bonnke preaches is actually a gospel full of extra biblical teaching such as second blessings, unknown tongues, etc, and arguably lacks any real preaching on 'sin, righteousness and judgement to come'. These additions to the Gospel produce 'another gospel' as Paul warned against. With this gospel Bonnke preaches, '*Raise your hands and wave to me if you want to receive Jesus Christ.*'

Many come to see Bonnke's 'signs and wonders' yet Jesus warned: '***An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign***', (Matt.12:38). Sadly, when we in this ministry have investigated such healing claims, the *delusion* of the modern signs and wonders movement becomes more frightening. The major signs and wonders leaders have failed to produce real evidence for their claims of healing of organic diseases.

Jesus' offer on the cross of Calvary has no emphasis in bodily healing but rather in the deliverance from the horrific consequences of *sin*. The offer is not the redemption of our bodies in this life (Rom.8:23; Eph.1:14), but *eternal life* through the imputed (credited) righteousness of Christ.

Reinhard Bonnke may appear sincere but one must question why he continues to produce the fantastic claims of healing when Christian doctors, researchers and the media have uncovered sheer fraud. Bonnke is deceiving millions of poor Africans and making merchandise of God's creatures.

We pray that this information might be used to warn many who might be ensnared by such delusions. **Terry Arnold**

Revised Edition - 'Charismatic Distinctives' by Ken Smith

This revised edition now has new information. This concise and well researched book (111 pages) addresses with exceptional clarity the key issues surrounding Pentecostal theology - and tackles the textual problems with integrity. Anyone wishing to clarify doctrines being espoused within this movement today and compare them with Scripture would be enriched by what Ken has to say. **Mike Claydon**

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It Hurts

The following is how former cult members and those formerly in false teaching feel when they leave the group.

'It hurts to discover you were deceived - that what you thought was the 'one true religion'...or 'truth' was in reality a cult.

It hurts when you learn that those who you were taught were your 'enemies' were telling the truth after all - but you had been told not to listen to them and that they were liars, deceivers, repressive, satanic, etc.

It hurts when you know your faith in God hasn't changed - only your trust in an organisation - yet you are accused of apostasy, being a trouble maker,...It hurts even more when it is your family and friends making these accusations.

It hurts to realise the love and acceptance was conditional on you remaining a member in good standing. This cuts so deep you try to suppress it. All you want to do is forget - but how can you forget your family and friends?

It hurts when you feel as though you have lost touch with reality. You feel as though you are 'floating' and wonder if you really are better off and you long for the security had in the organisation and yet you know you cannot go back.

It hurts when you feel you are all alone - that no one seems to understand what you are feeling...'

(Adapted from internet: <http://www.pastornet.net.au/revnet/tract3.htm>)

True Sanctification

'The grace that brings salvation to us also disciplines us. It does not do the one without the other. That is, God never saves people and leaves them alone to continue in their immaturity and sinful lifestyle. Those who he saves, he disciplines. Paul said this another way in Philippians 1:6 'being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.'

(Jerry Bridges, 'The Discipline of Grace', P.80)

Shooting the Wounded/Shooting the Messenger

'Shooting the wounded'....Some among us have experienced the pain that David expressed in Psalm 109 when he was hurt, vulnerable and people had taken advantage of him.

Do we as Christians ever 'shoot the wounded' amongst us? Do we ever act unmercifully towards a wounded brother or sister? It is one thing to correct and encourage a sinning brother or sister that they would repent of their ways. However, on repentance that brother or sister must be restored as quickly as possible. How we deal with our brothers and sisters is how we would deal with our Lord and Saviour, (Matt.25:45).

'Shooting the messenger'....In this ministry we often see two types of adverse responses to our article: those who attack the message and those who attack the messenger. The former is reasonable; the latter is cowardly. A pastor, critical of our

Signs of Abusive Churches

Increasingly today I am speaking with people who have left a church and feel depressed, abused or confused. Pressure to perform or conform to a pattern of thinking or behaviour may cause a kind of 'spiritual abuse'. The Bible speaks against Pastors/Elders 'lording' it over their flock. However, it must be remembered that we do have a choice to stay or separate if problems arise. Many who feel hurt or abused must take at least some responsibility for their having followed the manipulations of men or their lack of discernment in doctrine.

It may surprise some to know that many of these churches that are prone to cause problems have sound doctrine.

Some of the signs of churches that have the potential to abuse are:

Pressure to conform to a behaviour or a way of thinking that is contrary to Scripture or extra-biblical.

Emphasis on certain dress standards and rules. (One 'cultic' characteristic may be when everyone appears to be similarly dressed).

A low tolerance for questioning. (The inability to question is a factor in the lessening of discernment skills).

The sectarian attitude is given that this church or others in the same group/affiliation are the only ones that are preaching truth. Other churches with sound doctrine are criticised. Some may say they are the only ones operating in the 'latest move of God'. Some may assume all churches from any particular Christian denomination are 'apostate' without regard to local autonomous churches or to individuals.

Pastors or leaders are themselves threatened by diverse opinions and they tend to reject new ideas.

The church board is composed of 'yes men' to the leader or leaders. Elders or deacons that suggest new ideas or oppose something are rejected. Therefore, anyone questioning the direction of the church immediately feels isolated due to the lack of support.

The pastors wife or wives of elders have much to say about the running of the church or about certain people within the church. The pastor's wife appears to usurp authority over her husband.

It is difficult to leave the church. The pastor or elder does not let one go without emotional appeals or subtle threats of the consequences involved.

When people leave they are either forgotten completely or branded as 'debris', 'tares or 'backslidden', etc. Previous 'love' for them is suddenly missing.

This ministry is dedicated to informing, teaching and equipping 'displaced' Christians that they might be restored to their place in the body of Christ. **Terry Arnold**

articles, once wrote to us using words like: 'puerile', 'petty', 'banal'...and other personal comments aimed at the writer. Another reader used words like 'silly', 'stupid', etc. It is easy to shoot the messenger - politicians and the world do this with skill. However, did Jesus ever treat Christians in this way? Yes, he called the religious pharisees and his murderers 'hypocrites' and 'vipers', but these were not His sheep.

We are to be '*holy in all manner of conversation*', (1Pet.1:15)...'*the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil...*', (2Tim.2:23-26). **Terry Arnold**

Ecumenism

'A plaque committing all NSW Political and religious leaders to tolerance and unity will be erected at one of Sydney's major tourists spots...More than 100 people attended the unity in diversity Assembly...[including] Leader of Australia Muslims, Sheik Taj el-Din Al Hilaly...Anglican Archbishop Peter Jensen...Catholic Archbishop George Pell...President of the United Buddhist Congregation of Australia and new Zealand...' [Photograph was included]

Daily Telegraph, 16/11/2001

Share The Holy Spirit Conference

Arguably the most openly Ecumenical event of the calendar year is on again in 2002 - April 15-20 at Roman Catholic St. Josephs College, Hunters Hill, NSW. Brochures show photographs of the assorted ecumenists and heretics billed as 'Speakers'. The old familiar faces are there; Rev.Fred Nile, Barry Chant, Pastor David Crabtree (an ex Seventh Day Adventist now turned Pentecostal)...and the ever present Father Tom Forrest. It's staggering to see such a lack of discernment in these men.

Who are the hosts? - 'The Servants of Jesus Community', which is made up of people from mainline Protestant, Catholic and Pentecostal Churches. Obviously these 'mainliners' aren't 'Protesting' anymore. **Mike Claydon**

President Bush & Islam

'Pray that our president will heed the advice of evangelical advisers and cease making overtures to Islam. It deeply saddens us that he has in recent months visited the main Washington Mosque, and declared Islam a religion of peace; hosted a formal (and first!) Ramadan celebration dinner at the White House with dozens of Muslim leaders (where prayers to Allah were offered), and asked our children to find Muslim pen pals, etc. He is likely unaware that Islam has a false god, a false gospel, and that idolatry is such a serious thing'.

(Calvary Contender, Dec/1/2001)

Arafat - Doublespeak?

'Last Sunday, Yasser Arafat published..'The Palestinian Vision of Peace,' in The New York Times...he wrote that the Palestinian people yearn to live 'as an equal neighbour alongside Israel with peace and security for both.' And he made a point of denouncing the murderers who have spilled so much innocent Jewish blood:...I condemn the attacks carried out by terrorist groups against Israeli civilians...They are terrorist organizations, and I am determined to put an end to their activities'...That was Sunday, in English.

On Wednesday, in Arabic, Arafat addressed a rally in Ramallah, firing up the crowd with his call for 'a million martyrs marching on Jerusalem.' ...Later that night, a Palestinian terrorist donned an Israeli uniform, infiltrated the small agricultural community of Hamra, and murdered three people - ...a 33-year-old immigrant from Ethiopia, and an unarmed mother and daughter, Miri Ochana,45, and 11-year-old Yael. The next morning, Arafat's Voice of Palestine radio jubilantly reported the attack: 'The man carrying out the operation...became a heroic martyr.' He said the killer was from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Squad, which is a division of Fatah, the PLO faction led by Arafat...On Thursday night, Arafat again addressed a rally in Ramallah: 'We will make the lives of the infidels Hell!' he swore, and once more raised the battle cry, 'Millions of martyrs marching to Jerusalem!' ...

(Excerpts from 'What 'Peace' Means To Arafat', by Jeff Jacoby, Boston Globe, Feb.10, 2002)

Pope and Apocryphal Book

VATICAN CITY, JAN. 23, 2002. - God 'places himself on the side of the victims' of violence and oppression, and inspires 'in the conscience of the evildoer a shudder that will lead him to conversion', John Paul II said today.

When meeting with some 4,000 pilgrims at the midweek general audience, the Pope used the canticle of the Jewish sage *Sirach*, written between 190 and 180 B.C., to offer an intense description of divine justice. 'The God of the Bible is not indifferent before evil,' the Holy Father said. 'And although his ways are not our ways, his times and plans are different to ours, yet he places himself on the side of the victims and appears as severe judge of the violent, the oppressors, the victorious who have no mercy.' [Would this include the perpetrators of the Roman Catholic *Inquisition* who martyred multitudes of Christians?]

John Paul II chose a passage from the Book of *Sirach* (36:1-5,10-13) in which the 'Bible reveals itself as a dialogue between God and humanity, a meeting that is put under the seal of the divine word, grace and love.' [The book is also known as Ecclesiasticus...not the Ecclesiastes of the Bible). It is a 'supplication to God to intervene in favour of Israel against the foreign nations that oppress it. In the past, God revealed his holiness when he punished the faults of his people, placing them in the hands of their enemies. Now the believer asks God to show his greatness by suppressing the power of the oppressors and installing a new era of messianic overtones...,' [So why is the Vatican pushing for the establishment of a Palestinian State?]'...In a certain sense, it can be considered as a model of prayer to be used at a time of persecution and oppression...' the Pope said.

(Mike Claydon, *Apostasy Alert*, 25/1/2002)

Editors Comments: The Apocryphal books such as *Sirach* were added to the Bible by the Catholic religion in AD 1546. Although some may be good historical reading, they contain *chronological, historical and geographical errors and contradictions* to the Word of God. The Old Testament is a Jewish collection of Jewish history and law. The Jews rejected the Apocryphal books as did the church for 400 years, (Councils of Nice AD 325, Hippo AD 394, Carthage AD 397). Jesus never quoted from these books.

Jerome, an early church Father, stated these books were not to be used for doctrine. Augustine rejected the books of Ecclesiasticus and Wisdom from the list of inspired writings. Cyril, (Bishop of Jerusalem), Athanasius and Pope Gregory the Great also rejected these books.

The following are some of the errors to be found in these books: Judith is full of historical errors - the author places Nebuchadnezzar's reign over the Assyrians at Nineveh, (in reality he was king of Babylon - Dan.4:4-6,30 and Nineveh fell seven years before his accession). Nebuchadnezzar did not make war on Media, (1:7), nor capture Ecbatana (1:14). The rebuilding of the temple, (4:13) is dated about a century too early.

In the book of *Tobit*, the writer sets Rhages in the mountains and Ecbatana in the plains and has them only two normal days walk. Ecbatana is nearly 3000 feet above Rhages and they are about 250 miles apart. Likewise historically it can be proved that '*Tobit*' could not have been a witness to the beginning of the schism in 931 BC (TB 1:4), and have been deported in 734 BC (TB 1;10). His son, born before the deportation (TB 1:9), can scarcely have heard of the destruction of Nineveh in 612 BC (TB 14:15).

In the book of Ecclesiasticus, (3:3) the writer states that almsgiving atones for sin, which is clearly unscriptural.

The Welsh Revival (1859)

(Quotes are taken from the book *'The Welsh Revival'* by Thomas Philips, written in 1860)

The Welsh Revival of 1859 shook a sizeable part of Great Britain and its effects were felt around the world. Thomas Philips wrote in 1860: *'The whole heathen world is being rapidly opened to the Gospel. The two great powers that have for ages opposed its progress throughout a large portion of the earth - Popery and Mohammedanism - are giving daily proofs of weakness and decay.'*

Oh that we would compare this and other 'awakenings' with many of the so called 'revivals' of the 20th Century! The reader will soon see the stark differences....

Characteristics: As with most true revivals there were defining characteristics of this revival. Although the teaching of doctrine is not a prominent feature of revivals, certain doctrines are evident in the churches of the great revivals.

There was *fearful and persuasive preaching* which included the judgement and the wrath of God upon sin. They truly understood *'...the terror of the Lord'* to *'persuade men'* (2Cor.5:11).

There was a *genuine fear of God*.

There was dramatic increase in the *urgency in prayer*.

The Sovereignty of God's work was mysterious but evident. Revivals often broke out *suddenly* at different places at the same time.

Holiness. People who thought they were holy were severely struck with a realisation they were in need of God's work of sanctification.

The lost were reached suddenly and sovereignly.

The churches were Evangelical. They held to the 'doctrines of Grace' such as Justification (*'Sola Fide'*) & Scripture alone (*'Sola Scriptura'*). The original term *'Evangelical'* was historically and doctrinally synonymous with the terms *'Protestant'* and *'Sola Scriptura'* (*'Scripture Alone'*). Modern Evangelicals have broadened *'Evangelical'* to mean simply the Greek word for *'Gospel'* (*'evangel'*). Thus we now have Roman Catholics and Pentecostal/Charismatics claiming themselves as *'Evangelical'*. The former violate true *Sola Scriptura* with *another gospel*; the latter with the addition of extra-biblical revelations, (including *'prophecy'* as *foretelling* words from God rather than *forthtelling* written Scripture). To be truly *'Evangelical'* in its original sense is to accept the doctrine of *'Sola Scriptura'* (*Scripture Alone*). The great revivals came to churches that held and preached this doctrine in its *original form*.*

The beginnings: The 1859 Welsh revival began in Bregan in Cardiganshire and by the instrumentality of two men - David Morgan (a Calvinistic Methodist) and Humphrey Jones (a Wesleyan preacher). However, Jones was soon laid aside with *'physical debility, mental depression and a change of views as to the mode of promoting a revival.'* (P.138) Jones became a recluse and not a part of his own denomination.

The Calvinistic Methodists had been favoured with many revivals in the past but this Welsh revival was not confined to one denomination and most orthodox evangelical denominations were awakened.

It is believed that Mr Jones preached a sermon which Morgan heard and everyone in the church put their head down and wept. The following week prayer meetings were held every night and men who had never graced a church were present. *'There was a beauty, a loveliness about the holy*

Word which we had never hitherto perceived. New light seemed to be thrown on it. It electrified us, and caused us to weep with joy. The feeling became general. All present were under its influence. The hardest hearts were forced to succumb...We could have prayed all night...every heart was subdued. No one dared to speak, except by tears...we were at a loss to know what course should be adopted...at length the minister rose, and slowly and pathetically read several appropriate portions of the Word of God. We then sang, and afterwards prayed again. And thus the meeting was carried on for 4 hours...The effects were...we felt more serious, more ready to speak about our religious life, more anxious as regards the salvation of the world...' (P.12,13)

The effects: It is believed by writers at the time that up to 50,000 were swept into the Kingdom of Heaven in one year. Calvinistic Methodist churches were favoured the most with souls, followed by the Independents and then the Baptists. *'There are considerable additions to the parish churches ...and to the independents, Baptists, and Wesleyans. About 3000 have been added to the Calvinistic Methodists alone [In Llandovery]. The fire is spreading still...our prayer meetings are becoming crowded, and a powerful spirit of prayer has laid hold of the churches.'* (P.21)

'There is scarcely a congregation in the whole of the Welsh district of the country which has not been more or less moved. I am not able to furnish you with the exact number added to our churches, but I am certain that at least two thousand have joined our societies [Welsh Congregational churches] since April 1859...the majority is made up of young people from fifteen to thirty.' (P.45-46)

An immediate result of the revival was less discord and more unity in prayer with other churches of the same persuasion. Drunkenness in most places almost ceased and in some areas could not be found at all. Many Public Houses (Pubs) closed, (12 closed in Bethesda). There was a social revival as well as spiritual; moral standards were heightened; repentance was openly evident; the *'Sabbath'* (Sunday) was more strictly observed; and cursing and swearing in quarries ceased. *'Sinners and some very notorious ones, are flocking to the church by the scores, and I may say hundreds,...in the town of Aberystwith about 400 members have been added to the Calvinistic Methodist church alone. Several of the most ungodly people in the town have been converted. Eight publicans have taken down their signs, and become teetotallers. The work commenced here one Friday night when Mr. David Morgan was preaching...the chapel filled to overflowing.'* (P.19)

Another wrote: *'..Something awfully strong takes hold of the minds of the people...We have seen numbers with weeping eyes leaving...but unable to go further than the door; they feel compelled to return again, and offer themselves as candidates for admission into the church...at the close of the public service, 20 or 30 of the worst characters remaining behind, to be spoken to and prayed for.'* (P.20)

[Ysgoldy, Llanddeiniolen, 1860] *'The public houses are nearly emptied...we do not now require a police officer...The two chapels have become too small to contain the hearers.'* (P.115)

'There is...a considerable change in the aspect of the neighborhoods...The temperance movement gathers strength, and some of the public houses are gasping for breath, as though they were in the last struggle.' (P.30)...*One of the most*

remarkable things is the disappearance of drunkenness.' (P.39)

[Flintshire] 'The public houses are empty and the people flock to the house of Lord...on the 9th of January all the shops were closed, and during the whole of that week business was suspended at halfpast six in the evening. The chapels were crowded every evening, even on the evening of the market day...I have had the pleasure of seeing some who were among my hearers when I came here...make a profession of Christ, after sitting 23 years under my ministry.' (P.66)

'On every occasion care is taken to instruct the people in the true and unchangeable principles of religion. They are cautioned against resting in a mere outward profession. They are told that excitement is not conversion, that an awakening of the conscience to a sense of guilt and danger does not always result in a change of heart. It is strongly and constantly urged that whatever hope or confidence they may have in their own minds as to their having 'passed from death unto life' - it is a mistake, a delusion, unless it is accompanied by a hatred to sin, and a renunciation of it in every shape and form; a love to holiness, and the practical discharge of every moral duty. They are told that the Bible is to be the standard of religious feeling, as it is of religious faith. In short they are admonished to seek a thorough change of heart, and to furnish evidence thereof in holiness of life'. (P. 82)...I have gathered from enquiry that not one person in every 50 of those who have assumed a profession of religion within the last 4 or 6 months, has relapsed into the world.' (P.117)

Modern 'revivals' have been characterised by the phenomena of 'slaying in the spirit' whereby people are overcome and usually fall backwards to the ground by a force said to be the Holy Spirit. Many of the supporters of this phenomena attempt to root this phenomena in the past true revival meetings, where people did fall to the ground. However, these were called 'faintings' or 'prostrations' in which people fell forwards on their face. This was not a common thing as it is today and it was also during and under the influence of some of the most powerful preaching in history. John Wesley, George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards wrote of people falling on their faces during the preaching in repentance and crying out to God for mercy and salvation from their sins. This is a far cry from the falling backwards into altered states of consciousness, (ASC). Many of the revivalists also stated clearly that even many of the 'faintings' were demonic or fleshly activity. There was also no human agent mediating and no 'catchers' as we see in churches today. They fell forwards and often with a fear for their lives!

[Glamorganshire] 'We have no cases of physical prostration; persons are not struck to the ground here, as in Ireland and Scotland; but we have many cases of very sudden and powerful changes...' (P.32)...'The soul is in danger - on the brink of, almost in Hell; they see it - they feel it; and in deep mental distress cry for deliverance. A Saviour is revealed to them in their despair; they behold him - believe in him; they are rescued - saved; they know it, they rejoice, and in forgetfulness of themselves, and indifferent to all around, they sometimes leap for joy! It should be stated however, that judicious ministers and elders do not encourage what may be regarded as an excessive exhibition of feeling, more especially when it interferes with the usual order of the public service, or when it disturbs or hinders the devotion of others...' (P.129,130)

Prayer! 'The first symptoms of the work appeared...in a revival of the spirit of prayer...We all wished to pray. We all

delighted to pray. We were all impelled to pray, by an unseen power. Those who had, a few weeks before, very little inclination for prayer meetings, and very seldom attended them, are among the foremost in promoting the work...This had a marked influence on the world...Many became deeply concerned about their souls, and earnestly sought the Lord for mercy, through the blood of Jesus, shed for the remission of sins. It became evident to all that our prayers were answered - that the spirit was poured out from on high; for almost every night was seen the tears of the penitent, were heard the sighs and sobs of the mourner and broken hearted, and the cries of those who saw their lost condition...' (P.41)

[Stansbatch] '...A little girl came forward, seeking the Lord in deep distress. When we were directing her to the Saviour, a man was heard sobbing and weeping bitterly, and crying aloud for mercy. 'O God,' he said, 'have mercy upon me; oh! save me or I die.' He was the little girl's father. He rose and moved to his little daughter, and threw his arms round her neck, and both, weeping and broken hearted, knelt down, and continued in earnest prayer for about 15 minutes. The father continued in great distress for many days. At a subsequent meeting he told us...that the Lord had mercy upon him - that his burden had been removed - that his sins had been forgiven - and that he knew now what it was to rejoice on Jesus.' (P.44)

[North Wales slate quarries] '[The workers] were in deep concern for their souls...they followed their work in this state of mind, occasionally weeping on account of their lost condition as guilty sinners before God. After dinner...making their way to the top of the hill...about 500 in number...they held a prayer meeting. Whilst they prayed the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them...nearly all present wept and sobbed aloud...prayer meetings were multiplied and held in the open air amongst the quarrymen.' (P.47-49)

'...in the prayer meetings, a sense of awful condemnation, and an agonising dread of God's wrath, seemed to overwhelm them, so that they were forced to cry aloud for mercy. Sometimes they would fall down on their knees...a brother would attempt to pray but his feelings would soon be so overpowered that he would be obliged to sit down or...fall down on their faces...I will defy the hardest and most callous sinner to remain five minutes within hearing of these prayers without being in tears. In fact they are not prayers, but the broken accents and the agonising groans of souls, held, as it were, over the flames of Hell...When the law has done its work with them, and the Saviour found...it is then all thanksgiving and praise...

...Young men, from 15 to 20 years old continue to pray often till midnight and sometimes until three or four o'clock in the morning. Women, also, have their prayer meetings by themselves, and they are as warm in it as the men.' (P.51,52)

'There are clear signs of that which the Bible represents as conviction of sin - the pricking of the heart - a broken and contrite spirit - repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ...' (P.63)

'... meetings for prayer are separately held by six different parties: first, by little boys from 6 to 12 years; secondly, by boys from 10 to 15; thirdly, by young men; fourthly by girls from 8 to 15; fifthly by young women; sixthly by adults of all ages.' (P.67)

Such was the mighty 1859 Welsh revival - a revival in which God sovereignly brought an urgency in prayer and holiness unto the Lord. *The Lord was glorified* and in His mercy He saved multitudes of lost sinners. **Terry Arnold**

* See *Diakrisis* July/2000

Myths of the Middle East

'...If you believe what you read in most news sources, Palestinians want a homeland and Muslims want control over sites they consider holy. Simple, right? Well, as an Arab-American journalist who has spent some time in the Middle East dodging more than my fare share of rocks and mortar shells, I've got to tell you that these are just phony excuses for the rioting, trouble making and land grabbing.

Isn't it interesting that prior to the 1967 Arab-Israel War, there was no serious movement for a Palestinian homeland?...In the six Day war, Israel captured Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem. But they didn't capture these territories from Yasser Arafat. They captured them from Jordan's King Hussein. I can't help wonder why all these Palestinians suddenly discovered their national identity after Israel won the war.

The truth is that Palestine is no more real than never-never land. The first time the name was used was in 70AD, when the Romans committed genocide against the Jews, smashed the temple and declared the land of Israel would be no more...From then on, the Romans promised, it would be known as Palestine. The name was derived from the Philistines, a Goliathian people conquered by the Jews centuries earlier. It was a way for the Romans to add insult to injury. They also tried to change the name of Jerusalem to Aelia Capitolina, but that had even less staying power.

Palestine has never existed - before or since - as an autonomous entity. It was ruled alternately by Rome, by Islamic and Christian Crusaders, by the Ottoman Empire and, briefly, by the British after World War I. The British agreed to restore at least part of the land to the Jewish people, as their homeland.

There is no language known as Palestinian. There is no distinct Palestinian culture. There has never been a land known as Palestine governed by Palestinians. Palestinians are Arabs, indistinguishable from Jordanians (another recent invention), Syrians, Lebanese, Iraqis, etc. Keep in mind that the Arabs control 99.9% of the Middle East lands. Israel represents one tenth of one percent of the land mass. But that's too much for the Arabs. They want it all. And that is ultimately what the fighting in Israel is about today - greed, pride, envy, covetousness. No matter how many land concessions the Israelis make, it will never be enough.

What about Islam's holy sights? There are none in Jerusalem. Shocked? You should be. I don't expect you will ever hear this brutal truth from anyone else in the international media. Its just not politically correct...The Koran says nothing about Jerusalem. It mentions Mecca hundreds of times. It never mentions Jerusalem. With good reason. There is no historical evidence to suggest Mohammed ever visited Jerusalem. So how did Jerusalem become their holiest site of Islam? Muslims today site a vague passage in the Koran, the Seventeenth Sura, entitled 'The Night Journey'. It relates that in a dream or a vision, Mohammed was carried by night 'from the sacred temple to the temple that is remote, whose precinct we have blessed, that we might show him our signs.' In the Seventeenth Century, some Muslims identified the two temples mentioned in the verse as being in Mecca and Jerusalem. And that's as close as Islam's connection with Jerusalem gets - myth, fantasy, wishful thinking.

Meanwhile, Jews can trace their roots in Jerusalem back to the days of Abraham...Can you imagine what it is like for Jews to be threatened, stoned and physically kept out of the holiest site in Jerusalem?

So whats the solution the Middle East mayhem?...I don't

*think there is a solution to the violence...it needs to begin with truth. Pretending will only lead to more chaos. Treating a 5,000 year old birthright backed by overwhelming historical and archaeological evidence equally with illegitimate claims, wishes and wants, gives diplomacy and peace-keeping a bad name.' (By Joseph Farah, an Arab American Journalist, *World Net Daily*, 11/10/2000; memythso.wps)*

Israel/Palestine/Palestinians - More History

Thousands of years before the Romans invented 'Palastina' the land had been known as 'Canaan'. The Canaanites had many tiny city-states, each one at times independent and at times a vassal of an Egyptian or Hittite king. The Canaanites never united into a state.

After the Exodus from Egypt,...the Children of Israel settled in the land of Canaan. There they formed first a tribal confederation, and then the Biblical kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and the post-Biblical kingdom of Judea...

After the Roman conquest of Judea, 'Palastina' became a province of the pagan Roman Empire and then of the Christian Byzantine Empire, and very briefly of the Zoroastrian Persian Empire. In 638 CE, an Arab-Muslim Caliph took Palastina away from the Byzantine Empire and made it part of an Arab-Muslim Empire. The Arabs, who had no name of their own for this region, adopted the Greco-Roman name Palastina, that they pronounced 'Falastin'.

In that period, much of the mixed population of Palastina converted to Islam and adopted the Arabic language. They were subjects of a distant Caliph who ruled them from his capital, that was first in Damascus and later in Baghdad. They did not become a nation or an independent state, or develop a distinct society or culture.

In 1099, Christian Crusaders from Europe conquered Palastina-Falastin. After 1099, it was never again under Arab rule. The Christian Crusader kingdom was politically independent, but never developed a national identity. It remained a military outpost of Christian Europe, and lasted less than 100 years. Thereafter, Palestine was joined to Syria as a subject province first of the Mameluks, ethnically mixed slave-warriors whose centre was in Egypt, and then of the Ottoman Turks, whose capital was in Istanbul.

During the First World War, the British took Palestine from the Ottoman Turks. At the end of the war, the Ottoman Empire collapsed and among its subject provinces 'Palestine' was assigned to the British, to govern temporarily as a mandate from the League of Nations.

The Jewish National Home

Travellers to Palestine from the Western world left records of what they saw there. The theme throughout their reports is dismal: The land was empty, neglected, abandoned, desolate, fallen into ruins...

The restoration of the land began in the latter half of the Nineteenth Century with the first Jewish pioneers. Their labours created newer and better conditions and opportunities, which in turn attracted migrants from many parts of the Middle East, both Arabs and others.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917, confirmed by the League of Nations Mandate, committed the British Government to the principle that 'His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish National Home, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object...' It was specified both that this area be open to 'close Jewish settlement' and that the rights of all inhabitants

already in the country be preserved and protected.

Mandate Palestine originally included all of what is now Jordan, as well as all of what is now Israel, and the territories between them. However, when Great Britain's protege Emir Abdullah was forced to leave the ancestral Hashemite domain in Arabia, the British created a realm for him that included all of Mandate Palestine east of the Jordan River. There was no traditional or historic Arab name for this land, so it was called after the river: first Trans-Jordan and later Jordan.

By this political act, that violated the conditions of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, the British cut more than 75 percent out of the Jewish National Home. No Jew has ever been permitted to reside in Trans-Jordan/Jordan.

Less than 25 percent then remained of Mandate Palestine, and even in this remnant, the British violated the Balfour and Mandate requirements for a 'Jewish National Home' and for 'close Jewish settlement'. They progressively restricted where Jews could buy land, where they could live, build, farm or work.

After the Six-Day War in 1967, Israel was finally able to settle some small part of those lands from which the Jews had been debarred by the British. Successive British governments regularly condemned their settlement as 'illegal'. In truth, it was the British who had acted illegally in banning Jews from these parts of the Jewish National Home.

Who is Palestinian?

During the period of the Mandate, it was the Jewish population that was known as 'Palestinians' including those who served in the British Army in World War II.

British policy was to curtail their numbers and progressively limit Jewish immigration. By 1939, the White Paper virtually put an end to admission of Jews to Palestine. This policy was imposed the most stringently at the very time this Home was most desperately needed - after the rise of Nazi power in Europe. Jews who might have developed the empty lands of Palestine and left progeny there, instead died in the gas chambers of Europe or in the seas they were trying to cross to the Promised Land.

At the same time that the British slammed the gates on Jews, they permitted or ignored massive illegal immigration into Western Palestine from Arab countries Jordan, Syria, Egypt, North Africa. In 1939, Winston Churchill noted that 'So far from being persecuted, the Arabs have crowded into the country and multiplied...' Exact population statistics may be problematic, but it seems that by 1947 the number of Arabs west of the Jordan River was approximately triple of what it had been in 1900.

The current myth is that these Arabs were long established in Palestine, until the Jews came and 'displaced' them. The fact is, that recent Arab immigration into Palestine 'displaced' the Jews...

From Palestine to Israel

What was to become of 'Palestine' after the Mandate? This question was taken up by various British and international commissions and other bodies, culminating with the United Nations in 1947. During the various deliberations, Arab officials, spokesmen and writers expressed their views on 'Palestine': 'There is no such country as Palestine. 'Palestine' is a term the Zionists invented...Our country was for centuries part of Syria. 'Palestine' is alien to us. It is the Zionists who introduced it.' (Local Arab leader to British Peel Commission, 1937) ...By 1948, the Arabs had still not yet

discovered their ancient nation of 'Falastin'. When they were offered half of Palestine west of the Jordan River for a state, the offer was violently rejected. Six Arab states launched a war of annihilation against the State of Israel. Their purpose was not to establish an independent Falastin. Their aim was to partition western Palestine amongst themselves.

They did not succeed in killing Israel, but Trans-Jordan succeeded in taking Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and East Jerusalem, killing or driving out all the Jews who had lived in those places, and banning Jews of all nations from Jewish holy places. Egypt succeeded in taking the Gaza Strip. These two Arab states held these lands until 1967. Then they launched another war of annihilation against Israel, and in consequence lost the lands they had taken by war in 1948.

During those 19 years, 1948-1967, Jordan and Egypt never offered to surrender those lands to make up an independent state of Falastin. The 'Palestinians' never sought it. Nobody in the world ever suggested it, much less demanded it.

Finally, in 1964, the Palestine Liberation Movement[PLO] was founded. Ahmed Shukairy, who less than 10 years earlier had denied the existence of Palestine, was its first chairman. Its charter proclaimed its sole purpose to be the destruction of Israel. To that end it helped to precipitate the Arab attack on Israel in 1967.

The outcome of that attack then inspired an alteration in public rhetoric. As propoganda, it sounds better to speak of the liberation of Falastin than of the destruction of Israel. Much of the world, governments and media and public opinion, accept virtually without question of serious analysis the new-sprung myth of an Arab nation of Falastin, whose territory is unlawfully occupied by the Jews.

Since the end of World War I, the Arabs of the Middle East and North Africa have been given independent states in 99.5% of the land they claimed. Lord Balfour once expressed his hope that when the Arabs had been given so much, they would 'not begrudge' the Jews the 'little notch' promised to them. [Some of the material cited above is drawn from the book 'From Time Immemorial' by Joan Peters.]

Did You Know?

For over 3,300 years, Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity.

Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in Tanach, the Jewish Holy Scriptures. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran.

King David founded the city of Jerusalem. Mohammed never came to Jerusalem.

Jews pray facing Jerusalem. Muslims pray with their backs toward Jerusalem.

The Arab - Israeli Conflict: The Arabs are represented by twenty separate nations, not including the Palestinians. There is only one Jewish nation. The Arab nations initiated all five wars and lost. Israel defended itself each time and won.

Under Jordanian rule, Jewish holy sites were desecrated and the Jews were denied access to places of worship. Under Israeli rule, all Muslim and Christian sites have been preserved and made accessible to people of all faiths.

The U.N was silent while 58 Jerusalem Synagogues were destroyed by the Jordanians. The U.N. was silent while the Jordanians systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives. The U.N. was silent while the Jordanians enforced an apartheid-like policy of preventing Jews from visiting the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

Billy Graham - Refers Converts To False Religions

'The evidence for this is overwhelming. We have documented this extensively in our 354-page book Evangelicals and Rome (Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277). As early as Sept. 21, 1957, Graham said in an interview with the San Francisco News, 'Anyone who makes a decision at our meetings is seen later and referred to a local clergyman, Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish.' In 1983, The Florida Catholic (Sept. 2, 1983) reported of the Orlando crusade: 'Names of Catholics who had made decisions for Christ were provided at that meeting by Rick Marshall of the Graham organization.' The report said the names of 600 people had been turned over to the Catholic Church. In 1984, at the Vancouver, British Columbia crusade, the vice-chairman of the organizing committee, David Cline...said, 'If Catholics step forward there will be no attempt to convert them and their names will be given to the Catholic church nearest their homes' (Vancouver Sun, Oct. 5, 1984). In 1987 a Catholic priest, Donald Willette of St. Jude's Church, was a supervisor of the 6,600 counsellors for the Denver crusade. Willette reported that from one service alone 500 cards of individuals were referred to St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church in Englewood, a suburb of Denver (Wilson Ewin,

Evangelism: The Trojan Horse of the 1990s). In 1989, Michael Seed, Ecumenical Advisor to (Catholic) Cardinal Hume, said of Graham's London crusade: 'Those who come forward for counselling during a Mission evening in June, if they are Roman Catholic, will be directed to a Roman Catholic 'nurture-group' under Roman Catholic counsellors in their home area' (John Ashbrook, New Neutralism II, p. 35). By September 1992, the Catholic archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, had set a goal to supply 6,000 of the 10,000 counsellors needed for the Graham crusade. All Catholics responding to the altar call were channelled to Catholic churches. These are just a few examples of the hundreds that could be given.

(David Cloud, Director Way of Life Literature 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud>)

Editors Comments: These ecumenical facts have been denied by many pastors and Christians in Australia. Despite the many commendations that could be given to Billy Graham, this issue is a most serious one. Graham's methods are diametrically opposed to the great commission and to Scripture which commands us to win and disciple Roman Catholics and have no fellowship with this false religion.

The Pope, Don Bosco & Magicians

'Rome, Jan. 29, 2002 - Hundreds of magicians and illusionists will present a petition to John Paul II...asking him to declare St. John Bosco their patron saint. These special pilgrims will attend the general audience dressed in their glittering costumes. They will give the Pope a magic wand from India, 'so that he will continue to perform the great magic the world needs: peace and serenity.'

One of the organizers of the event is Salesian Father Silvano Mantelli, widely known as Magician Sales. Two years

ago Magician Sales organized the Jubilee of magicians (excluding occultists) and, for the past 20 years, he has celebrated the 'Mass of the Conjurers' in Castelnuovo Don Bosco....

Don Bosco is known popularly as patron of conjurers and illusionists...Sales directs the 'Magicians Without Frontiers Foundation', which funds projects for Third World children with income from the performances...'

(Apostasy Alert, Jan/2002)

Roberts Liardon

Roberts Liardon, who is due to be married soon, confessed to a church member meeting on 17/Dec./01 that he had a long term homosexual relationship with John Carrette - his youth pastor, personal assistant and roommate.

Charisma magazine played down the confession in their article title: *'Roberts Liardon Steps Down Over 'Moral Failure'*. *Charisma* stated it was a *'short term relationship'*.

Liardon is reported to have said: *'As a minister of the gospel, I realize my moral failure has been inappropriate and wrong. I have asked God's forgiveness, and for the past month have sought professional counselling and other help. I ask anyone affected by my actions to forgive me and to pray for both my spiritual and physical recovery.'*

The statement said that Liardon would re-evaluate his situation in *'three months time'*, together with those offering *'accountability, counselling and authority...and determine the appropriate time for his return.'* Liardon is the author of *'God's Generals,'* a history of Pentecostal pioneers. He founded *Spirit Life Bible College* and his *Roberts Liardon Ministries* and has offices in England, South Africa and the Philippines.

Liardon launched much of his public ministry on the retelling of his alleged trip to heaven when he was only 8 years old. In the book *'I Saw Heaven'* he details his 'trip' to heaven where he was shown a room filled with body parts...whenever someone exercised true faith then one of these parts would disappear from the heavenly warehouse and mystically be formed in or on the needy faith-filled person.

What many do not know is that Liardon has suffered from

ongoing heart problems...Why have not Liardons teachings on faith healing been effective to heal this problem?

But what of his followers now? Will they see the connection between false doctrine and character? Will they see the lineage of those Pentecostal leaders he admired?.....

Charles Parham: Founder of the Pentecostal movement and the teaching on unknown tongues in 1901, was later charged with homosexuality. He caused the death of a young girl who stopped taking her medication after being 'healed'.

A.A. Allen: Jumped bail after being arrested for drunk driving and was defrocked by the Assemblies of God (AOG). Allen died of liver poisoning due to acute alcoholism.

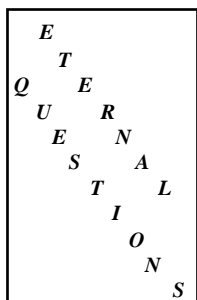
Aimee-Semple Mcpherson: Aimee faked her own kidnapping to have an adulterous affair. She had three husbands, the third left his wife and children to marry her. That marriage was short lived and she had a nervous breakdown. Her husband filed for divorce. She died from an overdose of sleeping pills in 1944 before passing on the 'mantle' to Kathryn Kuhlman.

Kathryn Kuhlman: Kuhlman had a relationship with a married man who divorced his wife to marry her. Kuhlman then divorced him. Benny Hinn claims to have received his 'anointing' from Kuhlman and even from her gravesite.

Roberts Liardon is one of the foremost modern day Pentecostal leaders and speakers and has sold millions of books and tapes worldwide. For years Liardon has misled multitudes with extra biblical revelations and false teachings. We pray Liardon will not follow in the footsteps of others who have resumed ministry and continued on unchanged. **Terry Arnold**

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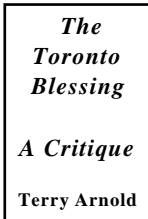
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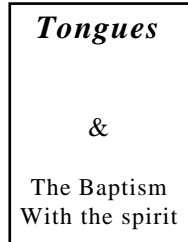
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Dear Terry, I do like the snippets of information I get from your newsletter but when it comes to attacking, yet again, a sound godly man like David Wilkerson, I just can't keep silent...last year I read David's book [a title mentioned] ...written some years back and it was as if I was reading about current affairs today. Much of what he was talking about had happened or was happening. We need to encourage more people to read his books...and take notice.

Yes Scripture is sufficient in our perilous times but we need true watchmen to warn us of the judgment to come, and be true preachers of the Kingdom of God. Matt.24:11- tells us that many false prophets will rise and deceive many, but that the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached, and then shall the end come. Vs.24 says that false Christs and false prophets shall show great signs and wonders - to deceive. The warnings against false Christs, false prophets and false teaching are there to see that we are not deceived but remain faithful...

David Wilkerson, is far from being a deceiver. He preaches the gospel...There is nothing self-seeking or serving in His ministry. He loves and cares about the saints of God and is a bold watchman. He does not show false signs and wonders to deceive. He is a faithful and wise servant and no hypocrite. Mike Claydon therefore has no scriptural basis in which to attack a man who is sound in preaching the gospel...I thank the Lord for his warnings of judgment and for his books...

Now you will say he is a false prophet because not all of his prophecies have come to pass...on that same basis I guess you would have to say Jesus Christ is also a false prophet as not all he has predicated soon to happen have come to pass...examples,..Rev.1:1 '...to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass. '; Rev.22:6 'These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold I come quickly.'

No person can come to any harm spiritually by taking heed to warnings about sin, immorality, materialism, lukewarmness and the judgment to come.

...we don't want to become Pharisees. The name Pharisee means 'separatists.' Their strictness separated them from their fellow Jews as well as from the heathen. Loyalty to truth sometimes produces pride and even hypocrisy, and it is this ideal that is denounced by Jesus. Paul was a Pharisee and persecuted the true believers until his dramatic conversion.

It is good to make a stand for truth but our hearts must always be open. We can just as readily be deceived as anyone else in these days of apostasy and much confusion of voices.

Please, don't be a stumbling block to sincere believers in the way you use your newsletter to attack sound men and doctrine. (F.M. Vict.)..... (Advisory comment next column)...

Advisory Comment (Mike Claydon): Dear F., We receive many letters in the same vein. However, none of them state where we have erred. This really disappoints us.

All the Scriptures you use must be applied to David Wilkerson who is not above scrutiny. Wilkerson is not sound in doctrine. A review of his sermons will quickly show this. Please read our article May/June 2000 - we documented clearly his false teaching. Nowhere have you shown us where we are in error in the two articles we have written. We would love to have real feedback and be corrected if wrong.

We do not doubt all the things you have said about Wilkerson's character - we agree. That is not in question.

I am surprised that you would use the prophecies of Jesus and align their veracity to those of Wilkersons. Lets look at the ones you have mentioned:

Rev.1:1: In Revelation 22:7, Jesus said He Himself was coming 'quickly'. This is the same Greek word that is translated 'shortly' in chapter one. This verse should be understood to mean that the events in the book will occur 'soon' in God's view of time. He is relating these events to infinite time frames. The proper way to interpret this verse is to realize that when these events do happen (though the specific time is unknown to believers but known to God), they will occur *suddenly* and *quickly*. The context also shows this throughout Revelation. There is no discrepancy here whatsoever. The Greek word means 'quickly'! Rev.22:6 is the *same* Greek word again.

In using these Scriptures are you not ignoring the obvious interpretation of Deut.19 about false prophecies? How do we test false prophecies? - very simply - if they do not come to pass they are false and the prophet must be separated from! Failure to do this is contrary to the express command of the Bible and the Will of God. The question is: are there predictions Wilkerson has made that have not come to pass? The answer to this is obvious and inescapable. When Dave says 'imminently' and 'shortly' he surely means just that?

Was Paul being 'pharisaical' when he named names and publicly exposed error? Are we 'pharisees' because we clearly and irrefutably show Wilkerson's false predictions? I grow weary of this charge of pride, hypocrisy and pharisaism when what we are doing is exposing false predictions. *Not one single person has refuted the facts in our two articles!* Yet we have received castigating e-mails from Pentecostal 'discernment' ministries who cowardly shoot the messenger instead of the message. Our 'heart is open' - a condition you urge me to be in - please show me exactly where what we have written is incorrect. I stand willing to be corrected. Mike Claydon

(Letter from a pastor, Western Australia)

This week I preached what was to be a 15-minute sermon but turned into a 22-minute discourse on the error of 'walking the aisle' or repeating a 'sinners prayer' or 'making a commitment' for salvation. The unscriptural method of the 'altar calls' of a preacher 'begging and pleading' for a sinner to 'come forward' is an indication that the Holy Spirit of God is a 'wimp' and needs a 'man' to beg and plead and persuade a sinner, when in Truth, the Holy Spirit does the three C's. The Convicting and Convincing and the Converting. Amen?

I preached of the error of the church inviting the wolves

into the sheep pasture to try and convert the wolves, or rather to increase numbers. I preached of how the wolves in the churches now outnumber the sheep, and the church, in trying to lure the wolves/unchurched into the church, has to make the 'Church of God' appealing to the 'unchurched', and there begins the 'falling away' that is spoken of in 2Thessalonians 2:3.

I spoke of how the church is feeding and entertaining the wolves and starving the sheep and so most churches now have malnourished Christians in them that need to 'come out from among them'.

Your Comments and Questions

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

'Dear Terry, Thank you for another excellent edition of *Diakrisis*. I particularly appreciated the article on Justification/Sanctification/Glorification, [July/Aug. 2001]. Prior to reading the article I could never quite grasp the 'process'. Accepting that we are saved by Grace, then just where did 'work out your own salvation with fear and trembling' fit into the scheme of things.

Your article will be the subject of much study and I hope the start of a little more co-operation with the Holy Spirit on my part.' (P.V., Sydney)

Dear Terry...I and other people have been blessed by the material your ministry has put out...I find that many people do not want to know the truth about these issues which are problems in our churches. Keep up the good work. Stand up for the Gospel and I pray God would continue to enable you to have the courage to fight for truth and not be complacent...(W.M., Bairnsdale, Vict)

Dear Terry, really appreciate each issue and would like to continue getting a copy. (A.&S.F., Missionaries, Botswana)

'Dear Terry,...thankyou for your newsletter 'Diakrisis'...my friend...gave me all his back copies that he had and so I have been pouring over them. I congratulate you for being true to the Word of God and exposing the apostasy that abounds in the church today.

I myself came out of the Charismatic movement at around the Toronto Blessing infiltration. I could see that it was not of God and ran for my life! I am now in a good solid fundamental Bible teaching church at Deception Bay. We are only small but at least the Truth is being preached and taught.

My late husband...and his uncle started a booklet ministry to be used in witnessing and evangelism on all sorts of topics, some exposing error and mostly showing people how to be truly born-again...I have continued on with this ministry...Our church has a stall at the Saturday markets at Deception Bay, and we give away the booklets and other Christian literature free. We have given away dozens on exposing the Harry Potter Books for what they really are. It's amazing how few parents can see anything wrong in these occult books. Even some Christian parents!...I think that those books are one of the greatest threats to our children's spiritual lives than anything else at the present time. I shudder to think of what the impact will be now that the movie is released.' (R.S., Qld)

Dear Terry, We pray all is well with you & your family. Just wanted to let you know how greatly we were encouraged by your visits when you were in Sydney...We were looking for a Bible preaching church and have tried and are enjoying fellowship at a church you recommended...Thank you for your words of wisdom & care.

We would like to subscribe to your newsletter...We pray the Lord continues to give you direction and guidance and keep you in His loving care – as we know He will! Yours in Christ love... (P. & K.G., Sydney)

Dear TA, Excellent newsletter!...Very courageous and very strong. Thankyou for your heart of truthfulness to the Word of God...(Sydney)

'Dear Terry, I was recently shown your newsletters – what an answer to prayer! I came out of JW's 25 years ago and was gloriously saved and fellowshipped in a Baptist Church. It has been horrifying to see the leaven of errors spreading through all the churches here...I enclose an article I wrote and sent to JW's many years ago when their Watchtower magazine said they were 'lightbearers'. Now it applies to most of the Churches which profess to be Christians. All the local Pastors here meet every week - it seems like a good idea but has only caused false unity without true doctrine.

Do you know of any remnant Churches in this area?...In His service.' (D.S., Toowoomba, Qld)

Dear Terry and staff, Thankyou for your wonderful publication - very informative and also keeps us on our toes...We do need you folk very much...(P.W., Vict)

Dear Terry,...Most ministries will not caution their flock concerning wrong teaching...many ministries today would not know it even if they saw it? God bless you, (J.S., Vict)

Dear sir, I thank God for your newsletter and that I am able to get a free subscription...(M.O., Bradbury, NSW)

Dear Terry, Thankyou for encouraging me in the body of Christ. You remind me of Paul writing to Timothy to be on guard against false teaching...(P.W., Sydney)

Dear Terry, Thankyou for 'Diakrisis'. I find the contents very interesting and informative...your mission to unmask heresy in the church is a formidable task and not everyone is interested. I have found that most Christians prefer to bury their heads in the sand...(M.M., NSW)

Praise Points

- Praise the lord for all of His provision in this ministry.

Prayer Points

- Pray that readers of this newsletter will discern the truth according to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.

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