



Diakrisis

A Ministry of Teaching

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

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'I believe in a topless Heaven, a bottomless Hell, eternal salvation, and an everlasting damnation.'
(Spurgeon)

Editors Comments

There are times in this ministry when things become lonely and discouraging. Although 99% of our mail is encouraging and supportive, there are those few who heap condemnation on this ministry and accuse us of negativity, pharisaism, and even blaspheming the Holy Spirit. Some of us do not like to have our pet doctrines shaken! It is in these times that I am driven to my knees to plead with God to give me more of His understanding, love, compassion and mercy.

Some use Matthew 7: '**judge not that ye be not judged**' and accuse us of not taking the 'log' out of our own eye. They fail to realise that this passages of scripture is speaking of a *hypocritical* judgement, (see vs.5). We are not to judge if the *same* sin (log) is in our *own* life. However, the very 'logs' we are exposing, (eg. false doctrines, ecumenicism, etc), are the ones that we have *already* separated from. The Bible does in fact say we are to judge!: **Judge righteous judgement** (Jn.7:24); **The spiritual man judges all things** (1Cor.2:15). Do these scriptures contradict Matthew 7?

When I look at the way the likes of Luther, Wesley and Spurgeon defended the faith, I consider myself a *wimp* by comparison. When I see the way the martyrs of old went to be burned at the stake while reproving and exposing error and false teachers, I consider our ministry *tame* by comparison. Part of the Gospel is to reprove, expose error (Eph.5:11; Acts 9:29), and defend that which was '**once delivered to the saints**', (Jude 3). God does not give everyone a passion to do this. However, a statement must be made in defense of the Gospel!

I read of people like Carol Arnott, the wife of Toronto pastor John Arnott, who says that the Holy Spirit is lonely for Jesus and that's why he '*hangs around us so much*'. I read her claim that the Holy Spirit woke her up one night and she turned over in bed and said '*oh, not now I'm too tired!*' Is it any wonder we have reports and video clips documenting bizarre sexually connotative behaviour at some meetings? My response to what is happening in the church today is to *protest*, not just to change the church, but to keep the church from changing me!

We do not expect everyone to agree with our material or our comments. It is doubtful that anyone will agree with us *all* the time. I welcome constructive comments and questions and I remain teachable to those I am accountable to. We seek to major on and teach on current issues that are affecting the church at large.

Please pray for the Sydney meetings. I am looking forward to meeting supporters at the BBQ in Sydney, (see p. 4), that I may be able to thank and encourage them in our one Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. **Terry Arnold**

Global Christianity figures static

'Despite massive outreach and evangelism efforts, the percentage of the world's population which practices the Christian faith has remained the same for a quarter of a century, while the number of muslims have grown dramatically, according to religious statistician David B.Barrett...During the same period Muslims have doubled their numbers...Nearly one in four Christians belongs to...Charismatic and Pentecostal churches...While the numbers of Christians in Europe and North America are decreasing and the Christian faith is stagnating in Latin America, the Christian population is growing in Africa and Asia...' (The Qld. Baptist, Aug. 96)

Editors note: **The straight and narrow path has not developed enough traffic to need a four lane highway and it never will! '... for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it, (Matt.7:13,14), and ...when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth? (Lk.18:8).**

Rick Joyner & Prophecy

Rick Joyner is a prominent American author and recognised by many as a prophet. Yet Joyner falsely predicted a triumph of communism prior to the iron curtain collapsing.* For some years I have been discerning his books and bulletins. Much of it is extra-Biblical 'prophecy' which goes well beyond the scope of the Bible. We leave the reader to discern for themselves as to the spirits that speak to this man:

In 1992 he predicted an intense spiritual battle that would defeat the south as in the American civil war. He said '*The spiritual battle for Atlanta will be of the same kind of strategic significance*'. He added two details - the time and the place! He said that '*Atlanta in 1996 will be one of the greatest opportunities the church has had to engage and breakthrough some of the enemy's most powerful strongholds...It is no accident that the Olympics are coming to Atlanta in 1996. Just as the Olympics represent the contest of the best athletes, or physical forces from all nations, cultures and races, what will be taking place in the physical will just be a reflection of what will be happening in the spiritual realm. The cultural and spiritual forces of the world are being assembled in Atlanta for one of the ultimate spiritual conflicts*'.**

The Olympic games are now finished and I saw nothing that would fit this prophecy. In fact the opening of the games was an open show of *spiritism* and the *occult* with the 'calling forth' of the four spirits out of the earth as well as numerous other mythological spirit mediums being paraded. If this is a reflection of what will happen in the spiritual realm, then God help us!

Rick Joyner's writings describe much fanciful, imaginative and sometimes repulsive visions. In one bulletin titled '*The Hordes of Hell are Marching*'*** he describes an army from Hell unleashed to attack the church: '*...a unified, glorious church rise up as a great army in the most pivotal battle of all time between light and darkness...I knew in my heart that the church had never faced anything like this before...As I watched, I realised that these prisoners thought that the vomit of condemnation was truth from God. Then I understood that these prisoners actually thought they were marching in the army of God! This is why they did not kill the little demons of fear, or the vultures - they thought they were messengers from God!...Even worse than the vomit from the vultures was a repulsive slime that these demons were urinating and defecating upon the Christians they rode. This slime was the pride, selfish ambition, etc...this slime made the Christians feel so much better...and they actually thought this slime was the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Then the voice of the Lord came to me saying, 'This is the beginning of the enemy's last day army...his ultimate power of destruction is released when he uses Christians to attack other Christians'...Behind this army there was a trailing mob. These seemed to be happy...it reminded me of the atmosphere at Woodstock...A messenger came up to me, gave me a trumpet and told me to blow it quickly...We had swords named the Word of God and arrows that were named for Biblical truths...The higher we climbed, the larger both our shields and our swords grew, and fewer of the enemy arrows could reach that position...when a Christian was hit by one of the arrows of accusation or slander, a demon of bitterness or rage would fly in and perch on that arrow. He would then begin to urinate and defecate his poison upon that Christian. When a Christian had two or three of these demons added to the pride or self-righteousness he already had, he began to change into the contorted image of the demons themselves....I was so sorry that so many had stopped on the lower levels, ..When we reached the level called 'Galatians Two Twenty' we were above the altitude that the vultures could fly...But it was on this level that I caught up to Faith, hope and Love...Love then said, 'Those who reach this level are entrusted with the powers of the age to come, but I must teach you how to use them'...We started up to the higher levels...As soon as we did, we saw the tree of life in the middle of this garden. It was still guarded by angels...One of them said, 'Those who make it to this level, who know the Father's love, can eat'...The Lord Jesus Himself then stood in our midst. He touched each one, then said, 'I must now share with you what I shared with your brothers after my ascension - the message of my kingdom. The enemy's most powerful army has now been put to flight, but not destroyed. Now it is time for us to march forth with the Gospel of my kingdom...It is now time for the Sword of the Lord to be unsheathed*'.

Those who know their Bible will see things in this vision that do not fit with the Word of God, the rest being mostly extra-Biblical. Yet this man has a large following and his books have been best sellers and are available in most Christian bookstores!

Terry Arnold

* 'Moriel' No.6, 1996 ** 'Battlefields of the nineties' by Rick Joyner, Morning Star Prophetic bulletin, 1/9/92. *** Prophetic Bulletin, March, 1995.

Some thoughts on 'Holiness'

The word 'holiness' has come to mean different things to various Christians. The original idea of holiness in the Old Testament is that of a distinctness, difference, uniqueness, (from Hebrew word '*Kadosh*'). When God is called holy it means He is totally different to anyone or anything else. When the seraphim cry 'Holy Holy Holy (Rev. 4:8), it is emphasising that He is entirely *separate* from all his creation. The response of anyone who meets with God in the Bible is to be struck with *awe* and *fear* because they realise they are not in the same class and cannot comprehend the strangeness and the wonder of it all. Today we have TV evangelists such as Copeland, Benny Hinn and the Toronto 'new Charismatics' who have in times past had detailed armchair-like conversations with Jesus. These visions bear no resemblance to those of the Biblical characters who met God.

In many churches today we are mistaking irreverence for intimacy. Many have 'brought God down from heaven'. They have brought him down to their level which therefore no longer has him *holy*.

When a Jew prays he '*does so with a real sense of the holiness of the one before whom he is standing. He pulls his prayer shawl (his tallit) over his head so that all distractions might be blocked out, takes three steps forward to symbolise entering the presence of the King of heaven, bows and then, planting his feet firmly so that he is balanced and does not need to shuffle about, he begins his prayer. When his prayer is over he takes three steps backwards to symbolise leaving the King's presence, bows and turns away. He will not allow his prayer to be interrupted by anyone unless it is an emergency of life-threatening proportion*'.*

God said to be holy, because He was Holy, (Lev.11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7; 1Pet.1:16). If we are holy we will be *different* from those who do not follow Jesus. **Terry Arnold** *(Article adapted from 'The Biblical understanding of Holiness' by David Forbes, 'Prophecy Today', Vol.12, No.4)

Evolution says: 'Nothing working on nothing by nothing, through nothing, for nothing, begat everything', (Dakes Bible P.55). God's Word says: God created the heaven and the earth...God created great whales and every living creature...God made the beast of the earth... God created man...(Gen.1).

World Revival?

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Are we heading for apostasy or world revival? What does the Bible say? Most Christians today are being persuasively convinced that world revival is close. For one hundred years or more this *imminent revival* message has been taught on and off! Today more than ever, songs are being sung in churches with words like, 'By faith we speak revival to this land'. Messages are being preached to prepare people for a 'mighty world-wide end-time harvest' coming *soon*. Does the Bible say there will be a great end-time world-wide revival or 'harvest'? Why are people each decade being increasingly convinced of this teaching?

The word 'revival' itself is never used in reference to an end-time revival. Most of the Old-Testament scriptures refer to an individual being revived in spirit or soul, or to Israel being restored. The New Testament has only *two* scriptures using the word 'revive', (Rom.7:9; 14:9). Both these scriptures have nothing to do with an end-time revival.

Where then do some find the idea of an end-time revival in scripture? One way to come to this false teaching is to take scriptures that pertain to Israel and apply them out of context to the church. This is called 'Replacement Theology' and falsely leads to the idea of a Christian domination of the world in the end-times. This idea is at least partly refuted by the fact that the world is *not* progressing for the better. False religion and evil are increasing at a rate greater than Christianity in many countries. Many believe that we are indeed approaching days similar to the days of Noah and Lot (Lk.17:26,28), when wickedness prevailed and God's mercy ran out.

Most who teach a world-wide revival refer to Joel 2:28-32: *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...* Most people read only two verses and fail to read the next three verses (vs.30-32) which are connected!...*And I will shew wonders in the Heavens and in the Earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The Sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Lord come...* The key word is '*afterward*'. After what? The exact timing is important! Matthew 24:29,30 gives us the answer: *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken: ... and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds ...* These events, (the *same* as in Joel), are also spoken of in Revelation 6:12 and 16:10, and the *sun* and the *moon* are similarly mentioned in Mark 13:24-27. All these events are after the tribulation, as proved by Matthew 24:29.

If this prophecy is speaking of a world revival, (*I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh* - Acts 2: 17,18 cf. Joel 2:28), what are the signs of those days? The signs are clearly those we have mentioned above: *I will show wonders in the Heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come*, (Acts 2:19,20 cf. Joel 2:30,31). In Acts 2:16-21 Peter says: *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel*, (Acts 2:16). This was a partial fulfilment of Joel's prophecy because the *wonders in the heaven... and in the earth*, (Acts 2:19,20 cf. Joel 2:30), did not occur then, and have not occurred since! Therefore we are still to see the complete fulfilment of Joel's prophecy, (*Latter rains* - Joel 2:23).

Will this be a world wide end-time revival? Is this prophecy to the world or to Israel? Many commentators refer to the context of the whole chapter as referring to Israel.* Indeed when one reads the whole of Joel, phrases like *Israel* (2:27),

in Zion (2:1,15,32;3:16, etc.), *in Jerusalem* (2:32;3:16), *thy people* (2:17), *His land..His people* (2:18), *my people* (2:26,27), *the northern army* (2:20), *your sons and your daughters* (2:28), and *I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen* (2:19), do appear to be referring to Israel. In fact when one reads the *whole* of Joel it should appear that God is warning more of *judgement* rather than of revival.

The *day of the Lord* in scripture is a phrase that refers to the *final return* of Jesus Christ to earth. This phrase is mentioned *many times* throughout Joel. Most commentaries see this scripture as referring to events very *close* to the coming of Jesus Christ to earth or to a millenium period. Words such as *afterward* (vs.28), *in those days* (vs.29), *in those days and at that time* (3:1), clearly refer to the end times.

In view of the timing of these events (Matt.24:29: '*After the tribulation*'), those that believe in a 'Rapture'** and a 'Great Tribulation'*** must see any world-wide revival as being *after* the Rapture and at the end of the 'Great Tribulation', with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nowhere else in scripture do we see any mention of an end-time world revival!

A world-wide end-time revival is not only unbiblical but in *opposition* to numerous passages of scripture. The scriptures that speak of a massive apostasy and falling away from the faith are overwhelming! Below are just a few :

Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy...(1Tim.4:1)...the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first...(2Thess.2:3); For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...and they shall turn away their ears from the truth...(2Tim.4:3,4).

The Bible clearly predicts *false Christs and false prophets*, (Matt.24:11,24); *false signs and wonders*, (2Thess. 2:9,10;Matt.24:24); increasing *deception* (2Tim 3:13; Matt.24:11,24; Rev.6:4); and *iniquity*, (Matt.24:12).

However, there is no doubt that *localised* revivals can take place as this is attested to by scripture (eg. Acts), and history. God is sovereign and He can bring revival to any part of the earth that He desires, especially where we obey 2Chronicles 7:14: *If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

The idea of a *world-wide* end-time revival, however, does not have the backing of God's word! The scriptures rather speak strongly of a *falling away* - a great apostasy before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Could these things not already be occurring? Are we really preparing for a world revival or are we blinded to a major apostasy? Are we on the *narrow way* or the *broad road that leads to destruction*, (Matt.7:13,14; Lk.13:23,24)? The Bible says *many* will go down the broad road and *few* will travel the *narrow way*. Does this sound like a world revival? God's Word says: *as it was in the days of Noah so it be in the days of the Son of man*. In Noah's day only *eight* people were saved! God has always kept a *remnant* to Himself: *Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace*, (Rom.11:5). Let the Words of Jesus be true: *When the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?#* (Lk.18:8)

Terry Arnold *E.G. 'Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries' by Hubbard. ** 'Rapture' - Greek '*harpazo*' meaning 'taken out'; 'caught up'. Scriptures used are: Rev.3:10;Matt.24:30-33;1Thess.4:13-18;Lk.21:36. *** 'Great Tribulation' - believed by many Christians to be a seven year period of terrible judgements. Scriptures used are: Jer.30:5-7;Dan.9:27;12:1-7; Matt.24:15-31; Rev.12:1-20; etc. # Greek requires 'negative answer'!

Your Comments and Questions

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

Thanks a lot for your letter, newsletter, and info. Your material has been of great use to me. I'm a long time Pentecostal...The Toronto movement has raised serious doubts in my mind re the authenticity of current teachings and practices. I've recently gained 'Christianity in Crisis', and 'Slaying in the spirit', which has opened my eyes...I'm disappointed by the growing Copeland style teachings...hyper-faith stuff, and wrong emphasis. I'm seriously considering my options at present as to the future direction...It's a dilemma at the moment...I'm starting to question many of the foundational doctrines on which this movement rests....Look forward to fellowshipping with you by mail, Regards,

(Name supplied but withheld at editor's discretion)

Lutherans Step Closer?

Cardinal Bevilacqua of Philadelphia expresses hope on May 11th that the Lutheran and Catholic condemnations on Justification would be lifted in 1997. The Cardinal said both churches were considering three ecumenical proposals and mutual communion.

Editors note: 'Justification' is the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ without works. The Catholic church curses anyone who says we are justified by faith alone and they insist that the sacraments are necessary for grace. The Catholic church has not changed her position! However, other churches such as some Lutherans, appear to be focusing on any agreements that there may be and ignoring the chasm that really exists between Biblical doctrine and Catholic additions.

New

Recently I examined claimed evidence of Satanic messages in the meetings of Copeland, Howard-Browne and other Toronto leaders. I examined two videos. While I was unable to clearly be convinced of much of the material, there was perhaps some clear evidence to expose the 'tongues' of these men. The evidence is not produced by backmasking but by isolating and slowing the speech down, thereby attempting to show much of the dialogue not to be tongues but rather Satanic references in *English*. I would be interested to hear of other people's reactions to these tapes. Copies of these video tapes ('Toronto Blessing unmasked') are available for \$15.90 (2 Tapes, postage included). Order from TA Ministries.

Praise Points

- Last month we mentioned the new ministry begun in Hervey Bay called 'Pathfinders', (for people with difficulties relating to addictions, alcoholism, depression, etc.). Already *several* people have been saved! As a result we have begun a 'New Christians class'! Praise The Lord Jesus Christ for *His* fruit!
- '*Diakrisis*' continues to increase in circulation throughout Australia. Praise God that more people will be informed and equipped.

Prayer points

- Please pray that the paper concerning John Arnott, (see P.3), will be widely distributed, and that many will see the deception and false teaching involved with this false ministry.
- As the Sydney visit draws near pray that the teaching given will turn hearts more and more to a love of The Lord Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word. Pray for Holy Spirit guidance.

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Witnessing idea!

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Very Important

'A Paper Concerning the Visit of John Arnott To Australia' This paper published by concerned Christians, details why many Christians are concerned about the visit to Australia (Sydney & Nth. Qld.), in **October** by the Toronto pastor John Arnott. Who is John Arnott? What is his background? What does he teach? Why has his church been *removed* from affiliation with the Charismatic association of Vineyard churches? **This paper needs to be copied and circulated** to Pastors and Christians especially *before* the October visit, that they might be informed of error. Price: \$1.95 (includes postage). For fast delivery phone 018183093

now **BBQ in Sydney for those interested in ministry**

For all those supporters and those interested in the ministry there will be a BBQ after the 6.30pm service at Forest Alliance church, (cnr. Forest way & Naree Rd., French's Forest). Cost is \$3. For catering purposes please ring (02)94526185 or Terry on 018183093

Terry's Itinerary

- **Oct. 6th.** am. Hervey Bay Church of Christ. Ph. (071)289375
- **Oct. 13th.** 10am; 11.15am; 1.30pm. Inner West Baptist Church, Punchbowl, Sydney. (Topics include: 'Which Jesus?'; 'Spiritual Drunkenness'; 'Toronto Blessing'; Discernment; 'Hell's best Kept Secret'. Contact: Ps. Peter Rahme (02)7425719.
- **Oct. 20th.** 10am. Hills Community Church (Nazarine), Kenthurst, Sydney. Ps. Ian Davidson (02) 6791989
- **Oct. 27th.** 11.15am. Allowera Baptist Church, Doonside, Sydney. Ps. Dan Proctor (02)\8372536
- **Oct. 27th.** 6.30pm. Forest Alliance Church, followed by **BBQ** - Cost \$3. Numbers needed for BBQ. Ring (02) 94526185
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