



# 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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### Editors Comments

The response to the March newsletter, including the Word-Faith (W.F.) article, was significant. Some pastors and subscribers requested multiple copies to outreach to Christians in their communities. We received reports of successful efforts. It is evident that many are deceived and uninformed, and that literature is a vital key.

We still receive calls from Christians seeking new churches because of their own churches preaching and teaching such extremes as W.F. or the 'Toronto Blessing'. Many have found their way into independent 'Home churches', a movement that is on the increase in many countries. In recent years, many home churches in Australia are the result of separation from false doctrines and Pentecostal and Charismatic extremes. Although sometimes lacking leadership and oversight, often these groups are well informed, discerning, zealous, and lovers of the truth.

In contrast, increasingly within many churches, I am finding 'closed minds' - those who will not look at facts or examine the other side of the coin. This year I have sent personal letters, fact sheets, and documents to dozens of Pastors and leaders who promote or support movements like the 'Toronto Blessing'. Without exception, *none* have replied or attempted to refute any facts sent. Some Pastors, when given articles such as our '*W.F. Movement - A Closer Look*', have instead claimed that we have '*pulled things out of the air*'. However, in every instance, when I have asked that they show where our error is, there is total silence! When face to face the silence often turns to anger. Why this reaction? - Is it because it upsets us to have our 'frame of reference' shaken. As Christians we should be **ready always to give an answer to every man**, (1Pet.3:15)? Even if only parts of the March W.F. article were correct, it would surely warrant the reader taking heed of the warnings and separating from the error. One of the most frightening statements in the Bible is that in the last days we must be **lovers of truth**, or God *Himself* will send a delusion, and that when God sends this, you *will* be deluded! (2Thess. 2:10-12) There should be no excuse, for we are warned not to be ignorant of the enemy's devices, (2Cor.2:11).

Why are ministries like ours heeded by so few, yet rejected by so many? Why is correction by scripture left to a few 'nobodies' and yet shunned by church leaders who have the ear of millions. 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 counter-cult and discernment ministries is '*don't be negative!*' What this often means is 'don't give me absolute truth', or 'don't be dogmatic about truth'. The book of Judges lists all the evils of the rulers of Israel and the Bible speaks *three times* more of Hell than Heaven - yes, a lot of the Bible is negative! Was not Paul negative when exposing false teachers and heresy? Even Christ was *often* negative! He warned of Hell, judgement, false doctrine and sin. He called the religious leaders 'hypocrites', 'fools' and the 'blind leading the blind'. He would be branded as unsuitable and unpopular in many churches today! Few, if any, of the prophets were positive or popular, and their message was often 'turn or burn'. In sharp contrast, today's leading evangelists are friends with the world's presidents, religious leaders, false teachers, and even the Vatican and the Pope. The Bible says to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God, (James 4:4).

Positive or negative is not the issue - truth is! Obedience to scripture is! *Diakrisis* is not meant to be all positive, but rather is a call to discern (*diakrisis* - to judge through) false teaching, which is rampant in the church today. This is not everyone's ministry. There are many other things I could be doing that are positive, popular and financial. However, the desire to see Christ and His Word honoured and seeing the fruit of people saved and released from false teaching, are the encouragements that fuel the desire. We need a reformation...or, Lord Jesus, come quickly! **Terry Arnold**

***Death may alarm us,  
but it cannot harm us.***

## Evangelicals and Catholics Together?

In recent years some high profile Evangelicals and Catholic leaders have signed a document, '*Evangelicals and Catholics Together*' (ECT), agreeing to work and minister together, as well as not to evangelise each others people. The document basically calls each group 'Christian' and attempts to blur the lines that have previously separated the two opposing sides. There are many noble points raised concerning moral values and the stance against evil. The zeal, love and sincerity of many of the signatories of this document is undoubtedly commendable. However, this document could well be one of the most blatant attempts in history to further the ecumenical cause and further a world religion.

The acceptance of Roman Catholicism as Christian is a trade mark of the Ecumenical movement. The reason put forward is that Rome has *changed*. The truth is that Rome has not changed one single doctrine or dogma as is stated clearly by the Pope Himself in the Vatican II documents! For 1600 years she has in fact *added* more unbiblical and extra-Biblical teachings!\* She is *socially* closer but *doctrinally* further away. She still does not believe in the finished work of Calvary, (hence the 'Mass' is a 'continuing sacrifice'); she repudiates strongly that we are justified by faith alone in Christ alone without works, and instead adds her own works, (eg. sacraments, indulgences, etc.); she also embraces many traditions that contradict the Bible outright, such as praying for the dead, praying to saints, purgatory, Papal primacy and the 'immaculate conception', (Mary as sinless). The Catholic Church also does not believe the Bible to be the final, inerrant and infallible authority on matters of doctrine and faith.\*\*

It is not our part to judge individual Catholics. There is no doubt that it is possible for a Catholic to be a Christian and be ignorant of Catholic teaching. However, Catholicism can never be Christian and never was Christian to the reformers! The Bible tells us to separate from Catholicism and any other Gospel, (Rom.16:17; 2Cor.6:14-18; Eph.5:11; 2Thess.3:6; Tit.3:10, etc.)!

The Greek word for church is '*ekklesia*' meaning 'the called out ones'. The word ecumenical means 'world-wide' and comes from the Greek word '*oikoumenikos*' meaning 'of the inhabited earth'. We are not of the world but called out to be separate to God. We are holy. We are not to touch or fellowship with any 'unclean thing', including false doctrines and false religions.

Separation rather than ecumenism is God's answer to apostasy! Catholics need to be witnessed to and saved from everlasting damnation! The ECT document and ecumenism will further the population of Hell and be a stumbling block to the Christian community. The stumbling block comes because Christians see leaders accepting Catholicism as biblical Christianity! It grieves me when world renowned and successful evangelists such as Billy Graham increasingly embrace ecumenism, applaud the World Council of Churches, praise the Pope, allow Catholic counsellors into crusades and refer Catholics back to Catholic churches. We will be surely held accountable for gross negligence in this area of ecumenism.

Many years ago I was challenged by some bold evangelicals who warned me of the false teaching of Catholicism. I was a Catholic teacher and R.E. instructor, well versed in Catholic doctrine. For two years I rejected, despised and debated them. When I set out to prove them wrong by examining their claims and studying the Bible, I was converted and saved from the wrath of God to the truth of His Son Jesus Christ and His Word. I cannot describe the pain of losing the relationship of family, friends and loved ones. But I equally cannot describe the burden I now have for Christian pastors and leaders who fail to separate from Catholicism and warn and inform their people of its dangers.

If the ECT is correct than the Reformation was a big mistake! If Catholicism is Christian then I should not read my Bible as inspired, inerrant and infallible! Where are the Luthers, the Calvins, and the Wesleys of today? Perhaps we need another reformation to rekindle the flame of revival. Let us be a separate people, let us be *ekklesia* - 'the called out ones'. When the great English martyrs, Ridley and Latimer were burned by the Catholic church, Latimer turned to his friend and said, '*We shall this day, by Gods Grace, light such a candle in England as I trust shall never be put out.*'\*\*\* Today that candle is barely flickering! Lest we forget! **Terry Arnold** \* Listed in '*To Catholics Whom I Love*' and tract by Author. \*\* All these points are concisely treated in the above book by the author. \*\*\* The amazing and heroic true stories of the many martyrs are told in '*Foxes book of Martyrs*' and '*Why were our reformers burned*'. The story of Latimer is graphically told in '*Such a candle*' by Douglas Wood. All books available from TA Ministries.

### The Girdle of Truth

The Ephesian armour is described in Ephesian Ch. 6. The first part of the armour mentioned is the '*girdle of truth*': '**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth**', (vs.14). The girdle of the Roman soldier held the rest of his armour tightly together and was never taken off whilst in battle. In my opinion, the armour, given to us by God, is put on once at salvation and never taken off! Many teach we are to put it on daily. Perhaps we *check* it every day, but it should stay on during our entire Christian walk, because the battle continues until we die!

To put on the girdle of truth is symbolic of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, for He is the way, the truth and the life, (Jn.14:16). Not only is He truth but His Word is truth. We know Jesus by his Word abiding in us and we abiding in it. The living Word (Jesus) and the written Word (the Bible) are the girdle of truth for every believer.

Both the living and the written Words must *control* our lives. This *love of the truth* will meet any onslaught of the enemy! However, if the girdle of truth is defective, other parts of the armour are also affected. Righteousness (vs.14), must stand with truth. The feet shod with the Gospel (vs.15), have nowhere to go without the very truth to give. Faith (vs.16), needs to be faith in truth. The helmet of salvation (vs.17), protecting the intellectual area, is also useless without the truth that protects us from error entering our minds. Finally, the sword of the spirit is the Word of God, which is truth. **Terry Arnold**

### 'Promise Keepers' Report

*'Promise Keepers welcomes female pastors leading male members, said Louis Monroe, a Baptist pastor who is Promise Keepers director for the state of Missouri. A report in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (13/7/96), also claimed, 'Initially most participants were members of evangelical churches or had no churches. Now it attracts mainline Protestants and Catholics. It recently began recruiting Mormons.'* (**Christian News, 29/7/96**)

### What Mormons Say About 'Promise Keepers'

*'..because of Promise Keepers' interdenominational approach, attorney Chip Rawlings and fellow Mormon leaders of the Palos Stake, or group of congregations, are urging members of the Latter-Day Saints [Mormons] to participate in the movement. 'The movement's 'seven promises' are like something straight out of the men's priesthood manual for the [Mormon] church', Rawlings said.'*\*

### What Catholics Say About 'Promise Keepers'

*'While noting the evangelical roots of the programme, Father Van Liefde says there is no 'doctrinal issue which should cause concern to the Catholic Church'. 'Promise Keepers places a very strong emphasis on returning to your own church congregation or parish and becoming an active laymen', Father Van Liefde points out. 'There is no attempt at proselytizing or drawing men away from their faith to another church'. \* \* (John Dart, Los Angeles Times, 5/6/95)*

## The Pathway To Deception!

To gain knowledge regarding the current doctrinal stance of any organisation, it pays to read what they print under their banner. The Assemblies of God issue a monthly magazine titled *'The Australian Evangel'*, with an editorial section by editor Dr. W. Robert McQuillan.

In February 1994 edition, Dr. McQuillan writes under the heading *'Fads'*, stating that the church was over emphasising such things as church growth, praise and worship styles, and new buildings. He continues: *'..The Bible talks about a lot of running to and fro in the last days but it seems to me that a lot...are getting caught up in 'must believe or else', 'must do or else' programs, confusion and fads. There seems to be a prevailing attitude of following winds of change that may or may not be of the Spirit. Lets not be ostrich-headed, dig into the sand, and miss out. But if through discerning, we ascertain the 'in thing' is not of God, then lets back off from it. For example, the latest in-thing...is mass laughing/weeping with joy in the spirit in the church. I ministered in November in one AOG Queensland church where it was happening as a definite genuine move of the Holy Spirit, but elsewhere corruption has set in and reports indicate weird activity and a grieving of the Holy Spirit. Then we have a resurgence of the Hyper-Faith Movement with many of its teachers, including well known names, still making outlandish and non-biblical claims about the deification of man and, in doing, demote the divinity of the members of the Godhead. Many Christians are glibly accepting these New Age or at least near New Age teachings with blind belief and financial support. **Surely its time to pull up short, do some soul searching and logically, scripturally and through prayer communication with the Father, discern what is or not of God. To take time, before we really move into 1994, to assess the real from the faddish. To ensure we are truly balanced Christians, not being blown about by every latest fad or 'must do' or 'wind of doctrine'. Sadly as scripture predicts, the end times are ones of deception. Too many Christians are under religious and satanic pressure at this time...*** (Bold type mine)

When the above is compared to the following statements in future editions, the change in attitude to what comes upon the church, is graphically stark and an astonishing turnaround!

In Dec. 1994, Dr. McQuillan attended the first World AOG congress in Korea. He writes that it was *'Awesome, incredible, mind-blowing, fantastic!'*. He approvingly quotes speakers such as Yongi Cho and Robert Schuller.

By June 1995 the editorial page stated: *'Our May Evangel high profiling the current move of the Holy Spirit, sold out! People left their seats to purchase a copy in the middle of the service! Thousands are rejoicing in this new wave of the spirit, many churches are now running midweek or after Sunday night church 'soaker services'. Fresh fire reports keep coming in to me...our 30th AOG National Conference in Brisbane, with guest speaker Rodney Howard Browne...More, Holy Spirit, give more!'*

October 1995: *'...in these days of fresh anointing from the Holy Spirit! Indeed the two most popular expressions appear to be 'fill!' and 'more!'. Yes, there certainly is a fun side to this wonderful outpouring of the Spirit of God. I saw a little four year old copying me as I prayed for someone. He laid hands on his mother for the blessing and she received all right! I observed other little ones praying for their friends who genuinely go down under the power of the spirit. Some say all too lightly 'don't know where all this came from, don't know where it's going, and don't care!'; not quite good enough! We do know where it has come from - the graciousness of God - because we needed it! Where it's going? Admittedly no one knows exactly.*

Nov. 1995: *'...This current outpouring of the spirit could easily flow into the last and greatest ingathering of souls preceding the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such comments seem to have a predictive edge. Some have gone as far as to say that they felt as if they had been 'born all over again' when the spirit fell on them in power. Like an Esther, the body of Christ is being beautified and prepared for the coming groom. If we permit! We are being prepared for something exciting and climatic...*

Dec. 1995: *'...the spirit is moving in power everywhere. Particularly in Kern and Lois Gott's Sunderland Christian Centre (AOG) with it's angelic visitations and lives being dramatically changed. Even in the High Anglican, Holy Trinity Brompton, where I observed many being touched by God in such a casual but powerful way, and the curate, Nicky Gumbel...he even lay down on the floor along side the person he was ministering to - after the man slid down a church pillar to the carpet - laughing as he went. And in Northern Ireland where the Holy Spirit is bringing real peace and joy as well as healings and salvations. While in Toronto I had the opportunity to be a part of the audience of 100 Huntley Street, a weekly Christian TV programme. That morning Promise Keepers was being introduced to Canada and the founder, Bill McCratney, related how over 90,000 had met in various US venues with the cry, 'A man's man is a Godly man'. There is a decided excitement in the air and an expectation for greater things to come, even in non-Pentecostal churches. For example, I heard Robert Schuller announce his excitement about what God is going to do over the next ten years. As Dr. Thomas Trask, General Superintendent of the USA Assemblies of God said, 'If I spend all my time trying to find out what might be wrong, I'll never be a part of what God is doing'.*

May 1996: *'Several outstanding Pentecostal movements such as the Assemblies of God owe their beginning to Azusa St. and, ninety years later, the fire continues to spread. Here in our nation, where ministers and churches have been open to it, many of the Azusa St. experiences have been repeated along with new and thrilling demonstrations of the spirit's activities. Several leading ministries firmly believe we are living in the time of the latter rain, Azusa St. being the former rain. But, to quote that famous Demtel slogan, 'But wait there's more!'*

Sadly, by October 1996, the tone of these editorials had not changed. The world revival had not eventuated, the fire was waning. but a small town in Florida, USA., Pensacola saved the day!

October 1996: *'...Brownsville AOG, Pensacola, continues to be greatly in the news and on people's lips...over 30,000 saved since June 1995. People are reporting amazing healings and miracles in churches that are really embracing the move of the spirit (I've preached in those that are and I confirm good things happening corporately and personally). **But I and others have ministered in those which, sadly, are not fully open to the move and there is a definite lack of life.**'* (Bold type mine)

From quoting the prophet Daniel speaking of the last days running to and fro; sounding a strong Biblical warning to his readers regarding false Word-Faith teachers and weird phenomenon - to the turn around (all in under two years) of running to Toronto and London to supposedly see God at work; to quoting Robert Schuller, promoting Benny Hinn and Rodney Howard-Browne and passing Judgement on churches that have not embraced this wave of deception, is an extremely fast about-face! Surely his readers should eventually question his discernment and pragmatic approach?

Benny Hinn is the key note speaker at the AOG Australia conference in Adelaide in 1997! Besides other serious false doctrines, he has taught a Godhead of nine persons! Dr. Robert Schuller has denied the existence of sin altogether - says the idea is insulting to mankind! Promise Keepers presents a goal which is inoffensive to Roman Catholics and Mormons.

Why the change of mind? It appears after all that the readers 'must believe, must do, must be...or else' ! **Mike Claydon**

## Your Comments and Questions

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

*Dear Terry, Please find enclosed a cheque..to continue our subscription and our support for your ministry. Thankyou for taking a stand for the Lord. May the Lord lead you and guide you in all that you do, Yours in Christ, (H.&J.Y. Cairns, Qld.)*

*Dear Sir/Madam, '...I really wanted to get these books ['To Catholics Whom I Love] for some Catholic friends of mine whom I'd like to see 'freed' and saved. It was through this book that my own conflict between Catholicism and Christianity was resolved - this book was given to me by a friend and I'm eternally grateful...Thank you, (B.W. Tas.)*

*Dear terry, This letter comes with sincere love in Christ Jesus our Lord...a backlog of your newsletter 'Diakrisis' has been forwarded to me from my Sydney address and I wanted to thankyou so much for the thoughtful information found in each and every one of them - they were received and read with much interest and appreciation.*

*In the October 1996 issue you mentioned that there are occasions when your ministry receives criticism. All I can say is: Rejoice! How easily we can gloss over Jesus' well known words: 'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.' (Matt.5:10)*

*Such persecution is inevitable because your ministry refuses to accept the social gospel' which is readily swallowed up by many 'churches' which are in truth social clubs, powered by shameful emotionalism and razzle-dazzle! The church of the New Testament are those who are separated from the world, unique - and the salt of the earth. So many 'Christian organisation's have lost their saltiness, and instead sit comfortably as part of the world, rather than apart. One of your newsletters highlighted an orthodox Jew's 'entrance into the sanctuary' when he comes before the Holy God in prayer. How this awe of almighty God has been lost! Instead of congregations of worship we have rep-rallies!*

*Your ministry is a much needed one - may you be aware of God's blessing always. Please find enclosed a small contribution. I would be very grateful for a continued subscription of 'diakrisis', sent to my Sydney address as has always been, Yours in Christ Jesus and rejoicing in His name -(M.Z. Plumpton, NSW.)*

*Dear Terry,...Please find enclosed \$100 towards the cost of your proposed mailout. Thankyou for your important ministry. I believe it is one of almost equal importance to preaching the Gospel today as many are being led into false confessions of faith, believing they are Christians when not. As well, believers are being kept from maturing whilst continually seeking one experience after another, when they could be resting in all of the provision of our sovereign God, abundantly provided for his people, (Pastor J.G. Ocean shores, NSW.)*

### Praise Points

Praise God for several people who have now seen the errors of Word-Faith teaching.

### Prayer Points

Please pray for the mail out (see Feb.& March), taking place soon. The cost is now \$100 more than expected as the number of pastors and leaders to receive material has risen to 700.

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*Dear Terry,...Thankyou for the regular 'News' and updates. I always look forward to receiving the newsletter. God bless you & the team. He will keep that which we commit unto him for He is faithful,...Yours faithfully, (F.I. Dunolly, Vict.)*

*Dear Terry, Just a bit of support to let you know that my children and I have come out of the Pentecostal movement and we are mushrooming in our walk...I'm really pleased that you have a newsletter going...I hope the Lord truly blesses you in your work unto the Lord. Looking forward to hearing from you Terry, (D.L. Sunshine, Vict.)*

### Book Review by Mike Claydon

#### 'Finding The Balance' by Terry Arnold (\$8.90)

Confused on such issues as Tongues, Falling in the Spirit, Ecumenism, spiritual gifts, the 'Toronto Blessing'? Then this is the book for you.

Terry has written an exhaustive, but not voluminous study, on the many contentions in church life today and condensed it into a highly readable book.

Don't be put off by the title though - the stance taken is '*the person who stands neutral usually stands for nothing*'. Throughout the publication the case for and against each subject is presented and Biblical tests applied. Most importantly, the historical and spiritual roots of many high profile ministries are dug for and exposed!

The church today is being invaded by false teachings, extremes and excesses. Many are taught that a world wide revival is on the horizon, or that a great falling away from the faith is imminent. Can we find unity and on what grounds? The author brings a timely warning to his readers on these and other important subjects.

If you want to save yourself hundreds of hours of painstaking research, take advantage of this work and add it to your library!

Mike Claydon

### Quotable

(An extract from '*The knowledge of the Holy*' by Tozer, P.59,60)

*'What peace it brings to the Christian's heart to realize that our Heavenly Father never differs from Himself. In coming to Him at any time we need not wonder whether we shall find Him in a receptive mood. He is always receptive to misery and need, as well as to love and faith. He does not keep office hours nor set aside periods when he will see no one. Neither does he change his mind about anything. Today, this moment, He feels towards his creatures, toward babies, toward the sick, the fallen, the sinful, exactly as He did when He sent His only-begotten Son into the world to die for mankind.*

*God never changes moods or cools off in His affections or loses enthusiasm. His attitude toward sin is now the same as it was when He drove out the sinful man from the eastward garden, and His attitude toward the sinner the same as when he stretched forth His hands and cried, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'.*

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