The Deception of “Love Evangelism”

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This book is dedicated to all those who truly believe that the “Preaching of the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation” and that are aware of the things that don't just “square up” in the churches but are not confident enough to speak up.

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This book came about as the result of common criticisms levelled at Street Preaching and Christian Practice by other Christians who have been influenced by modern trends in evangelism and “worship”. The judicial model of the Gospel is fast becoming replaced by new models such as “Seeker Sensitivity” and Biblical Christian practice is being replaced by a move towards being “Purpose Driven” under the “Covering” of a new breed of apostles and prophets.

“Love and Unity” over Biblical Orthodoxy is being trumpeted aloud as the clarion call of today. “What the Bible is saying to you may not be what the Bible is saying to me!” has become a common response to those who maintain sound doctrine as being the plumb-line of truth. In the world truth is seen as being “relative”, and the churches of today are being led down this worldly path of relativism.

Christians, today, are being faced with the same issues that faced the early Christians. The packaging may be new but the root is always the same. The temptation to syncretise the message with the practices of the world around is just as great today as it was in the first few centuries of Christianity. We may not be “Christianising” the same pagan cults but we are attempting to Christianise culture in our attempts to “Win the world for Christ”!

The Biblical injunction to “keep sober in Spirit” (1 Peter 1:15 NASB) is being ignored in favour of being “Drunk in the Spirit!”. It is time that we “sober up” and “walk in the Spirit” rather than be led by human understanding, emotionalism and the sensuality of the flesh!

Modern marketing techniques are now replacing the work of the Holy Spirit in the minds of many and it is these issues that is being addressed here.
Over the past 2 years I have been in deep conversation with many Christians from different denominations both at home and abroad. I have observed that many have succumbed to modernising trends in teaching and practice that reject centuries of sound Biblical thought. Believing that as “Times have changed”, so Christianity must also “Change with the times”.

Many seek to “Repaint Christianity”, or “Make Jesus Famous”, because people have lost faith in the fundamental teachings of the Gospel message itself. Just as in society at large the general population is being fed with a diet of processed and pre-packaged food so modern Christians are being fed a diet of spiritual junk food. Though couched in biblical language the basic substance of much of what passes for “Christian” today is nothing more than sensuality and carnality. Such sensuality and carnality is the basis of Pagan Religion and not what Christ described as the “Worship in spirit and in truth” that God desires.

Christians yearn for “revival”, and interpret this to mean mass conversions. Fearful of upsetting the masses the “reproach of Christ” is rejected in favour of the “treasures of Egypt” (as evidenced in the Word of Faith/Prosperity movement), “Finding meaning in Life” has replaced “Finding life in Christ” (as seen in Alpha Course), “A Purpose Driven Life” has now replaced “a Christ Centred Life”, Jabez’s prayer has become the mantra for success rather than Jabez’s humility.

This spiritual leaven has entered the Christian churches too easily and has quickly spread. The Emperor’s new clothes are a sham and he stands naked before the world.
Chapter 1
The Deception of “Love Evangelism”

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful [are] the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy [are] deceitful.

“Love Evangelism” is a subject that many emphasise today. What do people mean by “Love Evangelism”? What is this “Love” of which they speak? Is loving men more important than loving the truth? Biblical Christian fundamentalism is now rejected because it is felt, by many, that it is too separatist a stance and, accordingly, “unloving.”

Firstly, I must emphasize that, I am not speaking against the need for Love in Evangelism, but we need to know that we must make a clear distinction between God’s Love and what is often confused with a Man centred view of Love, which is what many Christian people understand about Love.

The aim of this book is to challenge these ideas and philosophies.

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

The word reprove means to [1]

1. to criticize or correct, esp. gently: to reprove a pupil for making a mistake.
2. to disapprove of strongly; censure: to reprove a bad decision.
3. Obsolete. to disprove or refute.
4. To find fault with.

One problem with this modern “Love Evangelism” is that people too often overlook error and equate unbelievers with believers. It is felt that by “showing love” unbelievers can be encouraged to attend a Church meeting, and eventually they will, by this “manifestation of love”, desire to follow Jesus. This is nothing more than “Love Bombing” (Love bombing is the deliberate use of an intense, concerted show of affection by a group of people, toward an individual they seek to recruit or otherwise influence.) God speaks out against such practices,
2 Corinthians 6:14 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

A whole generation of “Christians” has been persuaded that it is not the will of God to expose the false teachers of today who speak and teach a presumption of the word of God. They have truth mixed in with error. Love is seen as a concept where, regardless of whether a person is a Catholic, Moslem, Hindu, whatever, we should love them in a way that makes them feel comfortable with God. That we should not seek to confront sinners with the consequences of their sin. People are being taught not to preach concerning repentance of sin, to even play down the gravity of their situation, or that believers should not be concerned about error. In other words there is to be no distinction between truth and error, “Let God deal with it, we are to love them”. Thus the understanding of “Love” is very much a pretext for overlooking and/or acceptance of what the person does.

A lot of Christians today call for “inclusiveness”. Being “inclusive” means that we can accept, in our fellowship meetings, and meetings of spiritual leaders, people of other belief systems, (including practising Gay, Lesbian and Transgender people). “Inclusiveness” also has the view that we don't need to take any separatist stance, “we need people to know that we are the new-evangelicals (the neo-evangelicals).” Again they disobey what God has said.

2 Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you.*

How can we “Be Separate” if we compromise and allow error? When truth is compromised it becomes tainted. It becomes a deadly poison, contaminated.

Often these very compromisers talk about keeping a “right balance”. What do they mean by “right balance”? When it comes to God there is no middle ground we can walk on, when the bible says, quite clearly;

Revelation 3:15 *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.*
What is the balance between, right and wrong, hot or cold, light and darkness? Let us consider what it means to love in the light of; 1 Corinthians chapter 13, Luke chapter 6, 1 Timothy chapter 6, 1 John chapter 3, James chapter 2, Mark chapter 10, Titus chapter 3, Galatians chapter 6, Matthew Chapter 25, James chapter 4, 2 Corinthians chapter 5 & Colossians chapter 3.

When we look at Love it does not mean that we are not to expose error, it does not mean we should accept a person's view if that person is in error. Loving the sinner does not mean that we should love their sin and accept it to the point where we even tolerate godless practices in our midst.

This Neo-evangelical version of love means to take a middle-line approach. Rather than living separated from the world, they seek to give the appearance that they are still a part of it, they mix in with it and refuse to come out from their compromise. This is why they believe in “inclusiveness” because they want to be acceptable to the world, to make Christ popular, to the point where the unification of faiths is a possibility within Christianity.

It is believed that we are to show the love of Christ in a way that is modern and that gives people loving stimulation, rather then a love that convicts, that Christ should be shown in a way that is appealing to the masses, that there should be no rejection. Rather than point people to God's love in Jesus Christ we take them to our “love” and into the Church building.

Before we can have any effect on an unbelieving world, we must ourselves be changed, stand against sin going out in battle for God, taking a militant stance and being soldiers of the Cross. Even if it means you will be branded as unpopular or perceived as being unloving. We need to stop wanting to be “nice”, start contending and taking up our sword (the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures) and fight the good fight.

**Hebrews 10:23 – 24** Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

(To PROVOKE means to stir up, to arouse or call forth)
Time after time we are instructed not to provoke believers. If we do not provoke one another we will be in danger of leading many astray. Often, by provoking others, it causes offence and we are then seen as being unloving and unkind. What is this “love” that will not tell the truth for fear of causing offence?

**Hebrews 5:14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

True discernment comes via practical knowledge of the Word of God. How can new Believers in Christ be expected to have discernment when they have not partaken in any meat of the word? Are we to teach them the Word of God in a way that overlooks what the Bible says in, *(Eph. 5:11)*. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. *(Matthew 7:15)*. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. *(Romans 16:17)*. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them?

Here we have the words “Expose”, “Beware of”, “Mark them” and “Avoid them”. Who, in accordance with the scriptures are the ones who are causing divisions and offences? It is those who go “contrary to the doctrines which ye have learned”. We should really stand by the ones who are standing up for truth and support them that speak out for the preaching of the Gospel in accordance with the Word of God. Many so-called evangelists say that we should let God deal with the issues of conviction, we should simply love and not speak out against sin. This is mixing up God's Love and a romanticised form of love.

We should already know what God’s will is because His Word makes it plain and clear, and that we are only in this world for one thing -- to be a witness to the world of the Gospel of Christ. One thing that neo-evangelicals hate the most, that is the truth of the Word, because it upsets people and makes them feel uncomfortable. They reason also that, if we concentrate on error all the time we will become like the Pharisees but they miss one thing, the new challenges that are facing the true body of believers, new apostasies such as Ecumenicalism, neo-evangelicalism and the new breed of false apostles and prophets.

More and more the attention in evangelical circles is toward new isms that borrow more from the new age (and the marketing strategies of cultural relevance), seeking that which is convenient and popular. The evangelism of the acceptable rather than what is true.

When Paul referred to “dogs” he meant people who would lead believers away from the truth in Jesus Christ. This new breed of evangelist is so caught up with “making Christ relevant” that they begin to compromise to the point where they teach another Gospel. Where God's love manifested through Christ's death for sin is replaced by humanistic love which is contrary to God's word.

Paul was concerned enough that he wrote, Galatians 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

He also warned about these leaders, Acts 20:29-31 “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.”

The neo-evangelicals are undoing the work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism and are bringing in error that has polluted the understanding God gave us. Neo-evangelism is eroding Biblical Christian Fundamentalism away from a Christ centred stance.

This form of evangelism is leading people into the Roman Catholic error, that salvation is found through the church. Loving people in a way that encourages fellowship with unbelievers, twisting the gospel message to the point where salvation is about knowing God's love rather than confronting sin and preaching repentance.

Neo-evangelists promote Pragmatism and call this “Love Evangelism”
The above image is a popular view of Love, emphasising humanistic values over God's values. People have been led to a point where they have lost faith in the preaching of the Gospel. It offends people and they do not like it, so it is assumed that in order to get more people into the church, we should love them in or do a survey in order to find out what people like; for example, if they want a coffee bar or a rock concert give them what they want, the Gospel of Christ has become a gospel of culture.

Proselytizing has now become a goal rather than simply preaching and bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel and allowing the Holy Spirit to convict and lead the lost to Christ. The aim is to fill the empty seats in church buildings rather than have Christ fill the empty souls of the lost, to increase church attendance through entertainment, even to the point where secular advertisers are employed to promote events.

Jesus said of this sort of thing, Matthew 23:15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

People ignore what Jesus said, they generally apply it to the Mormon Church, the Jehovah’s Witnesses, Wayman Mitchel’s “Potters House”etc, the list is endless. This loss of faith in the preaching of the Gospel has become slowly rooted within the minds of believers.
This philosophy of “Love evangelism” leads people to disobey God willingly. Satan’s influence being deeply rooted in order to get Christians away from being 100% obedient to God. This understanding of Love appeals more to the senses, if it was truly God's love it would be unconditional to the point where it would not be emotionally driven. This view of “Love Evangelism” does not concern itself with whether a person is pleasing God but rather is more concerned about pleasing others.


Many teach today that the way the Apostles preached was fine for that time period, it was right to do it then but not today. They want a form of love that is attractive and acceptable to every one, regardless of their background.

They want to be recognised by the world and believe that Christ's teachings need to be adapted around society. 1 They tolerate error, 2 they accommodate error, 3 they allow error, and 4 they are captivated by error. This view of Love Evangelism has done more harm than good. These same people talk of revival, yet how can we be having a revival when all we have seen for the past 20 years is a decline in church attendance? What we are seeing is Christians leaving one church and going into another, reconversion rather then a rise of unbelievers becoming believers through repentance and then going into fellowship with the body.

As a nation we have become Spiritually dead, Spiritually Bankrupt, Spiritually asleep and morally sold out. [8] According to the UK home office Global profits from people smuggling are estimated to be $10 billion annually.

280,000 problem drug users cause around half of all crime. Every £1 spent on heroin is estimated to generate about £4 of economic and social cost

* There are around 400 major crime bosses in the UK with an amassed criminal wealth of approximately £440 million.

* So called ‘dirty money’ or assets derived from crime represents around 2% of the UK’s GDP, or £18 billion – up to half of which is derived from illegal drug transactions
The economic and social costs of organised crime are estimated to be at least £20-£40 billion per year.

What is the evidence of this “revival”?

[9] A feminist’s Statistics report

GLOBAL STATISTICS

Fact #31: At least 60 million girls who would otherwise be expected to be alive are "missing" from various populations, mostly in Asia, as a result of sex-selective abortions, infanticide or neglect. (UN Study On The Status of Women, Year 2000)

Fact #32: Globally, at least one in three women and girls had been beaten or sexually abused in her lifetime. (UN Commission on the Status of Women, 2/28/00)

Fact #33: In a recent survey by the Kenyan Women Rights Awareness Program, 70% of the men and women interviewed said they knew neighbors who beat their wives. Nearly 60% said women were to blame for the beatings. Just 51% said the men should be punished. (The New York Times, 10/31/97)

Fact #34: 4 million women and girls are trafficked annually. (United Nations)

Fact #35: An estimated one million children, mostly girls, enter the sex trade each year (UNICEF)

Fact #36: In Bangladesh, 47 % of adult women report physical assault by a male partner (UNFPA)

Fact #37: In a study of 475 people in prostitution from five countries (South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, USA, and Zambia):
62% reported having been raped in prostitution.
73% reported having experienced physical assault in prostitution.
92% stated that they wanted to escape prostitution immediately.

Fact #38: In Peru 33% of women are abused by their partners.
Fact #39: So-called "honour killings" take the lives of thousands of young women every year, mainly in North Africa, Western Asia and parts of South Asia. In 1999, more than 1000 women in Pakistan were victims of honour crimes. (UNFPA)

Fact #40: In South Africa, it is estimated that a woman is raped every 83 seconds: only 20 of these cases are ever reported to the police. (Vetten:1996, Tribune:1991)

Fact #41: More than 90 million African women and girls are victims of female circumcision or other forms of genital mutilation. (Heise: 1994)

Fact #42: In Uganda HIV infection is 6 times higher among young girls than boys with the difference in rates beginning as early as 9 years old and reaching a peak for the age-12-19 years old. This is due to old men seeking young girls for sexual exploitation with the belief that they are free from HIV. (Ministry of Health- Uganda)

Fact #43: In Canada, 62% of women murdered in 1987 died at hands of an intimate male partner. (Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics: 1988)

Fact #44: In Zimbabwe, domestic violence accounts for more than 60% of murder cases that go through the high court in Harare. (ZWRCN)

Fact #45: a study in Zaria, Nigeria found that 16 percent of hospital patients treated for sexually transmitted infections were under 5. (UNFPA)

[10] The UK Statistics

The population of England & Wales is 53,046,224

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The fact is crime has not fallen that dramatically and there are cases of unreported crime that does go on. We, in fact, do not see church attendance growing we see the numbers dropping according to the 2005 English Church Census.

[11] The Christian Research group have published the results of their fourth English Church Census. It is a serious census, and they have never shied away from honest statistics, no matter how dire they have been for British Christianity. 37500 churches were invited to take part, and about half did. Some stark truths of Church attendance between 1998 and 2005:
Between 1998 and 2005, half a million people stopped going to church on Sunday

- Daily Telegraph's religious affairs correspondent, Jonathan Petre, says "While 1,000 new people are joining a church each week, 2,500 are leaving"
- 6.3% of the population go to church on an average Sunday, compared to 7.5% in 1998
- 29% of churchgoers are 65 or over, compared with 16% of the population
- Sunday churchgoing is declining at 2.3% per year, slightly slower than in the 1990s 2.7% per year
- Nearly all Church 'growth' is due to immigrants. A massive influx of Polish workers have filled some churches
- "The Roman Catholics have recorded the largest drop [...], it has **halved** over the past sixteen years"
- The drop in the 20-29 age group was 29%

"The fastest rates of decline were among Roman Catholics and Methodists; whereas the Pentecostal Churches showed significant growth over the period. As a result, Methodism has dropped to fourth place behind Pentecostalism. If these rates continue, the C of E will overtake the RC Church within the next four years"

"London has 11 per cent of all churches in England, and 20 per cent of all churchgoers. It has 53 per cent of all English Pentecostalists, and 27 per cent of all Charismatic Evangelicals. Also, it caters for 57 per cent of all worshipers in their 20s. "I couldn't believe that figure myself, and had to check it again," said Peter Brierley, the director of Christian Research"
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**Church Members**

"A key element in the fall of church membership which started in the 1950s was an alarming failure to recruit even the offspring of adherents... between the mid-1950s and 1980, the number of Church of Scotland Sunday-school pupils almost halved, and a spectacular fall in church baptisms followed; between 1967 and 1982, they fell by half in the Church of Scotland and by almost 40 per cent in the Catholic Church."

**Grace Davie 1997:**

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The Pagan Federation offers baby blessings, as does The National Secular Society and the Family Covenant Association. So worried is the Church of England, that in 1999 we saw a Church offer its own version for newborns with parents who are not religious.

"Terry Sanderson, a spokesman for the National Secular Society, said the church seemed to be losing its "core business", - the "hatch, match and dispatch" trilogy of births, marriages and deaths. He said: "People want to welcome their child into the world without welcoming them into the church."

BBC News #1, 1999 July 14
The percent of 15 year olds confirmed in the Church of England has never been much more than 30% of the population of England. Between 1960 and 1982 the actual number of confirmations taking place each year declined by more than 50%. It's not just that people are being confirmed at an older age. Total confirmations in the age group 12 to 20 years have also decreased from the 1960s [Bryan Wilson 1966].

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[Grace Davie 1997]

“Given that the quicker decline of numbers has been since the 1960s, I dread to think what the present numbers are.”
Where is this revival? When all we see is a decline in the Body of Christ, and yet they report

"Large-scale studies have shown that many of them don't accept some - or sometimes any - of the basic tenets of the faith they purport to belong to. The BBC’s survey "Soul of Britain" found a huge proportion of nominal Christians who didn't believe in the virgin birth, the resurrection or the miracles. They didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God and, indeed, a good number of them didn’t even believe in a personal God of any kind"

National Secular Society newsletter 2003 Feb 21

"Children who do not come from churchgoing homes - as I did not - now grow up largely ignorant of Christian ideas in a way unimaginable half a century ago. [...] The comments about religion by journalists in the press and on television [...] suggest that even the basic Christian ideas are no longer understood by university-educated people, still less by others. Indeed even churchgoers can reveal an ignorance of the main elements of Christian belief."

C of E: The State It's In by Monica Furlong, Introduction p3

So the Question is how does Neo-Evangelicalism and “Love Evangelism” work? It does succeed in attracting people to attend meetings but it simply does not produce lasting fruit. We cannot make God's Love appealing to cultural standards, we cannot make God's love appealing to the flesh nor by entertaining sin. If we are to “be separate” we cannot, therefore, and should not put up with this.

Rather than the Spirit of Christ we are finding the spirit of Anti-Christ. The enemies of the cross have blinded believers from the truth of the Gospel. For the sake of Love, Peace and Unity, more and more have embraced this ideal in the hopes of attracting all people into the coming unified church.

The message of God's love is not based on us showing our love to others, but about us pointing others to God's love in Jesus.
Jesus said that his peace is not as the world gives,

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

There can be two forms of Peace, as there can also be two forms of Love; one is godly the other counterfeit. Jesus said Jhn 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

In the ten commandments it states that you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. If we overlook the issue of sin and error, or we sit on the fence, we cannot fully love God.

We cannot entertain this so-called “Love Evangelism” and be in obedience to God. We cannot have one foot in the Kingdom of God and another foot in the world. Doesn't the Bible say James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God?

If we cannot discern what is true and right before God how can we have understanding of what kind of Love God seeks for us to have for others? How can we show the world Christ when we are indulging the world with “parties for God”, being “drunk in the spirit” instead of being sober-minded, losing all self control? We have deluded ourselves with such teachings that hinder the truth of the Gospel. Such teaching leads to compromise with ecumenical ideas. This idea also speaks of a common Christian heritage in Europe and thus equates all churches that come under the banner of Christendom. This leads people to forge links with the Roman Catholic Church and other similar apostate groups, this is called spiritual adultery and provokes God to anger because people overlook what His Word plainly teaches.

We need to wake up and repent and reject any thing that is not of God. We need to reject the the temptation to compromise. We must cease from preaching and practising a gospel of convenience and restore the preaching and practice that the Apostles instructed the believers in.
Unfortunately this modern innovation called “Love Evangelism” has become so entrenched in the minds of many that by rejecting it a person can risk losing friends even to the point of being excommunicated from his/her church.

As the proverb says *Proverbs 27:6* Faithful [are] the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy [are] deceitful.

God is true to His Word. The Apostles were not popular either, especially Paul, because they spoke what was true. The preaching of the Gospel message is offensive to many and often causes division and contention, as the Bible says,

*Hebrews 4:12* For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Here the sword is the Word of God which is often rejected because it makes people uncomfortable and also unpopular to speak of it, but is commanded of us Ephesians  6:17 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, is a weapon that will wound anyone who is struck by it. It is the nature of swords to wound and cut, so because some things maybe unpopular, or make a person feel uncomfortable, does not mean to say that it is unloving. It is better to see a fellow brother in Christ wounded by the truth than watch him drink spiritually contaminated water that is liable to poison a brother spiritually. God may need to break a person before he can be lifted up and his faith be strengthened.

“Love Evangelists” often overlook sin, they often preach that God accepts people as they are, yet God looks at the root of sin and finds us unacceptable. It is because God cannot accept sinners that it was necessary for Christ to endure the cross and despise the shame, in order that we may become acceptable to God and be reconciled to Him. Even so the devil, and his agents, got a foothold in the churches as people always want to have their ears tickled and, because of this, God has allowed strong delusion to enter into their minds as a judgement.
God says Isaiah ch. 5 vs. 20: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."

But where is all this leading us?, [12] Pseudo-fundamentalists are always seeking to be lulled and cosseted by the emotion of Love. Pseudo-fundamentalism is a mixture of Fundamental teaching mixed in and watered down with Neo-Evangelicalism.

It has a very liberal approach to the word of God. The Pseudo-fundamentalist movement began in the 1970`s, this has led mainstream denominations to become yoked together with the charismatic movement and thus absorbing Quasi-Pagan belief systems and practices. One of the results of this was seen in the “Toronto Blessing” and “Pensacola Revival” Movements. Old pagan practices became “Christianised” and marketed as being a fresh and new “move of the Spirit”.

In fact there is nothing new about the “new age”, [13] Jerry Falwell also has some responsibility for helping bridge the abyss between Pseudo-fundamentalism and Roman Catholicism. By even associating with the Vatican this modern trend of “Love Evangelism” is being used to manipulate people into having ties with the Roman Catholic Church. This, spiritually, is very enticing but is as an attractive woman who prostitutes herself luring in the masses to commit such abominable sins.

[14] Jerry Falwell has openly associated with and is linked to the false prophet of the Unification Church, Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Source: (Unification Church magazine), Aug '96, p25.

The financial friendship between Jerry Falwell and Sun Myung Moon
We need to reach the lost with the Gospel, but we must never undermine the Word of God in our approach to evangelism. We must not facilitate fellowship with those who reject the truth concerning Christ and the doctrine of Christ. These people have no part in the church of Jesus Christ at all. We must take heed to John's words about the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The spirit of error is subtle, we must never overlook these things to the point where it is placed at the back of the mind and is not dealt with at all. We should never have the attitude just to “love them and let God deal with their error”. The bible says,

Eze 33:7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

Eze 33:8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked [man], thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Eze 33:9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

God does not want us to leave the subject of error up to him. God requires us to deal with error. Simply put, if we didn't love them we would simply overlook those who are drowning and leave them to die. If the truth is not in a person how then can he love? We are to keep Christ's teaching in order to know the truth, live and be set free from the errors that would move us away from God. It is Satan's goal to deceive and destroy, it is our duty to fight against those very things that are leading people away from the truth.

We must never bury our heads in the sand and pretend that these things do not go on, ignoring it to the point where we are deceived into thinking that the values of the world can have no impact on us. Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast
rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me. We must gather as much knowledge as we can, so that we can effectively be vigilant and on guard so that we ourselves are not being deceived.

We must protect our own hearts from allowing our emotions to be seduced by the false teachers of our day. We must protect our own minds from deception and those of our children and our children's children. We must not assume that every thing is as it appears to be. To be aware and avoid any compromise as the enemy can cloak himself to appear as a angel of light in our midst, he does appear to bring things in that seem “Christian” and right in the eyes of many. We must never be protective towards those people who seem to be Bible-based men (and women) of God but under the surface are really deceitful. Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Chapter 4
“Love everything!”

In our aspiring to be “Love Evangelists” we are in danger of not really bringing in the gospel at all. We may be bringing in a counterfeit Love. We do need to tempered with love but not as the charismatic movement teaches as having “a correct balance”. What is the correct balance between hot and cold? In seeking to be relevant to this culture “Love Evangelism” brings us into false unity to the point where we consider Muslims and Christians being “on the same team” and worshiping the same God. It also leads us to the acceptance of the post Vatican II catholic church, the acceptance of the new catechism of the Catholic church, the acceptance of the World Council of Churches and even the acceptance of Mormonism as a legitimate expression of Christ

Much of Neo-Evangelism and Pseudo-fundamentalism have no ties whatsoever with the truth, its origins are satanic, and quite the opposite of the truth and we are to reject it, and have nothing to do with it. This form of Evangelicalism has no Biblical basis whatsoever. The people who promote it need to be totally rejected as do their teachings.
There are people who state that we should not get into anything that is controversial. So much so that they don't want to know. The bible warns us not to be like that,

**Isaiah 56:10 - 11** His watchmen [are] blind: they are all ignorant, they [are] all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; Yea, [they are] greedy dogs [which] can never have enough, and they [are] shepherds [that] cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

These people have been entangled in so much error that they cannot learn to discern truth from error, they have become like dumb animals. They have been blinded so that they can no longer understand what God says. They yearn for the Love of Men, John 12:43 *For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.* The whole form of “Love Evangelism”, which has stemmed from men like Billy Graham, has done a lot of damage. Their aim is around popularity rather than God's love, they will compromise in order to gain platforms to address the crowds from.

Pseudo-Christians, though they claim to be Christians and to follow Jesus, do not follow the teachings of Christ, they are not salt and light in the world. The salt in their life, and their teachings, has lost its savour and is useless for seasoning. The truth, being as salt, would hurt if you put it on a cut or a open wound. They have become intolerant to the practitioners of the true gospel. They are uncomfortable to be around Bible-believing Christians, they are uncomfortable with the fact with those who expose and actively deal with unrighteousness. The world hates Christians because of Christ, many can't handle salt. Jesus did not say you will be the sugar of the earth, he did not say you will be the honey of the earth, but he said you will be the salt of the earth, the Bible says, Matthew 5:13 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

The fact is that the saltiness of the gospel is repellent. People can't stand the gospel because it is offensive to them, but this offence is necessary. Salt melts Ice-sugar does not. Salt can, and does, melt the heart yet it may sting, but those who preach the unadulterated Gospel, such as the Apostles, were known as ministers of pain. The danger is that we can become sickly-sweet. Salt is a preserver, it can heal but it does cause pain. There are so many things that hurt about the truth that we are tempted to remove them.
Church discipline hurts so much so it is removed, then the leaven comes in. They say, “let’s have salt and sugar together”. In other words they are saying “Let us sugar-coat the poison pill of the truth!”

They would rather have a element of corruption mixed with an element of truth in the mistaken idea that the truth will preserve us from that corruption. The sugar is a distraction in the mix, this is what Jesus referred to as salt losing its savour. It becomes as honey attracting flies. When the churches absorb the world they no longer have the pure gospel and it becomes a worthless Gospel. By adding sugar churches take on the flavour of the world, and they become good for nothing.

The neo-Evangelism of “Love Evangelism” is liberal and has lost its saltiness. It has little lasting effect on the world. It offers a God without wrath, declares men to be with lesser sin and a justice without judgement. This appeals to the carnal mind of man, man loves the taste of it. However, it does nothing, it does not change the man it is a placebo (sugar pill) that is only good for the dung heap.

These Pseudo teachers meet and decide what is true or not about the Bible. They reject absolutes, they have none of the flavour, none of the salt qualities. We need to beware of losing our saltiness. Ultimately we see a moral decline in the churches, these are the people who are dead spiritually and they will try and push you into doctrinal corruption. Through peer pressure they are being more like the world and less like Christ. We need stop being men pleasers and lift Christ up more than ourselves. They teach men not to fear God because they, themselves, have no fear of God. The reason why books like the “Purpose Driven Life” is accepted by the world is because it is sugar, that’s why it is appealing. Pastors try to open mega-churches, and they appeal to the world, this is not of God. We need to abandon the influences of the Marketeers and look towards the example of the Apostles of Christ. When men are trying to sweeten everything up we need to be all the more salty.
Chapter 5

“Wise as doves and harmless as snakes!”

When we aspire to “Love Evangelism” we replace Godly wisdom with a counterfeit wisdom that is based on pseudo philosophies. It reasons that as “there is no fear in love” (1 John 4:18) we should not fear God, yet the scripture clearly states, Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that [is] wisdom; and to depart from evil [is] understanding.

The point being that if we were wise we would fear God, Psa 19:9 The fear of the LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [are] true [and] righteous altogether. It is no bad thing to fear God, yet those who reject the fact that we should fear God are fools, they despise instruction and aspire to be wise in their own eyes, Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction. This “Love Evangelism” is “Pseudo-Love”, it is sensual, it is demonic and it is inspired of hell.

This form of love questions the wisdom of God, it questions the character of God. Men do not like to hear of a God who is a judge, they want to believe in a God that overlooks sin. People are envious and self seeking, they hold to a form of truth and the love they display is not the love the Bible talks about. Jesus speaks of Hell, Judgement and suffering more times then he talks about Love.

Many want to romanticise God's love by singing songs and call this worship, this is not wisdom, this is not edifying to others but self seeking, it wants to change any unpopular belief we have about God.
“Love Evangelism” teaches that we are not to be critical in our thinking and in our speech, because appearing to be critical is perceived as unloving. A person who thinks critically is viewed as being dangerous because they will influence others to think critically. A God fearing Christian would think critically in order to test and see if any teaching lines up with the word of God. A Christian should use his/her critical faculties when examining any teaching or church practice. This does not mean that it is being Anti-Christian, we need to be critical when it comes to error. Though we are to judge ourselves we are also to judge the body, (1Cr 6:1-5).

If we cannot judge then how do we exercise discernment? It is a sad fact that when people preach and are placed on a platform the hearers simply absorb whatever is being taught without question. This is no different from the way Catholics view the Pope, or the way people look up to the Televangelists or men like Billy Graham.

“Love Evangelism” is rooted in a New Age version of Love, and this has taken its toll. A Christian needs to, and must discern the difference between divine love and this modernized interpretation of love, which is in direct opposition to the word of God and the doctrine of Christ concerning sin.

The Apostles preached more on sin and the consequence of sin, more so than on love issues. The love we should be pointing people to is that love which has already been shown by Jesus Christ's willingness to save sinners from sin. 1 John 4:10 *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.*

We should never accept a view that teaches love to the extent where, as Billy Graham puts it, “whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world or the non-believing world, they are members of the Body of Christ because they’ve been called
by God.” (Interview with Billy Graham by Robert Schuller, May 31 1997).

This is false, a Moslem, Buddhist or a unbeliever can never be saved unless they accept Jesus and reject their false religion and false gods. We can never accept them as having any form of membership into the body of Christ, when these people are enemies of Christ.

The kind of love that modern day churches present is self-seeking. The modern “Love Evangelist” will avoid anything he/she perceives to be confrontational in order to get new members into their meetings. They disdain making a person feel challenged and uncomfortable. People yearn for conversions and have a high expectation of “revival”. They will do what is popular and appealing rather than trust in “The power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16). It may be difficult to resist these modern methods, peer pressure can be intense and few want to risk becoming unpopular.

Chapter 8
“In Christ, or in the church?”

Another problem factor is the whole issue of church membership. The bible teaches that if we are saved we are already members of His body, this is where we get the word Catholic (meaning universal) from. If we are universal then why is their such a need for church membership?

The church membership system is therefore useless. If some one asks what church a person belongs to the answer should be obvious. Signing a document for your membership is like saying that in order to be a part of the body of Christ you need a document! Christ and the Apostles saw no need for such things.

Churches often advertise that when you attend a meeting you're coming into worship, this is incorrect and must be addressed. Worship is not singing and praising together, it is how you live your life on a daily basis in accordance with what the scripture says,
Worshiping God is about applying His word to our own lives in obedience, it is not about meetings, singing songs or self edification etc. True love, in service for God, is about going out, spreading His word and obeying His commandments. It is not a romanticized version of God or simply emotionalism, God does not want us to yield to sensuality and the flesh.

Showing God's love is often unpopular and people may even get angry with us as a result of it. How can any man comprehend the things of God if it is contrary to the flesh and human understanding? God's love is not something that can be reasoned out or be easily understood. To the carnal mind the love of God is beyond all comprehension it only finds its true incarnation in Jesus Christ. Sadly carnally minded Christians, rather than seek to draw people's attention to Jesus, draw people's attention to themselves. Realistically it is not about God at all, its about influence and power over people.
Here is a list of concepts that “Love Evangelists” use which are borrowed directly from the “New Age”. They are mingled with Biblical language to make it more appealing to the unbelieving world.

### [15] New Age Terms in the church - *Compiled by Sarah Leslie*

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<td>Eph. 2:7 <em>That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ.</em></td>
<td>Anything cutting-edge modern in the late 20th or early 21st century.</td>
<td>A time period marked by massive changes in human spiritual evolution, particularly when mankind reaches the point where he can facilitate his own evolution to the next level.</td>
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<td>Holistic</td>
<td>The whole of something is greater than the sum of its parts.</td>
<td>A unity of various entities that creates a synergy greater than its separate parts.</td>
<td>Combining the psychic energy of two systems into a potent new fusion of forces to facilitate the evolution of mankind.</td>
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<td>Paradigm</td>
<td>A pattern, example or model.</td>
<td>A transformative model or worldview that brings in abundant new material and practices.</td>
<td>A pattern for the unfolding of events in the New Spirituality, particularly the evolutionary leap of mankind.</td>
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<td><strong>Paradigm Shift (Tipping Point, Critical Mass)</strong></td>
<td>A shift from one worldview or belief system to another.</td>
<td>A shift from the traditional Judeo-Christian mindset to eastern mysticism. In the church, a shift to a higher level of spiritual understanding and practice.</td>
<td>A spiritual shift where man becomes a co-creator in his own destiny; an evolution in the consciousness of mankind.</td>
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<td><strong>Alignment</strong></td>
<td>An arrangement in a straight line.</td>
<td>Spiritually, in the church growth model, bringing your will into conformity with the vision and goals of your local church.</td>
<td>The metaphysical belief that one must coordinate their bodily, mental, emotional and spiritual functions with the forces in the Universe for maximum benefit and effect.</td>
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<td><strong>Resistance</strong></td>
<td>BAD: Resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). GOOD: Resist the devil (James 4:7)</td>
<td>Resistance to change, due to an improper clinging to old worn-out theology, which if left unchecked could cause disunity and delay progress.</td>
<td>Resistance to change threatens the entire evolutionary process. Resistors/laggards possess remnants of a reptilian brain and will not evolve. They must be eradicated.</td>
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<td><strong>Leadership</strong></td>
<td>The first shall be last and the last first. (Mark 10:31)</td>
<td>A leader is a servant who is willing to sacrifice himself in order to transform the church.</td>
<td>Transformational leaders ensure followers embrace the vision and goals, rewarding the compliant and penalizing laggards.</td>
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<td>Team</td>
<td>Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labour. (Eccl. 4:9)</td>
<td>Small number of people with complementary skills committed to a common purpose.</td>
<td>Indoctrinated sheep who are controlled by peer pressure, rewards and sanctions, and who see themselves as part of a greater transformative plan.</td>
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<td>Collaboration</td>
<td>Working together in a literary, artistic or scientific undertaking.</td>
<td>Working together, especially through networking various organizations, in order to achieve a common purpose.</td>
<td>Merging delivery services at all levels, fully networking so that independence and individual identity are lost.</td>
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<td>Networking</td>
<td>A system of interconnected groups or individuals.</td>
<td>New Age slang for linking people up who have common vision on a global scale. In the church, linking ministries globally for a common purpose.</td>
<td>A system of interconnected organizations, including churches and political entities, cooperating to build the New World Order and New Age on Earth.</td>
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<td>A wise advisor, teacher or coach.</td>
<td>Replacing the Biblical term “disciple,” a term that means coaching or facilitating changes in someone’s worldview, lifestyle and/or behaviour.</td>
<td>A person who imparts their vital force (demonic) to another through spiritual means. Mentor was a professor of theology in Baghdad 1100 A.D. who was able to manage phenomena during seances.</td>
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<td>Disciple</td>
<td>Noun: a pupil or learner. Verb: Teach and train someone.</td>
<td>“Go and teach all nations,” a Great Commission mandate to reach the lost.</td>
<td>Rigorous adherence to a prescribed program or set of teachings in order to convert whole groups of people to the New Spirituality.</td>
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<td>Learning</td>
<td>Acquiring new knowledge, wisdom or skills.</td>
<td>Processing new information via affective and cognitive domains and applying it to common goals, visions, plans and purposes.</td>
<td>Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Tim. 3:7)</td>
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<td>Spiritual Gifts</td>
<td>Special gifts that come from God and are bestowed upon individual believers for the edification of the body of Christ.</td>
<td>Talents and skills that show up on psychological-style assessments and inventories that plug a believer into a program at church.</td>
<td>Possessing superior spiritual knowledge and abilities through external manifestations (signs &amp; wonders) and/or behavioural demonstration (being “with the program” and achieving results).</td>
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<td>Effective</td>
<td>Producing an efficient result.</td>
<td>Pre-set criteria for judging a result (see above).</td>
<td>A standard, based on uniform criteria, that must be met consistently without failure.</td>
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<td>Accountability</td>
<td>Accounting for one’s actions; being responsible.</td>
<td>Meeting the obligations and requirements of an organization by demonstrating compliance.</td>
<td>Fulfilling the rigid, precise and exacting demands of a higher authority according to pre-set criteria.</td>
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<td>Responsible Citizenship</td>
<td>Obeying the law and voting.</td>
<td>Getting involved in community-based organizations that assist the poor and needy or care for the environment.</td>
<td>Fulfilling State mandated requirements to engage in community service, volunteerism, and government funded (faith-based) charities.</td>
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<td>Healthy</td>
<td>Possessing good health, well, sound.</td>
<td>Physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological well-being.</td>
<td>Demonstrating the proper opinions, beliefs, attitudes, values, behaviour and physical attributes according to preset criteria of wellness.</td>
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<td>Vision</td>
<td>Something seen in a sleeping dream; an extraordinary, God-given event.</td>
<td>A mental image formed in the mind by the imaginations and desires of the heart.</td>
<td>A metaphysical practice in which a mental image becomes reality, either through spiritual or physical endeavours.</td>
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<td>Visualization</td>
<td>Forming a mental image of something.</td>
<td>Forming a mental image of something for the purpose of producing external effects.</td>
<td>A metaphysical practice in which spirits are called up, healing is achieved, a goal is attained, or the demonic world is explored.</td>
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<td>Strategic Planning</td>
<td>Planning in a way that requires some strategy.</td>
<td>A method of making plans that requires facilitating the outcomes so there is group consensus.</td>
<td>A method of planning which requires the use of psycho-social group manipulation techniques to achieve the desired outcome.</td>
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<td>Consensus</td>
<td>Agreement through open discussion.</td>
<td>Seeking mutual understanding on any given topic, especially by giving up one’s own preferences.</td>
<td>Forcing agreement by using psycho-social group manipulation techniques to reach the desired outcome. Requires that one give up their convictions.</td>
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<td>Common Ground</td>
<td>Any ground held in common by the people; an area in which people mutually find agreement.</td>
<td>Using the dialectic process, an agreement among people reflecting a synthesis of the lowest common denominator.</td>
<td>Using the dialectic process, an agreement among people that “ameliorates the extremes,” thus effectually dispensing with tolerance for diversity.</td>
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<td>Purpose-Driven</td>
<td>Setting a goal and seeking to attain it.</td>
<td>Setting an individual or organizational goal and taking comprehensive steps to achieve systemic change.</td>
<td>Outcome-based, peer-driven, performance, demands for accountability, and pre-determined results, based on pre-set global standards.</td>
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<td>Standards</td>
<td>Ethical conduct derived from Biblical criteria.</td>
<td>A level of excellence to be attained by organizations or individuals, defined by new theologies.</td>
<td>A new level of mastery attained through radical transformation in structure and conduct.</td>
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<td>Mastery</td>
<td>Attaining a high degree of skill, ability or knowledge.</td>
<td>Demonstrating that one has learned predetermined attitudes, values, opinions, beliefs and behaviours.</td>
<td>Metaphysically pertaining to a spiritual master who has been trained to transmit knowledge, and exhibits a state of “self-actualization,” “God-consciousness” or enlightenment.</td>
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<td>Systems</td>
<td>An arrangement of things that form a whole.</td>
<td>A theory that the world is a system and that everything is interconnected and interdependent to form a whole.</td>
<td>A esoteric belief that the Earth (Gaia) is a living, breathing organism, and that all systems on Earth must be brought into compliance and submission to the global governance system.</td>
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<td>Revival</td>
<td>Stirring up religious faith among those who have been indifferent.</td>
<td>An experience-based event in which people profess change, make decisions, encounter phenomena, or undergo catharsis.</td>
<td>A global transformation of the church in which people are subject to experience-based events through occult influences and/or smoke and mirrors.</td>
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<td>Self-Actualization</td>
<td>Term not found in the Bible</td>
<td>In humanistic psychology, a term coined by Abraham Maslow which means living up to your full potential.</td>
<td>In the New Age, a term defining a spiritually evolved individual who has attained a higher level of consciousness.</td>
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<td>Atonement</td>
<td>What Jesus did for us on the cross for our sins.</td>
<td>A restoration to wholeness from a fallen or injured state.</td>
<td>At-one-ment, making what appears to be divided into a whole; achieving perfection.</td>
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<td>Path</td>
<td>“Blessed is the man that... standeth not in the way of sinners. (Ps. 1:1)</td>
<td>Any method of self-discovery leading to higher potential.</td>
<td>Spiritual progress towards a deeper encounter with the occult involving various experiences where one comes to a sense of purpose or enlightenment.</td>
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Various key words become recognisable which are used to mislead people. It can only result in a counterfeit experience and a person cannot mature from this. They lead people into believing that through new programs, modern teaching (based on relativism) and new revelations people are brought into faith. People are blind to these deceptions and when a person is misled into believing that what they are being taught is feeding them spiritually it is very difficult for them to come out of these types of deception.
Many say this is new, in fact it is not new at all, this was going on in the decade of rebellion, the 1960’s. At this time the dividing line between the world and the churches was easily discerned by the mainstream churches who were not taken in by the new age movement. Slowly Christians began to receive and teach such influences to the point that people became far more influenced by new age occultism without even realizing it.

A lot of Christians took a post-modern approach to the Bible. A more multicultural approach was seen as being the way forward. Bill Bright, founder of the Campus Crusade for Christ (much loved by Moslems, the world and Christians) is a very good example of adopting multicultural practices. Islam and Christianity are seen as serving the same God, as also promoted in the Robert Schuller video entitled CAMP (Christians and Moslems Together). Robert Schuller is another example of this new move towards accepting the enemies of the cross as allies.

[16] Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies

A Historic Trip to Damascus, Syria

Shaykh Ahmad Kuftaro and Dr. Robert Schuller
Dr. Robert Shuller, founder of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California and Shaykh Ahmad Kuftaro, the Grand Mufti of Syria have met in Damascus (December 1999) at the invitation of the Grand Mufti. The visit was the first step to work together under the banner of faith and better understanding between Christians and Muslims. This meeting was organized by the Center for Islamic Studies and Christians and Muslims for Peace organizations. As a result of his visit, Dr. Robert Shuller called on for an international Christian/Muslim conference to take place in Damascus in the year 2000 to kick off the twenty first century with peace and understanding between Christians and Muslims.

In a historic address at the Abu Nuor Islamic Foundation, attended by over 15,000 people, including many officials, and leaders of the Christian denominations, his Excellency, Shaykh Ahmad Kuftaro told the congregation, "Muslims and Christians are in one camp," and that it is the duty of the clergymen from both faiths to establish not only peace, but also kindness and brotherhood for all mankind. Dr. Shuller pointed out that we have a lot more in common to build on than differences. He also said that the twenty first century should be a century of coalition and not collision between the followers of these two great religions.
Dr. Shuller and his delegation met with the Secretary the Middle East Council of Churches, Dr. Mahat Al Khuri, and the leaders of the four Christian domination of Syria in their respective churches. Later, at the invitation of the Middle East Council of Churches, a dinner was held in the New Umaiyyad Hotel in the honor of the American Delegation and the Grand Mufti.

During his visit to the Umaiyyad Mosque, Dr. Shuller and his delegation were shown the tomb of John the Baptist within the Mosque and the original stone containers and the water well in which people were washed to be baptized.

Dr. William Baker, founder of Christians and Muslims for Peace organization, CAMP was interviewed for one hour in the TV. Program Focus. Dr. Baker said: "CAMP has brought peace between fighting Christians and Muslims in the Philipens and in other communities in the world."

The visit which lasted 4 days, December 15 through 18th, 1999 marked the beginning of a new era for Muslims and Christians working together for peace and better relationships. The news of this event was broadcasted in the local papers, Orange County Register, and on CNN and the PBS television programs.

**A Historic day at the Crystal Cathedral**

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Making History:
Christians and Muslims Working Together

"I apologies to Islam for the Christian Crusades of 1065, let us begin a new crusade of comrade and friendship, we are in the same camp"

Dr. Robert H. Schuller
A historical and unprecedented event took place at the Crystal Cathedral on September 10, 2000. For the first time two preeminent leaders of Islam and Christianity met to share the common ground of their two Faiths, which represent more than one half the world population. Dr. Robert Schuller, founder of the Crystal Cathedral and Pastor of the Hour of Power worldwide TV program welcomed Sheik Salah Kuftaro, Chief Director of the Abu Nour Islamic Foundation and the son of Sheik Ahmad Kuftaro, the Grand Mufti of Syria on both his Sunday televised services. Sheik Salah Kuftaro appeared on both the 9:30 and 11:00 services and told the 6000 Christian/Muslim/Jewish congregation, including a variety of religious leaders: "Islam is not a new religion, but that which completes the Religions of Christ, Moses and Abraham.\\ 

The fountain of these religions is Almighty Allah." He added that Prophet Muhammad said: "We the Prophets of God are brothers, and the likeness of me and the prophets before me is like that of a beautiful building with one stone of it missing. I am the complete and final stone of this building." Sheik Salah said: "We, Muslims and Christians are in one camp."Regarding the Grand Mufti of Syria, Sheik Ahmad Kuftaro, Dr. Schuller remarked: "I met the Pope on several occasions. I have never met a man of such spirituality and wisdom as that of your father. He is a spiritual giant."

Dr. Schuller then said: "Your father told me that the 17 million population of Syria are all Christians. Could you elaborate on that?" Sheik Salah said: "My father is absolutely correct. A Muslim cannot be a true Muslim if he or she does not believe in the Prophet hood of Jesus, Moses, or any prophet of God. We Muslims honor, reverence, and are inspired by Jesus, Moses, Abraham, as much as by Muhammad, and the rest of the prophets of God."

When Dr. Schuller asked his guest, "Why is it that Muslims kill Christians and Christians kill Muslims?" Sheik Salah said: "Heavenly Religions are like the rain. When the rain first comes it is clean and pure, but when it reaches people, we (people) pollute it. In Islam, we learn that no one person shall be killed for no reason, and he recited the Verse: "if any one killed a person, it would be as if he kills the whole people, and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the whole people."
“Love Evangelists” would have us believe that Moslems work for peace, but what does the scripture say? Psalm 120:1 - 7 [A Song of degrees.] In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, [and] from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, [that] I dwell in the tents of Kedar! My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I [am for] peace: but when I speak, they [are] for war.

Why should we trust a book such as the Qu'ran, and the leaders of Islam?

Joshua 24:23 Now therefore put away, [said he], the strange gods which [are] among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

God gives a serious warning, and there are many reasons why we must question and test every thing, judge correctly and be on our guard. The word of God is as a plumb-line by which we need to align all things. The trouble is that many are what the Bible calls “willingly ignorant”. This modernised teaching of peace is not God's peace but a corrupted understanding of peace.
Psalm 34:14 *Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.* Why, then, should we be partakers of Islam? This religion is against the God of Israel and denies the Son.

These false teachers state that there are many ways to God when Christ states that He is the **ONLY** way! When we know THE truth we have peace, and if we are following God's ways, in accordance with scripture, we are doing what is right.

This is how we know we are loving God and not simply loving in the way that the new age teachers promote it, or those who water down the word of God in order for it to be acceptable to every one.

**Chapter 11**

“**Salt and Light or Sweetness and Light?**”

As believers we need to be true salt and light. We should not be on a diet of sugar or, if we have been Christians a long time, we should not even be on a diet of milk. We need to seek the meat of the Word even if that may make us feel uncomfortable. We need to be stirred up so that we can be edifying. One of the other problems is that we are never satisfied, we always want more of the wrong things, rather then wanting more of the right things.

This is clearly evident in this nation of churches that have become apostate and complacent. They continue going on blindly unaware of the fact that they are falling under judgement from God as a form of chastisement. They indulge in pagan practices and call them “Christian”, such as [17] Christian Yoga, “This Christian approach to yoga simply allows us to combine these two essential goals: becoming physically healthy and spiritually healthy. We become more spiritually healthy through the yoga practice by calming our minds and quieting ourselves to the point that we can tune out the world’s frequency and tune into God's frequency. Being quiet with God allows us to create enough psychological and spiritual space that God can truly create an inner sanctuary in us. Being quiet enough to hear our Lord's voice is not optional-- it's essential for growth. Let God bless your efforts to get closer to Him and the joy-filled, healthy life He has planned for you!
Begun as an outreach ministry of Jubilee Shores United Methodist Church in Fairhope, Alabama, Outstretched in Worship has reached thousands across the country and throughout the world with this approach to fulfilling God’s word when He tells us to “be still and know that I am God.” [18] The word Yoga means to “Yoke with Paganism”, Yoga is a Mesopagan or Meso-Pagan practice and is occultic. Aleister Crowley wrote in his book Magick Book 4 on the very issue of Yoga.

Cover of Magick, Liber ABA, Book 4 by Aleister Crowley.

“Part I is titled "Mysticism" with the sub-title "Meditation: The way of attainment of genius or Godhead considered as a development of the human brain." The section is essentially Crowley's system of yoga, which is designed to still the mind and enable single-pointed concentration. When developing his basic yogic program, Crowley borrowed heavily from many other yogis, such as Patanjali and
Yajnavalkya, keeping their fundamental techniques while jettisoning much of the attendant moral dogma.

Yoga, as Crowley interprets it in this section, involves several key components. The first is **Asana**, which is the assumption (after eventual success) of any easy, steady and comfortable posture. Next is **Pranayama**, which is the control of breath, and **Mantrayoga**, which is the use of mantras. **Yama** and **Niyama** are the adopted moral or behavioral codes (of the adept’s choosing) that will be least likely to excite the mind. **Pratyahara** is the stilling of the thoughts so that the mind becomes quiet. **Dharana** is the beginning of concentration, usually on a single shape, like a triangle, which eventually leads to **Dhyana**, the loss of distinction between object and subject, which can be described as the annihilation of the ego (or sense of a separate self). The final stage is **Samadhi**—Union with the All.”

**Chapter 12**

“Can this be love?”

We, as believers, should understand what Love is according to the Word of God, how can we love God and yet embrace Pagan practices, compromise and embrace other practices that are against the word of God? God says,

Revelation 18:4 – 10 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.
God takes these matters seriously. I only hope this book encourages you as you seek to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

John 3:23 – 24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and [so] that day come upon you unawares.

May God Bless who those who read this and take heed to it.

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The Purpose Driven Life (3 more Monday evenings, continuing MONDAY, December 1st, 7:30-9:00pm, top floor of the Trinity Center. Cost: $15/person.) Having finished the first 21 days of the book, our growing group decided to push on to the end (so if you've already read parts of the book and weren't able to join us in November, now's the time to hop aboard!) In 2002, Rick Warren, the founding pastor of Saddleback Church in California (a gigantic evangelical community), published "The Purpose Driven Life", a follow-on to his previous best-seller, "The Purpose-Driven Church". It is written particularly for people who are searching for a deeper, more meaningful walk with Christ. The book has 40 chapters, one for each day of a 40 day program. If you're looking to really be challenged in your faith, your direction in life and your understanding of God's plan for you, set aside some time and plan on joining us.
I have heard you speak about your heritage in the ministry. **What is that heritage?**

**Answer:** There are actually several ministers in my family. My aunt on my mother's side of the family traced the first minister back to a relative who was a Methodist preacher in the 1800's. My grandmother's step father R.L. Rexroad was a minister, along with my Grandfather John Bava. **My Great Grandfather who came from Italy was a Catholic who was healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.** On my father's side of the family only dad was a minister.

**Their backgrounds ranged from Catholic, Methodist, Disciples of Christ, to Independent Pentecostal.** However, most of the men eventually came into the Full Gospel Movement and became ministers in the Church of God, headquartered out of Cleveland, Tennessee.
As early as 1971, YFC had a Catholic nun on its full-time staff in Rochester, New York. Since the early 1970s, YFC has joined Roman Catholics in ecumenical meetings throughout the world. Sam Wolgemuth represented Youth for Christ International on the Central Committee of the ecumenical Key '73, which had strong participation by Roman Catholic leaders and laymen (Flirting With Rome: Key Men and Organizations, Way of Life Literature, pp. 46-47).

J I. Packer was the keynote speaker at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School's [now Trinity International University (TIU) -- an Evangelical Free Church-affiliated school] "Repentance, Holiness, and Power" conference held 5/29/91-6/1/91. Other speakers at the conference were Catholic charismatics Michael Scanlan and Ann Shields. In the 6/22/92 Christianity Today, Packer analyzes and praises the Catholic charismatic movement. He calls it, "God's witness," "God's therapy," "God's cure," and "God's summons." He says: "Protestant and Catholic charismatic teaching on the Christian life is to all intents and purposes identical." Packer also seemed to defend Gordon College professor Thomas Howard's 1985 conversion to Catholicism by saying it is nothing like the tragedy of becoming a liberal (5/17/85, Christianity Today). Packer has also stated that the charismatic movement "must be adjudged a work of God" (7/15/89, Calvary Contender), and that "Catholics are among the most loyal and [spiritually] virile brothers evangelicals can find these days" (7/15/85, Christianity Today).
The National Day of Prayer for 1993 (5/6/93), with the theme "United in Prayer," was chaired by Mrs. James (Shirley) Dobson. Pat Boone and Mrs. Bill Bright were co-chairmen. Ecumenicals such as E.V. Hill, Bill Bright, and Charles Colson were on the National Advisory Committee. Also listed in National Day of Prayer literature as "Liaisons" were a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic cardinal, and Dr. D. James Kennedy. [Kennedy was also a participant in 1994's and 1995's National Day of Prayer.]

Calvary Contender, Aug. 1, 1986 - “We live in an age of diminishing discernment and constantly shifting relativism--days of increasing deception and deepening apostasy. Fundamentalism valiantly withstood the frontal attacks of Liberalism earlier this century, but has "smarted" from the later insidious assaults of New Evangelicalism. A major problem is in identifying the latter as an enemy of the truth and convincing battle-weary, peace-loving brethren of its danger and Satanic origin. NE started in the 1940s as a neutral middle "position" between Fundamentalism and Liberalism. Pseudo-Fundamentalism (P-F) arose then in the 1970s, as a middle "position" between Fundamentalism and NE. The "dialectic" is being applied again now as we see some "Fundamentalists" who are not quite ready to go the full distance with Falwell's P-F (now NE), but at the same time are unwilling to stand with and strengthen the Fundamentalist fight for the faith.
Dr. Al Dickerson in his *Maranatha Baptist Watchman* for 6/86 proposed a new term for these defecting brethren. He said those who have "stood firmly in defense of Biblical fundamentalism are capitulating and are moving away from their position and identifying with those who have been strong supporters of 'pseudo-fundamentalism.'" He called them "capitulating fundamentalists." Never before have we seen such pacifism, and such compromising and blending of positions. We recall Dr. John Ashbrook's good warning: "The most dangerous deviation is the one closest to your own position." And we warned last year: "A pacifistic Fundamentalist is a practicing New Evangelical." But we rejoice that many, by God's grace, still stand true to His Word and contend for the faith. (*Calvary Contender*, Aug. 1, 1986)


Sun Myung Moon honours Jerry Falwell, hosts GOP leaders at Washington event

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Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and a phalanx of congressional rightwingers trooped to the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill Feb. 2 for a special reception honoring controversial Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon.


Members of Congress who attended the event include Sens. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) as well as House members Hastert, Reps. Henry Hyde (R-111.), Floyd D. Spence (RS.C.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Christopher Cox (R-Calif.), Gil Gutknecht (R-Minn.), Anne M. Northup (R-Ky.), Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.) and Dennis J. Kucinich (DOhio).
In addition, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and ex-Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger joined the festivities. According to The Washington Times, an ultra-conservative daily that Moon owns, Weinberger lauded Falwell and the other award recipients for "overcoming man's inhumanity to man."

http://www.retakingamerica.com/sun_myung_moon_001.html

www.apologeticsindex.org/u01.html


“God is good!

The Outstretched philosophy is simple: we believe God will bless our sincere efforts at deepening a relationship with Him. He wants our fellowship and appreciates creative approaches to seeking His face. This is why Outstretched is dedicated to a Christ-centered pursuit of physical healing and spiritual growth through a practice of yoga.

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Remember yoga alone is certainly not the path to finding peace, but true, lasting peace and contentment come only through an on-going relationship with the Lord. So let God's word and this practice together challenge you to get out of your comfort zone in worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Outstretched, Inc. is a non-profit outreach ministry of Jubilee Shores UMChurch in Fairhope, Alabama.

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalms 46:10)"


1820, from Hindi yoga, from Skt. yoga-s, lit. "union, yoking" (with the Supreme Spirit) Hindu discipline aimed at training the consciousness for a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility that is achieved through the three paths of actions and knowledge and devotion any of several systems of physical exercises based on a Hindu system of philosophy and meditation

http://www.neopagan.net/Pagan_Glossary.html

**Mesopaganism** or **Meso-Paganism:**

A general term for a variety of movements both organized and nonorganized, started as attempts to recreate, revive or continue what their founders thought were the best aspects of the Paleopagan ways of their ancestors (or predecessors), but which were heavily influenced (accidentally, deliberately and/or involuntarily) by concepts and practices from the monotheistic, dualistic, or nontheistic worldviews of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, or early Buddhism. Examples of Mesopagan belief systems would include Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism,
Theosophy, Spiritualism, etc., as well as those forms of Druidism influenced by those movements, the many Afro-Diasporatic faiths (such as Voudoun, Santeria, Candomble, etc.), Sikhism, several sects of Hinduism that have been influenced by Islam and Christianity, Mahayana Buddhism, Aleister Crowley’s religion/philosophy of Thelema, Odinism (most Norse Paganism), most “Family Traditions” of Witchcraft (those that aren’t completely fake), and most orthodox (aka “British Traditionalist”) denominations of Wicca. Some Mesopagan belief systems may be racist, sexist, homophobic, etc. There are at least a billion Mesopagans living and worshiping their deities today. See Paleopaganism and Neopaganism.

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