



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 mercy, patience, and the saving grace of the Lord, never cease to amaze me. In such books as Jeremiah and Ezekiel, God warns time and time again to repent and that judgement is coming. Yet each time his love and mercy allows a remnant to escape and be kept. *'For the Lord will not cast off forever: But though He cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies'*, (Lam.3:31,32). I believe we, the church, are in days when *'the crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!'*, (Lam.5:16). Those who *'contend for the faith'* or are *'holding fast'* are swimming against a sea of sharks. I believe the Lord would say to us: *'Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house...speak unto them and tell them, thus sayeth the Lord God, whether they will hear, or whether they will forebear'*, (Ezek.3:8,9,10).

Last month I noted with interest the reaction of the world and Christians to the death of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana. I do not judge the eternal destination of either of these women. My hope is that they had come to the saving knowledge of, and trusted, Jesus as their Lord and Saviour before death. However, we perhaps need to be reminded of some things unless we begin to think the way of the world, (Eph.2:2).

Both these women were idolised and admired by the world for their good works and deeds. These works no doubt put most of us Christians to shame. Mother Teresa had a veritable army of workers that cared for the destitute and the sick. Her lifestyle and her stance against abortion are to be admired. However, unfortunately she taught heresy that contradicted the Word of God. She was an ardent Roman Catholic and believed Catholic priests were *'another Christ'* and had the power to forgive sins. She taught universalism: *'If in coming face to face with God we accept Him in our lives, then we...become a better Hindu, a better Muslim, a better Catholic, a better whatever we are...what God is in your mind you must accept'*.^{*} This New Age view of God was reflected even in her fight against abortion: She believed: *'We are all children of God...When we destroy an unborn child, we destroy God'*.^{**} In short, her Roman Catholic doctrine was *'another gospel'* which continues to lead millions into a false hope.

Princess Diana's sad and adulterous affairs are well documented in the popular womens magazines in recent years. Despite this, Diana was an attractive personality and her work with charity organisations and her love for the afflicted was to be applauded. Yet God is more interested in our souls rather than if we are a king, queen, prince or princess. One of the greatest deceptions of our times is that good works can get us to Heaven or that most who die 'rest in peace'. The Word of God continually warns that this is a false foundation for entry to eternal life.

There are two lessons from all the above that the devil does not want the world to know. Firstly: *'God is no respecter of persons'*, (Acts 10:34); and secondly: Good works do not get us to heaven, (Eph.2:8,9). We must tell the world: *repent...narrow is the way...few will go in*. Jesus spoke three times more about Hell than Heaven! Let us not think or walk *'according to the course of this world'*, (Eph.2:2). *'Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!'*, (Is.5:20). Terry Arnold

^{*} Autobiography: *'Mother Teresa: Her people and her work'*.

^{**} *'The Christian News'*, (11/11/85)

God is behind the scenes controlling the scenes He is behind.

Memory Regression and Psychology

'Beth Rutherford never knew she had a tormented childhood until she went to a church therapist for counselling. Under the counsellor's guidance she recalled how her minister father repeatedly raped her, got her pregnant, then performed a painful coat-hanger abortion.

In truth, Beth was still a virgin and her father had a vasectomy many years before...The Rutherfords have settled a defamation and malpractice lawsuit for \$1 million against the church and the counsellor...Donna Strand, the counsellor at Park Crest Village Assembly of God Church, and her husband, Pastor Robert Strand admitted no wrong doing in their settlement...

Without her parents knowledge, Beth had at least 64 sessions...Mrs Strand taught the young woman how to enter a trance-like state through selfhypnosis. Under the woman's encouragement...Beth recalled a string of vile false memories between the ages of 7 and 14...to this day she is not certain where the thoughts came from.

Nearly two years passed, and the Rutherfords still had no knowledge of their daughter's allegations. But the Strands had informed the General Council of the Assemblies of God, where Rutherford worked. He was confronted with the allegations and forced to resign...Rutherford, now forty six, took any job he could find, from seasonal postman to janitor. Many friends turned away...

In October 1995...Beth underwent a gynaecological exam. It showed she was a virgin...The church reinstated Tom Rutherford as a minister...(The Times-Picayune, 11/16/96, as cited in The Berean Call, 1/97)

Editors Comments: Memory regression techniques are wide ranging but unnatural, unhealthy, and unscriptural ways of digging into areas of the mind that are not consciously understood. Several 'Twelve Step Programmes' use this dangerous technique. Counsellors should also be mature and experienced Christians, preferably having some training or experience in Biblical counselling, and be accountable to a board or church. Law suits involving this type of counselling are increasingly common.

Messages From Mary?

Every month the 'Virgin Mary' supposedly gives messages to visionaries at Medjugorje, in Europe. These are printed in the Australian magazine 'Ave Maria'. The following are excerpts:

(25/11/96) *'Today, again, I invite you to pray, so that through prayer, fasting, and small sacrifices you may prepare yourselves for the coming of Jesus. May this time, little children, be a time of grace for you. Use every moment and do good, for only in this way you will feel the birth of Jesus in your hearts.'*

(25/12/96) *'Today I am with you in a special way, holding little Jesus in my lap and I invite you, little children, to open yourselves to His call. He calls you to joy.'*

(25/1/97) *'This time is my time and that is why, little children, I invite you again to pray...I bless you and I repeat to you that I am with you to help.'*

Even the least knowledgeable Bible student should discern the subtle differences between these messages and Scripture. The following further notes are taken from various transcripts concerning the words spoken by this same 'Mary'. The bold italicised words are the words spoken by Mary and they are followed by Scripture and notes showing the contradictions.

'I came...to convert and reconcile everyone'. (Mary at Medjugorje). God has converted and reconciled sinners by Jesus Christ'. Reader compare: 2Cor.5:17-20, Eph.2:15,16; Col.1:19-21.

'This great mantle which you see is the expression of my mercy for covering sinners and for saving them'. (Mary in 1959). Mary cannot save anyone! The Bible says *only* Jesus can do this, (Acts 4:12). The Bible says to call on the name of the Lord and we shall be saved, (Acts 2:21; Rom.10:13). He is the only 'door' to our salvation, (Jn.10:9)

'I promise salvation...I want to save everyone's souls and offer them to God'. (Mary speaking). Nowhere is this to be found in Scripture. At Medjugorje Mary was asked which was the most important: 'peace, conversion, fasting, penance, or prayer'. The answer was 'peace'. Yet the Bible says that Jesus did not come to bring world peace, (Matt.10:34-39).

'Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life...is there anything else you need?' Jesus is our shepherd and our protection, (see Ps.22; Jn.10). Jesus is our fountain of life for *'He is the way, the truth, and the life'*. He alone is our refuge, (Ps.46:1; Pr.14:26). *'With Him is the fountain to life'*, (Ps.36:9).

'God is not looking for great believers but simply for those who respect their faith and live peacefully without malice, manners, falsehood,...merely live a simple, peaceful life.' (Mary at Medjugorje). This is a counterfeit Gospel! The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please Him. The above is no means to salvation, (see Jn.3:3,7; Rom.10:9,10; Eph.2:8,9).

'Basically religions are similar'. Mary singled out a Muslim women called Pasha and stated: ***'She is a true believer, a saintly woman. You should be more like her'***. The Muslim faith is violently and diametrically opposed to Biblical faith!

- At Medjugorje Mary recommended the visionaries read a book called *'The Poem of the Man God'*. This book had *previously* been placed on the Catholic index of forbidden books in 1959! It contradicts the New Testament and has historical and geographical errors. It also contains sections that are vulgar and blasphemous. Surely this is proof that this 'Mary' is a demon spirit!

'The world is on the edge of catastrophe'. ('Mary' at Medjugorje, 1981)

'All the world will soon be at war...streets will be stained with blood...all nations will be punished,' ('Mary' in 1951)

'Italy will be humiliated, purified in blood, and must suffer much...there will be great revolution and streets will be red with blood.' ('Mary', 1956) These were false prophecies.

It must be noted that the above was selected out of many transcripts. Much of what is said by this 'Mary' is shrouded in truth. This is a powerful weapon used by the devil - to state lies (contrary to God's word), amongst a clothing of apparent truth! The real test of truth is not a sign, wonder or a prediction coming to pass, but the truth itself - The Word of God, (Dt.4:2; 12:32; 29:29; Is.8:20; 5:11; Jn.8:32-36; 2Tim.3:15-17; Rev.22:18,19). The Bible says to ***'test the spirits whether they are of God,'*** (1Jn.4:1). God cannot lie, (Tit.1:2), and if *one single word* spoken by an apparition is false, the spirit is a false spirit! God allows signs and wonders to prove men, (Dt.13:3,4), temptations to test one's love for Him, (Dt.13:3,4), and heresies to make manifest truth, (1Cor.11:18,19; 2Jn.7-11).

My heart and prayers go out to Catholics who are deceived by the abominations and blasphemies spoken by this false spirit of 'Mary'. I pray that they will turn to and test things by the innerrent and infallible Word of the Lord - the Bible. **Terry Arnold.** (The above information on the Marian apparitions are dealt with in more detail in the book *'To Catholics Whom I Love'*.)

'The Bible Code'

'We have always thought of the Bible as a book. We now know that was only its first incarnation. It is a computer program. What Moses actually received on Mount Sinai was an interactive data base which until now we could not fully access. The Bible that 'God' dictated to Moses was really a computer program. But in the code it is called 'the ancient computer program'. Now the computer program can be played back, and reveal the hidden truth about our past and future'.

So writes Michael Drosnin in his best-selling new release *'The Bible Code'*. Drosnin is a best selling author and reporter, formerly at the *Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*. He writes: *'I am not a Rabbi or a priest, not a Bible scholar. I have no preconceived beliefs, and only one test - the truth'.*

Five years ago, whilst in Israel on other business, he was approached by an army intelligence officer and told of an Israeli mathematician, Eli Rips, who had discovered that the Bible was a computer encoded with important names, dates and places in human history and that it revealed the future. He subsequently met with Rips and became intrigued, especially with the revelation that Yitzak Rabins name was encoded in the book of Deuteronomy including the tale of his assassination and the name of Amir - the assassin. However, he remained unconvinced until it all came about as predicted.

The code also apparently reveals the great depression, Newton, Edison, Einstein, Hitler, Watergate, both Kennedy assassinations, man on the moon, the presidency of Bill Clinton, and perhaps more to be discovered. The code revealed that Bibi Netanyahu would be elected Prime Minister, would be killed in Amman, Jordan, on July 25th, 1996 and that the countdown to Armageddon would begin, culminating in a nuclear strike on Jerusalem, 13th. September 1996. Netanyahu was contacted and warned but refused to take heed. Due to the illness of King Hussein the scheduled visit to Jordan was delayed and July 25th. and September 13th, 1996 came and went without incident. Perplexed by the apparent miscalculation, a further search of Scripture began which revealed the word *'delayed'* with regard to these events, and the words *'will you change it?'*

The exegesis, in this book, especially of the book of Daniel, is woeful. The battle of Gog and Magog outlined in Revelation 20:8 is confused with Armageddon, and worse follows. The outline of future events also does not line up with Biblical revelation with regard to the tribulation, antichrist, etc.

I am no mathematician and would not dare to question the *'skip sequence'* code used to find these revelations or the enormous odds quoted against it being random. Even the scientific community apparently agrees with some of their findings, although some have denied some claims as inaccurate. The question will be: is the true God of Israel back of all this as claimed? Is this His Modus Operandi?

This book is being sold in large numbers worldwide and many of the purchasers may well enquire of us. It is important that we provide answers...the temptation may well be to embrace this theory as truth, in the hope of unbelievers accepting the supernatural aspect of the scriptures. Whether God would implant such knowledge in the Hebrew scriptures is not the dilemma - it is the fact that not all the encoded prophecies eventuated. The test of all the prophets and prophecies is clearly outlined in the book supposedly containing the encoded prophecies - they must be 100% correct or it is not of God.

This book is dangerous. Because of the failure of the code to pick correct dates it is deduced that we can change the future, that we have been given many possible futures, and that the Bible reveals each of them.

The major body of work finishes by stating *'The message of the Bible code is that we can save ourselves. In the end, what we do determines the outcome. So we are left where we have always been, with one big difference - we know that we are not alone. The code may be neither 'right' or 'wrong'. It probably tells us what might happen, not what will happen. But since we cannot let our world be destroyed, we cannot simply wait -we must assume that the warning in the Bible code is real'.*

It all sounds chillingly like the theology being espoused by the Pope and others involved in the ecumenical 'Kingdom Now' teaching. I believe that this book being published at this time is no accident, and is just one more deception into which Christians may fall during this current apostasy. God has stated that the future is in His hands and the time of the end is 'appointed', and that it is not for us to know the time, and we can in no way change His plan by our efforts.

Surely the Bible cannot be encoded by the author to include errors, can it? **Mike Claydon**

His Great Invention

'We live in times when there has been a myriad of new inventions. One small but now common invention has been the use of what is called 'white-out' or 'liquid paper'. If you make a mistake when writing something, then you can simply white it out and make the correction...Nevertheless there is a means that is better than white-out for dealing with the mistakes that we make in our own lives. While we can't undo past errors, we can come to God with a genuine heart and ask him to forgive us. If your true blue, then you'll find that he is too; and instead of just covering it over, He removes it completely. It's the good news of God's great invention in sending Jesus for us - not only to show us how to live, but He died to pay the price for our sins.' (An extract from 'The Best of Reflections' by Dr. Ken Schulz. Ken is a pastor in Innisfail, Nth. Qld.)

Derek Prince and the 'Toronto Blessing'

Derek Prince is a well known author and teacher, particularly among Pentecostal/Charismatic circles. In referring to 2Thessalonians 2:9-12, he says: *'Paul says here there are such things as lying signs and wonders. There are true signs and there are lying signs...many in the Charismatic Movement have the attitude that if something is supernatural it must be from God. There is no scriptural basis for that assumption. Satan is perfectly capable of producing powerful signs and wonders to attest his lies, and the reason why such people are deceived is because they did not receive the love of the truth. God offers the love of truth but we have to receive it...[otherwise] God will send strong delusion. That's one of the most frightening statements in the Bible, because if God sends you strong delusion, you will be deluded!...Now in 1994 for the first time I was brought into fairly direct contact with things that were happening in Toronto. A group of leaders went there and returned all excited and said they had experienced something wonderful and we all needed to experience it. They said, 'Now you don't test it. You don't try it out. You don't examine it. You just open up to it and receive it.' Well that is the first time I really became suspicious of some of these things because it is directly contrary to Scripture! In 1Thessalonians 5:21 Paul says to Christians, 'Test all things, hold fast to what is good'. ...Our hearts cannot be relied upon to give us the truth. Proverbs 28:26 says, 'He who trusts in his own heart is a fool'. So don't be a fool. Don't trust your own heart...In Jeremiah 17:9 the prophet says 'The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, who can know it?' ...[Toronto] - it's 'a mixture of spirits...Leviticus 19:19 God warns us against mixture'. (From audio tape on file at TA Ministries)*

Why Do Evangelists Refer Catholics Back To a False Religion?

'When evangelist Billy Graham invited listeners to commit their lives to Jesus Christ last September in Charlotte, N.C., 1,700 of those who responded to his call were Catholics...The decision cards they filled out were given to the local Catholic diocese for follow up discipleship work, crusade officers said. Comparable numbers of Catholics have gone forward at other recent Graham crusades. In recent crusades in Minneapolis and Cleveland in 1994, it was nearly 6,000 each...Rev. Joseph Helsinki, ecumenical director for the diocese of Cleveland said the Graham team's faithfulness in dispatching Catholic decision cards to the [Catholic] diocese...made Catholic leaders eager to cooperate when Graham returned...' *

*'...One of the key words uniting us today, including Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic alike, is evangelism.', says Billy Graham.***

** 'The Berean Call', 6/97, citing San Antonio Express - News, 4/3/97 ** Billy Graham's magazine, 'Decision', 1/93, P.19*

Local Churches Come Together

'The first of regular combined denomination church services will be held...Uniting Church minister Rev....said the services were to be held...with the aim of encouraging unity amongst the churches...Anglican, Uniting, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Presbyterian, Christian Life Centre and Baptist Church parishioners will come together to worship, he said.' (Extract from the *Mullum star* newspaper, NSW, 28/6/97)

Editors comments: We should have no problems with fellowship with churches of sound doctrine who preach the Gospel without false teaching. But how can we fellowship with those of 'another Gospel', and even those that many consider to be a cult? What example and standard is this to the unsaved? What stumbling blocks do we present to young Christians? Why are we in this ministry working and striving to free Catholics and SDA's from deception and false teaching, yet such gatherings accept them as Christian!! What do the scriptures say?: 'Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them', (Rom.16:17)...*'If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to...the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine...from such withdraw thyself', (1Tim.6:3-5).*

Quotable

'Today, the body of Jesus Christ is being divided. As time passes, every denomination and church will be affected in some way. A Biblically based Christianity, that once placed Christ at the centre, is giving way to an experienced based Christianity that tends to focus around feelings, emotions, manifestations and an ecumenical proclamation that all Christians should 'agree to disagree'...'Truth tainted with error is still error'.

(Quotes from the book 'New Wine or Old Deception' by Roger Oakland, P. 8,36.)

Prophecy From God?

Kenneth Copeland gave the following prophecy in 1985 to pastor Ray McCauley and Rhema Bible Church, Johannesburg, Sth. Africa:

'The voice of the Lord has come to me this morning,...there is a rough road ahead...this nation shall not fall...I am not the author of strife and pain...But you must pray. If you refuse to pray, you leave me tied. You leave me bound in my efforts to see to it that you are delivered...it is my time, sayeth God, to bring the unity of the faith to the body of Christ...revival has begun. The revival is happening. The spirit is moving and the signs and wonders are shortly to come to pass that shall startle you beyond your wildest dreams,...This is the hour of giving...I will deliver [my people] with great signs and wonders. This is the day of the outpouring of my spirit on all flesh...look for me among the miracles and the signs and wonders...look for me in your own spirit...these are the days of the Word's greater depth. The honour of the Lord has come to dwell among men'.

Editors comments: Since when is God 'tied' and 'bound'? Does this not speak against the sovereignty of God, (Is.48:11; Ps.75:7; Eph.1:11; etc.)? Since when too have we had revival and signs and wonders 'beyond our wildest dreams'? ⁴

John Huss

John Huss opposed the errors of the Catholic Church. He called the Pope the successor of Judas Iscariot. Although he was promised a safe passport out of the city of Constance by the governor, the Catholic Church had this repealed and had him burned at the stake on 6th. July, 1415.

His executors surrounded his body with wood and set him alight. He was urged to recant of his faith and accept the Pope and Catholicism, but instead he said: *'I never preached any doctrine of an evil tendency; and what I taught with my lips I now seal with my blood.'* He then sang a hymn before the flames of the fire took his life, and he went to be with the Lord.

Heroes of the Faith

Men who left the greatest mark on Christianity in the last few centuries stood alone in the face of opposition from church officials. They received slander, ridicule, and persecution from nine out of ten Christians.

One World Church This Year?

'Episcopal Bishop William Swing, the communist Gorbachev Foundation, and certain Catholic leaders, are collaborating on the New World Order's United Religions (U.R.)..It is to be launched June 1997...to be in place by June 2000, and fully operational by June 2005. It will be located in San Francisco and will be a permanent gathering centre where the world's religions engage in daily prayer, dialogue...' (*Calvary Con-tender'* as cited in *Biblical Fundamentalist*, March, 1997.)

Promise Keepers & Evolution

In the Promise Keepers magazine, 'New Man', under the title 'Fathers, Faith and Fossils', is the following statement: *'Remember, however, that the debate over how God created the world - through millions of years of evolutionary work or through a few words spoken over a few days - is not the central tenant of Christianity....Parents owe it to themselves to be familiar with a range of views and not hold any one of them out as undermining their faith and salvation.'* (July/Aug, 96 'New Man', official publication of Promise Keepers.)

Quotable

(The following extract is taken from 'The Knowledge of the Holy' by Tozer, P.111)

'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Theological knowledge is the medium through which the spirit flows into the human heart, yet there must be humble penitence in the heart before truth can produce faith. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of truth.'

Truth

*From the cowardice that shrinks from truth,
From the ignorance content with half-truths,
From the arrogance that thinks it has all the truth,
Oh, God of truth, deliver us!*

(John, from 'Fairdinkum', No.42)

Jesus Christ demands more complete allegiance than any dictator that ever lived. The difference is, He has the right to it. (V. Havner, 'Fairdinkum' No.42)

A Challenge To Our Readers

(The following is a letter written to us by a reader. It concerns Brian Houston (Superintendent of Australian Assembly of God Churches), officially endorsing the 1997 'Share the Holy Spirit Conference'. This conference is being hosted by a Catholic ecumenical group and features a mixture of Catholics, Protestants and false teachers as speakers, (see *Diakrisis* article 'Decade of Decline' 8/97). Following her letter to us is her personal letter to Brian Houston. We ask readers to similarly write to Brian Houston at PO Box 1195, Castle Hill, 2154.)

Dear Terry,

I gave the 'Decade of Decline' article ['Diakrisis' article 8/97] and a copy of the 'Share the Holy Spirit' conference brochures* to some Spanish people from...AOG, Melbourne. They are ex-Catholics and went into shock saying that if this is the case ie.: AOG's getting together with Catholics, that they would start making noises and demand an explanation. Well as you would have guessed they showed some leaders from... the materials and they said: 'Its not what you think it is...it's OK, don't worry about it...burn it...and just stick to your Bible...don't read this kind of material - it is distributed by trouble makers that don't believe that God can heal and that the Holy Spirit is not working today' etc, etc...

Well, I went on to explain that of course we believe that God can heal today if it is His will and that the Holy Spirit is always working through believers, etc. But these dear people were still believing what the so called 'leaders' were telling them...that we are all trouble makers, etc...there will be a lot of people asking questions especially ex-Catholics who had been 'saved' into the AOG only to find that they may as well have stayed a Catholic!...I have written to Brian Houston and demanded an explanation on behalf of many ex-Catholics etc., including myself. (copy attached - see below)

I cannot help but think that those who are in position of authority in the AOG know exactly what is going on within their ranks and organisation... Amos 3:3: '**Can two walk together, except they agree?**' (M.A., Vict.)*Copies of brochure available from TA Ministries.

Letter To Brian Houston (by above writer)

11/8/97 Dear pastor,

I am in possession of a leaflet 'Share the Holy Spirit' conference 30th. Sept-Oct 5th. 1997. After careful reading of this ECUMENICAL event, I am at a loss to understand why you have endorsed it. You are listed 2nd on the Conference Endorsement list along with some other questionable organisations. What is even more staggering is the 'Special blessings' from none other than the Pope and Nelson Mandella!!

This does not look good for your organisation, especially to ex-Catholics like myself. I personally know of others who are not pleased with this endorsement of yours. They are also ex-Catholics who converted to your organisation and are now scratching their heads as to why did we bother? We may as well have stayed in the Catholic Church, after all they are calling this 'the same Holy Spirit' that is working with Catholics as well as Protestants!

Is it the same Holy Spirit that they receive when they speak in tongues and still worship in bondage to the sacraments, idolatry of Mary, and pray to the saints? I would think that the real Holy Spirit would lead them further from Rome, not closer to it! Just because some call themselves Catholic Charismatic or Pentecostal Catholics does not make **seriously questionable** points of their doctrine compatible with Protestantism.

It seems that every time we pick up some Christian news media we read of the AOG linking itself with those that are on the march to Rome. I expect an honest, scriptural and contextual answer from your organisation, and if that is not forthcoming, I and many others will assume that you are in agreement with Rome and its heresies and any dialogue we have with others regarding this matter will be answered accordingly. Innocent people in your organisation and ex-Catholics like myself deserve an answer. Countless Scriptures come to mind regarding the above, but I remind you of the following:

Matt.23:4-9: 'For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And **CALL NO MAN YOUR FATHER UPON THE EARTH:** for one is your father, which is in Heaven'.

Amos 3:3: 'Can two walk together, except they be agreed?'

Matt.16:18: 'And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it'.

Any serious student of Gods Word knows that there is a fine line between so-called Christendom as we see it and the remnant of Christ. Both of these run parallel to each other. One is on the wide road to the apostasy of the End Time Church and the other on the narrow road as the Bride of Christ.

May the Lord Jesus Christ clearly guide us all through His Precious Word into all truth by The Holy Spirit.

In anticipation of your early reply, Mrs. M.A., Vict.

(Editors Comments: To date no reply has been received from this letter . We encourage readers to write similar letters.)

A Bad Man Who Got Saved

'A man named Richmond dropped a Christian tract on a pavement in England and prayed that a bad man would pick it up. A bad man did pick it up. He carried the tract to prison and he was converted. He wrote 'Pilgrim's Progress', which turned millions of people to righteousness. The book is second only to the Bible in sales.' ('Faidinkum', No.43)

Television

'Twenty years ago, the question, 'does Television shape culture or merely reflect it?' held considerable interest for many scholars and social critics. The question has largely disappeared as television has gradually become our culture. ('Amusing Ourselves To Death' by Neil Postman, P.79.)

God is inescapable - embrace Him now or face Him in Judgement later.

The resurrection assures what Calvary secures

The best way to live in the world is to live above it

Your Comments and Questions

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

Dear sir, have just been handed a copy of your newsletter, and I praise the Lord for your ministry. We all need to be praying that The Lord will give greater discernment to those sincere Christians who are being deceived. Many are praying for revival, but I don't believe God can hear such a prayer until we first humble ourselves, acknowledge our sin and our failure to obey Him. 2Chr.7:14 is appropriate. **(P.&H.S., Victor Harbour, S.A.)**

Dear Terry,...Years ago when I came away from this [Word-Faith] I felt it was a 'parallel' Gospel. It's a religion of faith in faith and performance, rather than in the actual person of Jesus Christ who performs all things for me and through whom I am more than a conquer through His love. A great burden rolled off my shoulders when an old friend gave me a tract by Bishop J.C. Ryle, 'Do You Want a Friend'. It emphasised the friendship of Jesus helping us in our infirmities and difficulties rather than [me] being some super-spiritual conqueror ..I was like a calf let out of a stall when I realised there was a twist to all this and all I had to do was just trust the Lord Jesus Christ, with everything being opened honest before Him everyday, not trying to be something I was not. And yet it sounded so attractive and right in the beginning - the first tape I heard was 'The Authority of the Believer' - like a child with a gun, downright dangerous. I gave my gun back to 'Daddy' very happily in the end and have been trusting Jesus ever since...in a sense I wonder if it is similar to the sin of Jeroboam?

They are teaching prosperity and gain - that the Christian doesn't have to suffer because Christ has already suffered for us and we have power and victory over the devil. But this is far from what Jesus taught in Matt.16:21-28; Mk.8:31-; Lk.9:22-27, and Paul in Phil.3:10,19; Col.3:2,7; and 2Pet. and Jude...I worry about Jn.9:16,31-33 when there are obvious healings in their meetings. Are they lying wonders (2Thess.2:9)?...their message appealed to flesh. **(E.W., Sydney)**

Dear Brethren, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I have been fortunate to recently be given copies of issues 12 and 13 of 'Diakrisis', and so as a result wish to subscribe...I have also enclosed...money well spent! **(Paul Chesney, editor of newsletter 'Anakrino')**

Dear Terry, Many thanks for your magazine...I was given some tapes of Rick Joyner recently and noticed his name referred to in a letter in Oct. issue - Have you more information?...

We keep remembering you all & pray that you will keep 'holding on'...With greetings to you all, **(I.&S.K., Atherton, Qld)**

Praise Points

- Praise God that He supplies all our needs according to His riches, His will, and His timing! Lord, bless our supporters.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for two cultists Terry is meeting with. Pray for wisdom and Holy Spirit guidance and a breaking of mindsets.

Terry's Itinerary

Oct.5th. 9.45am. Howard Baptist Ph. 294292

Oct.19th. 10am & 6.30pm. Hervey Bay Church of Christ

Oct.26th. 6.30pm. Fraser Coast Baptist

Dear Terry, ...I write again to encourage you in the Lord Jesus & say that we are encouraged by what He does through you. Each time 'Diakrisis' arrives both John and I read it with joy; joy that someone - one of His children - will stand and be counted in speaking out His truth. Questions: may we have permission to copy 'Mary's Command for Catholics & 'Roman Catholic Teaching - Bible Teaching'. As time goes by we are finding that we are meeting English speaking folk who are disillusioned with Catholicism & believe the Lord desires this opportunity to be used to sow the seed of His Word...**(J.&J. M. Missionaries in Spain)**

Dear Mr. Arnold, Many thanks for the March, April & May [Newsletters] as well as your order form.

I was very impressed with the Diakrisis newsletters - such a blessing and a breath of freshness.

Having been caught up in the 'Faith Movement', God showed me the truth and I now go to a great...church. I now know that deception can come from within as well as from out. Please find enclosed... for subscription! Bless you!

Dear Terry, I believe your 'Diakrisis' newsletters are 'heaven sent'...May God continue to bless you, Yours in Christ, **(R.M. Tweed Heads, NSW)**

Dear Terry, ...I am so thankful to you for sending me a copy of the letter you have sent to the AOG pastors and the information on TB and Benny Hinn. We commend you for your efforts and pray that not only will these pastors see the errors of Benny Hinn and Co. but that they will, as many have, come to see that the movement they are involved in is not of God....Thankyou for your prayers and encouragement and we shall also be in prayer for you, your family and ministry. The grace and peace of almighty God be with you always. Yours in and for The Faith, **(M.& J.D. Vict.)**

Dear Terry,...I feel I should draw your attention to the June Diakrisis. Comments from the readers section...said that I was the 'most persecuted' Christian. Perhaps my English expression was not giving the right meaning, and I would like to say that what I meant was 'people who consider themselves to be practising Christians should not be surprised to find themselves persecuted by unsaved relatives, or for that matter other folk who consider themselves Christian, but hold to another doctrine other than the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The way that I read the comment was that I was saying that I was the most persecuted Christian? Which of course I do not at all consider myself to be!...**(M.M. Ferntree Gully, Vict.)**

Correction & Addition to Pensacola Article

In last months newsletter we quoted a false prophecy given by John Kilpatrick, (see 'Pensacola Outpouring'). The internet sight quoted was incorrectly typed and should have been: <http://webco.net/...bhph95/Kilpatrick>.

Since Kilpatrick made this false prophecy (April 6th), he has written to Hanegraaff on June 18th. and apologised for calling him a devil and predicting the end of his ministry by July 4th. However, he appears to have stopped short of admitting it was a false prophecy.

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