NEW AGE DECEPTIONS
Invading the lives of Christians

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INTRODUCTION
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Having served for twelve years as a Pastor, called by God to watch over the sheep of His pasture, and now as a watchman assigned to watch out for enemy invasions and threats within the body of Christ at large—I am alarmed at the number of professing Christians that are being enticed and seduced by the many NEW AGE practices that have become not only popular—but are also being deemed as acceptable and promoted by many well-known professing Christian leaders.

God’s people are being led astray by Satan’s very subtle and supernatural demonic wiles through New Age teachings and practices. This has opened the door for “sorcery” to enter their lives, disguised as the work of the Holy Spirit. Christians are becoming “enchanted” by false teachers and ministers offering “spiritual experiences” that lead them into the realm of sorcery (divination). The Bible forbids God’s people to become involved with those who are “enchanters” or those who are able to enchant us through Sorcery. “There shall not be found among you any one...that uses divination, or is an enchanter...” (Deut 18:10-13).

The Words translated as “enchanter or enchantment” are from the Hebrew word “nachash” (naw-khash’). One of the things it refers to is “learning” by “experiences.” Sorcery is also all about “control.” Those who are under its influence want to control people, problems or circumstances to their own advantage and the ends they seek, serve to justify any means they choose to use. (For more on this subject I suggest my book, ANATOMY FOR DECEPTION: Even the Very Elect Will Be Deceived. This can be requested FREE of charge at: www.extendedlifeCTM.org).

The quest for spiritual experiences associated with “alternative” practices that contradict the Word of God are only going to increase as the time approaches for the second coming of Jesus Christ to gather His true saints out of this world. Those involved in what is being presented in this report will not be among those who will meet the Lord in the air at His second coming—if they don’t repent of these things!

In this report, you will discover some of the ways in which God’s people are being seduced by many deceptive tactics being used by occultists, and the New Age wholistic healing and health community. Unless the Word of God is our standard by which we weigh our practices and is the standard for what we embrace as truth, we will be led astray into the enemy’s camp by what sounds good and by what can give us the results we are looking to achieve.

We must never forget that “the ends never justify the means.” This is where many of God’s people are going to be tested in these end times. If the “ends” or the things we want to achieve, such as happiness, health, comfort and prosperity, are more important to us than...
staying true to God’s standard of holiness—we will compromise and end up being
destroyed by the anti-Christ agenda in these last days. If our survival and comfort are our
priority over pleasing and honoring God, because we are not willing to suffer for what is
right—we are already eternally lost!

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are
open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil." ...But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward
you for it. So don’t be afraid and don’t worry... Instead, you must
worship Christ as Lord of your life. (1 Peter 3:12-15) NLT

At some point every true follower of Jesus Christ must come to the place where they have
made up their mind to believe that God alone is their healer and there is no alternative!
We must ask ourselves, “Do I really believe what the Word of God tells me,” when it says:

Behold, I (God) will bring...health and healing; I will heal them and reveal
to them the abundance of peace and truth. (Jer 33:6) NKJV
The New Age Plan to Defeat Christianity

By

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When the disciples asked Jesus what would characterize the last days just prior to His return, He explained that it would be a time of the worst religious deception the world had ever seen.

He said sound doctrine would be despised and wondered if there would be any faith left whatsoever on the earth when He returned (Luke 18:8). He gave His disciples a solemn warning: "Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matt. 24:2, 5, 11, 24). He characterized the last days as a time of religious deception - or - deception in religion such as false messiahs, false prophets, false miracles, and false doctrines. All four were prophesied to band together to pave the way for the Antichrist (Matt. 24:24, 25).

This prophesied deceit is the same band of deceit we are being infiltrated with today. The metaphysical realm has exploded into our culture bringing with it shamans, gurus, psychic phenomenon and the paranormal in precognition, telepathy, clairvoyance, telekinesis, automatic handwriting, channeling, and astral projection. These have already become the fastest growing occultic interests in the world. More recently mind science has been gaining worldwide acceptance as people learn how to properly use their minds to visualize everything from success to bending a metal spoon with their mind. The same false miracles or "wonders" we were warned about but that few take notice of.

It is realistic to suggest that those who read of false miracles that will occur in the latter days think of the same miracles Jesus performed but from a demonic source. In many instances this is indeed the case with supernatural healings that are taking place all over the world. But Satan also has his own agenda that he subtly implemented long ago and is now pushing ahead in full stride - psychic phenomenon and the paranormal.

In Matthew 24:24 Jesus warned us of psychic power that produces counterfeit "great signs and wonders" that would occur in the last days. The power of the mind, the unknown, and accomplished superhuman feats that are grasping audiences worldwide. A strange departure from the past when psychic phenomena was

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held at an arm’s length as ridiculous and ridiculed. But even then it had a strange fascination, the unknown always has to those who don’t read their Bibles to know that there really isn't anything unknown about the "unknown."

For the last days Jesus warned of unprecedented religious deception of the demonic kind. A wide range of deceit one might not even suspect as demonic. A time when the last days church would become so corrupted that it would actually begin to oppose and deny what Christ taught while at the same time insisting that it is faithful to Him.

A deceit so pervasive and manipulative that many wouldn't even recognize it as the prophesied demonic invasion it is. To those familiar with Biblical prophecy it doesn't come as a major surprise. Jesus Himself warned of worldwide religious deception on an unprecedented scale just prior to His return.

In this article I'm going to inform or shock you about the deception that is being embraced by our world and church leaders today with open arms and reveal Satan's plan to attack and try to defeat Christianity.

The New Age Assault on Christianity

Christianity may well be facing the greatest challenge in its history: a series of powerful and growing seductions that are subtly changing Biblical interpretations and undermining the faith of millions of people. Most Christians are scarcely aware of what is happening and much less do they understand the issues involved. The seduction is surprisingly easy. It does not take place as an obvious frontal assault from rival religious beliefs. That would be vigorously resisted. Instead, it comes to some Christians in the guise of faith-producing techniques for gaining spiritual power and experiencing miracles and to others as self-improvement psychology for fully realizing human potential.

Many have taken for granted the comfort zones of their churches without realizing the enemy isn't outside the gates he is within our midst. He has so infiltrated our camp that many simply no longer can tell an enemy from a friend, truth from heresy.

What's happening to our church today? The New Age of disgrace. A time when many of our own church leaders have embraced Positive Thinking and faith-producing techniques for gaining "spiritual" power. Robert Schuller has become one of the biggest supporters of these new heresies. He preaches that faith is a force that makes things happen if you believe they will. In other words, faith is not placed in God but a power directed at Him. For many evangelicals "faith" no longer requires God as its object, but is touted as a positive power of the mind that creates whatever we want it to.

Thus what we pray for will come to pass, not if God wills, but if we can only believe it will happen. Schuller has said, "Your unconscious mind...has a power that turns wishes into realities when the wishes are strong enough."

Dealing with unconscious reality is what sorcerers have been doing for ages.

Anyone who imagines that because he thinks certain thoughts or speak certain words God must respond in a certain way, has slipped into sorcery and if not playing God, is at the very least attempting to manipulate God. The Ascended Master theology of "positive thinking, positive faith" slipped into the churches years ago and it is dominant among the even newer theologies of being able to create your own reality or changing the development of one's soul where they experience the things they choose to as they reach into higher levels.
and realms of "christ consciousness." Some refer to it as positive thinking, others call it Angelology, others the New Age. It's all garbage no matter what you want to call it.

There is no room for magic in a Christian's life as it is plainly a pseudoname for sorcery. Those in the churches are consistently promoting New Age propaganda preaching man's own will above God's. How one can make the world into anything he or she chooses through the power they already have within them. New Agers have been preaching that line for years. The underlying theme is that by creating your own reality and living in your own dream world there would be no thoughts of sin, accountability, and judgment. No thought of placing God's will above your own as you conjure up visions of materialistic possessions under the guise of faith.

Enticed by such false teaching Christians begin to view prayer as a religious technique for getting their own way. They set their sights upon what they want, then try to have faith to make it happen. The blab it and grab it Seminars in "How to Write Your Own Ticket With God" by thinking certain thoughts, speaking certain words, or visualizing goals are eagerly attended by thousands. True Christian faith has no comparison to this kind of New Age "faith." Don't be deceived for this faith is also known as visualization, guided imagery, and witchcraft. Visualization and guided imagery have long been recognized by sorcerers as the most powerful and effective way to contact the spirit world (demons) for supernatural power and knowledge.

New Agers have claimed for years that we can bring anything we want to into existence through visualization such as good health and success because we can create our own reality. It is one of the fastest ways into the occult imposing your own will upon God and other people. These mind manipulating techniques for creating health, wealth, or spiritual power are not new, they have always been a part of the occult. It is simply a devise by Satan to get a person to trust in their own imagination rather than God. The Apostle Peter said, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time" (I Peter 5:6).

Positive Thinking or "Positive Christianity" has no room for sin, repentance, or guilt. In fact it is merely occultism dressed in Christian language virtually taking over America. Those who promote Positive Thinking, Possibility Thinking, and Positive Confession are among the most influential church leaders and preachers in the country. New Agers know that the word "positive" is a catch-all word. If they said what they really meant, "damnable thinking" and "damnable confession" they wouldn't have half the success they're enjoying amongst themselves today deceiving many, many Christians worldwide. Almost any "positive" belief supports the delusion of infinite human potential, throws in self-esteem and self-worth and concerns itself with social justice through humanistic efforts. The Kingdom Mandate of some denominations plays into this facade as well. The Lord is not waiting for us to build His Kingdom on this earth. However Satan is. When the real Messiah returns He is coming with a sword to judge and destroy, and not until this this wicked earth is consumed will He build His own reign here on earth.

Today we are also seeing an increase in the preoccupation with "self" where humility is out and self-esteem is in contrary to I Peter 5:6. When Scripture speaks of self, it usually commands self-denial and self-control and condemns self-worship. It does not teach self-love, self-assertion, self-esteem, self-forgiveness, instead it teaches us to turn ourselves to Christ. Jesus said we are to deny ourselves and take up His cross (Matt. 16:24-25) and not to be self-seeking.
The message of success and self-esteem has become so important in the church today it has taken the place of sound doctrine which for many, seems too radical and old fashioned to be taken seriously in this day and age. Christ said that He came to call "sinners to repentance" yet the churches are not preaching sin and repentance. It has been replaced with feel good theologies and things that are 'positive.' Sin is to 'negative' and doesn't fill the coffers.

The self-help theologies in the churches today are deceiving millions who are perhaps, unknowingly placing themselves above God. The only correct self-image comes from viewing God, not ourselves, and it isn't flattering - but it changes lives and turns us from ourselves to HIM. Today such Biblical truths are considered psychologically damaging to one's self-esteem. No, it's not an outward assault on Christianity that the New Agers are seeking for now, they are succeeding quite well with their inward subversion of New Age doctrine and philosophy into Christian theology.

Invading our churches at an alarming rate also are Positive Mental Attitudes and Human Potential techniques. These leaders teach that we can become masters our own fate, that we should have self-confidence and faith in ourselves. Who needs God? Their underlying message is that man can obtain his own godhood without indicating that this is sorcery and that God cannot be manipulated through mental thought processes. There is no room for sin or repentance in these methods either. Today's Christianity resembles more of humanism which wants us to believe in human potential and self-deification rather than God.

It is no surprise then to learn that the Human Potential Movement and the New Age Movement are both indeed the same movement. They are both the same just carrying separate titles. It has become the fastest growing movement in the world underlying many theologies and denominations today.

Other New Age doctrines which have been accepted into our churches include Positive Confession in which we are all gods and that man is the god of this earth. Success-N-Life Clubs have also become established all over the country that instructs wealthy and independent Christians that they can take over the world for Christ.

There are many religious leaders falling prey to the New Age and many more occult themes being reworded for Christian assumption and indoctrinated into our churches despite the fact that these New Age beliefs are contrary to Scripture, demeaning to God's attributes, and defamatory.

Many of our most celebrated churches today characterize the Laodiceans Church of Revelation 3:17 who are wealthy and "in need of nothing." These religious leaders influence millions around the world everyday leading them into doctrines of devils. They collectively preach that it is unnecessarily negative and bad for the self-esteem to worry and preach about sin and repentance, that one can use faith and get what he or she wants by manipulating God. That the world is on the road to international revival towards "Christ" contrary to what the Bible teaches that the latter days will be as the days of Noah and the church completely apostate.

This revival in "Christ" is not our Jesus but the Antichrist. Many are being attracted into Christianity today because of the false teachings and new "Christ" who has the attributes of Antichrist. They are being fooled into thinking they are following the true Gospel when in fact, wolves are leading them astray. Many of our
church leaders are not teaching Jesus Christ but the Christ portrayed in New Age propaganda that no longer calls sinners to repentance and excuses ungodly behavior as a psychological problem resulting from traumas suffered in childhood.

Instead of requiring his disciples to "deny self and take up the cross," he teaches them to love and accept themselves and to recognize their inherent self-worth. Nor does this "Christ" promise the meek that they will inherit the earth, but offers self-assertion training. Instead of blessing those that mourn he warns against low self-esteem and promotes a new positive self-image. And rather than promising heaven to the poor in spirit, this false Christ offers to the financially poor the enticing gospel of a hundredfold return for gifts to certain ministries. This Christ who is being presented and redefined is not our Jesus Christ but a blasphemous counterfeit and deceiver ready and waiting to take over the world. He is the Antichrist who is blinding the eyes of men and women from seeing the counterfeit he is and turning them away from the Most High.

Prophetic scholars know that the world must be primed both religiously and politically to embrace the Antichrist when he suddenly rises to power. If "Christianity" is to be the official world religion (which must be the case if the Antichrist claims to be Christ), then it must be blasphemous enough to accommodate all of the world's faiths. Don't be deceived, this is not true Christianity preaching a message of salvation but a perverted form that is already invading our churches today with little resistance from its members. In fact the message of the cross is being rejected! And that was the biggest sign of apostasy and the end of the age as given to us by Yahushua and His apostles (see my article on The Sign of the End of the Age).

In fact, there is no stopping the exploding and relentless Ecumenical Movement led by mostly liberal, unbelieving leaders who have secretly taken masonic and Jesuit oaths, and who serve as pastors today such as Kenneth Copeland, Benny Hinn, Robert Schuller etc. (Most of TBN). Many of our church leaders are spearheading the Antichrist's arrival by accomplishing exactly what he needs - a unification of all religions and they are succeeding through rallying cries of "peace and unity." Even prophetic self-acclaimed guru Jack Van Impe himself has a Catholic and world unity agenda for the Ecumenical.

Though their cry for unity is tempting, it denies the true Christ and is a unification that will ultimately lead to destruction. Many of our evangelical leaders are promoting ecumenisms alongside the rest of the world who neither accept the literal interpretation of the Bible or take heed to God's warnings of compromising our
faith for doctrines of devils and rejecting its truths. Unity is certainly something we should strive for among mankind, but never at the expense of Biblical truths and doctrines. The death, burial, and resurrection of our Jesus would make any kind of union with the world's religions both impossible and abominable which would lower our Lord's status to the same level as Buddha, Muhammad, and Confucius among others recognizing them all as "great leaders."

It is what they don't tell their church congregations that make these ecumenical leaders among our churches all the more dangerous. Perhaps, these leaders are unknowingly being deceived themselves, but a union with the world's religions will be a crushing stumbling block to the true Christian church who will no longer be able to preach the Word of God as openly as we can now. In a tolerant world all is one and one is all. To criticize a religion for the deception it is would be intolerable. To preach your views against someone else's would be considered a crime against the establishment. In a tolerant ecumenical world Jesus Christ would just be another great leader. His ministry would be no greater than a guru. The Bible would be the same as an encyclopedia of historic events. Is this really what our churches want? Yet is prophesied that it will come to pass. Every Christian must decide what stand he will take.

The Bible teaches that if Jesus isn't Lord of all, He isn't Lord at all. Yet those who oppose this ecumenism are labeled as "narrow minded bigots" for uncompromising the truth that Scripture warns we are not to sell at any price (Prov. 23:23) or barter for a delusional peace and unification. Many Christians are being deceived by the New Agers commitment to love and peace. They can't believe that anyone who is committed to love and peace could actually be an instrument of Satan. Precisely why Jesus warned us that Satan can pose as an angel of light and transform his demons into ministers of righteousness (perceived). Don't be deceived. He is shining his light through many of our churches today.

For religious leaders who claim to know the Bible, one would think they would be the first ones to know when they are being deceived, that they would be the first to recognize religious deception. Satan knows in order to destroy the Christian Church he has to start from the top down and kill it with subversion. He is quietly succeeding.

The appeal of New Age doctrines is that they offer a new way of perceiving reality and religion. This poses a tremendous challenge to true believers. The New Age is more than a passing fad; it offers spiritual reality, fulfillment, and world harmony. Yet its promises spring from what turns out to be a spiritual counterfeit. Scripture repeatedly warns us of spiritual counterfeits, warnings of counterfeit Christians (Matt. 24:5; Acts 5:36-37), counterfeit prophets (Deut. 13:1-4; Matt. 7:15; 24:11), counterfeit miracles (Ex. 7:8-13), counterfeit angels, counterfeit gods, counterfeit good works (Matt. 7:15-23), counterfeit godliness (2 Tim. 3:5), counterfeit converts (1 John 2:19; 2), counterfeit spirits (1 John 4:1-3), counterfeit doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1-3) and counterfeit gospels.

New Agers know that Christians will not accept a frontal assault of occultic doctrines and themes, so they changed occultic words into Christian terms such as "faith," "God," "Christ," and "born again" with many churches buying it hook, line, and sinking. Satan knows how to mix just enough truth with falsehood to make the falsehood seem true and intensely appealing. He already has millions falling into his traps of destruction. Don't be deceived and if you have been get out of the deception. Return to, and stay focused on the Most High.
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The Christian, Energetic Medicine, “New Age Paranoia”

by Elliot Miller

According to a recent Time/CNN poll, about 30 percent of Americans have resorted to some form of “unconventional therapy,” “half of them within the past year.”¹

Perhaps more significantly, “holistic health” approaches have been steadily working their way from the New Age health care fringe into mainstream medical practice. Therapies such as acupuncture, biofeedback, and “Therapeutic Touch” (the laying on of hands to channel “Universal Life Energy” to the patient) are increasingly accepted and utilized by physicians, hospitals, and clinics across the country. The use of meditation and visualization are commonly prescribed to reduce stress. Chiropractic, long considered anathema by orthodox medicine, has recently acquired a new respectability.² And at the local chiropractor’s office, spinal adjustments are frequently combined with more exotic forms of “energy balancing.”³

In the view of many evangelical cult watchers — including John Weldon, Paul Reisser, M.D., and myself — this trend is providing the New Age movement with one of its most strategic opportunities to convert our culture.⁴ For many holistic health modalities pack pantheistic/occultic philosophy and spiritual experience that can beguile and win over the often unwary and vulnerable Christian patient. But not all evangelicals share this concern.

THE CHRISTIAN HOLISTIC HEALTH MOVEMENT

There is a growing movement of Christian practitioners of holistic (or “wholistic”) health, and of Christians who turn to such treatments for their physical maladies. Perhaps the most articulate and vigorous spokesperson for this movement is Monte Kline, Ph.D., a former staff member with Campus Crusade for Christ who became a nutritionist and “wholistic health practitioner” after a personal bout with cancer.⁵

In his March/April 1988 Christian Health Counselor newsletter, for example, Kline devotes six pages to the subject of “New Age paranoia” in the church.
Karen Connell’s Comment:

Monte Kline, I’m sad to say is a perfect example of Christians who are more concerned with their “well-being” than they are of offending God, by turning to beliefs and practices that are pagan and occultic in origin (even though they deny it is)—when they find themselves in need of healing or rescue from something that is causing them discomfort or pain. The Bible makes it very clear that Satan will give us what we want. He can cause healing, prosperity and even counterfeit peace, but only to deceive us into following him as a false god. This is why many people truly are healed and do receive great personal benefit through embracing pagan and occult practices.

When we as Christians face times of trouble when our well-being is threatened, we have a choice—to allow fear to push us into rationalizing and compromising the truth by receiving Satan’s deceptions as a remedy—or to make up our minds to trust God alone—by allowing Him to bring our healing, health and rescue from our problems and our enemies through His truth alone. When we make the choice to trust God this means we will not allow anything contrary to the Scriptures to be embraced or practiced. When we are faced with even a life or death situation we must make up our minds that God will do as He pleases in the situation. Either He is in control of our lives or He is not. Whatever He choose to do or not to do—must be something we are at peace with. However, many Christians depart from the faith and take a wrong turn on to the road of destruction because they cannot trust God for their outcome.

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil." ...But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don’t be afraid and don’t worry... Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. (1 Peter 3:12-15) NLT

If we truly love and honor God... we will remain faithful to the end—and when that occurs is something that only God can determine. Like Job, who faced terrible difficulties, we must not only be looking to what is happening to us in the here and now, but we must keep our eternal “salvation” in mind when facing our own trials. Trying to save ourselves from suffering pain, misery and death, is something the demonic realm entices us with.

Why do I put myself in jeopardy and take my life in my hands? ...Though He (God) slay me, yet will I trust him... He also shall be my (eternal) salvation. KJV

Behold, I (God) will bring...health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. (Jer 33:6) NKJV
(Parenthesis mine for clarification)
Kline argues that Christians have often been more hysterical than rational in their approach to the New Age movement, with the result that many innocent people and legitimate ideas and practices have been tarnished with the label “New Age.” He also acknowledges that “there is much, much spiritual error in the New Age movement,” and Christians need to be discerning about these elements. But the opposition of many Christian authors to certain holistic health therapies represents what he calls “flat earth Christianity.”

Flat Earth Christianity

Flat earth Christianity is the too-often-prevalent Christian mentality that considers heretical and even demonic any theory that does not fit in with its traditions and present knowledge (e.g., for many medieval Christians the idea that the earth is round and not the Center of the universe was considered anti-Christian). Kline explains:

Their assumption is that anything outside their knowledge of the creation is supernatural in the demonic sense and therefore to be denied. Thus, the Ch’i energy of acupuncture, auras, and chakras could not possibly be just another part of God’s creation, only unknown to them... Yet man is called to exercise dominion over His [God’s] creation (Genesis 1:28), and how can man do that without exploration and discovery? True science is merely the processes of discovering, quantifying, and applying what God has built into His creation.

Kline argues that the concept of holistic health is legitimate and much needed. While agreeing that New Agers have attached unchristian philosophy to its practice, he affirms that we should not “throw the baby out with the bath water” but rather provide a biblical framework for holistic health. There are senses in which I could agree with everything in Kline’s position as represented above. I am glad that he recognizes the unchristian nature of New Age philosophy. And I can agree with many of his criticisms of certain Christian critics of the New Age movement. A number of innocent people and legitimate ideas and practices have been unfairly labeled New Age.

I would further agree with Kline that the basic concept of a holistic approach to health care is legitimate and needed, and that in certain respects the contemporary holistic health movement has contributed toward meeting this need. (Not all of its approaches are occultic or medically unsound; some, such as the emphases on exercise and nutrition, can be truly beneficial I.) And, I strongly concur that a “Christian holistic health movement” is needed, if only it will stay clear of New Age error and medically unsound practices.

Finally, I would agree with Kline’s definition of true science and his characterization of many Christians (past and present) as having a “flat earth” mentality concerning things they do not understand.

WHAT IS BIOENERGY?

Despite these areas of agreement, I strongly disagree with Kline about certain holistic health theories and practices which he advocates and employs. At the heart of the difference is the practice of “energetic medicine.” Energetic medicine encompasses dozens of diverse therapies and diagnostic approaches, including:
- meridian therapy (e.g., acupuncture, acupressure)
- Applied Kinesiology (both practiced by Kline — he uses electro-acupuncture as a diagnostic technique)
- homeopathy
- reflexology
- polarity therapy
- Therapeutic Touch, and (at least in its original theory) chiropractic.
- Sound Frequency therapy

All these approaches are concerned with balancing or releasing energy in the body for the advancement of health and the treatment of disease. The energy that is the concern of these therapies has been given many names, including:

- bioenergy
- vital force
- life force
- universal life energy
- cosmic energy
- chi (acupuncture)
- Innate Intelligence (chiropractic)

If these therapies necessarily involve the practitioner and patient (at least on the level of belief, and perhaps much more) with this energy, it is crucial for the Christian to carefully consider whether it is a scientifically explainable energy (i.e., a physical energy) or whether it is a psychic or occultic energy (i.e., a spiritual, supernatural, and demonic power). As will be explained in what follows, it is my view that the latter explanation is best supported by the available evidence.

Although the view I’m advocating is exactly what inspired Kline’s term “flat earth Christianity,” I do not believe the label applies in this case. For Kline has not brought all the relevant factors into the discussion. He argues that “to say that invisible energy forces are the common denominator of creation is not scripturally heretical; it’s only offensive to our traditionally accepted world view; yet we’re all involved everyday with invisible energy forces through television, radio, and household electricity.”

To be sure, some Christians have imprecisely objected to the idea of “invisible energies,” but that is not really the issue. Energy is often invisible without being occultic. Obviously, the “invisible energies” of micro, radio, and television waves can be and have been scientifically explained. Though they are not “physical” in the sense of visible or tangible, they are physical in the sense that they are a part of the space-time-matter-energy continuum that composes this world. Therefore, they operate according to natural laws that can be scientifically measured and demonstrated.
Demonic Energy — An Operative Reality

The issue Kline ignores, however, is this: If demonic (not to mention divine) supernatural energy is operative in the world (and Scriptures like 2 Thess. 2:7-9 compel us to affirm that it is), then it is not true that all energetic phenomena have a scientific explanation and are among those parts of God’s creation that we are to “take dominion” over. We therefore cannot afford to assume that all phenomena are spiritually safe for us to explore — even if certain good effects are associated with them (2 Cor. 11:14).^9

Karen Connell’s Comment:

One Biblical example of “demonic energy” that produces a “good effect” would be the use of a “divining rod”— or Water witching that is practiced all over the world. It involves using a Y-shaped stick, a “divining rod,” to find underground water. One practicing water witching holds the two branches of the stick in his hands, while pointing the rod upward and outward. The idea is that, as the diviner walks, the rod held in this position will suddenly jerk downward if and when water is found, to indicate where one should, for example, drill a well.

God foretold that people in our time would employ this craft in (Hosea 4:12) “My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their staff (divining rod) informs them (through demonic energy). For the spirit of harlotry (idolatry-adultery) has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot (idolater—adulterer) against their God. NKJV” (Parenthesis are mine for clarity).

Jamieson, Faussett and Brown’s Critical and Experimental Commentary states that the word “staff” here is better translated “divining rod.” The word “staff” is the Hebrew word (Strong’s 4731) maqqel (mak-kale;) and is also translated as a diving rod, or the wand of a diviner.

Martin Gardner, in his work “Fads and Fallacies”—gives valuable insight into the origin of this practice, he writes: “The employment of various shaped rods for divination goes all the way back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians...In the Middle Ages, it was associated with the power of Satan, although many churchmen made use of divination rods. The forked twig (representing Satan’s “forked tongue”), for finding minerals, apparently did not appear until the fifteenth century when it was used by German prospectors in the Harz Mining region. When German miners were imported to England in the century following, they brought the practice with them. It was in England that the use of the twig was transferred from minerals to the search for water.”

Such practices using “demonic energy” are not biblical. Notice God’s command to Israel in (Deut 18:9-19) “You shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone...that uses divination.” Those who do so, says God will “be cut off from among His people” (Lev. 20:6).
What if a Practice is not Condemned by Name in the Scriptures?

This is a point Kline makes in defense of acupuncture, Applied Kinesiology, and "most" holistic health practices. 10 If it can be shown to be a part of or intrinsically related to something that is specifically condemned (in this case, Spiritism — i.e. "divination" Deut. 18:11), or if it tends to involve or encourage unbiblical (in this case, occultic) concepts or behavior, it should still be avoided: (1 Thess 5:21-22) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good... Abstain from all appearance of evil. KJV

I recognize that in matters of discernment such as these — where a practice is not specifically named in Scripture — a Christian's judgment cannot always be foolproof. It could be that a concept or practice we currently consider occultic will later be shown to be scientific. But if after careful, objective examination of the available evidence something appears to be occultic, we do well to avoid it. This is prudence, not closed-mindedness or paranoia.

A Mysterious Force

Kline laments that "the Church has a penchant for not accepting any valid scientific discovery until about a century after the world has."11 Even if we accepted this claim, it would be irrelevant to the issue at hand. For the "world" (as represented by the scientific establishment) has not accepted the bioenergy central to the above-named holistic health therapies as a valid scientific discovery.

Despite much effort to establish its scientific basis, this force remains enigmatic (hard to grasp).12 A few debatable claims to scientific verification for it have been made, but they have not been accepted by the scientific community at large. 13 Even many proponents of energetic medicine admit that bioenergy still fails the tests of repeatability and explainability required of an authentic scientific theory.14

Pagan/Occult Connections

While bioenergy has resisted the scrutiny of hard science, it is not difficult to classify it in terms of the sociological setting in which it has historically appeared: it is a fundamental feature of spiritistic paganism. Parapsychologist Thelma Moss, who has extensively researched healing energies, provides a few examples: "Is there a common thread that can be discerned through these various phenomena of healing? I believe so.

The Hindus call it 'prana,' the Hawaiians 'mana,' the Chinese 'ch'i,' and Hippocrates called it the 'heat oozing out of my hand.' Mesmer 'animal magnetism,' and Quimby 'mind force.' I believe they were all referring to the same invisible energy."15
Wherever it has appeared — in ancient paganism, modern occultism, or parapsychological research — this “life force” has been accompanied by altered states of consciousness, psychic phenomena, and contact with spirits. Additionally, those who are capable of perceiving, and adept at manipulating, this force invariably are shamans (e.g., witch doctors), “sensitives,” or psychics, thoroughly immersed in the pagan/occult world. In the New Age movement today bioenergy theory operates within the context of pantheism: all reality is God, God is impersonal but is conscious energy; therefore, all reality is a manifestation of spiritual energy. And if this energy can be released man will be both healed and mystically enlightened to his true divinity. The actual manifestations of this energy (e.g., healings) have convinced many that New Age pantheism must be true (which provides us with a motive for satanic forces to manifest such healings).

Furthermore, the energy system models used to explain these therapies — which Kline himself defends (such as the meridians of acupuncture, the seven chakras [psychic centers] of yoga, the auras of occultism) — are all imbedded in world views that are intrinsically pagan and antagonistic to Christianity. Their intricate structures, and laws are directly related to pagan religious concepts and are not even remotely related to physical science. It simply will not do to say (as many Christians besides Kline have) that these systems are true aspects of God’s creation that were discovered and accurately described or diagrammed, but not accurately interpreted, by pagans.

A Vital Mistake

To my knowledge, Christians working with meridians and other pagan-religious/occultic energy systems have not seriously attempted to reconcile these systems to their faith. But they have at least grappled with the underlying concept of bioenergy. Attempting to demystify this force, Kline identifies it with electromagnetism. Citing the holistic health doctrine that an energy-based model is better for understanding health and disease than one based on matter, Kline comments: “It’s not hard, based upon quantum physics to come to this conclusion. Indeed, various frequencies of electromagnetic energy are the common denominator of all things. I acknowledge that as a fact of God’s creation. The New Age pantheist, however, sees that energy as the ‘all is One’ that is a non-personal God.” Endorsing Dr. Harold Saxton Burr’s Electrodynamic Theory of Life, Kline concludes that “there is a deeper level of life beneath the physical and chemical levels we normally measure; an electrical level that is ultimately responsible for producing our physical and chemical bodies.”

At the same time, Kline correctly identifies the bioenergy concept with the metaphysical (i.e., philosophical) theory of life known as vitalism. Portraying this philosophy as a scientifically valid alternative to the dominant view of mechanism, he states that “the concept of Vitalism

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2 Meridians: are (in acupuncture and Chinese medicine) each of a set of pathways in the body along which vital energy is said to flow. There are twelve such pathways associated with specific organs.
acknowledges that difference, that something extra that distinguishes a living from a non-living being. Scripturally, he explains, that the “something more” or “vital force” of vitalism is the “breath of life” that God breathed into the dust to make man (Gen. 2:7). He concludes: “I believe that Scripture clearly shows the truth of the vitalistic concept of life over the mere mechanistic concept. The scriptural concept of Vitalism is the key to understanding the body’s ‘invisible energies’ and bioenergetic testing methods.” Although Kline has succeeded at describing bioenergy in nonoccultic terms (in some respects scientific, in other respects biblical), he has done so at the expense of a coherent position. Misunderstanding the meaning of vitalism, he has confused several distinct concepts. First of all, the difference between the philosophies of mechanism and vitalism is not the difference between a view of life based on matter and a view of life based on electromagnetic energy. The “vital energy” of vitalism is classically defined as a nonscientific force. It cannot be reduced to the laws of physics (including electrodynamics) any more than it can the laws of chemistry. Thus, ironically, in holding that life can be explained in terms of scientific (i.e., physical) energy Kline is actually arguing for a mechanistic view.

Second, and related to the above, while it could be said that the Bible supports a form of vitalism, this does not provide a “key to understanding the body’s ‘invisible energies’ and bioenergetic testing methods.” Genesis 2:7 relates that the Lord “formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being [Hebrew: hay nephesh].” The Hebrew Scriptures use the term haya to denote the experience and quality of life; its usage provides no insight into the nature of that life (i.e., pertaining to the vitalism debate). The word nephesh, which in its original usage meant “breath,” is used in the Old Testament to cover a range of related concepts including “life,” “soul,” and “person.” In the light of all usages of the word (and the New Testament usages of the parallel Greek word psuché), we must conclude that what God breathed into man was his soul: the nonphysical (and thus non-scientifically testable) part of his nature. Because all of man’s parts are interrelated, his physical body is animated. But his life is seated within his soul; it is distinct from the electromagnetic forces at work in his physical being and cannot be manipulated in any therapeutic approach.

Third, the form of vitalism that is at the base of all energetic healing models is not the biblical view. Rather, it is rooted in an “emmanational” philosophy that is closely related to pantheism. According to this view, the “life force” is the very essence of God, radiating outward from the Divine Center as the inner reality and vitalizing principle of creation. Thus the universe becomes intrinsically alive (its essence being “spirit” or “intelligence”).

Many New Agers would agree with Kline that bioenergy is electromagnetism, but in their view it is much more than that. They believe that ALL “physical” energies are manifestations of divine energy. Since pantheists believe that nothing is ultimately physical, they easily blur the distinctions between physical and spiritual entities — distinctions that are critical to the Christian who wishes to avoid demonic involvement. Thus, for them, bioenergy takes on properties beyond anything science has found in electromagnetism: it has a mind of its own and a will to be well (the Innate Intelligence of original chiropractic theory); it is better manipulated and channeled.

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3 Vitalism: A metaphysical doctrine of the nature of life which states that life is a substance that is not completely composed of nonliving substance (i.e., physical matter/energy). The term is often associated with a vitalistic concept of the universe itself, in which evolution is guided to higher levels by some vital force (but not by a personal God’s power alone).

4 Mechanism view: The philosophical theory that all phenomena (physical occurrences) can be explained in terms of physical or biological causes.
by therapists who have highly developed psychic or intuitive abilities. Ultimately, vitalism is considered scientific by New Agers only because the spiritual realm itself is considered scientific in their pantheistic world view.

It would appear that Christians are doomed to failure when they attempt to fit the vital energy of energetic medicine into a Christian context. Yes, there are energies which radiate throughout the universe and permeate and surround our physical bodies, and there are respects in which these energies are significant to health and health care. But they are physical, not vital, forces. Yes, there is a “vital force” which animates our bodies, but this is found within our souls. It is not a cosmic energy that flows into our bodies, passes through various channels (e.g., meridians, chakras), and then flows back out into the universe. Thus, it cannot be obstructed; nor is there a need to “release” or “balance” it.

Karen Connell’s Comment:

The Bible is clear that God Himself gives all living things including human beings their “life (bios) force” … Who among all these does not know That the hand (also translated “power) of the LORD has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind? (Job 12:9-10) NKJV

The idea that the universe is energy, that this energy is alive, and that this vital energy needs to be manipulated in our bodies to promote health is the basis of energetic medicine; it is essentially a pantheistic view and cannot be conformed to biblical theology. Pantheistic vitalism — since it makes no radical distinctions between spirit and matter — can have applications to health care. A biblical vitalism (if we may use the term) cannot. Clearly, Kline has missed the differences between scientific and nonscientific energies and lumped them all together under the misleading heading of “invisible energies.” Once these various concepts are sorted out we find no solid reason to believe that the energy of energetic medicine is physical and scientific, but the reason it exists at all (and I believe it does), because it is supernatural and demonic. The risk is great, therefore, that it cannot be utilized without the utilizer (i.e. demons) becoming the utilized (i.e., a pawn and victim of satanic forces and deception). In fact, my wide-ranging research of occultism emboldens me to suggest that this energy is part and parcel of the occult — where the occult appears, it can be found; where it is found, the occult will inevitably appear.

ARE THEY THEIR OWN BEST ARGUMENT? We might expect Kline and other Christian practitioners of these arts to reply that they themselves are the best argument against what has been presented above: they are Bible-believing Christians, not New Agers. Thus this energy does not always appear in the context of paganism, and it does not always lead to occult involvement and New Age beliefs.

Karen Connell’s Comment:

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5 The invisible energies that Kline refers to are energies that are not physical (scientifically proven) but spiritual in origin.
A rose is still a rose by any other name, therefore redefining something does not change what it is, any more than calling something that exists by another name can change what it is—it is what it is. If any form of energy is being used by demons, it is occultic.

All that has really been proven so far, however, is that Bible-believing Christians can attempt to utilize this energy within a non-occultic context. However, if this energy is inherently occultic (and thus demonic) then all their good intentions will not prevent Christians involved with it from becoming confused and compromised. Continued involvement could gradually lead to further involvement with the occult, and the deterioration of Christian faith and life. I am aware of cases where this scenario has indeed been lived out, and I find no assurance that the same will not ultimately hold true for all who become deeply involved with this energy. If the practice is occultic, then Kline’s advice to “seek committed Christian practitioners”28 will not suffice.

In summary:

Kline’s “flat earth” analogy fails because it overlooks one all-important factor. While he rightly notes that Christians have opposed legitimate science in the past because its theories contradicted their traditions, this is not the case here. The concern of evangelicals like myself is rather the clear-cut historic connection between this unvalidated “science” and spiritistic paganism.

Christians who believe in the supreme authority of Scripture must also believe in the biblical doctrine of Satan and his pervasive influence in this present world system. God tells us “the whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19), thus, how much more the kingdom of the occult, his unique domain! Therefore, Christians need to be cautious concerning anything occurring that has had a long and strong connection to the realm of occultism and paganism.

NOTES

4See, e.g., the preface of Reisser, Reisser, and Weldon.
6Ibid., 4.
7Ibid., 3.
8Although Kline acknowledges the need to test potentially occultic activity (Ibid., 5-6), the tests he recommends are insufficient.
9While “direct scriptural reference” is invaluable, practices unnamed in Scripture can still be unbiblical. Testing the fruit of an activity in someone’s life is also an important criteria, but requiring subjective judgments as it does, this test can never be conclusive on its own.
10Ibid., 5.
11Ibid., 3.
13 For example, Kirlian photography is constantly cited as providing the long-awaited proof of an aura of life energy surrounding the human body. Yet in scientific literature the phenomenon has long been sufficiently explained in terms of the moisture content of animate and inanimate objects — without reference to any vital energy. See, e.g., Taylor, 43-44.
16 See e.g., Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology, s.v. “Vitality.”

17 See, e.g., the discussion of Baron von Reichenbach’s experiments in Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology, s.v. “Emanations.”
18 In a longer version of this article I devote over 700 words to expounding and demonstrating this position, using meridian therapy as a case in point. The interested reader may obtain a copy by writing me at Christian Research Institute. This is not to say that all forms of energetic medicine are unscientific and unbiblical in every respect. Acupuncture and chiropractic both appeal to a life force as the basis for their practice. Through manipulating this energy they supposedly can heal all manner of disease. They have not lived up to this claim. Nonetheless they are popular forms of alternative medicine. Why? They have proven effective at relieving certain kinds of pain. But this success can be explained in orthodox medical terms, without reference to any life force.
19 Kline, 3.
21 Ibid., 2.
22 Ibid.
23 Scripture also informs us that other animals have souls (nephesh — see Gen. 1:20, 21, 24), the difference being that only man’s soul is created in the image of God and thus survives death. While the word soul is not used for the lower life forms, we may legitimately infer that their life too is not reducible to the laws of physical science.
24 See, e.g., the Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology, s.v. “Emanations.”
25 For example, acupressurist Diane Black explains that while theoretical knowledge and technique are important, “the chi dance is the thing.” That is, one must intuitively tap into “energies from the core of our beings and from the universe around us...it is the primordial skill of exchanging life’s energies, of opening to the universe’s energies that we can’t possess, but can use, channel and build with as a tool for life.” (Chi — The Life Force, Handtools: Acupressure Quarterly, Winter 1984, 6.)
26 See, e.g., Harold M. Schmeck, Jr., “Magnetism: Promising New Tool in Diagnostic Medical Research,” The Orange County Register, 7 February 1981.
27 Kline, New Age Paranoia, 6.

Glossary

**Applied Kinesiology**: A diagnostic method based on the premise that various muscles are related to various organs and glands, and that by testing for weakness in these muscles dysfunctions in the related organs and glands can be detected.

**Energetic Medicine**: Any of several therapeutic approaches which are based on the view that good health consists of proper energy flow in the body, and a blockage or imbalance of this flow constitutes disease.

**Meridian Therapy**: Any health care method which, on the assumption that health consists in the balanced flow of chi (vital energy) through twelve bilateral channels (meridians) in the human body, seeks to balance this chi by stimulating — via puncture (acupuncture) or pressure (acupressure) — various acu-points along the meridians’ courses.
**Spiritism:** The voluntary possession of a human being by an invisible entity (usually thought of as a spirit) to obtain information, healing power, and so forth.

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**Alternative Healing Methods – an overview and critique**

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The ideal of health and well-being has become a dominating feature of our civilization. And yet, there are still conditions which resist all the efforts of modern medicine. Cancer and cardiovascular diseases are number one causes of mortality. Arthritis, allergies and fatigue are haunting millions. Depression, anxiety and sleep disorders remain a constant challenge. Patients often feel left alone by medical and psychological professionals, without help and prospect. In the shadow of their hopelessness, sufferers and their families set out for a long journey in search for alternative modes of healing.

It is quite natural to do everything to escape suffering. Isn’t it legitimate to help yourself and to pursue new routes to well-being? Yet, today’s search for healing seems to be going deeper. To some, health means considerably more than the absence of sickness. It is an ideal of absolute well-being – physical and psychological – beyond the concerns of traditional medicine. It is almost a spiritual quest. In my research for this article, I surfed the Internet under the key word „well-being.“ The list of hyperlinks I found was somewhat troubling: acupuncture, applied kinesiology, aromatherapy, Ayurveda, homeopathy, massage therapy, oriental medicine, Reiki therapy, biofeedback, hypnotherapy, chiropractic, imagery, spiritual healing, macrobiotics, herbal medicine, megavitamin therapy, energy healing, biofeedback, folk remedies, a course in miracles, spiritual empowerment and others.

Eastern philosophy, mystical wisdom and astrological concepts seem to transcend the
movement of alternative medicine. Is this where the road to healing leads? How can we discern what is helpful, and what is spiritually questionable or even destructive? These questions are all the more pressing, as unconventional medicine is a rapidly growing field in modern health care. A recent Harvard study (1) showed that 34 percent of the respondents reported using at least one unconventional therapy in the previous year, and a third of these saw providers of unorthodox medicine. Sociologist Meredith McGuire (2) has published an extensive assessment of healing groups in a middle-class suburb in northern New Jersey, identifying no less than 73 alternative practices related to health.

Defining unconventional medicine is not easy. There are many synonyms, such as unorthodox, complementary, natural, traditional (or untraditional), New Age or holistic medicine. The term refers to medical practices that are not in conformity with the standards of the medical community or which are not being widely taught at medical schools or generally available at hospitals. The methods range from well-known and helpful practices to rather exotic and mysterious applications. Box 1 attempts to give an overview of some of the most widely used methods:

Why are people turning to alternative medicine (and alternative healing methods)?

To understand the surge of alternative medicine, we have to understand the distress of suffering people (3), especially those with life-threatening or chronic disease which do not sufficiently respond to conventional medicine. In their anguish, logic cannot comfort them, nor can the call for patience soothe their pain. The promise of help and healing through complementary medicine inspires them – at least in the beginning – with renewed trust, mobilizing fresh vigor and hope. Andrew Weil, author of several landmark books on the subject (4), says, he receives about 250 calls and 100 letters from around the world. The letters usually begin with „I need help“ and end with „You are my only hope.“

Karen Connell’s Comment:

If you look at the word “alternative” in a dictionary, it will be defined as “something used in place of something else.” Speaking from a Christian perspective, Christians need to understand that our healing was paid for through what Jesus suffered from the cruel whip of his enemies: “...by whose (Jesus) stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24). This means our healing has been paid for... we need to receive it by faith.

When a Christian is ignorant of what the Word of God had to say about God being our healer, or their faith in what they do know the Word says, is undermined by the lies of false teaching, doubt will destroy their faith in God’s promises to meet all of our needs according to His riches: But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19).

Any time we look to an “alternative” anything rather than looking to God
and His Word, we have made the choice to worship (become a servant to) something or someone else. Either God is our source for everything we need, or He is not. We must make up our minds as to what we really do believe. He alone is our only hope. Do we really believe what God has told us by His Word? If we choose to believe what God’s Word is telling us, then let us say what the Apostle Paul said, when he found himself in a situation that didn’t look good: Fear not...be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. (Acts 27:24-25)

Alternative models of healing do no longer oppose conventional medicine, they rather want to be understood as complementary forms of healing. Thus it may happen (5), that you find two teams at work in an operating room: On one side the surgical team with all its high tech instruments, and on the other side of the drape an energetic healer trying to channel healing energy to the patient’s body. More and more main-stream physicians are blending their medical training with alternative forms of healing into a new form of treatment that they perceive as “integrative medicine.” Psychology Today (6) in a recent cover story calls them „cross-over physicians venturing the road less traveled. The story behind their paradigm shift often is a very personal one. The constant plight of help-seeking patients and the feeling of helplessness in the face of many diseases has created a vacuum that is not just perceived as professional failure. „Doctors are spiritually hungry, “says one of them. „This is far more than an intellectual adventure. It has become a personal search. “The increasing numbers of alternative practitioners is having its impact on medical schools, research projects as well as government and health plan funding. 34 of the 125 medical schools in the United States are offering courses in alternative medicine. Increasingly, health insurance companies are covering the costs of alternative treatments, as they expect lower overall expenditures.

What are the concepts behind alternative methods?

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to observe an herbal practitioner in her work. “All life is energy, “she explained to me. „And all healing energy is divine energy. Illness is caused by negative vibrations or energetic blocks. To balance your energy field, you have to find the right herbal remedy. “On a table she had arranged 12 remedies in a circle representing the zodiac. She turned to her client and told her: „To find out which remedy is best for you; I need a sample carrying your vital energy. We could take a drop of blood, but a drop of saliva on filter paper can do. Like your specific DNA, it also radiates your specific energy profile. These energies are so subliminal that normal measuring devices cannot pick them up. So I am using a biological indicator. Then she took a pendulum, let it gently sway over the remedies with the drop of saliva in the center and waited patiently until it seemed to point towards one of the colored bottles. This little scene is illustrative of the basic assumptions of alternative medicine in its various forms. Let me describe four principles:

Four Principles of Alternative Methods

1. **Body and Mind** are part of a universal energy field, which carries various names: vital
force, bioenergy, Chi’i, Prana, or simply God. The energy is supposed to circulate in meridians or energetic channels. The Chakras are a Hindu concept of seven energetic centers which control the flow of energy and are supposed to correspond with endocrine glands and major organs.

2. **Macrocosm finds its correspondence in microcosm**: Thus the constellation of the stars reflects human destiny (astrology), the microcosm of the eyes tells you about the physical condition of the macrocosm of the body (iritology), the microcosm of the feet reflects the disharmony of the organism (foot reflexology), or the ear is a microcosmic representation of the energy flow in the body (ear acupuncture). Bach flower remedies correlate the characteristics of plants with a person’s emotional condition (e.g., holly is said to be a remedy for hatred, envy and jealousy).

3. **Disease is the result of energetic imbalance or disharmony with universal cosmic energy.** This imbalance may be caused by a multitude of causes, such as pathogenic vibrations, energy blockades in the Chakras or in the meridians. Some blame tooth fillings, others old scars from surgery. Emotional blocks are being seen as a major factor to explain energetic disharmony. Thus homeopathy and flower therapies talk of undesirable emotional conditions in which a person has been estranged from the universal cosmic stream of energy.

4. **Healing is the restoration of harmony with cosmic energy.** Many alternative therapies try to restore vital energy, to harmonize vibrations or to balance Yin and Yang. Healing in this concept is not just applying a method, rather it is the ritual with deep spiritual overtones. One of the proponents of acupuncture in the United States, Dr. Duke (7) writes: „The acupuncturist sees the lives of his patients as integral parts of the universe. He brings his patients back to health not only for their own sake and happiness, but so that the whole world may function properly. Every needle the acupuncturist twirls between his fingers bears the heavy weight of universal harmony in its slim, pointed end.“

**A question of conscience**

The movement of alternative medicine cannot be seen entirely negative. **I have talked to many patients, who reported positive effects.** Alternative medicine seems to be a necessary countermovement against the uncritical use of our western technical medicine. Its major challenges include: increased responsibility for your health, a healthy mistrust against overly relying on drugs and hi-tech medicine, a balanced application of natural remedies, balanced diet, an emphasis on stress-reduction.

However, the movement of alternative medicine has become much more than an updated collection of grandmother’s herbal remedies and natural folk healing (8). **Frequently, the methods are viewed and practiced in the framework of eastern-mystical models.** It is not only natural healing that is being promoted but ancient mysteries in the new garments of esoteric spirituality, a marriage of science and religion (9), of healing and salvation.
If you want to be a Christian, these tensions cannot leave you untouched (10). Is it possible to promote the positive aspects of alternative medicine within the framework of a Christian worldview? Or is it necessary to open yourself to cosmic energies and mystical traditions in order to live a healthy life? How can we discern the various methods? What are the alternatives? More than ever, we need wisdom to use those remedies and practices which have a natural basis without mystical overtones. Choosing the roads to health has become a matter of conscience. And you will find different opinions regarding alternative medicine even among Christians. While some already feel troubled with the fact that a method has a history of mysticism, others only start asking questions when a method is overtly practiced in an occult framework. Regarding nutrition, diets and herbal remedies, let’s take Paul’s advice to the Romans not to pass judgments on disputable matters: “The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything, must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him... Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.” (11)

Four criteria of discernment

To examine alternative medicine in order to „hold on to the good“ (12), let me propose four criteria of discernment: 1. Which is the philosophical background of a method? 2. How is the effect of a method or a remedy being explained? 3. What is the medical or scientific evidence for a method? 4. Is the method being intermingled with New Age concepts, practices or rituals?

1. Philosophical background: Does the method historically draw from mystical or occult concepts? A review of the literature on many alternative healing systems shows that this is often the case. However, this philosophical background does not always play a role in their actual practice.

2. Explanatory model: Is it possible to explain a healing method apart from occult or mystical models? Frequently, there are several explanatory models for the effect of a practice or remedy. An example: Mystical herbalists explain part of the efficacy of their remedies as a consequence of sowing and harvesting them during specific phases of the moon or through homeopathic potentialization. Thus, they are overtly using magical models of explanation. On the other hand, there is ample evidence for biochemical modes of action in herbal extracts given in a sufficient dose - mechanisms, which ultimately have been created by God, and which do not require magical enhancement.

3. Scientific confirmation: If you do not want to be ensnared by “empty deceit” (13) you have to critically ask: “Can the claims of a method or a remedy be confirmed by scientific validation?“ This is not mere belief in science, but simple quality control for consumer protection. Evidence is positive for many herbal remedies, where studies have shown effective ingredients which can powerfully influence bodily functions. Other methods, however have a poor record. Especially mechanical and electrical devices which are being recommended to fend off “pathogenic vibrations”, to improve sleep, to reduce rheumatic aches or to stimulate self-healing powers, are more than dubious. Similarly, many exercise and relaxation techniques, such as visualization,
touch for health etc. can only produce anecdotal evidence, or in other words: they only work in the adherent.

4. Current application of a method: This criterion seems the most important to me, as it addresses the tension between alternative medicine and Christian faith. Is the method being practiced without being intermingled with occult models and esoteric practices? I.e., is the practitioner using massage to relax tense muscles or is he claiming to transfer mystical energies? It may be helpful to read the literature on the methods a practitioner is using or to ask the healer for his beliefs. In my research, I have made the acquaintance of physicians and health practitioners who are using alternative methods without giving much thought to their philosophical underpinnings. For them, iridology is a diagnostic method like other tests; the prescription of homeopathic remedies the same as prescribing aspirin, and the recommendation of acupuncture equivalent to physiotherapy. On the other hand, there are esoteric health practitioners and shamans, who choose herbal remedies (which are part of God’s natural creation) with the help of magical ritual (such as a pendulum or clairvoyant techniques).

Where is the borderline between light and darkness?

Applying the criteria mentioned above can yield a wide array of opinions, even among Christians. Let me give an example. **Homeopathy is an alternative system of healing that is being widely used and was even taught to missionaries in Britain before they were sent out.** The background of the method (criterion 1) is a prescientific concept of vital energy encapsulated in the extreme dilution of a substance. The explanatory model (criterion 2) cannot be conveyed without the so-called potentialization through which, in its founder Samuel Hahnemann’s words, “the medicinal properties of drugs . . . are excited and enabled to act spiritually (dynamically) on the vital forces.” The effectiveness of homeopathy has never really been proven by independent scientific research (criterion 3) although there have been numerous attempts and some interesting publications. However: Countless individuals claim to have had positive experiences with homeopathy. **Biochemically, the pills and tinctures are not toxic.** Especially, in Britain and Germany, Christian physicians and health practitioners are prescribing homeopathic remedies without resorting to New Age philosophy (criterion 4). Where then, is the borderline to apply or reject homeopathic remedies? Individuals have to decide for themselves, where they want to draw the line.

The problem with an objective evaluation of alternative medicine is this: not every practitioner or consumer of alternative remedies and methods is subscribing to such overt spiritual assumptions. For many of them, alternative medicine is nothing more than an effort to treat the whole person and “to take charge of your own health.” However, many books are drawing the spiritual lines described above and patients start to understand their personal experience of being helped with eastern-mystical explanations. Marc Albrecht, a researcher in the field concludes: “**While many types of psychic healing may not be overtly anti-Christian or anti-Biblical, our experience indicates that people who pursue these areas for the most part end up adhering to some form of occult world view or Eastern-mystical practice.**
How should we advise others?

Being informed about basic tenets of alternative healing methods can be of great value to sort out possible benefits and risks with those clients who eventually ponder to resort to them for additional help (14). Not always will patients follow our advice, and sometimes it is necessary to agree that we disagree. Alternative medicine seeks to enhance the body’s self-healing capacities. Yet, in the midst of all the remedies which are recommended to reach this goal, most people tend to forget the fact that these self-healing powers are God-given.

Karen Connell’s Comment:

As Christians we must remember that “healing” is a process and that our “health” is also dependent upon knowing the truth about health issues. All truth and knowledge is from God, and He alone can give us the truth about our healing and health so we can remain in peace and not become stressed out over these issues: Behold, I (God) will bring... health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. (Jer 33:6) NKJV

Keep in mind we are also susceptible to stress and illness, as a consequence of our fallen humanity. Careful discernment is necessary, therefore, to decide which techniques to apply to regain health. “Everything is permissible for me,“ Paul writes, “but not everything is beneficial.“ (15) Here are a few guidelines which I give my patients:

– Try to live a healthy life style with enough exercise and balanced nutrition without falling into fads.
– Be aware of the God-given self-healing powers within you. Be critical against all claims of enhancing them through spiritual means and psychological techniques.
– Live with the acknowledgment of your weakness: Accepting your limitations can be more helpful than striving for super health.
– Give your mind and body time to regenerate. As a wound needs time to heal, so does our whole organism, and there is a good chance that even emotional wounds tend to heal over time.

Beware of alternative methods

– which build on a concept of cosmic energies to improve your health
– which are primarily based on anecdotal evidence
– which seem to be neutral in themselves but are being used in connection with New Age teachings and techniques.

Whereas we should not make scientific medicine the source of a technology-oriented faith, we should also beware of letting New Age teachings change our view of God and his creation. Try to find a balance between helping your clients to actively participate in their healing process and encouraging them to patiently wait on God for their restoration. If healing only seems possible through techniques and remedies inspired by mystical teachings, let them seriously ask themselves: "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (16)

Footnotes

11. Romans 14:3,5 (NIV)
12. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (NIV)
13. Colossians 2:8 (RSV)
15. 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)
16. Matthew 16:26 (NIV)
Table 1: Methods of Alternative Medicine

1. Diagnostic Methods
   - Iridology
   - Aura (Kirlian Photography)
   - homeopathic drug characteristics
   - “bio-indicators”
   - muscle tests in kinesiology (touch for health)
   - Astrology, pendulum, clairvoyance

2. Treatments with physical forces and electromechanical devices
   - Acupuncture and its variants
   - Biofeedback, „Mind-Machines“, various electrotherapies
   - Healing jewelry and gems
   - Chiropractice, Osteopathy, Reflexology
   - Mind-Body-Techniques such as Touch for Health and other forms of massage; frequency healing

3. Nutritional treatments
   - Herbal medicine
   - Vitamin and mineral dietary supplements
   - Orthomolecular nutrition
   - Lifestyle diets

3. Treatments with drugs and biologic means
   - Homeopathy
   - Drugs, serums and vaccines of questionable effects
   - injections of live cells from fetuses and animals
   - Aromatherapy, Bach flower remedies

4. Spiritual and psychotechnical treatments
   - Yoga and Meditation, Reiki
   - Bio-Energetics
   - Rebirthing and reincarnation therapy
   - Guided Visualization (Simonton)
   - A Course in Miracles
   - psychic healing
   - shamanism

Frequently, a method cannot be summarized in just one category. Herbal remedies are often applied in homeopathic dilutions and chosen on the basis of some test of vital energy (such as kinesiological muscle testing or use of the pendulum).
The "love frequency" of 528 Hz is actually SATANIC - Buyer BEWARE

By

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The 3-6-9- "Solfeggio" tones that Leonard Horowitz shows in his book and on the 9-pointed "star" is indeed a most powerful story. HOWEVER, it is 100% tied to something called "Enochian Magic" – which is basically the highest pinnacle of Black Magic and Kabbalah practitioners.

Enochian Magic deals with using "sacred geometry" and GEMATRIA (numerology) to disrupt the inter-dimensional tone-frequency “watchtowers” between heaven, earth, and hell. The specific “tones” tied to the original Gregorian "chants" and musical scales were all originally part of this system of very powerful witchcraft and SORCERY dating back to Solomon himself (who was influenced by his massive number of pagan wives).

The specific “sacred tones” tied to the number 6, are likewise known in the ancient grimoires (magic books) as the tones invoking the Anti-Christ (anti-God) Demon entities such as Satan, Lucifer, or specifically – to the “head demon” — specifically known as Azazel – the “Goat-God” of the “Watchers” – the “FALLEN ANGELIC HORDE.”

It is interesting to see the etymology of the root word – Hor, or Hure – meaning a conjurer of demons, and the root of the word “Horror” (Horo – witz literally means, in Yiddish, the conjuring of demons at the expense of the human soul – as the ancient word for “soul” is WITS or WITZ). Thus, the name Horowitz is focusing ENTIRELY on demonic-conjuring.

Read LDS Church History in depth, and you find that Joseph Smith’s secret “New Name” was none other than “Enoch”. Joseph Smith was deep into Enochian Magic. Demonic “high priestesses” have been using tone frequencies for centuries to invoke AZAZEL – the demon goat god and KEY TO SHAPESHIFTING AND SKINWALKING in shamanism worldwide. It is part of the “Eyes Wide Shut” ritual – and eventually ends with a “scapegoat” human child being sacrificed. Of course, the “New Age” cults want everyone to believe it is part of harmless and wonderful MEDITATION and “DNA REPAIR” — nope – it
destroys DNA and OPENS THE HUMAN BEING UP TO SHAPE-SHIFTING by the “Watchers”. It is dangerous SOUL POISON in reality. The **Mother Goddess SHEKINAH** who sings in the 528 Hz Love Solfagio, as taught by Leonard Horowitz, is said to bring Transformation and Miracles (DNA Repair).

The word “Shekinah” does not appear in the Bible. The Jewish rabbis coined this extra-biblical expression, to refer to the ”physical manifestation” of a divine being. It is in the KABBALAH and TALMUD and is a title given to any woman who can successfully invoke Azazel and his LEGIONS. Notice “Shekinah” invokes a giant winged “Bird” – yet another description of the “watchers” and the demon Azazel.

People are being MISLED by these New Age SATANISTS. All I can say is to look at the very word – ILLUMINATI — it means literally “the ILLUMINATED ones”. Illuminated by WHAT? Simply the “light” of Lucifer – the Son of the Morning – “The Morning Star”— who “Brings FIRST LIGHT to the earth.” This is the BIGGEST SECRET. This is why Mormon Temples and Masonic Temples ALL HAVE THEIR ALTARS IN THE EAST OF THEIR INITIATES – for it is LUCIFER who they are worshiping. He is the “Nail” – the “God of the East” worshiped in Mormonism as well as Orthodox Judaism and their “Jesuitical Order”.

**The Story Behind the Story**

This is a very complex and multi-faceted topic. It involves exposing something called “Kabalah” (the CUBE) as well as “Enochian Magic” and the darkest sorcery ever performed on Planet Earth. It involves exposing demonology and inter-dimensional “conjuring” of entities called Nephilim or also called Jinn. In short, this topic exposes the very opposite of PURE, UNDEFILED CHRISTIANITY – which simply is the “Edomite-Jew” Sorcerers and their Satanic rituals.

The BLACK CUBE (Kabalah) has instructed the literal Children of Satan the world over how the conjuring and controlling of powerful demonic entities (they falsely believe they can actually control these entities) can be accomplished; by utilizing certain geometrical lines combined with very specific harmonic frequencies of sound.

In Stanley Kubrick’s final Hollywood movie “Eyes Wide Shut” (after which he died), reveals this hidden illuminati secret. In the movie, Tom Cruise’s character meets an old friend – a MUSICIAN who tells him of a special gig – where he has played very well, simply to repetitively play a series of special HARMONIC CHORDS during a deeply occult ritual. He does this while blindfolded the entire time. This is the central theme of the entire movie – and a very real secret that possibly cost Kubrick (a Hollywood insider if there ever was one) his very life.

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6 en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shekhinah
7 en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azazel
Keep in mind that this ritual is not of modern origin. It has been practiced by the Edomite Satanists since the days of Babylon. It is a multi-generational practice and it involves HUMAN SACRIFICE and the SATANIC “SAC-RA-MENT”, the consumption of the sacrificed victim’s literal blood and flesh.

528 Frequency Chords in Illuminati Ritual.

PLEASE DON’T BE DECEIVED BY LEONARD HOROWITZ AND HIS DECLARATIONS THAT 528 IS THE “GREEN-YELLOW” FREQUENCY OF LOVE. This is the progeny of Esau (who is Edom) as recorded in Genesis Chapter 36. The Horites made a strategic alliance with the Demons of antiquity, according to the Holy Bible.

They have used Enochian Magic since it was first revealed to Enoch⁸, the SON OF CAIN (Genesis 4:17) in order to consult and direct the demonic entities into this “earth plane” to further their Luciferian agenda. THIS IS THE GRAND SECRET!!

The “Horites” have been the scourge of planet earth for thousands of years. The agenda is quite simple, really. It is to capture the heart, mind and souls of all mankind in the Luciferian/Edomite blasphemies.

Don’t be deceived, Christians. Leonard Hor-witz of the Horites did not invent the wheel with his “book” on 528 hz. This DNA-altering frequency is the key to “shape-shifting” and DNA alteration is “shamanism.” It has been used by Mother Goddesses and Sorcerers of the Dark Arts since it was first revealed to Enoch the son of Cain.

Pagans say — a “Mother Goddess” taking the Edomite black-sorcery title “Shekinah” (who in the Kaballah invokes the ARCH-DEMON Azazel) shows how the 528 hz had been historically invoked via the human vocal chords, or “Cantors” (the origins of the word incant-ation involves “cantor”). This was practiced in Egypt by the Pharaoh Annubis – who could walk the earth as either a wolf/jackal, or a man. This is the origins of Native American “Skin-walkers” —

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⁸ This is not the Godly man Enoch, who wrote the book of 1Enoch- whose father was Jarad and lived for 365 years, whose story is told in Genesis, chapter 5.
SECOND WARNING – BILL JOHNSON and BETHEL CHURCH

by Andrew Strom
http://www.revivalschool.com/second-warning-bill-johnson-and-bethel-church/#more-800

A couple of years ago we sent out a Warning itemizing a number of facts about Bill Johnson’s ministry and Bethel church in Redding. Numerous witnesses and videos from Bethel show that this church is spreading an “anointing” very similar to Todd Bentley – i.e. spiritual ‘drunkenness’, jerking, hysterical laughter, “angel orbs”, ‘fire tunnels’, spirit travel, mystical “portals”, etc. Plus constant talk in their ministry school of bizarre angel encounters and trips to the ‘third heaven.’ All of it has an extremely ‘New Age’ feel. And it is still going on today. (But even worse – as we shall see).

Bill Johnson strongly defended Todd Bentley – even after his divorce and remarriage. No wonder, for the ‘anointing’ that both men carry seems almost identical (though their “style” is very different). These facts are beyond dispute and have been confirmed by many witnesses.

But whenever I say such things about Bill Johnson, people rush to defend him, saying what a ‘great guy’ he is, and what a great ministry he has. And yes – he is a very charming man who does say good things. If he didn’t, he wouldn’t be so dangerous. Deception always wraps itself in the best “sheep’s wool” it can find. Otherwise it would have no chance of deceiving the sheep! Why do you think the Bible warns of “SEDUCING” spirits in the Last Days – and ‘LYING’ signs and wonders? If the deception was not so ‘seductive’ then nobody would fall for it. And this stuff is very seductive indeed.
THINGS Get WORSE

Several years ago the Bethel crowd put out a book which we only found out about recently. It was co-authored by Bill Johnson’s administrative assistant Judy Franklin with a foreword by Bethel pastor Kris Vallotton. Bill Johnson wrote two of the chapters and his wife Beni wrote another. In other words, it has Bethel’s stamp all over it. (It is still sold on the Bethel website).

So what is this book about? Here is what the blurb says- “Exploring the mysteries of God in sound, light, vibrations, frequencies, energy, and quantum physics.” Does that sound ‘New Age’ to you? Yes – and it gets even worse. Please remember that this book has Bill Johnson’s name on it – and Bethel’s strong endorsement and participation.

When you open the book you find chapter headings like this- “Vibrating in Harmony with God”, ‘Good Vibrations’, ‘Quantum Mysticism’ and “The God Vibration”. And some of the sub-headings are even more astounding: “Dolphins and Healing Energy,” ‘The Power of Color”, “Human Body Frequencies,” etc. You might ask, What kind of ‘Christian’ book is this? And the answer is that it is Bethel and Bill Johnson’s kind of Christian book. It literally has Bill’s name on it. This is a peek into the real Bethel behind the scenes. When you look at this publication, suddenly you understand why we see all these weird videos and testimonies from Bethel of strange ‘New Age’ terminology and bizarre spiritual practices. Now we know why. We have the evidence in black and white.

We have shown the contents of this book to leaders and people that have been fans and supporters of Bill Johnson. They have verified the source of it. And just reading this content has turned most of them from being a supporter of Bethel into an opponent in a matter of a few hours. It really is that bad. So openly ‘New Age’ you could hardly believe it.

With all this talk of “vibrations” in the book, perhaps we can now better understand why Bill Johnson’s wife Beni wrote in her blog: “I was talking with Ray Hughes the other day and was telling him about using a 528 HZ tuning fork as a prophetic act. Someone told me that this tuning fork is called the tuning fork of LOVE... the sound of this fork brings healing.” (Please note that crystals and tuning forks are used in NEW AGE therapy – not Christianity. And by the way, Beni Johnson for years has been CO-PASTOR of Bethel alongside her husband Bill).

This might also help explain why Beni Johnson recently released a photo of herself “soaking” (lying down) on the grave of a dead Christian leader – and why Bethel students also put out photos of themselves “grave sucking” (as it is called) – trying to “soak up” the anointing from the graves of dead preachers. I am not exaggerating. They actually do this. I hope you
can see how dangerous and unbiblical it all is. Somebody needs to confront Bill Johnson about it. That is why I am including a whole new section of these disturbing facts in the 2015 edition of my book ‘Kundalini Warning.’ And it is also why I am writing this article. When Nadab and Abihu offered “strange fire” before the Lord in the Old Testament, they were consumed by God and died. (Lev 10:1-2). ‘Strange fire’ is still deadly today. The body of Christ needs to be warned.

As one of the graduates of the Bethel ministry school (BSSM) wrote to me: “There would be all kinds of distracting behavior (random shouting, laughing, etc.) during school sessions and church services. When any guest speaker came to school, students would flock to the front to get as close to the speakers as possible. We were taught that any anointing we wanted could be received by simply “claiming it” for ourselves… The drunken behavior and questionable teachings from some, if not all, of these speakers was shocking at times… I would always hear people talking about their encounters with angels and how they visited heaven. One young woman I knew said she could see angels everywhere, she talked to them all the time, and she would help her friends to do the same.”

In summary, this is a very dangerous movement and the warning needs to be sounded as far and wide as possible.

Vibrating in Harmony with God

by Bob Jones

Bob Jones shared that God is beginning to release a “new” sound to prepare us for a second Pentecost that “tunes” us and brings us into harmony with God.

About Bob Jones

Isaiah 9:15: “The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail.”
Bob Jones first became known by being part of the Kansas City prophets back in the 1980’s. In 1991, Jones was removed from ministering in a Vineyard church after confessing to sexual misconduct with two women. This misconduct included encouraging the women to undress in his office “so they could stand ‘naked before the Lord’ in order to receive a ‘word.’”

Jones has spawned a generation of false prophets who have spoken words from their imaginations and dreams that are not from God (Jer. 23:9-40 and more) and have led many to follow another Gospel.

Bob Jones’ spiritual experiences are extraordinary to say the least. They consist of “Voices,” “angels,” and continual “translations to heaven” which give him new revelations that are not only contrary to Scripture but are easily categorized as of the New Age variety of spirituality.

Bob Jones wrote a contributing chapter for the book “PHYSICS OF HEAVEN” published by Bill Johnson and his Bethel Church, shortly before His death on February 14, 2014. This book is proof of my concerns that there is a New Age invasion taking place and particularly among Charismatic churches. Below is an excerpt of Jones’ contribution from Chapter 3 in the book “PHYSICS OF HEAVEN” …

*NOTE: My Comments to underlined statements made by Bob Jones are found in italics in parenthesis. Bob Jones statements are in bold.

Healing Through Sound

There’s a new sound coming. We began having prophecies in 1995 that there is a new sound coming, a new heavenly sound (Karen: Satan likes to give out his plans in the form of prophetic words that do come to pass in order to disguise his false prophets, the heavenly sounds are being heard in many places—however, which heavens are they coming from—the Bible says there are 3 heavens. The second heavens is the demonic realm). It’s going to come in everything and it’s especially going to come in praise. A couple of times recently, only for a little bit, I’ve been in beautiful praise when all of a sudden a new sound comes that I’ve never heard before. It’s like it sets you on fire. The new sound is a string instrument, a wind instrument. So there’s a new sound coming.

One time, years ago in Atlanta I was at a church with Rick Joyner and there was a sound that seemed to be coming out of the ceiling. Everybody heard it. It had an angel power with it. (Karen: We must keep in mind that Satan is going to use lying signs and wonders in order to deceive God’s people… many “sounds” are being heard—but the demonic is behind what is happening here. Also, what is “angel power” and where do we find such a thing in the Bible? Nowhere do we find this in Scripture!)
This coming new sound isn’t just something that you pick up with your ears, but it’s greater than anything you can understand. It can change DNA so we are genetically growing up.

Your genetics are the same as His was. Our genetics come out of the Father in our spirit. We are becoming like an instrument being tuned, where our genetics are getting aligned with the Father’s genetics, in harmony with Him. (Karen: This is heretical teaching at its best. Do a little research and you will find that this is a good example of what the New Age teaches… you will not find such statements supported by Scripture—unless they are twisted and misused by those taking them out of context or by going beyond what the Bible teaches—which is what Bill Johnson and all false prophets promote—the idea that there is revelation truth not found in the Bible that we can tap into, is the idea of New Age “esoteric revelation.” God gave us His word as a way of discerning what is truth or error. If it is not in the Bible, beware! All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in what is right. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

Do you know what a heart fibrillation is? It’s two hearts. The lower heart gets out of harmony with the upper heart. And I’m afraid that our spiritually lower heart has gotten out of harmony with our upper heart, but when it gets back in harmony we’ll have the heart of God. (Karen: Where does the Bible mention a spiritual upper and lower heart? Answer: nowhere!)

The recent earthquakes and tsunamis are a natural shifting in the earth and a change in the axis of the earth and change in even nations. It’s only natural that there is a spiritual changing of nations too (Karen: this is a typical human “assumption” made to sound like a truth. The truth is a nation can only change by getting the people transformed by preaching the true Gospel of the kingdom). These changes are occurring for what purpose? We’ve turned away from God. These shifting are to turn us back to God. (Karen: the word “shiftings” is used a lot by these NAR false prophets and has come to replace the word “judgment”—sin and judgment are not popular subjects among false prophets and teachers. When they speak of experiencing a “shift” in our nations or our life, it requires the nation or person to make “changes” (i.e. in government policies or personal doctrines and beliefs)—we can’t “change” nations or ourselves because only God can do this through the power of His Holy Spirit, who will transform us through getting our minds in agreement with the truth of God’s Word regarding the true gospel (Rom 12:2).

With all these earthquakes and the shifting of the earth’s axis, it’s almost like the whole world has been out of alignment and everything is being “tuned.” But it’s about tuning everything, not just the earth. It’s about tuning us and everything about us. When we get in harmony with God and begin to really worship the Father in spirit and truth, there’s no time there. (Karen: We come into complete harmony with God when we get sin out of our life… we don’t need some heavenly frequency to fine tune us—We don’t need to be “tuned” we need to be “transformed” by our obedience to the Word of God). You’ll think that you’ve been in it a minute and I’ve known times when we were
in worship for hours, and it only felt like minutes. (Karen: Bob Jones and many others teach that being “in the spirit” means to enter the “spirit realm” or some trance-like state …which in the case of false prophets and sorcery is associated with the second heaven where spiritual entities are assigned, and a place we are forbidden to access, because it requires the use of “divination”: (Deut 18:10) There shall not be found among you ... that uses divination) We're going to take authority over everything down here and take it back and literally give it back to the Father. (Karen: God has never lost anything down here, this is a good example of the “Latter Rain” and current “Dominionism” false theology: The highest heavens and the earth and everything in it all belong to the LORD your God. (Deut 10:14)

With me, when I had a fibrillation, they took me to the hospital and gave me an electrical shock. The shock brought my upper and lower heart back into harmony. There are shocks down here that are going to bring us back into harmony with our Father. That “vibration” put my heart back into harmony. They called it “conversion.” So I think a good word for what’s about to happen to us is “a conversion.” (Karen: God’s true saints have already been converted, but the devil has a plan to convert them back into his agenda and ways, using false teachers and prophets like Bob Jones and Bill Johnson. The Biblical doctrine of conversion has nothing to do with “vibrations”—it has to do with repentance from sin and turning to God in faith through Jesus Christ—who is the only way to our being able to experience true “conversion (i.e. change). We are continually being” converted” into the likeness of Christ by eyes being opened to the truth by the mirror of His Word: And all of us, as with unveiled face, because we continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being changed into His very own image... (2 Cor 3:18) AMP)

Isaiah 66:2 says, “I will look to him who trembles at my word.” The word “trembles” in this verse can be vibration. And everything vibrates. (Karen: This line of thought comes from New Age Shabda Yoga – “The Divine Science of Light and Sound” and what it teaches. The false prophets like Johnson and Jones have eaten of the forbidden fruit of the tree of occult knowledge known as “divine science” or better named “demonic science.” Also the word “tremble” Jones referred to is the Hebrew word (Strong's 2730) chared (khaw-rade') and in the context of the text it is taken from, it refers to a reverential fear that can cause a human to shudder or shake. But when we get in harmony with God, everything will vibrate in tune with us. Total authority was given to man. Do you have any idea what everything vibrating in harmony with God would do in the earth? (Karen: To be in “harmony” with God means to be in “agreement” with God… it is not “vibrating” that will bring this harmony—it is our agreement with what God says in His Word: Can two walk together (be in harmony), unless they are agreed? (Amos 3:3). The idea that “man” was given “total authority” over everything is not Scriptural. God is very specific about the limitations of our authority. Dominionists like Jones and Bill Johnson want us to believe we are like God with all power and authority. This kind of thinking comes from Satan himself, remember He said: ...I will be like the most-High. (Isa 14:14) KJV
The New Age Propensities of Bethel Church’s Bill Johnson that have invaded the lives of God’s People world-wide

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NOTE: End note numbers are in RED and footnote numbers are in BLACK

The following article contains excerpts from a “Lighthouse Trails Print Booklet” Entitled: New Age Propensities of Bethel Church’s Bill Johnson by John Lanagan. This 17-page booklet may be ordered at: (http://www.lighthousetrails.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=LTP&Product_Code=BKT-JL-BTH)

The New Age Propensities of Bethel Church’s Bill Johnson

“At that time, I could not find a single Christian leader who shared a similar interest in finding out if there were truths hidden in the New Age. Now we are beginning to hear more and more revelation that is in line with what New Agers have been saying all along and we are hearing more and more teaching about Christians “taking back truths” from the New Age that really belong to citizens of the Kingdom of God.”1 (Ellyn Davis, co-author, The Physics of Heaven)

In Redding, California, Bethel Church has become one of the largest evangelical churches in North America. Many people from around the world travel to Redding to attend the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, and C. Peter Wagner (“founder” of the New Apostolic Reformation movement) has called Bethel’s senior pastor, Bill Johnson, an “apostle.”

Given that title with claims on the church website that Bethel has a “global impact as a revival resource and equipping center,”2 it is expedient and responsible to examine Johnson and determine if he is indeed an apostle sent from God to the body of Christ...
Bill Johnson’s view of Scripture may give us a clue as to how he ended up being attracted to extra-biblical leanings. **According to Johnson:** “Those who feel safe because of their intellectual grasp of Scriptures enjoy a false sense of security. None of us has a full grasp of Scripture, but we all have the Holy Spirit. He is our common denominator who will always lead us into truth. But to follow Him, we must be willing to follow off the map—to go beyond what we know.12

*Karen Connell’s Comment*

The above statement is a clear indication of a false teacher. Not having the ability to fully “grasp” (understand) the Scriptures, is not a reason to go beyond what we know the Bible does teach. All who profess to be a “Christian” do not have the Holy Spirit as their teacher. Many professing Christians preach another gospel (like Bill Johnson and follow another spirit) I am sure those, like Bill Johnson, who believe we can go beyond what is in the Bible, are being lead into “occultic truth” (which means forbidden and hidden demonic realities—that give them the desired results they seek for themselves and their “ministries”), however, it is not by the Holy Spirit—that is revealing this to them or giving them what they desire—it is being accomplished by occultic spirits.

This is dangerous thinking. The Bible is our map. To go “beyond what we know” is to go beyond the parameters of Scripture.

*How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding:* therefore, I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:103-105)

*The Physics of Heaven,* whether intentionally or unintentionally, serves to illustrate how the false church is forming the apostate (counterfeit) church. New Age practices will increasingly be welcomed into the Body of Christ. These practices will be presented as redeemed9 or Christian in origin. The church will be subverted—turned toward Eastern/New Age/Quantum mysticism. Language, terms, and trappings may even remain essentially “Christian”—but acceptance of the biblical Christ will diminish.

*The Physics of Heaven,* a recent book Bill Johnson contributed to, and which his personal assistant co-authored, reveals a very different picture than that of the apostles described in the Bible. It appears that rather than an apostle of God, Bill Johnson may be poised to serve as the vehicle that carries the New Age and quantum spirituality deep into the Body of Christ. Being drawn to New Age ideas is not something new to Bethel’s leader. In a

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9 This is exactly what Constantine did in the church in Rome. He took pagan practices and “Christianized” them to make them appealing to the masses.
2006 book titled **Dreaming with God**, Johnson writes, when referring to a practice associated with the New Age:

> “Many prominent pastors and conference speakers add fuel to the fire of fear by assuming that because the New Age promotes it, its origins must be from the devil. I find that form of reasoning weak at best. **If we follow that line of thought, we will continue to give the devil the tools that God has given us for success in life and ministry.**”

Stop and think about what is being said here: “the tools that God has given us” somehow ended up in the New Age? How did that happen? And which tools is he talking about? Why would a professing Christian say something like this? **New Age teaching is in total opposition to the Word of God. To suggest that New Age practices are really just hijacked Christian truths is utterly absurd.**

Research analyst Ray Yungen explains the basis of New Age thought:

> Everything that exists, seen or unseen, is made up of energy—tiny particles of **vibrating energy**, atoms, molecules, protons, etc. All is energy. **That energy, they believe, is God**, and therefore, all is God. They believe that since we are all part of this “God-energy,” then we, too, are God. **God is not seen as a Being that dwells in heaven, but as the universe itself.**

Bill Johnson and Bethel Church exert significant influence in the body of Christ. And whatever path Bethel and its leaders travel is the path on which many will follow. We need to pay attention to what is happening here, using discernment and godly wisdom.

While Bill Johnson’s approach to prayer and worship and the extreme emphasis placed on signs and wonders has concerned many, it is the 2012 book titled **The Physics of Heaven** (in which Johnson is one of eleven contributors) that indicates the real direction Johnson and Bethel are heading… So what does **The Physics of Heaven** reveal?

**The Next Move of God?**

Ellyn Davis, one of the authors of **The Physics of Heaven**, says this:

> [The contributors of the book] all agree that the next move of God will cause a **shift** at the deepest level of who we are—perhaps the very “vibrational level” that the New Age movement has been exploring. **They also all agree that there are precious truths hidden in the New Age that belong to us as Christians and need to be extracted from the worthless.**

Contributor Jonathan Welton adds:
I have found throughout Scripture at least 75 examples of things that the New Age has counterfeited, such as having a spirit guide, trances, meditation, auras, power objects, clairvoyance, clairaudience, and more. These actually belong to the church, but they have been stolen and cleverly repackaged.8

Welton believes:

We need to begin to use [New Age] counterfeits as signposts. **Every time a counterfeit shows up, take it as the Lord presenting you with an opportunity to reclaim . . . the Church’s stolen property.**9

Karen Connell’s Comment:

To believe that things like having a spirit guide, trances, meditation, auras, power objects, clairvoyance, clairaudience, and more are Bible sanctioned realities or gifts that Satan has counterfeited and stolen is heretical teaching!! This is why these false teachers want you to go “beyond” what is in the Word of God—so you can “Christianize these things” and falsely believe that Satan has stolen them from God. You cannot Christianize sorcery and divination practices which are forbidden by Scripture. This is truly bazaar teaching to justify tapping into the occult (forbidden and hidden) realm of demons and fallen angels, where the power hungry and the control freaks are able to seemingly obtain what they desire (but unknown to them it is only as the devil wills and at the expense of their eternal destiny).

Christianizing these things is like taking a bottle with a “Poison!” warning on it and re-labeling it, “Honey.” Contemplative prayer (and other New Age practices), which is essentially Eastern/New Age meditation disguised with Christian terminology, entered the church in just this manner.

Co-author Ellyn Davis asserts:

It wasn’t that I wanted to become a New Ager, I just wanted to find out if maybe they had uncovered some truths the church hadn’t.10

Davis then attempts to justify her position by claiming much of what she found “embodied biblical principles” and “could be backed up by Scripture.”11

Karen Connell’s Comment:

This is where professing Christians who do not have the Holy Spirit, or do not know what the Bible teaches are being utterly deceived by those who twist the Bible:
You are being fooled by those who twist and change the truth concerning Christ... Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message than the one we told you about. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message (and they do), let him be forever cursed... I will say it again: If anyone preaches any other gospel than the one you welcomed, let God's curse fall upon that person. (Gal 1:7-9) NLT

...ignorant and unstable people distort (What Paul taught), as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16) NIV

In contrast to such a mindset, Scripture exhorts us:

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (Ephesians 5:11)

Compare Davis' desire to sample New Age wisdom with the resolve of the newly saved Christians in Acts 19: These saints separated themselves from the occult; they did not peruse their occultic literature one last time in case there were some “truths” there. The unholy books were gathered and set on fire:

Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. (Acts 19:19)

The action taken by these bold new believers caused the Gospel to spread.

So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. (Acts 19:20)

Lacking basic discernment about involvement with the New Age, co-author Davis, the Bethel Redding contingent, and the other contributors have rendered a great disservice to the Body of Christ. The Bethel contributors, in particular, can potentially do the most damage because of their popularity and high visibility.

Bill Johnson further believes that select, end-times Christians will be endowed with great power to work miracles, healings, signs, and wonders. These super-powered Christians—the Elijah generation—will supposedly bring about an unprecedented revival. Johnson states:

[A] generation is now forming . . . that will walk in an anointing that has never been known by mankind before, including the disciples.16

In 2014, Johnson attended the Empowered 21 Conference, a gathering of Christians who are certain a “Second Pentecost” is coming by 2033.17 Through the influence of Bethel Church, the “apostles” of the New Apostolic Reformation, and others, a large portion of the
church now believes there is a coming supernatural end-time event, an outpouring of great power. This presumed event is not the rapture (Karen Connell’s comment: I personally found they really don’t like the rapture doctrine—it is made light of most of the time). As The Physics of Heaven co-author and Johnson’s personal assistant Judy Franklin states:

> The greatest error we could ever commit is to think that this world is going to get so bad that He will snatch us out quickly before we all die.18

> This is not . . . showing the world how powerful we are because God has given us His power.19

Many in this camp are dominionists. Their understanding is that Adam and Eve lost dominion of the earth to Satan, the resurrected Christ appointed the Church to take it back, and Christ either cannot or will not return until the Church has accomplished its task. If you have never found this theology in the Bible, it is because it is not there.

Dr. Orrel Steinkamp states: (NAR theology)

> This dominion mentality is conceived as a gigantic end-time revival that will sweep the whole earth in its wake. . . . An elite company of overcomers from out of the larger church will subdue all things and will be so endued with supernatural power that the first church apostles will be envious of the latter day apostles.20

**A Second Pentecost and Quantum Vibrations**

In light of this, consider how The Physics of Heaven describes what God is supposedly going to bring about. A theme of the book is that God may somehow bestow incredible power on believers through vibrations/sounds/frequencies/energies, with “sound” mentioned a number of times throughout the book. Just listen to these heretical statements!

> This book is just a precursor to the revelation that God is going to give us when He releases a new, transforming sound.21

We’re talking about **10 times the power that was released at Pentecost**.22

*(Karen Connell’s comment: The Bible says that we receive power from the Holy Spirit—not the release of a SOUND!)*

The sound God desires to release will chase religion from the church and bring truth.23
(Karen Connell’s comment: Those who see the truth will be branded as “legalistic—and religious” because they choose to adhere to the Bible. The following points below from the book are addressed by me in the next article in this report).

[We] suspect God is up to something new—something that will transform us at the deepest level of who we are and will be ushered in by a new form of “sound” or “vibration.”

This coming new sound . . . can change DNA so we are genetically growing up. Your genetics are the same as His was. Our genetics came out of the Father in our spirit. We are becoming like an instrument being tuned, where our genetics are getting aligned with the Father’s genetics, in harmony with Him.

What if there really are “good vibrations” that God has imbedded into everything He created and we just need to be open to experiencing them?

We became interested in such weird and wonderful phenomena as energy, frequencies, vibrations, and quantum physics.

What *The Physics of Heaven* is doing is turning God into more of a cosmic quantum force that permeates everything rather than a Creator who is separate from His creation as described in the Bible (e.g., Romans 1:25; Isaiah 42:8; 46:9). New Agers frequently talk about sounds and vibrations as signs of this “god” force. Occult “prophetess” Alice Bailey says:

[T]here is a group of human beings, integrating now . . . upon whom is laid the burden of leading humanity. They are starting movements that have in them the new vibration, they are saying things that are universal in their tone, they are enunciating principles that are cosmic.

That the contributors believe those in the New Age may understand the manner in which an alleged “next move of God” might occur is chilling. Is it a coincidence that New Age leader Barbara Marx Hubbard also predicts a coming spiritual shift of great significance?

Hubbard forecasts the arrival of a “planetary Pentecost” that will mean “the divisions of the religions would be over.” She explains:

We would each know that God is within us. . . . If all who feel we are connected to each other, to nature and to God join in a planetary Pentecost, we shall be transformed in this lifetime. I believe in the peaceful second Coming.
The false “christ” who communicated with Hubbard for decades revealed this Planetary Pentecost will instantly transform most humans (but not Christians and others who do not believe God is in everyone) into a spiritually evolved race.

**What if the “next move of God”**31 that *The Physics of Heaven* expects and the New Age “Planetary Pentecost” are the same event? Could it be that they are waiting for the same “christ” to perform this “vibrational” shift in humanity? Is this possible? Could this be the unholy deception we have been warned about in the Bible?

*If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.* (Matthew 24:23-24)

Former New Age follower Warren B. Smith warned of this years ago:

*Expecting only revival and the return of the true Christ, will the Church be deceived by the one who will come in the name of Christ and pretend to be Him? Caught unawares, will the Church mistake the counterfeit Christ’s “Planetary Pentecost” for the great ‘move of God’ they had been told to expect?* 32

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Be Aware of the New Age End Time Invasion

Many churches are already incorporating many New Age forms of “Spiritual Formation,” contemplative prayer or meditation to cleanse the mind and bring peace and energy to the body. This is straight New Age teaching, not biblical, yet Richard Foster and others have successfully leavened this into many churches.

A large number of people in the New Age movement (NAM) don’t like that label — while others would not even consider themselves part of the movement. NAM is eclectic and diverse. There is no hierarchy, doctrine or membership. They believe man’s basic nature is good and divine. Moreover, they believe in evolutionary godhood and that man will soon see himself as god. New Agers have an interest in Eastern mysticism and hold to a belief in reincarnation. Their “theology” is based in diversity, feel-goodism, universal tolerance, and moral relativism.

New Age ideas can be traced to Eastern religious traditions such as Hinduism, Taoism and Buddhism

**Fast Facts:**
- Based in esotericism, i.e. private enlightenment through mystical spiritual experiences and spiritual searching.
- Characterized by alternative approaches to traditional Western culture.
- Call the earth Gaia. Gaia is a goddess and the “creator and giver of birth to the Earth and all the Universe,” thus she is to be revered and respected, even worshipped.
- Put man and nature on an equal level. Nature is part of God and through Nature all people can unite.
- Human Potential movement – cultivation of extraordinary potential believed to be largely untapped in most people.

**Global Unity:**
- Man with nature
- Man with man
- Man with God
**Major Tenents:**
- Monism: All is one
- Pantheism: all is God
- We are gods: ignorant of divinity
- Goal of NAM: to discover own divinity

**Additional beliefs:**
- No condemnation
- No judgment
- Subordination of the true God; elevation of man

**Phrases, Practices and Terms:**
- Spirituality
- “As above, so below”
- Astrology
- Yoga
- Contemplative Prayer
- Labyrinth
- Visualization
- Centering down
- Meditation practices – Transcended meditation, contemplative prayer
- Holistic Health – treats the whole person — promises healing and wholeness
- Modern Psychology – Freud, Abraham Maslow, Carl Jung who was steeped in the occult, even had his own personal spirit guide.
- Astral projection – also called astral travel, or soul travel which is training your soul to leave the limitations of your body and travel around the world into heavenly dimensions;
- Crystals – used to purify your body’s and mind’s energy systems
- Visualization – where you use mental imagery to imagine yourself as an animal, in the presence of a divine being, or being healed of sickness, etc.
- Witchcraft – is now called WICCA, Earth Religion, and is closely related to Goddess worship. The doctrine is that we are all part of the earth and God is nature.
- Contacting spirits – so they may speak through you or guide you
- Cosmic humanism
- Cosmic consciousness
- Christ consciousness

**Leaders:**
- David Spangler
- Alice Bailey
- Ruth Haley Barton
- Joseph Campbell
- Ken Wilber
- Marilyn Ferguson (Aquarian Conspiracy)
- Shirley MacLaine
- Barbara Marx Hubbard
- Oprah Winfrey
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- Matthew Fox
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Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow by Constance Cumby
What the Bible says:

The Bible tells us to pray to the Lord with our mind, body and spirit. We cannot be cleansed from evil by visualization techniques, only by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, our repentance from sin, and our believing and following Jesus.

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.” Leviticus 18:1-1

The Bible is clear that the believer is being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ by the grace and conviction of the Holy Spirit. But some these days teach that man can be the cause for this “spiritual transformation”. God is the sole cause of spiritual transformation in the believer and the Bible teaches that it is the Holy Spirit testifying to the Word of God that transforms the believer.

The words “contemplative prayer” are not in the Bible. The word “contemplate” is defined as “to think deeply or carefully”. The Bible does teach us to think deeply and meditate on the Word of God. But some of those promoting “Contemplative Prayer” teach almost the opposite: That we “contemplate” by emptying our minds or reciting mantras.
Jesus Calling: The New Age Implications

By Warren B. Smith

In my book “Another Jesus” Calling, I describe many problems regarding Sarah Young’s best-selling book Jesus Calling. In particular, there are some serious New Age implications to what her “Jesus” is presenting in his “messages” to Young and her countless readers. Nevertheless, Laura Minchew, a Senior Vice-President at Thomas Nelson publishers, adamantly defends Jesus Calling and defiantly denies that the book has any New Age implications. She told World Net Daily, “I will tell you that should anyone hint of New Age teachings in Jesus Calling, they would be sorely misinformed.1

But Minchew’s statement is both ironic and untrue. It is ironic because even as she was issuing her denial, Thomas Nelson editors were busy deleting some of the very New Age material in question. I’m not sure what Laura Minchew’s understanding of the New Age is, but as a former New Ager, I can assure you there are many New Age implications—both direct and indirect—in Jesus Calling. In this booklet, I am going to present ten of them.

New Age Implications: Ten Examples

1)  The New Age Book God Calling

In an interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network, Sarah Young said she was inspired to receive “messages” from “Jesus” after reading the book God Calling. She stated:

My journey began with a devotional book (God Calling) written in the 1930s by two women who practiced waiting in God’s Presence, writing the messages they received as they “listened.” About a year after I started reading this book, I began to wonder if I too could receive messages during my times of communing with God, so I decided to “listen” to God with pen in hand, writing down whatever I sensed He was saying.2

Unfortunately, Sarah Young and her Thomas Nelson editors missed the fact that God Calling is a channeled New Age book. The “messages” received by the two women appear to be legitimate to the undiscerning reader because they are presented in the form of a
daily devotional. Ironically, *God Calling* could have been titled *Jesus Calling* because its messages were reputedly dictated by “The Living Christ Himself.”3 It is worth noting that *Jesus Calling* is similarly titled and similarly presents its reputed “messages” from “Jesus” in the form of a daily devotional.

In *The Encyclopedia of New Age Beliefs* published by Harvest House Christian publishers, authors John Weldon and John Ankerberg provide ample evidence as to why *God Calling* is a channeled New Age book. In their chapter on channeling—under the subheading of “Impersonations of Christianity”—the two respected apologists describe *God Calling* as a book “replete with denials of biblical teaching”4 as it “subtly encourages psychic development and spiritistic inspiration under the guise of Christ’s personal guidance . . . and often misinterprets Scripture.”5 Citing a number of passages in *God Calling* that are unbiblical and have New Age implications, the two authors explain that channeling is a form of occult mediumship and according to the Bible “is a practice forbidden (Deuteronomy 18:9-12).”6 Yet Sarah Young stated it was *God Calling* that inspired her to receive her own “messages” from “Jesus.” In her original introduction to *Jesus Calling*, Young went out of her way to praise *God Calling* as “a treasure to me.”7 Sadly, her lofty endorsement greatly popularized this New Age book within mainstream Christianity. As a result, *God Calling* is now commonly found in great numbers in various editions in both secular and Christian bookstores. In fact, it is often shelved alongside *Jesus Calling*.

**Note:** Young’s only response to criticism of *God Calling* has been to quietly remove all her previous references to *God Calling* from the new editions of *Jesus Calling*. No explanations. No apologies. No anything. Like the missing 18½ minutes from Richard Nixon’s Watergate tapes, *God Calling* has disappeared from the pages of Young’s book.

2) **Channeled “Messages” from “Jesus”**

Ruth Graham, writing about *Jesus Calling* in *The Daily Beast*—a popular online news organization formerly associated with Newsweek magazine—reported that Thomas Nelson had specifically requested that she not use the word “channeling” to describe how Sarah Young was receiving her “messages” from “Jesus.” Graham wrote:

> Thomas Nelson specifically requested I not use the word “channeling” to describe Young’s first-person writing in the voice of Jesus—the word has New Age connotations—but it’s hard to avoid it in describing the book’s rhetorical approach.8

In *Jesus Calling*, Young writes that “Jesus” told her “to be a channel of My loving Presence.”9 Obliging his request, her book is filled with channeled “messages” and “directives” she claims to have received from God. In her original introduction, she wrote:

> I have continued to receive personal messages from God as I meditate on Him. The more difficult my life circumstances, the more I need these encouraging directives from my Creator.10 (emphasis added)

Regarding this type of spiritualism, *Webster’s New World Dictionary* defines the word “channel” as follows: “to serve as a medium for (a spirit).”11 It defines the word “directive”
as “a general instruction or order issued authoritatively.”12 And by Sarah Young’s own description in her original introduction, this is exactly what she is doing—being “a channel” for “encouraging directives” from a spiritual “Presence” that presents itself as “Jesus.” After receiving these “messages” and “directives,” she arranged them in the form of a daily devotional—just like *God Calling*.

**Note:** The paragraph cited above—where Young originally described how she has “continued to receive personal messages from God” and “encouraging directives” from her “Creator”—has been completely removed from the new editions of *Jesus Calling*.13

3) Visualization
Sarah Young engaged in the occult/New Age practice of “visualization” when she “pictured” her family “encircled by God’s protective Presence.”

One morning as I prayed, I visualized God protecting each of us. I pictured first our daughter, then our son, and then Steve encircled by God’s protective Presence, which looked like golden light. When I prayed for myself, I was suddenly enveloped in brilliant light and profound peace. I lost all sense of time as I experienced God’s Presence in this powerful way.14 (emphasis added)

In the same *Encyclopedia of New Age Beliefs* that described *God Calling* as a channeled New Age book, a specific chapter on visualization warns about the spiritual dangers of this New Age practice:

“Visualization” and “guided imagery” have long been recognized by sorcerers of all kinds as the most powerful and effective methodology for contacting the spirit world in order to acquire supernatural power, knowledge, and healing. Such methods are neither taught nor practiced in the Bible as helps to faith or prayer.15

Sarah Young just assumed that the “light” she visualized enveloping her family and herself was from God. But one cannot assume anything in regards to spiritual experiences and spiritual encounters—especially after engaging in the occult practice of visualization. Because “many false prophets are gone out into the world,” we are told to “try the spirits” to see “whether they are of God (1 John 4:1). The apostle Paul warned of deceptive “seducing spirits” (1 Timothy 4:1) and how Satan can come as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). Also, Jesus specifically warned us to beware of a light that appears to be light but is actually darkness (Luke 11:35).

**Note:** Recent editions of *Jesus Calling* have attempted to subtly demystify Sarah Young’s mystical New Age “prayer” process. The phrase “looked like golden light” and the trance-like sentence “I lost all sense of time as I experienced God’s Presence in this powerful way” have both been deleted from recent editions of *Jesus Calling*.16 However, even with these deletions, Young—at least for now—continues to include her visualized prayer in the newer editions of *Jesus Calling*.

4) Meditation
*Jesus Calling* readers are led to equate Sarah Young’s contemplative prayer process
with biblical meditation. But to “make your mind like a still pool of water” as you passively
wait “to receive whatever thoughts” Young’s “Jesus” may “drop into it” is much more akin
to Eastern/New Age meditation. Biblical meditation, if you will, is an active attentiveness
and thinking upon Scripture. Eastern/New Age meditation is more subjective and open to
spiritual suggestion. In his August 5th message, Sarah Young’s “Jesus” promotes this
New Age form of meditation and contemplative prayer:

Make your mind like a still pool of water, ready to receive whatever thoughts I drop into
it.17

Stilling and quieting one’s mind may seem to be peaceful and godly, but passively stilling
the mind (i.e., putting the mind in neutral) can provide an opening for seducing spirits to
communicate with an undiscerning meditator—all in the name of “Jesus,” “God,” and the
“Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 4:27, 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Corinthians 11:4). Sarah Young describes
how she receives these “thoughts” as “messages” and “directives” as she meditates on
“Jesus”:

I have continued to receive personal messages from God as I meditate on Him. The more
difficult my life circumstances, the more I need these encouraging directives from my
Creator.18 (emphasis added)

But this kind of spiritual activity is not scriptural, and it is not biblical meditation. This is
Eastern/New Age meditation. This type of meditation is what New Age channelers do to
make contact with the spirit world.

Note: It bears repeating that the above paragraph containing the words “meditate,”
“messages,” and “directives” has been deleted from recent editions of Jesus Calling.

5) New Age Terminology
Throughout Jesus Calling, Sarah Young’s “Jesus” casually introduces New Age
terminology in his channeled messages. Not that long ago terms like co-create,19 divine
alchemies,20 Love-Light,21 Light-bearer,22 supernatural plane,23 living channel,24
paradigm shift,25 true self,26 ultimate reality,27 universal presence,28 etc., were sure
indicators of someone’s metaphysical/New Age orientation. But now these terms are
commonly found in “Christian” books like Jesus Calling and are rapidly becoming part of
the everyday language of the church.

Sarah Young’s “Jesus” also makes indirect reference to two of the mega best-selling New
Age books of the last thirty years—Shirley MacLaine’s Out on a Limb and M. Scott
Peck’s The Road Less Traveled. Young’s “Jesus” invites her millions of readers to “go out
on a limb” with him and to take “a road less traveled”:

Be willing to go out on a limb with Me.29

You, however, have been called to take a “road less traveled.”30
Note: Obviously, these two phrases can be used in other contexts. However, the true Jesus Christ is quite aware of these groundbreaking New Age books, and it defies reason that He would make any reference—direct or indirect—to these hugely popular metaphysical books. God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). And He is not going to introduce anything that might stumble someone—like nonchalantly referring to two New Age books that have already stumbled the millions of people who have read them and been influenced by them. (1 Corinthians 8:9).

6) Divine Alchemy

Regarding other overlapping New Age terminology in Jesus Calling, Sarah Young’s “Jesus” states: I can glean Joy out of sorrow, Peace out of adversity. Only a Friend who is also the King of kings could accomplish this divine alchemy.31

However, the term “divine alchemy” is an ancient, mystical, occult/New Age term that raises multiple spiritual concerns. The word “occult” is defined in Webster’s New World Dictionary as follows:

. . . designating or of certain alleged mystic arts, such as magic, alchemy, astrology, etc.32 (emphasis added)

The Oxford Classical Dictionary underscores the fact that the “art” of alchemy has serious New Age implications. The very first sentence of the definition states:

Alchemy in antiquity was a mixture of chemical, metallurgical, and glass technology, Greek philosophy, mystical and syncretistic religion, and astrology.33 (emphasis added)

The same Oxford Dictionary explains the occult/New Age underpinnings of alchemy itself:

The art is distinguished from the pure science of chemistry by its mixture of mystical and magical elements with the technology . . . Alchemy in late antiquity was born of the confluence of three streams: (1) technology . . . (2) theory . . . (3) occult religion.34 (emphasis added)

By Googling divine alchemy on the Internet, one will see countless references to the occult. The term divine alchemy is frequently found in the teachings of New Age leaders such as Marianne Williamson. She uses the term divine alchemy to reference the same practice of meditation Sarah Young’s “Jesus” is advocating. She writes:

Meditation is time spent with God in silence and quiet listening. It is the time during which the Holy Spirit has a chance to enter into our minds and perform His divine alchemy.35 (emphasis added)

The Oxford Classical Dictionary describes the origin of alchemy and how it is linked to other occult sciences:
The inventor was said to be Hermes [Trismegistus], and alchemy is linked with other occult sciences in the Hermetic literature of the first three centuries A.D., along with neo-Pythagorean, Neoplatonic, and Gnostic ideas.36

**Note:** Once again, it is inconceivable that the true Jesus Christ would ever use a term like divine alchemy that is so highly identified with the occult. This is yet one more troublesome New Age aspect to *Jesus Calling* and one more reason to question the validity of Sarah Young’s “Jesus.”

7) **Co-creation**
Sarah Young’s “Jesus” also introduces the key New Age concept of “co-creation.” This is a New Age evolutionary concept that falsely teaches that because man is God, he can therefore co-create with God. But man is not God.

The New Age “Christ” has a plan. He is promising the world that Armageddon can be avoided and world peace can be achieved if everyone collaborates and “co-creates” with him. Speaking through top New Age leader Barbara Marx Hubbard in her book *The Revelation*, the New Age “Christ” uses the terms co-create, co-creation, co-creative, co-creator, and co-creatorship over 100 times. This is because co-creation is a key element in the New Age Christ’s counterfeit plan of salvation for Planet Earth. At one point Hubbard’s “Christ” states:

Here we are, now poised either on the brink of destruction greater than the world has ever seen—a destruction which will cripple planet Earth forever and release only the few to go on—or on the threshold of global co-creation wherein each person on Earth will be attracted to participate in his or her own evolution to godliness.37 (emphasis added)

New Age author Neale Donald Walsch has been taking spiritual dictation from his New Age “God” for many years now. Soon after the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, “God,” speaking through Walsch, proclaimed that “the era of the Single Savior is over.” He said:

Yet let me make something clear. The era of the Single Savior is over. What is needed now is joint action, combined effort, collective co-creation.38 (emphasis added)

In *Jesus Calling*, Young’s “Jesus” introduces the idea of co-creation in conjunction with the term “collaborating.” Webster’s New World Dictionary’s sole definition of a collaborationist is “a person who cooperates with an enemy invader.”39 Sarah Young’s “Jesus” plays right into this New Age collaboration when he talks of humanity collaborating and co-creating with him:

This is a very practical way of collaborating with Me. I, the Creator of the universe, have deigned to co-create with you.40 (emphasis added)

Co-creation is a crucial New Age concept that entails the necessity of man recognizing he is God and then acting as God to affirm, visualize, envision, and to ultimately co-create with God a positive peaceful future. Thus, there is a definite overlap of terms as Sarah
Young’s “Jesus” similarly teaches that humanity can partner with God through the co-creation process. Barbara Marx Hubbard’s New Age “Christ” refers to a future world peace that can be visualized and co-created by mankind. This co-created world peace is referred to as the “alternative to Armageddon.”41 But the prophet Jeremiah warned about a peace that seems to heal but is, in reality, no peace at all (Jeremiah 8:11).

**Note:** This “alternative to Armageddon” peace process is described by New Age leaders as an important part of God’s Dream for the world. Not surprisingly, “God’s Dream” is another New Age concept that is introduced in *Jesus Calling*.

### 8) God’s Dream

Consistent with many of the other New Age implications contained in her channeled messages, Sarah Young’s “Jesus” introduces the New Age idea of “God’s Dream” in *Jesus Calling* when he states: *I may infuse within you a dream that seems far beyond your reach.*42

In *Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions for Kids*, the January 6th message/devotion is titled—and has “Jesus” telling the children—“Dare to Dream My Dream.”43

**“God’s Dream” is a Deceptive Scheme** The term “God’s Dream” is yet another part of the overlapping New Age language streaming into the church. God’s Dream is a vague, loosely defined New Age metaphor that attempts to unify different religions and faith groups in an unbiblical effort to attain world peace. However, the true Jesus Christ warned that deception and the coming of Antichrist—not a “God’s Dream” peace movement—will be what actually precedes His ultimate and glorious return (Matthew 24:3-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5). The prophet Daniel warned that Antichrist will “destroy wonderfully” and “by peace he shall destroy many” (Daniel 8:24-25). In the future, what may appear to be a “wonderful” worldwide revival and a “wonderful” world peace will actually be a false revival and a false peace—the kind of peace that Daniel said will be associated with the coming of Antichrist, not the true Christ.

The New Age concept of God’s Dream was introduced at least as far back as 1916 by New Age theosophists in their *Theosophical Path Magazine*.44 Since then it has been used by numerous New Age sympathizers that include Oprah Winfrey,45 Wayne Dyer,46 former United Nations Indian guru Sri Chinmoy,47 and African bishop Desmond Tutu.48 The concept of God’s Dream was introduced into the church in the 1970s by former Crystal Cathedral pastor Robert Schuller49 and later adopted by Rick Warren,50 Brian McLaren,51 Joel Osteen,52 Bruce Wilkinson,53 Leonard Sweet,54 and many other Christian figures. The overlap factor is very apparent when comparing statements made by Oprah Winfrey, Joel Osteen, and Sarah Young’s “Jesus”:

Oprah Winfrey: God can dream a bigger dream for you than you can dream for yourself.55

Joel Osteen: God’s dream for your life is so much bigger than your own.56

Sarah Young’s “Jesus”: Dream your biggest, most incredible dream—and then know that I am able to do far more than that, far more than you can ever ask or imagine. Allow Me to fill your mind with My dreams for you.57
Rick Warren, Brian McLaren, and Leonard Sweet all used the God’s Dream metaphor to stress the urgency of achieving world peace—but at what compromised New Age cost?

Rick Warren: This weekend, I’ll begin a series of five messages on God’s dream to use you globally—to literally use YOU to help change the world! I’ll unveil our Global P.E.A.C.E. plan, and how God has uniquely prepared you for this moment of destiny.58

Brian McLaren: That in itself is an act of peacemaking, because we’re seeking to align our wills with God’s will, our dreams with God’s dream.59

Leonard Sweet: The time to save God’s Dream is now. The People to save God’s Dream are you.60

“God’s Dream” is a False Dream “God’s Dream” may seem to be inspirational and have a godly feel to it, but there is nothing in Scripture to even hint, much less substantiate, the New Age concept of God’s Dream. God doesn’t dream in any way, shape, manner, or form. God’s Dream is definitely one of those crossover terms like “co-creation” and “divine alchemy” that attempt to “shift” everything into a New Age context and towards the universal acceptance of a New Age/New Worldview. Sarah Young’s “Jesus” plays right into this clever conditioning when he introduces the concept of God’s Dream in Jesus Calling and in no less than three of Sarah Young’s other books.61 The prophet Jeremiah warned about those who prophesy and present false dreams like God’s Dream:

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:32)

Note: Because so many Christian leaders have adopted the concept of God’s Dream, it has become a popularly accepted “Christian” term and is now virtually indistinguishable from its New Age origins.

9) God “in” Everything
The New Age teaches we are all “One” and we are all “God” because God is “in” everyone and everything. This belief is referred to as panentheism and is the foundational teaching of the New Age movement. In my 2004 book Deceived on Purpose, I describe how long-time New Age evangelist Benjamin Creme, speaking on behalf of the false Christ Maitreya, presents the concept of “God in everything” as the bottom line teaching of the coming New World Religion. Creme said:

But eventually a new world religion will be inaugurated which will be a fusion and synthesis of the approach of the East and the approach of the West. The Christ will bring together, not simply Christianity and Buddhism, but the concept of God transcendent—outside of His creation—and also the concept of God immanent in all creation—in man and all creation.62 (emphasis added)
But the true Jesus Christ never taught that God was a universal Presence that is “in man and all creation.” He did not teach that God is “in” everything. Yet the July 8th “message” that Sarah Young said she received from her “Jesus” definitely presents this false New Age teaching: **I am above all, as well as in all** . . . 63

The true Jesus Christ knows that the foundational false teaching of the New Age/New Worldview is the concept of immanence—God “in all.” The true Christ teaches that God—in the Person of the Holy Spirit—is sent to indwell those who believe and follow Him (John 14:23). But He would never teach that God is “in man and all creation” or “in all” as Sarah Young’s “Jesus” states in *Jesus Calling*.

**Note:** Many Scriptures refute this idea that God is “in” all—Ezekiel 28:2, Galatians 6:3, Psalm 9:20, Isaiah 31:3, John 2:24-25, etc. Psalm 39:5 makes it very clear that “every man at his best state is altogether vanity.” Man is not God or a part of God because God is not universally “in” everything—God is not “in all.”

**10) Sarah Young’s New Agey Mystical Moonlight Conversion**

In the original introduction to *Jesus Calling*, Sarah Young described how it was a walk in “God’s glorious creation” that led to her mystical moonlight conversion—that her “heart” was “converted” to “Jesus” when she “felt” “enveloped” by the “warm mist” of His “Presence.” Her account is reminiscent of how many of us fell prey to deceptive spiritual experiences rather than heeding warnings from the Word of God about “another Jesus,” “another gospel,” and “another spirit.” (2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6-7; 1 Timothy 4:1). Note how Young clearly transitions right from “it was God’s glorious creation that helped me open my heart to Him” into her walk in the “snowy mountains” with its “cold moonlit beauty.” It is a continuous flow from one paragraph to the next. Young wrote:

> It was the intellectual integrity of Francis Schaeffer’s teaching that had drawn me to that pristine place. Though the quest that had taken me there was a search for truth, it was God’s glorious creation that helped me open my heart to Him.

> One night I found myself leaving the warmth of our cozy chalet to walk alone in the snowy mountains. I went into a deeply wooded area, feeling vulnerable and awed by cold, moonlit beauty. The air was crisp and dry, piercing to inhale. Suddenly I felt as if a warm mist enveloped me. I became aware of a lovely Presence, and my involuntary response was to whisper, “Sweet Jesus.” This utterance was totally uncharacteristic of me, and I was shocked to hear myself speaking so tenderly to Jesus. As I pondered this brief communication, I realized it was the response of a converted heart; at that moment I knew I belonged to Him. This was far more than the intellectual answers for which I’d been searching. This was a relationship with the Creator of the universe.64 [emphasis added to indicate what has been removed from the most recent editions of *Jesus Calling*].
But after nine years of publishing the mystical conversion account above, this original account has been suddenly replaced by a different, more traditional conversion account that Young now claims to have had prior to her moonlight walk. Instead of “God’s glorious creation” transitioning into her mystical moonlight conversion, now it’s her new conversion account that transitions into her considerably toned down walk in the moonlight. The new account reads:

Shortly after I settled into the home I shared with other students, I met a gifted counselor who had come from the Swiss branch of L’Abri to talk with some of us. I went into the room where she was waiting, and she told me to close the door. Before I even had time to sit down, she asked her first question: “Are you a Christian?” I answered that I wasn’t sure; I wanted to be a Christian, but I didn’t really understand why I needed Jesus. I thought that knowing God might be enough. Her second question was: “What can you not forgive yourself for?” This question brought me face-to-face with my sinfulness, and immediately I understood my need for Jesus—to save me from my many sins. Later, when I was alone, I asked Him to forgive all my sins and to be my Savior-God.

One night I found myself leaving the warmth of our cozy chalet to walk alone in the snowy mountains. I went into a deeply wooded area, feeling vulnerable and awed by cold, moonlit beauty. The air was crisp and dry, piercing to inhale. After a while, I came into an open area and I stopped walking. Time seemed to stand still as I gazed around me in wonder—soaking in the beauty of this place. Suddenly I became aware of a lovely Presence with me, and my involuntary response was to whisper, “Sweet Jesus.” This experience of Jesus’ Presence was far more personal than the intellectual answers for which I’d been searching. This was a relationship with the Creator of the universe—the One who is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6 NKJV)65

This new conversion account immediately begs the question of why Young didn’t include this recent conversion account in her original writing. For nine years she described how her “heart” was “converted” in the “cold moonlit beauty” of “God’s glorious creation.” Now we are being told that her heart was converted previous to her walk in the moonlight after talking with a L’Abri counselor. The skeptical reader might see the author attempting to do some quick damage control—especially in light of the fact that a number of the controversial statements from her original conversion account have been completely deleted from the most recent editions of Jesus Calling. Gone is the original statement that transitioned to her mystical conversion—“it was God’s glorious creation that helped me open my heart to Him.” Gone is the “warm mist” that “enveloped” her. Gone is the “utterance” that was “totally uncharacteristic of me.” Gone is her being “shocked” to hear herself “speaking so tenderly to Jesus.” Gone is her realization that her “response” was that of “a converted heart.” Gone is “at that moment I knew I belonged to Him.” More succinctly—gone is her whole mystical moonlight conversion and gone are the New Age implications of what she actually experienced. Also gone for many of us is any real credibility for an author and publisher who are trying to edit their problems away without any explanation or apology to anyone—much less the millions of readers who read her original version.
CONCLUSION

It seems a bit disingenuous for Thomas Nelson Vice President Laura Minchew to deny the various New Age implications of Jesus Calling—even as they are deleting much of the very material that substantiates the New Age implications charge. A rose by any other name is still a rose. Same with the New Age. Like an octopus that shoots ink at its perceived adversaries to cloud the waters, Minchew’s attempt to intimidate critics and to dispel legitimate criticism is not credible. Laura Minchew, Sarah Young, and Thomas Nelson editors must know this or they wouldn’t be removing so much controversial material from their new editions of Jesus Calling.

When the author and her Thomas Nelson team choose to protect their multi-million dollar Jesus Calling industry rather than the truth, they betray the countless readers who have put their trust in Sarah Young’s “Jesus.” Nevertheless, some will still say—“but there is so much truth and so much Scripture, and I was so encouraged by Sarah Young’s book.” Or, “Hey, so what if they changed things. They were just trying to make it right—so what’s the problem? But it is a sad day when avowed Christians find themselves encouraged by a deceptive mix of truth and New Age error. And when an author and a publisher make significant changes to spiritually controversial material, they should provide some kind of explanation as to why those changes were made.

This much is for sure. The true Christ doesn’t mix truth with New Age teachings. This is what a false Christ does. When asked by His disciples what would be the sign of His coming and the end of the world, the true Jesus Christ said that deception would be the sign—that many would come in His name and pretend to be Him (Matthew 24:3-5). And while this might be hard for some people to accept, His warning specifically applies to false Christs like Sarah Young’s “Jesus.”

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Editor’s Note: Our attempts to speak with Sarah Young about the problematic issues in Jesus Calling have been to no avail. Thomas Nelson has repeatedly stated that she is not available for interviews.
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INVESTIGATING THE APOCRYPHAL BOOKS

Satan has done his best to distort and erase our ancient history. Much of the vital information from ancient history has been hidden from the majority of Christians, from around 100 years after the death of the founding Apostles until now. However, God told Daniel that in the end times “knowledge would increase” (Dan 12:4) and this includes knowledge concerning lost ancient history. Satan and his demonic hoards don’t want God’s people to know the truth concerning the ancient past, because—as I often say, “those who don’t understand the past will not be prepared for what hell has planned for the future.” The Bible does give us an accurate account of many past and future events. There are however, many “lost” writings from history, such as the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament that provide a wealth of additional and accurate information regarding many past and future events that are relevant to the Scriptures. Much of the “forbidden history” addressed in this report has not been given to God’s people. It is time to remove the veil.
The focus of this article is a report on the recent emergence of Dominion Theology in Charismatic and Pentecostal circles, and the primary theologian and thinker behind this movement. These Dominionists tend to scorn and belittle those who would exercise their God-given self-defense weapon of discernment. Those who would obey scripture and “test all things” are often mocked and ridiculed and labeled legalistic ‘Pharisees.’ Dominion teachers falsely teach that the Gospel of Salvation is achieved by setting up the “Kingdom of God” as a literal and physical kingdom to be “advanced” on Earth in the present age.

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It is important to have a basic understanding of the workings of Kabbalah and the Free Masons because Satan has been able to use these things to confuse and thus deceive many professing Christians. These cults have invaded Christianity in very subtle ways, and have managed to change and challenge the very foundation of Christianity in ways that most Christians are not even aware of. I pray what is put forth in this report, will begin to open the eyes of God’s people who may have become entangled with those operating in what is being exposed in this report. This report reveals an aspect of the mystery of lawlessness, which is clearly revealed through the religion, signs and symbolism of KABBALAH—which is alive and well TODAY and all around us. In reality the whole world lies in deception and is influenced and controlled by this satanic cabal. Learn how the universal Christian Church, which is comprised of hundreds of denominations and movements, have been largely run by Kabbalistic Freemasonry organizations. You will learn how to recognize the churches and ministries that have been infiltrated by their symbolism and signs, which speak loud and clear, revealing real the truth of their involvement. WE HAVE BEEN DECEIVED BY THESE TARES for hundreds of years. It is not a new threat, because deception has dwelt among us from the very beginning—when God first planted His church upon this earth.
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What is covered in this report will be the true and often forbidden history that exposes Satan’s Lucifarian Illuminati agenda being carried out by his servants who disguise themselves as purveyors of truth.
Secret Government Projects and Experiments on MIND CONTROL

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, roughly 800,000 children are reported missing each year in the United States -- that's roughly 2,000 per day. Other research sources put the figure well over 1 million children each year! The kidnapping of children for purposes of prostitution, pornography, high tech weaponry experimental abuse, mind control abuse, child slave labor for underground alien-controlled facilities, white sex slavery, and the satanic ritual murder of untold thousands of American children snatched from the streets and playgrounds of America by agents working for the CIA—is the principle reason for the existence of a covert CIA operation called "The Finders." The Finders is one of the most alarming and despicable covert operations against America's children, according to Theodore L. Gunderson’s investigations, which helped to uncover this, but found it's only one of many covert Gestapo like acts committed against American citizens by government agents under directives issued, not by Congress or the President, but rather by international Satanists collectively known as the Illuminati. They control the Secret or Inner government of the United States as well as every other major government in the world. If you think this sounds like some "looney conspiracy theory," congratulations, that's exactly how they (Satan’s Illuminati) programmed you to think. What is presented in this material as well as the evidence presented on the voxfux.com website—is so overwhelming and so indisputable that to ignore it any longer or write it off as too outrageous to be true, would be foolish and cowardly. It is time to become educated as to what we are really facing in these end times!

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