

RICK JOYNER'S "THE FINAL QUEST." IS IT SCRIPTURALLY SOUND?

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Many church-goers are reading and spiritually devouring the book, "The Final Quest" by Rick Joyner. This strange book is based on the "visions," "prophecies" and "dreams" of Joyner, who claims to have received these experiences since 1995 from "the Lord."

The book is not Scriptural at all, I did not find even one Biblical verse (written entirely without references) in the whole book, so naturally it is not Biblical prophecy we are dealing with here, merely extra-biblical 'experiences.' The contents are so mystical, pagan and cabbalistic that one would hardly imagine that Christians would accept any of it at all!

Yet, they have and are.

The book by Joyner contains so many occult symbols, religious amulets, double-meaning comments that it is hard to begin to do a critique. The main horrifying problems of this book are:

- the "prophecies" are coming from the atmosphere, not God's Word (*revelation knowledge of the Gnostics*);
- the ways of gaining knowledge in the spirit realm come from channelling (*mediumship*), contacting the dead (*like seances*), encountering power animals (*beloved spirits of the New Age*);
- and inventing future events by twisting Scripture into unrecognisable patterns (*no doctrinal soundness even contemplated*).

THE STONES.

Joyner introduces the idea of "stones" or jewels being the Source of revelation, yet Christians surely know that the Bible is the book of God's revelation to man, it is His Divine font of Truth. On p.71, for example, we read from Joyner's fiasco:

"I turned away from the door and retreated fast. There was a beautiful red stone nearby, which I almost lunged at to lay my hands on ... I jerked my hand away from the stone and fell to the floor in exhaustion. I wanted so badly to return to the blue or green



"This panoramic vision was given to the author (Rick Joyner) over a period of one year. It includes an unfolding of the Last Battle between light and darkness. A condensed version was printed in the Morning Star Journal as the The Hordes of Hell are Marching - It quickly became the most popular work we (Rick Joyner & Co.) have ever printed, and has been circulated around the world..." (Back Cover)

stones....' What was back there?' I asked. 'When you touch the stones we are able to see a little of what you see, and feel a little of what you feel.' said the angel. 'We know that all of these stones are great treasures, and all of the revelations they contain are priceless...."

Now compare these beliefs from the New Age about stones:

"Today's New Age is wrapped up in a theology of amulets, symbols, and talismans. The idea that such objects may contain residual powers was an important part of Babylonian thinking. Small bags of ingredients with spells spoken over them, crystals, magic shapes, words, or numbers ... These shops also sell precious and semi-precious

stones and crystals which are alleged to either contain or attract energy.

One flyer lists stones and their magical properties. It claims, 'Amethyst: reflects the amethystine love ray of the Aquarian Age. Wearing it attunes one to love energies. Promotes development of intuitive faculties.' In this, the shop owner was following Babylonian thinking, since the Babylonians extensively used precious and semi-precious stones in healing rituals..."

(Ancient Empires of the New Age, by DeParrie and Pride, p.36).

Now look again at the book by Joyner, it is Babylonian in every degree:

"I did not know what to do with the angels so I just continued walking. I was attracted to a large blue stone that appeared to have the sun and clouds inside of it. When I touched it

the same feelings flooded over me as when I had eaten the fruit of the Tree of Life. I felt energy unearthly mental clarity, and love for everyone and everything being magnified...the longer I touched the stone the more the glory increased, I never wanted to take my hand off of the stone..." (ibid p.68).

Now note the altered consciousness of the New Age as Joyner touches the green stone. He receives awareness of a pantheistic earth, just as adepts in occult mysticism experience:

"Then my eyes fell on a beautiful green stone ... As I touched the green stone I began to see the earth in rich and spectacular colours. They grew in richness the longer I had my hand on the stone ... I

began to see a harmony between all living things on a level that I had never seen before..." (ibid p.69).

THE LEVELS.

Joyner makes much of "levels", "mantles" and "doors" which are simply witchcraft magic! The occultists have heavily infiltrated main-line society with such games as Dungeons and Dragons and many computer games. In these we see the magicians' and warlocks' "levels", "doors of enlightenment", "magic mantles" and "swords." If we look at the Joyner book it is easy to see it is nothing less than a Dungeons and Dragons "christian" magical quest, or crusade! The occultists give much credence to power animals, the Joyner book is filled with these magical beasts and birds, it is no different than a warlock's book on magic!

Let us examine Joyner's seductive little gnostic tome, as he presents the secrets of magic to the initiates. Let you imagine that this example is one of a kind, I can assure you that there are many mentions of levels, doors, power animals and birds and swords:

"When you first came to the mountain you did not stay on this level long enough to look around," he [a spirit] answered. He continued, 'I wanted badly to follow you then, I had been on this level for so long that I needed a change. I just could not leave all of the lost souls that I was still trying to lead here. When I finally committed myself to doing the Lord's will, whether it was to stay or go, Wisdom appeared to me and showed me this door. He said it was a shortcut to the top. That is how I got to the top before you did. There I was changed into an eagle.' I then remembered that I had seen doors like this on a couple of the levels." (ibid p.65).

What about the "mantles?" Magic mantles are common in "quest", "crusade" occult games. These have to do with warlocks, witches and initiates also. In this Joyner quote you will note that his "mantle" or magic cloak has completely taken over from the armour which is ours in Christ, as mentioned in Ephesians six. This false teaching is so dangerous because it

presents a fake way of spiritual protection and safety, which is totally alien to the Scriptures. This gives false hope. Do not be misled by the comments which may appear godly, in a sense, Satan is coming through the book as an angel of light:

"How can we keep from being attacked like this?" I asked. 'Stay close to me, inquire of the Lord before making major decisions, and keep that mantle on. Then the enemy will not be able to easily blind side you as he did those.' I looked at my mantle. It looked plain and insignificant. I felt that it made me look more like a homeless person than a warrior. Wisdom responded as if I had been speaking out loud.' 'The Lord is closer to the homeless than to kings. You only have true strength to the degree that you walk in the grace of God, and 'he gives His grace to the humble.' No evil weapon can penetrate this mantle, because nothing can overpower His grace. As long as you wear this mantle you are safe from this kind of attack."

(ibid. p.55).

Quotes from Tom Hardwicke (TH), a concerned Christian, will be given here, throughout this section of the critique, as Despatch proceeds through the book from start to finish:

TH:

"Rick Joyner's first chapter is called 'The Hordes of Hell are Marching'. He has dreams and visions, apparently from the Lord and sees hordes of demons marching on Christians and attacking them.

On page 20 he says:

'The darkness from the cloud of vultures made it so hard for these prisoners to see that they naively accepted everything that happened to them as being from the Lord. They felt that those who stumbled were under God's judgement. The only food provided for these prisoners was the vomit from the vultures. Those who refused to eat it simply weakened until they fell ... After

drinking the bitter waters they would begin to vomit on the others. When one of the prisoners began to do this, a demon that was waiting for a ride would climb up on him, and would ride him up to one of the front divisions. 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 vision of people suffering shows an underlying spiritual doctrine that these demons are attacking people with disaster and hardship. This concept has been taught in some Pentecostal churches at least since the beginning of the twentieth century but has no real basis in the Bible or spiritual reality. Unless a person reads the Bible they might be inclined to think the above is Biblical reality. Demons in the Bible are evil spirits or the result of spiritual defilement or curses. These spiritual powers or authorities in the unseen or heavenly realm often come upon people as the result of sin.

For example, ...a child molester will have demons or evil spirits as will those involved with witchcraft, murder and those who make religious or mythological pictures or images, give reverence to them or simply possess them.

DESPATCH:

The Joyner book, "*The Final Quest*" has an "angelic" being depicted which appears throughout, this being is simply called "**Wisdom.**" This title is highly significant as the New Agers consider that the Goddess Sophia is shown in the Biblical Scriptures every time the word "**wisdom**" is seen, as Sophia in Greek means "**wisdom.**" Joyner even calls "**Wisdom**" the Lord God Himself! "*I am with all who go forth to do the will of My Father,' Wisdom answered. 'You're the Lord!' I cried.*" (ibid p.55). What is this being "**Wisdom**" in the New Age? The Goddess Sophia, who is the black Goddess of the Roman Catholic Pope!

Note: that male and female are becoming meaningless in the new Age "**god**" or "**goddess**" ideas cf. p.7 column 3 at top re "**statue section**".

Does Rick Joyner know what he is about, or is he just deceived and gullible?

Who can really say, but I believe Rick

J. most certainly knows what he is about, and that Joyner is a high-level mason, or warlock. Joyner knows too much about the occult world!

The Joyner book plays up a kind of spiritual journey through “**levels**”, with various “**jewels**,” and a “**mantle**” is given to him. All of these concepts are like the spiritual journey that occult initiates take, but this journey is unknown in real Christianity. We have already arrived in Christ Jesus, you see, we are already seated in heavenly places with Him and in Him (Ephesians 1). We need no “**levels**” for we share the Life of Christ already, who can go higher than that? The book shows a false hierarchy, a status gained by self’s faithfulness and self’s “**experiences**.” Of course Joyner regards himself as being on a high level, with “**modesty**” expressed of course. “**Christian**” Gnosticism predominates in the weird “**prophecies**.”

THE WHOLE BOOK DEALS WITH COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAD!

T H comments:

“This eagle (dead man) says to Joyner that on earth he had wanted to follow Rick Joyner and says that ‘**Wisdom**’ (God?) showed him a short cut so he could get to the top before Joyner.

He then says: “*There I was changed into an eagle*”. This sounds [just] like reincarnation, or the fictitious [New Age] story of Jonathan Livingstone Seagull. Most of the book bears no resemblance to Biblical truth. God does not change people into eagles....

Joyner then supposedly goes on toward the Judgement Seat of Christ. Although Joyner’s former acquaintance continues talking to him from the dead, Jesus said a great gulf is fixed and no-one can pass to tell people what is on the other side - see the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Christians know that communication with the dead is forbidden by God and is therefore something He would not organise or condone.

DESPATCH: The fact that Rick Joyner considers himself to be a prophet and apostle of God should make alarm bells start clanging! The Word of God was written by the Prophets and Apostles, but now the Canon of Scripture has closed there are no more apos-

ties and prophets which speak out or write the infallible Word of God. In fact, if any person pretends that they can add to the prophecies of the Scriptures a CURSE is laid upon them by the Lord God Almighty (see Revelation 22:18). The utterances of the Biblical Prophets and Apostles were the Word of God, which in its written form is a completed Canon. (I Thessalonians 2:13; Ephesians 3:5). II Peter 1:19-21 - we have a SURE WORD of prophecy, which we must take note of, to ignore it in favour of a Gnostic, mystical “**prophecy**” from a self-styled “**apostle**” is sheer spiritual disaster.

T H comments:

On page 91 Joyner is on the outer fringes of heaven. He looks over the great host of foolish virgins. (In the Bible the foolish virgins are purely a story parable of Jesus to warn us to be ready for His return). He then says that he is one of the foolish virgins but Jesus said at Matt. 24:11 “*I don’t know you*” and wouldn’t open the door for them. In reality the foolish virgins do not get to heaven but in the theology from Joyner, the foolish virgins still get in but go to the outer fringes of heaven.

DESPATCH: Sadly, this kind of aberrant doctrine has crept even into solid teaching ministries in our day. We heard recently of a Dr.Y. who teaches a message almost identical to the Rick Joyner version of the Ten Virgins parable, all of which is seen in the book itself! Could this preacher have read the Joyner book, or accessed New Age Teaching elsewhere? Dr.Y. is to all intents and purposes a fundamental preacher, this is not fundamental teaching.

T H comments: On page 98 Joyner is told that his experience there with the dead “**foolish virgins**” will give him far more wisdom and discernment. Surely having the Holy Spirit with us on earth can give us all wisdom and discernment. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will reveal all things to us (Jn.14:26). Does Rick Joyner actually get something extra that the Holy Spirit of God can’t give to those who are close to him? [A] dead great reformer has been allowed to talk to Joyner and give him wisdom, but in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus Jesus shows that the conversation that Joyner believes he’s having is not possible. No-one can pass from one side to the other, let

alone communicate and give wisdom.

DESPATCH: The Joyner book presents a chilling version of the current apostasy which is anti-biblical in nature - i.e. that we can gain wisdom and knowledge by “**spiritual**” revelation apart from the written, infallible Word of God. This is a form of Gnosticism, from the Greek word “**gnosis**” meaning “**knowledge**.” Joyner gets ALL his “**knowledge**” of spiritual matters it seems outside of the Holy Scriptures. Here a simple analysis of what Gnostics believe about spiritual knowledge would be helpful. Those who have read the Joyner book should recognise that all the elements of Gnosticism appear in “**The Final Quest**”:

1. There is a great demonstration of “**spirituality**,” but it is mystical, and experience-orientated.
2. There is lip-service given to Scripture, but “**spirituality**” and “**prophecy**” is not Biblically-centred at all.
3. “**Spirituality**” is based in self, and self’s growth into higher levels of awareness of Christ, not in Christ Jesus Himself.
4. The Word of God is not studied as doctrine, with reason, cognitive understanding, sound principles of interpretation being given proper place. The Bible is rather used by gnostics as a tool to boost up the experiences of self. The words of Scripture are often turned into symbols, spiritism and images which are far beyond the true meaning of the Word.
5. The life is regulated by feelings, emotions, inner voices, “**love**” felt inside, inward revelations, dreams, visions, impressions, supernatural happenings, etc - not by faith in God and His Word.
6. Pride, piously covered by “**humility**,” is the sign of a gnostic “**Christian**.”

BEWARE THE “CHRISTIAN GNOSTIC”

A quote from the book “**Strange Fire**” will enlighten us further:

“A ‘Christian Gnostic’ is easily identified by his show of piety and especially by his air of humility. The more mystic he appears or sounds, the more spiritual he feels. He takes great pleasure in believing he has attained to a high spiritual level and sees himself as being a member of a special breed of people.” (p.66).

NOTE:

now Joyner's book, p. 82.

He has a power animal, this time an eagle, tell him he has "faith," "wisdom," "authority in the kingdom," "great honour," "you have been faithful," "made a ruler over many more," etc. Joyner's pride is massive, he sees himself as a mighty man of God. (Remember, he wrote or journaled or channelled the book himself, it is not just a dream or vision).

NOTE he has the eagle say that HIS (Joyner's) FAITH "released many souls," instead of the Holy Spirit's drawing has released souls. These souls come to "the mountain" for salvation, not to Christ's Cross. Eagle addresses Joyner:

"By climbing the mountain you were also demonstrating faith, and wisdom, which does also release authority. Your faith freed many souls, so that they could come to the mountain for salvation. You, too, received many wounds, but your authority in the kingdom has come more from acts of faith than suffering. Because you have been faithful in a few things you will be given the great honour of going back to suffer, that you may be made a ruler over many more...."

T H comments:

On page 103 of Joyner's book he is told: "All the relationships that you have on earth are continued here." That is that married couples are still together. (as husband and wife) Jesus said that this does not happen; there is no giving and taking in marriage for we will be like the angels.

Near the end of p. 103 a wife of a dead saint says of her marriage:

"Now our relationship is continuing in much greater depth".

When Jesus was questioned about a woman who was married many times to see whose wife she would be in the resurrection, he made it clear that the marriage relationship does not continue in heaven.

On p.104 Rick Joyner has a great love for this dead wife of the great Christian foolish virgin man, and the wife says his attraction is OK.

"It is the attraction between male and female that was

given in the beginning, which is always pure in its true form."

This dead wife says that if it were not for God's glory where they are, Rick Joyner would be gripped with lust for this old dead woman from the past. This is a lie as a man filled with God's Holy Spirit can be free from lust here on earth.

The woman tells Joyner that
'To the degree that you are free of lust on earth, to that degree you will begin to experience heaven.'

Now Joyner is writing a new teaching to experience heaven that is not in the Bible. Should we take in supposed great spiritual truths from a dead wife supposedly in heaven when God says He will tell us all we need to know. Do we now need Rick Joyner because he is allowed (against God's Word) to talk to the dead.

On p.106 she goes on to say that if she and her husband had served each other on earth they would "be sitting next to the King now". This is another new way to get close to the King that also is not in the Bible. What about getting close to Jesus Christ??? He is rarely mentioned. This teaching sounds a bit like Purgatory, where you might finally make it into the presence of God....

Joyner says:

'I had already absorbed more understanding than I felt like my many years of ministry on earth had given me.'

I don't think he was ever close to the Lord Jesus or the Bible because we can get far more understanding than what he gets from these spirits.

On page 107, another dead man from the lowest part of heaven says

'You are being given this experience now because you will write the vision, and those who read it will understand it.'

This seems to put Joyner above the Lord Himself, who the Bible says will reveal all things to His close followers personally [through the Holy Spirit].

On p.109 a dead Christian says to Joyner

'Please warn my disciples of their impending doom if they do not repent.'

God allows him to talk to Joyner, but God shows this is not possible.

At Luke 16 we read of someone who wanted the same sort of warning sent back for his five brothers, but we read: *'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'*

Another dead writer says to Joyner that if he had sought the Lord in life (p.114) it *'would have resulted in many more millions being here now.'* When the Bible says that no-one comes to the Lord unless he is drawn by God, how can this lying evil spirit talking to Joyner, claim that he could have brought many millions into the lowest heaven simply by seeking the Lord in life? If HE had sought the Lord in life he probably would not be part of Joyner's demonic dream.

DESPATCH:

ONLY THE VERY PROUD will accept a comment that they are "humble." We who are truly saved all know that we are sinful, selfish, foolishly proud and in need of forgiveness every day, yet Joyner seems to accept as his due the lies and flatteries of the demons.

Note:

how Joyner accepts HIS own throne, right next to, ATTACHED TO, the Creator's! What proud blasphemy!

T H writes:

On page 118 the 'Lord' tells Joyner that he has the MANTLE of HUMILITY required to sit on one of the thrones attached to His. The Bible which is the truth does not have a requirement for such a mantle to sit on a throne attached to the Lord's.

p.121. The Lord says to Joyner

'You must know both my kindness and severity or you will fall to deception.'

If this 'Lord' had been Jesus then He would have directed Joyner to the Bible to know God's Word or he would fall to deception, as he obviously has.

On page 122 Jesus has 'stood up' for Rick Joyner from His throne in heaven and

'now will not sit down again until the last battle is over.'

Joyner's time with the Lord must be of paramount importance because from that time legions of angels that were standing ready since the night of His passion have from this point been released upon the earth. 'The hordes of hell' have also been released. This is the time for which all creation has been waiting? It seems amazing that

of all the Christians on earth, past and present, that Rick Joyner is the one who is chosen by God to talk and meet with so many dead people (something God does not allow) and to bring Jesus to His feet from His throne in heaven, not to sit again until the final battle is over. Legions of angels and all of creation have apparently been waiting for this very time when Rick Joyner meets Jesus at His throne. This battle appears to start from this very time which was prior to publishing [The Final Quest] in 1996.

DESPATCH:

From the book **“Strange Fire”** by *Traverse and Jewel van der Merwe*, we read: “The **‘Christian Gnostic’** religion is a mystical form of godliness experienced intuitively and all too often is construed to represent the Presence or Voice of the Holy Spirit. The peril of this concept relegates the inspiration of the Scriptures to a subordinate position to personal ‘inspiration’ or to ‘private interpretation’ of Scripture ... Christians hooked on ‘hear from God’ without regard to Holy Scripture are not only open to serious error, but also disposed to strong delusions. This could lead to a self-centred ‘cult-like’ religion at the expense of God’s precious written Word. (p.101).

NOTE:

the shocking anti-biblical teaching in this area of the book by Rick, pray for this man’s soul, he is being used by the devil.

T H writes:

On p.126 Joyner says:

‘His (the Lord’s) judgements set me free, and His judgement of the world will set the world free.’

but God says in the Bible something totally opposed to this:

‘the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgement and destruction of ungodly men’ (2Peter 3:7)

God says His judgement will destroy people not set them free.

On p.126 Joyner says:

‘When God’s judgement day comes it will bring the final deliverance of Adam from his hiding place. This will be the final liberation of Adam.’

This new teaching about Adam does

not match the Bible - where is Joyner getting it from? Are we to assume his words are coming from God! NO! ...

The Apostle Paul (?) from the Bible says **on pages 131-5** in Joyner’s book:

‘We have looked forward to meeting you.’

Such a meeting is not possible according to God, so who is Joyner actually speaking with? Paul has said much to Joyner but then says: ‘

We can neither add to or take away from what we planted in the earth, but you can.’

The great crowd of people who have spoken to Joyner have added greatly to what they planted while supposedly on earth, making liars of themselves. Paul continues

‘You are now our hope. Even in this conversation I can only confirm what I have already written, but you still have much writing to do.’

Then ‘Paul’ goes on to make himself a liar by giving Joyner new instructions.

P. 135: ‘

You must recover the ministry and the message,’

he said emphatically. I looked at the Lord, and He nodded His affirmation, adding

‘It is right that Paul should say this to you.’

DESPATCH:

BLASPHEMY abounds in this book! Here Joyner has himself become the **“hope”** and the one who can **“build upon the foundation”** of Paul’s writings in Holy Scripture! He is being told in essence by an evil spirit who claims to be Paul the Apostle to add to the words of Scripture by his own writings!!!! Yet, the Bible is a closed Canon, this man Joyner has terrible **“plagues”** upon his life! What unbelievable religious arrogance is this? Revelation 22:18,19; I Corinthians 2:7-15. The Bible alone is the Oracles of God, the Word of the Lord, the Word of Life, the Word of Christ, The Word of Truth, and the Word of Faith. God’s glorious Word is our inspiration, not the dreams and trances of a medium like Joyner! Romans 3:2; Luke 8:11; Acts 13:48; Philippians 2:16; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Romans 10:8.

T H writes:

On page 141 the Lord (?) says as

“Wisdom” to Joyner *‘You have asked me to judge you, so you are receiving it.’* God’s judgement to the Corinthians in the Bible was in the form of weakness, sickness ..., but an unbiblical judgement is given to Joyner by taking him to heaven and sending him back to earth in a vision.

On page 144 ‘Wisdom’ says: *‘To be entrusted with my words is to be entrusted with the power by which the universe is held together.’* It appears that Wisdom is God, perhaps the fourth person of the Godhead, speaking to Joyner [???]. Although he says some wise things and seems to be like an angel of light, he obviously is not.

...**On p.147** the Lord (?) seems to give a new profound teaching to Rick Joyner as He supposedly says *‘All of your failures will be the result of this one thing, self-centredness. The only way to be delivered from this is to walk in love.’* The Biblical way to be delivered from all sin however, is to repent, confess and renounce...(I John 1:9) we are told that if we judged ourselves we would not come under judgement.

**RICK JOYNER
ALMOST LIKE A “god.”**

Writes T H:

Page 148 shows that Rick Joyner must be pretty special. Even before the World was created and before God made man, He called and said things to Rick Joyner. *‘I said that to you before the creation of the world when I called you.’* Rick possibly wants us to glorify him as he must have been with God before He created the world, and therefore before he created the first man, Adam. Rick says on **p. 149** *‘My armour contained the same glory that surrounded Him’*(The Lord).


On page 154 Joyner is hugged by another dead Christian and says *‘When he finally released me I was staggering as if I were drunk.’* (This reminds me of those who get uncontrollably drunk in the **‘spirit’**, and the word of God in the Bible about false prophets in Isaiah 29:9-13....)

I am firmly convinced from the concepts and teachings contained in this book that Rick Joyner is a false teacher and false prophet (that Jesus warned would be among us Matt.7:15 & 2 Peter 2:1-9]) and is not a disciple of Jesus Christ at all. There are so many



DAVID PAWSON SPEAKS - April, 1998.


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Recent tapes by the teacher, David Pawson, which were recorded in Brisbane at the Gateway Centre, have been accepted by many Christians as being of God. Alarmed by this international preacher's teachings, some believers in Brisbane have asked Despatch to do a critique on the tapes in order to counter the unbiblical doctrines and prophetic outline of this man. The summary to a lengthy critique is given here. We realise there may be subscribers who are involved with Pawson, but we cannot avoid standing against this nevertheless. 

errors and things totally opposed to Biblical truth in his book, that I believe his visions and the book to be of the devil. These words, conversations and teaching may have come to

Rick Joyner while he was asleep and dreaming, but I am certain they did not come from God. A man, called Joseph Smith, has also written a book of spiritual revelation, and so started the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), but in that case also, many people are being led astray. The simple plain truth that all can read in the Bible has stood the test of time and shows man what God wants him to know."

FINAL COMMENT FROM DESPATCH:

The book by Rick Joyner finishes with the words and the "door" that "Wisdom had led me to." This is most certainly the spiritual entity Sophia, "Wisdom" of the New Age. (*Whether male or female entity is referred to, it is the same purpose, cf. p.7 column 3, this issue*) Joyner says he has no choice but to go through the "door," "I had to go through it" he writes. These teachings from demonic angels from the pit, who are deluding Rick Joyner, are not over yet, for the book ends with "To be continued..." May God have mercy on the deceived readers of the next volume of this man's black ravings! YOU do not have to go through that Satanic "door" into hellish lies with Joyner, repent now if you have erred in any way by accepting the delusions of this book, and avoid the next one like the plague it surely is. God Almighty is a Holy God. 

Should you require the approx. 66 page transcript of those tapes, which includes the Despatch critique, please write for it - cost \$10 including postage.

We do not expose the teachings of Pawson for the sake of being critical, it is imperative that the people of God stand firm in hope and the Truth of God's Word. We must ask ourselves, what will we believe, Pawson's bewildering bungle, or God's infallible Word? Stand up, people of the Lord, awake from slumber, the times are perilous! We cannot attempt a full Scriptural study on the various points here, a list of sound, fundamental material is given at the end for those of you who want to consult the Scriptures in depth, and see for themselves as the Bereans would do. Get the Sword of the Word sharpened beloved of God, you need to KNOW what God says, and to understand that Pawson, and other false teachers, are NOT teaching the things of God and His Word.

SUMMARY OF THE CRITIQUE OF THE TAPED AUDIO MESSAGES OF DAVID PAWSON, No.1409 & 1410:

David Pawson is a false prophet.

His scenario of the endtimes is nothing like the Biblical scenario, nor is his message honouring to the Lord Jesus Christ. The reader may dispute that statement, so shall we clarify this by summarising just a few of the errors and apostasies of Pawson:

1. He does not honour the efficacy of the shed Blood of Christ for sinners, he teaches that if the Christians do not "overcome" they will have their names removed from the Book of Life. Space does not permit a full Bible study on this, but the Scriptures clearly teach we are saved by Grace through faith, not by works and "overcoming." This twisting of Scripture is exactly what the Jehovah's Witnesses wrongfully teach, and they are not born-again! Read just some of the glorious promises to those who trust in Christ Jesus alone for salvation, and not in works of any kind: II Peter 1:10; John 14:16; II Timothy 1:9; I John 5:18; John 3:15; John 10:28; Ephesians 1:4; 1:11; 2:8,9; Romans 6:23 etc.

2. Pawson teaches that the Christians, children of God, will go through the most fearful period in the history of the planet, the time when the wrath of God is poured out upon a sinful world, the Tribulation. This is refuted by the Bible in many ways, here again the space cannot permit a full Bible study:

The Rapture, note the words "we who are ALIVE" - I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Note that we to "comfort one another" with the words about the rising of the dead, and the Rapture of the living.

Note in Revelation 3:10 that God promises to keep the saved from His fearful wrath, which will come upon the whole world - the Tribulation. And God promises that there is no condemnation that the saved will have to undergo, the Tribulation is a time of the condemnation and judgement of God against the wicked. Ro. 8:1,2.

3. Pawson says that he is an "optimist" and that he teaches a positive message. What exactly does he teach, in essence. He teaches a horrifyingly "pessimistic" message which is this: we are not saved for all eternity by the Blood of Christ; if we do not die before the Tribulation period, we will have to go through it and suffer the wrath of God with the rest of humanity. If we cannot stand firm and "overcome" in this time of persecution, and unspeakable cruelty from the hands of the Antichrist, then we will lose our salvation. If we do stand firm then the only way out of the Tribulation is to undergo martyrdom in the most cruel way one can imagine, and certainly Hitler and his henchmen had nothing on what the Antichrist regime will bring in the way of torture! Well, says Pawson, maybe you do suffer for awhile, and back down, then you will be faithless and will go to hell anyway, to suffer for all eternity. And this is "optimistic?" No, it is pitiful doom and gloom, unfitting for any redeemed person to accept. II Corinthians 5:17-20; II John 5:11,12; I John 4:9,10 etc.

4. Pawson shows that he believes in a form of worldly, earth-centred concepts. His notions show little excitement about seeing the Lord Jesus Christ in glory, worshipping the Heavenly Father, seeing the angelic beings, entering into the spiritual realms, or putting on immortality - with our bodies becoming like the Body of the glorified Son of God, which is our destiny. Pawson sees nothing of becoming an heir with Christ, nor does he long for the heavenly realms. It is easy to see why, for he teaches that we will enter the Millennial Reign of Christ STILL IN OUR MORTAL BODIES, for we have never been Raptured (according to him), we have never put on immortality and become glorified in the Saviour. Pawson's message is very like the Jehovah's Witnesses' teachings. The JW's teachings are identical in this concept of a "new world" with the New Age!

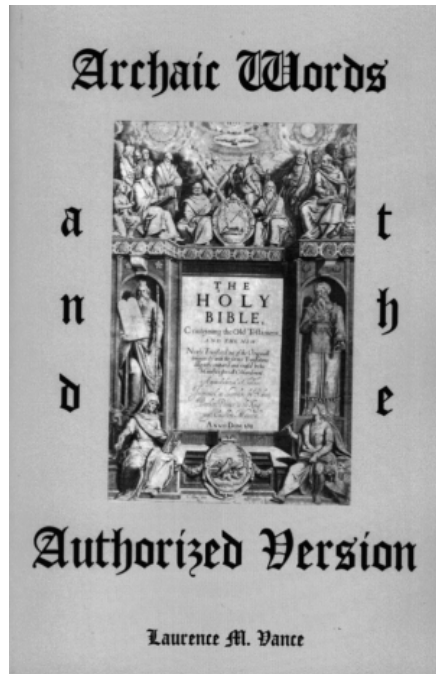
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This does mean that there will not be a new heavens and a new earth, but the Millennial Reign is not it, this will happen AFTER the thousand year reign. Note that the new earth and heaven occur in Rev. 21, and this is after the thousand year reign of Christ described in Rev.20. Read Rev. 19:14, this is the glorified Church coming with the Bride Groom; see the beauty of the saints of the Church Age in heaven, Rev.4; we shall see Jesus Christ face to face, as He really is Eternally, I Cor. 13:12; I John 3:2. This is far beyond the earthly blessings which Pawson delights in.

5. Pawson seems to make the Church of Jesus Christ take the place that ISRAEL takes in Biblical prophecy, in the period of the Tribulation. He does not realise the place of Israel, as God first judges that nation, uses the 144,000 Jews as witnesses and finally brings the remnant Jews to acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. The Christian Church is NOT THERE in the Trib. Rev. 7:4; 6:17; Isaiah 66:8; Zech. 13:9; Ezekiel 22:19-22.

6. Pawson is seen in the above tapes entering into very suspect interaction with "angels." His statements show this: he hears the "angels" singing that we are the "children" of Jesus Christ. In no Scriptures are believers called the "children" of Jesus Christ, strange that "God's" angels did not know that? We are the Bride of Christ, we are the joint heirs with Christ Jesus, we are the Body He is the Head, but we are never called His "children", we are the children of God the Father only. Who are these unscriptural angels then (recorded on an audio tape)?

7. Most disturbing of all is the fact that Pawson believes and teaches that "Jesus Christ" will soon appear, and we should be waiting for Him to take over the planet and transform it into a new world. Then, Pawson teaches, we Christians will take over the dominion of the world's systems, and rule over the financial institutions, the political systems and the courts of law, etc. Now this is really serious delusion, for the New Age is awaiting the "Christ" who will make the world a place of peace, and they are waiting to rule in the same way Pawson envisages the Christians doing. Those who are not saved amongst Pawson's listeners, and who consequently will not be Raptured, are in danger of being set up to receive the false "Christ", and for the reign of Antichrist! They will fully expect to see the "Christ" come to set up the kingdom of "God", after a skirmish which will be brief, but awful. The real, Biblical scenario if not like that, beware!



Yes, the redeemed will rule with Christ Jesus in the Millennium, but we will not be mortal then, and we will rule in a spiritual sense, as sons of God (John 1:12; Romans 8:19; I John 3:1,2).

More like the angels, I guess, commuting from glory. Pawson sees a scenario where the Christians just go on into the Millennium in their earthly bodies, with all their old body parts, running all the companies and institutions, in the same manner that we might do now. Pawson even sees a man helping Jesus Christ stop the pollution of the rivers, in the Millennial Reign! In reality, Jesus Christ, as Creator (John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:1) will transform the entire planet into paradise conditions. He will not need to use a human to "help" Him stop the pollution of the rivers. Isaiah 65:17 describes the new heavens and new earth, but 18-25 describes the Kingdom Age in the Millennium. Read about just a few of the descriptions of this time when Christ Jesus will restore the earth: Isaiah 55:13; Joel 3:18; Joel 2:24-26; Romans 8:23a; Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 30:26; Isaiah 60:19-20 etc, etc.

No, David Pawson does not teach the eternal verities of the Lord, either the Bible is true or Pawson, and I know which I believe.

NOTE: We just have an email to hand espousing the very thing Pawson is encouraging people to wait for, Christ coming back not the Rapture ... Israel is trying to prepare for the influx of 'Christians??' to the Mount of Olives for AD 2000. We can email this to you free, or you can send for it for \$1.50. inc. post.

Does the AV contain archaic words? Certainly. But perhaps a better question would be: Do contemporary publications like Time, *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Forbes*, and the *New Republic* contain archaic words? As we have seen throughout the main body of this work, they unquestionably do. Also without dispute is the striking revelation that modern, up-to-date Bible versions like the NRSV, NASB, NIV, and NKJV likewise contain archaic words. We have seen these facts demonstrated in a number of ways.

1. An archaic word in the AV is corrected and then the same word is inserted elsewhere.
2. An archaic word in the AV is retained exactly as it appears in the AV.
3. An archaic word in the AV is retained but in a different form.
4. An archaic word in the AV is corrected and a different form of the word is inserted elsewhere.
5. A simple word in the AV is replaced by a form of an archaic word.
6. A simple word in the AV is replaced by a more difficult word or phrase.
7. The base or root form of a word in the AV is unnecessarily lengthened.
8. An archaic word in the AV is replaced by an even more difficult word.
9. A somewhat difficult word in the AV is replaced by a more arduous word.

So that fact that the AV contains archaic words is just that, a fact that should be accepted. For just as no one revises Shakespeare or Milton, but instead learns the vocabulary necessary to understand those particular works, and just as a certain vocabulary is necessary to understand science, medicine, engineering, or computers; and just as no one ever cancels their subscription or writes a letter to the editor of a contemporary publication to complain that it uses archaic words; and just as no one ever complains about archaic words surfacing in modern Bible versions; so to read and understand the Bible one must be familiar with the vocabulary of the AV instead of dragging it down to one's own level by revising it.

DOES THE AV CONTAIN ARCHAIC WORDS? CERTAINLY.

SHOULD WE THEREFORE REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING ELSE? CERTAINLY NOT.

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 abominations(76) - gross sin Ge. 43:22
 accursed(20)-cursed.
 Josh.6:17. 18;7:1,11, 12, 13, 15:22:20
 adjure(7) - forced testimony I Ki 22:16
 afore(7) - before. Ro 1:2
 agone(1) - ago I Sa. 30:13
 albeit(2) - though Ezek 13:7
 algum(3) - albug, sandalwood
 2 Chr 2:8: 9:10, 11
 amerce(1)-fine, impose a penalty Deu.22:19
 ancients(10) - elders. Isa. 3:14
 anon(2) - immediately. Mt. 13:20, Mk 1:30
 apothecary(4) - perfumer. Ex. 30 25
 artificer(4) - artisan. Ge. 4:22
 asp(5) - cobra Job 22:16
 ass(9O) - donkey. Ge. 22:3
 asunder(21) - apart. Heb. 4:12
 assayed(4)-try, attempt. Deu. 4:34: Ac 9:26
 asswage(3) - restrain. Ge. 8:1 Job 16:5, 6
 attendance(4) - attention I Tim. 4 13
 avouched(2)-declared Deu 26:17, 18
 backbiters(4) - slanderers. Ro 1:30
 bade(18) - told, invite. request. Ac 11 12
 bakemeats (1) - cooked food . Ge 40:17
 barren(23) -childless, desolate
 Ge 11:30: 2Ki.2:21
 beeves(7)-cattle,oxen,bulls,cows. Lev 22:19
 befall(8) - happen to. Ac. 20:22
 beggarly(1) - worthless. Ga. 4:9
 begotten(24)-beget. created, produced.
 Jn 3:16
 Col 2:4
 Jer 5:12
 beseech(67) - urge. Ro 12:1
 beset(6) - entangled. Heb. 12:1
 besought(44)- urged. I Tim. 1:3
 bestead(1) - beset with difficulties Isa. 8:21
 bestowed(14) - given, lavished I Cor. 15:10
 betimes(5) - early Ge. 26:31
 betwix(15) - between. Phil. 1:23
 bewraveth(3) - betrays. reveals
 Prov 27:16:29 24: Mt 26 73
 bishop(6) - overseer Phil. 1:1: I Pe. 2:25
 bishoprick(1)-oversight, office, charge
 Ac 1:20
 blains(2) - sores. Ex. 9:9, 10
 blaspheme(30) - cursing Deity . Mr 3:29
 bond(19)-slave Rev 13:6
 boss(1) - knob at center of shield Job 15:26
 botch(2) - ulcer or boil Deu 28:27, 35
 box(8) - jar Mt. 26:7: .Mk. 14:3: Lk 7:37
 brasen(28) - bronze. Mr. 7:4
 bray(2) - to pound in a mortar Pro 27:22
 brimstone(15) - sulphur. Ge. 19:24
 broidered(8) - embroidered. Ezek. 16:10
 bruit(2) -rumour, report. Jer. 10:22: Na 3:19
 buckler(11) - small shield 2 Sa. 22:31
 canker(1) - cancer, ulcerous disease
 2 Tim 2:17
 cankered(1) - corroded. Jas. 5:3
 cankerworm(6) - hopping locust Joel 1:4
 carnal(15) - worldly Rom 8:6
 carriage(s)(6)- baggage, goods, burdens
 Judg. 18:21; Ac . 21:15
 causeway(2) - paved road. I Chr. 26, 16,18

censer(20) - fire pan. Lev 10:1
 chambering(1) - sensual, wanton living.
 Ro. 13:13
 chamberlain(6) - manager of household.
 Ac 12:20
 champaign(1) - plain. flat countryside.
 Deu 11:30
 chapter(13) - capital of a column. I Ki. 7:16
 chapt(1) - cracked Jer 14:4
 charity(28) - love I Cor. 13 1. 2, 3, 4, 8, 13
 check(1) - rebuke. Job 20:3
 chode(2) -chide Ge. 31:36: Nu. 20:3
 cholier(2) - anger. Dan 8:7: 11:11
 churl(3) - mean. miserly person Isa 32:5,7
 cieled(4)-panelled, overlaid
 2Chr3:5: Jer.22:14: Ezek 41 16; 21:15
 clouted(1) - patched. Jos. 9:5
 clouts(2) - wornout clothes. Jer. 38:11,12
 cockatrice(4)-adder.
 Isa.11:8;14:29; 59:5; Jer.8:17
 cockle(1) - weeds Job 31:40
 coffer(3) - box. I Sa. 6:8; 11, 15
 comeliness(5) - beauty. Isa. 53:2
 commodious(1)- suitable. Ac. 27:12
 compass(39) - circumference
 Ex. 38:4.
 make a circuit.
 Jos. 6:3
 Phil. 3:2
 Ro. 7.8
 Ex. 30:35
 confectionaries(1)-ointment-makers.
 I Sa.8:13
 Is 28 22
 Ps 10:13
 consumption(5) - destruction.
 contemn(7) - despise. scorn. Ps 10:13
 convenient(9) - fitting.
 Rom. 1:28, Eph, 5:4- Phlm. 8
 2 Sam. 6:5
 cornets(2) castanets,
 couching place(1) - place to lie down.
 Ezek. 25:5
 coultter(1) - colter, blade, part of a plough.
 1 Sa 13:20
 I Ki. 14:3
 cracknels(1) -cakes, I Ki. 14:3
 crookback(1)- hump-backed, hunch-backed.
 Lev. 21 90
 I Ki. 14.3
 cruse(9) - jug. Lev. 11:16: Deu. 14:15
 cuckold(23) - gull Lev. 11:16: Deu. 14:15
 cumbered(3) - distracted, worried. Lu. 10:40
 cunning(33) - skill, art, skilful.
 I Sa. 16:16; I Ki. 7:14
 Ex. 28 8
 Ac. 19:19
 Mt. 9:9, Mk. 2:14 Lu 5:27
 dam(5) - mother-animal or bird.
 Ex. 22:30; Lev. 22:27
 damned(3) -condemned,
 Mk. 16-16: Ro. 14:23 2 Thes 2:12
 damsel(40) - young woman, girl, servant.
 Ge 24: 14: Mk. 5:39
 daysman(1) - mediator. Job. 9:33
 dearth(8) - drought. Jer. 14:1
 Rev 18:7,9
 deliciously(2) -luxuriously Rev 18:7,9
 describe(4) - divide, mark out Jos. 18:4,6,8
 descry(1) -spy out, make search Judg. 1:23
 desolate(148) - deserted, Ps. 34-21, 22
 despite(2) - contempt Ezek.25:6;Heb.10:29
 devotions(1) - objects of worship. Ac 17.23

diadem(4) - crown.
 Job. 29:14; Isa.28:5; 62:3; Ezek. 21.26
 discomfited(9) - defeated. confused.
 Judg. 4: 15; Ps 18:14
 dispensation(4)- administration, distribution
 I Cor. 9:17
 distaff(1)-rod to hold wool forhand-spinning
 Pro. 31:19
 divers(37)-diverse, various, different.
 Deu. 22 11- Mt. 4.24
 divination(12) - prediction by magic.
 Nu. 22:7
 Ps.74:13
 Rev.29
 draught(4) - drain. Mt 15:17; Mk.7:19;
 full fishnet Lu. 5:4, 9
 drave(13) - drove. Ac. 7.45: 18:16
 dromedaries(3) - chariot horses. I Ki 4.28
 Ex 15:15:Jos.13:21
 Mt. 13:21
 duke(43)- chief Ex 15:15:Jos.13:21
 dureth(1) - endures, goes on Mt. 13:21
 earing, eared(3) - ploughing, ploughed.
 Ge. 45:6; Ex. 34:21
 Easter(1) - Ishtar, ancient pagan festival.
 Ac.12:4
 I Cor. 6:9
 effeminate(11) - womanish I Cor. 6:9
 emerods(8) - swellings, hemorrhoids.
 Deu. 28:27, I Sa. 5:6
 Ro. 11.14
 emulations(2) - jealousy. Ro. 11.14
 endamage(1) -damage, cause or suffer loss
 Ezr. 4: 13
 Gen. 30:20: Jas. 3:13
 2 Chr. 26:15
 endue(5) - endowed Gen. 30:20: Jas. 3:13
 engines(2) - machines, 2 Chr. 26:15
 battering rams. Ezek. 26:9
 Isa. 5:26
 I Peter 3:11
 ensue(1) -pursue, I Peter 3:11
 enlargement(1) - freedom, relief Es. 4:14
 Job. 5:12
 Ge 12:16; Lu. 20:11
 Ge 12:16; Lu. 20:11
 environ(1) - surround, Josh. 7:9
 Ex. 16:36: Ezek. 45:11
 ephah(39) - about 8 gallons or 36 litres
 Ex. 25:7
 ephod(52) - priest vestments, Ex. 25:7
 Job. 1:18;2:3; I Pe. 3:11
 eschew(3) - avoid, shun. Job. 1:18;2:3; I Pe. 3:11
 Jer 2:2. -
 Song. 3:11
 Jos. 14:7: Jer. 48:19
 Ge. 21:28
 Is. 60:17;
 espousals(2) - time of betrothal Jer 2:2. -
 wedding. Song. 3:11
 Jos. 14:7: Jer. 48:19
 Ge. 21:28
 Is. 60:17;
 extractors(1) - taskmasters, Is. 60:17;
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Gil Howard-Browne's bizarre "ministry"

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RODNEY HOWARD- BROWNE'S BROTHER "MINISTERS" IN DARWIN.

The Darwin, N.T. Assembly of God church was the venue for Gil Howard-Browne's bizarre "ministry" this May, 17-21, 1998. A Christian believer in Darwin wrote this report on the series of meetings, which seem to me to resemble a visit to a drunken party or a mental hospital!

Charles Fitzgerald wrote ~
(edited by Despatch):

"Make 'em so drunk Lord that they cannot stand... Make 'em so drunk they can't leave church Lord. Oh Hallelujah. ... 'She's a slap-happy drunk' ... 'I'm wasted ... Oh! You're the catcher. I don't know who I'm praying for anymore' ... 'Brother, I got so drunk tonight ... (to a woman) that deserves a hug"

Pastor Dennis (Sharman):

"Yeah, brother just go around and get 'em good. If they try to get up man - eh - get a couple of your guys together. Get 'em to lay hands on them until they're drunk as skunks. Oh yeah, fill, fill, fill, fill, fill. Sister... go around lay hands on these people, I have been. Get 'em drunk good. Ah, yes, yes yes - filled to overflowing." "Earth to sister, come in sister"

(Obviously someone is out cold)

"The glory of God is in this place tonight!" (He is joking!)

Picture people clinging together in hysterics while kicking up their heels to the wildest hard-rocking hootin-annie type music you have ever heard, while others in hysterical laughter, jerk and shout and fall onto the floor, sometimes to a sort of New Age wispy ambience music. What a performance. Like someone handing out LSD at a Spano the Hypnotist Show you might think?

No! It's supposed to be a Christian Revival at Darwin's Assembly of

God, Christian Family Centre, at Malak in Northern Australia. Darwin, as Australia's northern capital, became the centre of a Toronto-style "revival" for a few days. Darwin's Assembly of God, Christian Family Centre Malak, the Apostolic Church Leanyer, Rhema's Faith Centre Malak and the Rhema Family Centre Palmerston co-sponsored this "revival" with the "revivalist" being a rotund Rodney Howard-Browne look and sound alike, Gilroy Howard-Browne. His home fellowship seems to be "Times of Refreshing Ministries" of Virginia Beach, U.S.A. Gil conducts about 300 meetings a year in Canada, the United States, South Africa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and now Australia is suffering at the hands of Gil. His "revivals" are held in denominational and independent Pentecostal churches, but in mainline churches as well, including Southern Baptist, Episcopalian and United Methodist.

What message did he preach?

Simply the message was: Run to God's blessings, be desperate to receive them, saturate yourself in them and the blessings are always available. How could you resist such a call, to 'Pig-out' at the trough of God's blessings? No mention of repentance or obedience though!

People laughed continually during each service. Altar calls were usually made after Gilroy had 'blown away in the Spirit' about a quarter of the congregation. One night, as he called people to come forward to accept Jesus, he asked the congregation to, "Stand up if you can," and another, "If you're able to, open your Bibles."

No mention that we are sinners in desperate need of a Saviour who died on the Cross for our sins, or that we need to repent and be obedient to Jesus Christ, or that we need to be born again. It was pitiful because Gil said,

"The church has tried to get the world saved by telling them they're all going to hell. Thought they could scare the hell out of people... spoke about the devil".... We'd probably have thought of sorrow

and wailing and gnashing of teeth". This revival came through "joy", according to Gil, not repentance and sorrow. What happened to maturity gained through adversity? This wicked generation wants to, "laugh it's way to Heaven".

In fact Gil did sometimes mention that we are saved by Christ Jesus, and our sins are washed away, but from what to what? No clear explanation! How can anyone in such a hysterical, emotionally charged atmosphere make a clear, willing, free decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour? Were these intoxicated people coming forward, making hazy confessions to God? If so, were they legitimate?

Psalm 51:10

(from the hymn version) says
"Create in me a clean heart O God; and renew a right spirit in me.... restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit in me." Don't assume that you will get joy imparted to you if you do not repent, if you are not obedient. How can we have a "right spirit" by twisting scriptures and "pigging out" at the trough of God's blessings? Gil used Psalm 51 as a proof text to show that, "revival is restoring the joy of your salvation." What, by jumping into this evil Satanic river?

Gil Howard-Browne openly scorned old-style Biblical Christians who did not have this "revival joy." He called them "sad old things who bawled, squalled, begged, fasted, prayed and read scriptures to little avail." Gil said they were those who listened to sermons, read 'the Reader's Digest', sang and went home from church sad. They ran seminars and preached sermons that were so deep that the congregations were buried. These old-style Christians are people who sing songs like, "I'm so SAD Jesus set me free." They are people who are dying to hear the trumpet sound. (Rapture?)

My comment: compare this to being so drunk that you can't write sermon notes! Jesus was a "man of sorrows",

~ FINAL SECTION ~
... 31... REASONS FOR
SABBATH KEEPING -
REFUTED!

Section 3....

This issue the series of *"Thirty-one Reasons for Sabbath Keeping-Refuted"* will conclude. These ten points of refutation are the last in the series, the preceding twenty one are in the two issues of Despatch which came out in December, 1997, and March, 1998. All of these erroneous reasons have been compiled by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The statement by the SDAs is given, then the Bible truth on the matter is shown, which clearly shows that the SDAs are in error!

22. *The Sabbath Law is the foundation of God's throne. It was under the mercy-seat in the earthly sanctuary. I Kings 8:9; II Chron.5:10. It is now under the mercy-seat in the heavenly sanctuary. Rev. 11:15,18,19.*

DESPATCH:

The Bible does not teach that the Sabbath Law is the foundation of God's throne! The first references are to the Ark of the Covenant (Old Testament) not the Throne of God. In the New Testament we see that the Ark was the most all-inclusive type of Christ of any one of the vessels of the Tabernacle, which speaks of NT Grace in the Saviour. Here I will quote from Scofield: "When, therefore, the priests brought the ark into the court, the holy place, and the holy of holies, they were, in type, enthroning Christ over the body, with its powers and appetites; the soul, seat of the emotions and desires; and the mind, seat of the capacity to know and commune with God. In Christian experience this answers to Romans 12:1-3; Ephesians 5:18."

The second reference is about the ark of the covenant being manifested to men, because the goal of the covenant is the promise of the Kingdom: the Kingdom is now in the act of coming to pass!



You've got to get out of there folks. Remember you're to follow your pastor only in as much as he follows Jesus Christ. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Signed *Charles Fitzgerald.*



what a name - would they mock him today, I think so. This was nothing like the New Testament Church. It was horrific apostasy!

Gil Howard-Browne preaches an entirely new "bless me, bless me, bless me" gospel, which requires absolutely no repentance or obedience to God, no taking up of your Cross to follow Jesus Christ. If you ask me, it was the preacher rather than the under-aged child who should have been struck on the head with a piece of four by two (*sorry Lord*).

I viewed a video on Kenneth Hagin's "ministry" recently, it was utterly Satanic! Just watching the hysterical people going into trances was terrible, as they slithered off their seats feet first to the words of Hagin, "drunks fall down, drunks fall down, drunks reel around," while he spits his tongue in and out like a serpent. Hagin hisses and laughs insanely, then with his pastor son, Craig, and several other pastors, collapse right on top of men and women sitting in their church pews. The congregation goes almost out of their minds, as if someone threw a dozen molotov cocktail bombs into the place! Many of the pastors wives were dressed in black, many with black lipstick!

A real Satanic extravaganza.

The unsaved look at this sort of thing, and cry immediately, "*They're not trying to push this off as Christianity are they?...It's demonic!*"

Show it to a Charismatic and they will say, "*oh it's only one man, you've got to be careful,*" then jump into this fake revival-river and get completely "pickled" again. I cry every time friends who I know love Jesus accept these counterfeits, and I am literally crying as I relate these events.

Remember, Kenneth Hagin and John Wimber brought the Holy Laughter to Kenneth Copeland and Benny Hinn, who in turn passed it on to Rodney Howard-Browne, and then to all the pastors and people on down the sorry line. Hagin & and (the late) Wimber provided the teaching for all Rhema Churches, and for many others - i.e., "Word of Faith" and the prosperity gospel churches.

At the AOG church in Malak in 1994, I was amazed to hear that a man prayed over a boy saying, "*become the God-man you're meant to be.*" A girl had

been laughing for four days straight, when she was asked what she had learnt from that pastor, all she could no was just laugh and say, "*God, God, God*" (probably with a little `g'). Another new Christian said that he did not want to "*hear no pesky pastor preach*", this was in answer to whether feelings should be embraced, rather than the word of God. Another group, laughing hysterically, said they were laughing their way to Heaven. You and I know better!

If John Arnott of the Toronto Airport Vineyard Church, which brought you the 'Toronto Blessing' courtesy of Hagin, Wimber, Hinn and Gil's brother Rodney Howard-Browne, can claim that his church went right over the edge, (*and he lost his Vineyard Ministry Accreditation*), then I think I am entitled to say that this is not of God, nor of the Holy Spirit. Gil Howard-Browne reasons foolishly:

"... *if this is the devil, it's the best attack I know...I just say, keep attacking....it's wonderful!*" Folks, don't shut down your mind, you are meant to reason, and to test experiences. Also do not feel obliged to follow the mob sentiment because your pastor wants you to.

Getting a renewed "*joy*" to serve God in a backslidden church is no evidence it is from God. The devil gives gifts too, so that in a drunken, scripture-twisted state you will inadvertently help him prepare the false one-world apostate church, unless you get out, that is. Some folk I know in Darwin, especially from the Apostolic Church, are not quite as enthusiastic about it as their pastors. Thank God for that!

Evil 'Holy' men operating in the paranormal are skewering the Biblical Jesus into an Occult Mystical Christ and providing a counterfeit Spiritual Anointing and joy so that you will enthusiastically support their schemes.

Something is not right.

Add in Prophet Kim Clement's "*Kick Devil Butt Generation*", "*The Warriors of the New Millennium*" and the "*Dangerous Strike Force*" with their aggressive militancy and threats against their enemies (the True Church) and here is the false church rising up to persecute the real Christian Saints.



23. *The Sabbath was given in Eden by the Lord. The Sunday-Sabbath in Rome by the 'man of sin.' Daniel 7:23-25.*

DESPATCH:

The SDAs firmly believe that the Mark of the Beast is the keeping of Sunday worship, therefore the reference to the 'man of sin' or the Antichrist. This means that they regard any and every worship service which is held on Sunday to be the Mark of the Beast! However, the Bible teaches that every person who receives the Mark of the Beast will never be able to be saved - ever! Read Rev. 13:16-18; 14:9-12. Did you realize that the SDAs believe that the Protestant denominations have been and remain damned, as recorded in the Revelation passages? Why, because they worship on Sunday. Read now the Daniel passage above, and realize something quite shocking. The Daniel passage is about the Antichrist, who changes "times" and "seasons", here the SDAs are showing that they believe that the Antichrist changed the day of worship to the Sunday. Yet, the Bible tells us that as New Testament Christians we are to worship on the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, not the last. It was not Antichrist who gave that day, it was God Himself. The early Christians worshipped on the first day of the week, because Jesus Christ rose on that day, it was a commemoration of His resurrection (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:19,26).

24. *Prophecy foretells a reform on the Sabbath in the last days. Isaiah 58:1,13; 56:1-6; Rev. 12:17.*

DESPATCH:

The Isaiah passage has nothing whatsoever to do with the Christian Church in the last days, it is all about the Jews and Israel in Old Testament times. The same can be easily seen in the next Isaiah verses. Rev. 12:17 is NOT about a reform in the last days to do with Sabbath keeping of the Church. It is a reference to the Jewish remnant in the Tribulation period, who have turned to Christ. Note verses 13-16, this is Satan and Israel in the Tribulation, Israel is the woman who brought forth the man child, Israel brought forth the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

25. *The Sabbath Law is connected with the "everlasting gospel" - God's last call to repentance and obedience. Rev. 14:6,7,12,14.*

DESPATCH:

The Revelation verses cited have nothing to do with Sabbath keeping, as a simple reading of the verses will show. This is the period of the Tribulation, not this Church Age. Here I will quote again from Scofield:

"The everlasting Gospel (Rev.14:6). This is to be preached to the earth-dwellers at the very end of the great Tribulation and immediately preceding the judgement of the nations....It is neither the Gospel of the kingdom nor of grace. Though its burden is judgement, not salvation, it is good news to Israel, and to those who, during the Tribulation, have been saved (Rev. 7:9-14; Luke 21:28; Psalm 96:11-13; Isaiah 35:4-10)."

26. *The same law is the basis of the new covenant, of which Christ is minister. Hebrews 8:6-13.*

DESPATCH:

The passage cited says the exact opposite to what the SDAs say it does! Again, a simple reading will show this. It is about a better covenant than the old, a change in direction altogether in Christ Jesus. There is no mention of the old covenant being perpetuated by the keeping of the OT Sabbath day. The Mosaic Covenant with the Sabbath keeping was about obedience which sprang from fear of God. The New Covenant in Christ Jesus shows that obedience springs from a willing heart, a changed nature, a willing mind (Heb. 8:10). Note that the Old Covenant with its Laws and Sabbath keeping "decayeth and waxeth old..." v.13.

27. *The Sabbath law is also the basis of the final judgement. Ecclesiastes 12:13,14; James 2:11,12.*

DESPATCH:

The Ecclesiastes passage has to do with the OT man under the OT law. It does not even apply to the New Testament believer. It is the best thing possible for man under the law still, in contrast with the best thing possible to the natural man, as seen in 12:1-12 (Scofield). Nowhere does the passage even hint that the "Sabbath law is also the basis of the final judgement." James 2:11,12 has nothing to do with Sabbath keeping. It is merely the test of brotherly love, through v.v. 1-13. Note in verse 12, "the law of LIBERTY." Compare I Peter 2:16. We in Christ Jesus, NT believers, are free from the OT law and its Sabbaths. See the book of Galatians, note 5:1, we are not under the yoke of bondage to the law. We

are in liberty to a new law of liberty in Christ Jesus. II Cor. 3:17; Gal. 2:4; 5:13; I Peter 2:16. See also Rom. 7.

28. *The Sabbath law is binding on 'whosoever committeth sin' (I John 3:4,5), and as 'all have sinned' (Rom. 3:23), its claims must affect everyone.*

DESPATCH:

I John 3:4,5 tells us that we sinners all have transgressed against the law of God, but Christ Jesus died for our sin. It does not mention the Sabbath. The passage is telling us that when we are born-again in Christ, we have new natures, we are changed. The man under the law became righteous by doing righteously, the man under grace in the NT does righteously because he has been made righteous in Christ, his new life (Romans 3:22; Romans 10:3,4). The passage is not about self-righteousness or the Sabbath. We NT believers actually BELIEVE unto righteousness Romans 10:10, the righteousness of Christ Himself is judicially "reckoned" to the account of the believer. NOTE Romans 3:21, "But now the righteousness of God, without the law, is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets,"

29. *God, Christ, and angels; patriarchs, prophets, and Israel's singers; the apostles, and the early Christian church, all observed the seventh-day Sabbath. we should do the same.*

DESPATCH:

God and the Eternal Son of God have no reason to keep a Sabbath, they are Divine. God rested from His work of creation, but He kept no Sabbath per se, and does not now. The Sabbath was made for MAN in the OT to worship the Lord God Almighty, and to rest on that day as God did. The angels do not keep the Sabbath, it was instigated for OT mankind, not angels. (Exodus 20:8). The next list, up to the early Church of Jesus Christ, were all Israelites under the OT Law of Moses, of course they kept the Sabbath, they were under Law. As we have already seen, the Christian Church is not under the Law of Moses, nor under the Law of Moses' Sabbath bondage law.

30. *The last blessing in the Bible is pronounced upon those who keep the Sabbath along with the other nine commandments (Rev.22:14).*

DESPATCH:

If we look at the passage we see it never even mentions the Law of Moses! Any words like "commandment" or "obedience" or "laws" are immediately pounced on by the SDAs and made to squeeze out (somehow) "Sabbath." We, the redeemed in Christ, will "do his commandments" because we have been made righteous in the Saviour, not our own self-righteousness, but that which is of the New Creation in our Lord Jesus. Read the glorious passage of I Cor. 1: 26-31. and give thanks that Christ is made your "righteousness, sanctification and redemption" and "glory in the Lord" not in your own keeping of the Law (or rather inability to do so).

31. *The Sabbath will be kept in the eternal state, where all will be Sabbath-keepers. Isaiah 66:22,23.*

DESPATCH:

The Isaiah passage is not the eternal state, it is a passage which deals with the kingdom of a thousand years, the Millennial Reign of Christ Jesus, the King. Verse 17 of Isaiah 65 refers to the "new heavens and the a new earth," the eternal state. There is to be a renewal of a legal system in the Millennial Reign of Christ, and here I will quote Clarence Larkin:

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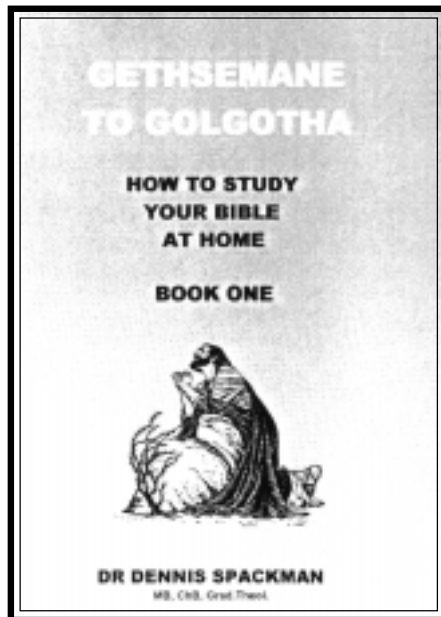
Lev.23:36."

"The Aaronic Priesthood will be re-established, and the sons of Zadok shall officiate and offer sacrifices."

[in the Millennial Reign].

Ezek.44:1531.

The New Temple, however, will lack many things that were the features of the Old Temple. There will be no 'Ark of the Covenant,' no 'Pot of Manna,' no 'Aaron's Rod' to bud, no "Tables of the Law,' no "Cherubim' or 'Mercy Seat,' no unapproachable 'Holy of Holies' where the High Priest alone might enter, not is there any 'High Priest,' to offer atonement for sin, or to make intercession for the people, unless a rather obscure passage in Zech. 6:12,13 means that Christ (The Branch, Jer.23:5,6) shall be "King-Priest" and perform the



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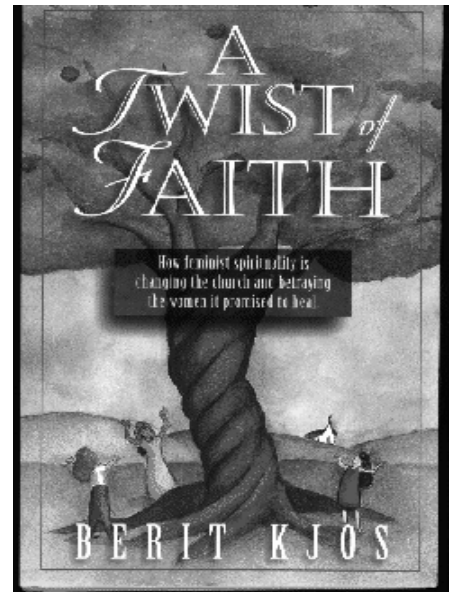
("Dispensational Truth" p.94, by Rev. Clarence Larkin).

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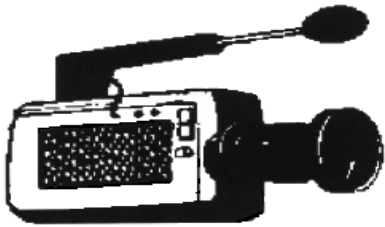
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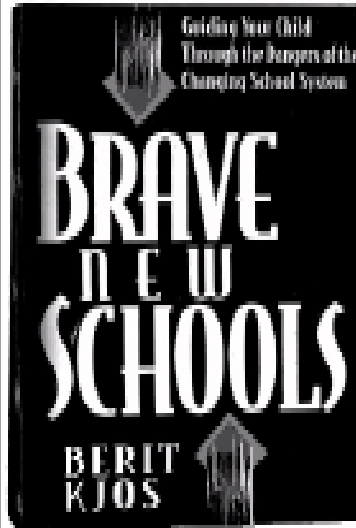
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