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NEW AGE – WHAT IS IT?

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I never read a satisfactory answer to this question. What is the New Age? Does anyone know? No wonder everyone is in the dark. Norman L. Geisler, professor of Systematic Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary says, "It is the most dangerous enemy of Christianity in the world today," and adds, "more dangerous than secular humanism."

New Age books by various authors are associated with the movement, such as Robert Mueller, David Spangler, Margaret Sanger, Alice Bailey, Benjamin Creme, Shirley MacLaine, George Lucas, Levi Dowling, and Fritjof Capra.

My initial exposure to New Age was through Constance Cumbey, a Christian woman attorney, and her book, Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow.¹ The innocence of a beautiful rainbow was my introduction to the evils of the New Age Movement. Constance Cumby was a Paul Revere, sounding an alarm throughout Christendom. "Wake up! They're coming! One world religion!"

Those of you who read her startling book, suddenly looked at the use of rainbows, pyramids, triangles, the eye in the triangle, the unicorn, yin-yang (the opposites in the universe are represented by two black and white comma shapes nestled together in a circle, signifying good and evil, male and female, black and white), the goat head on a pentagram, and even 666 entirely different.

After reading her book, you began to screen what your children were watching on the Saturday cartoons. The "Smurf's" had to go! Those cuddly "Care Bears," Wow! On TV sowing New Age doctrine to our children through the cartoons! Constance Cumby had done her homework! She caused parents to wake up through her book. The Captain recommends you read it!

WHAT IS NEW AGE? Hitler was the first 20th Century New Ager! Because of his belief in the "human potential" to become a super Aryan race, he aborted the feeble, and killed the aged (euthanasia). The real significant difference between the present day New Age Movement and Hitler's Swastika regime, is a change in the priority list. Hitler placed Jews as the #1 enemy to society, while Christians held the #2 spot. New Age merely reversed the order, placing Christians as the top priority, with the Jews holding the #2 spot of the "Most Wanted."

WHAT IS NEW AGE? If you believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior from sin, the New Age is out to destroy you and take away your children! Children are the product of the state. With the license you took out with the state when you married, you granted the children born out of this union to the state. In a similar fashion, Romanism claims the children of any marriage performed by its priests.

¹ Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow, by Constance Cumbey
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Dan Rather and the 6 p.m. news reports, are giving you reason even now why the state should claim your children. You are an unfit parent, so the ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN controlled news media is now telling us. Listen carefully to tonight's news report! See if the state isn't giving their reasons to confiscate your children. The attempt is being made that the state can do a better job raising your child than you can. Isn't that exactly what Hitler did when he conscripted all youths into his "youth camps." Will we see "youth camps" in America, raising our children just as Hitler did in Germany?

WHAT IS THE NEW AGE? Margaret Ferguson, in her best seller book, entitled, The Aquarian Conspiracy, associates the name "Aquarius" with the New Age. Margaret Ferguson believes that, "because of the procession of the equinoxes, the point where the Sun passes from south to north of the celestial equator (the Spring equinox), will move into Aquarius about 2000 A.D., giving rise to the phrase 'the dawning of the Age of Aquarius'." (The Aquarian Conspiracy, page 364.)

The Age of Aquarius is derived from astrology. These multiple suicide deaths to catch a ride on the comet Haley-Bopp, were probably all New Agers. Astrology, by the daily horoscope in our newspaper, makes the claim that heavenly bodies affect our earthly matters. New Agers all believe in astrology and reincarnation. They believe we will all be entering a utopian age of reason about the year 2000 A.D., called The Aquarian Age.

WHAT IS THE NEW AGE? Doctrinally, you'd think you were reading a Mary Baker Eddy text book of Christian Science dogma or Unity:

- #1 - All is one
- #2 - All is God
- #3 - Humanity is God
- #4 - All religions are ONE
- #5 - Cosmic evolutionary change in the heavens
- #6 - The individual is the standard of truth.

Again, we'll quote Norman L. Geisler on 14 doctrines typical of New Age religion:

- #1 - An impersonal god (force)
- #2 - An eternal universe
- #3 - An illusory nature of matter
- #4 - A cyclical nature of life (reincarnation)
- #5 - The necessity of resurrection
- #6 - The evolution of man into godhood
- #7 - Continuing revelations from beings in space; beyond this world
- #8 - The identity of man with God

#9 - The need for mediation (or other consciousness-changing techniques)

#10 - Occult practices (astrology, mediums, etc.)

#11 - Vegetarianism and holistic health

#12 - Pacifism (or anti-war activities)

#13 - One world (global) order and networking

#14 - Syncretism (unity of all religions).

WHAT IS THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT? It would be facetious to declare everyone using terms familiar to the New Age religion, as being a New Ager. New Age ideology uses terms like, holistic, holographic, unity, oneness, transformation, human potential, personal growth, awakening, God-consciousness, levitation and karma. The true test, in the final analysis is, *“What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?”* Matt. 22:42. New Agers believe God dwells within man, hence consciousness of sin and need of a personal Saviour is all “poppycock.”

WHAT IS THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT? It is said the best way to understand the Bible is to get a firm understanding of how it all began and ended. If you first comprehend Genesis and Revelation, it is easier to clarify in your own mind that which lies between the beginning and the end. To attempt to comprehend the New Age Movement, one must, of necessity, go to its origin. Who first dreamed up the idea of enslaving the entire earth by a system of “networking” to utterly destroy Christianity?

We know the ultimate end result: the entire world is given over to worship of Satan through a system of networking and acceptance of 666. That will guarantee Satan’s rule on earth for seven allotted years; Daniel’s 70th week.

All the great writers of books claim it is a “no! no!” to attribute the New Age to any origin. I really believe they are more interested in selling their books than telling the truth that men need to hear to be set free. Failure has left folk in bewilderment as to what the New Age really is.

Doctrinally, the New Age Movement sounds like Christian Science, Unitarianism or Theosophy. Add to this a “tainted blood” theory to substantiate the “little god” metaphor, and you’ve created confusion. Confusion is the devil’s work shop. There no longer exists any absolutes. Nothing is black or white, only shades of gray, and left to each man to establish his own law of righteousness. *“In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”* Jdg. 17:6. The king represents the captain of the ship! It is insubordination to rebel against the king, and punishable by death. The king may not be perfect, but he is still the king.

“Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.” 1 Tim. 5:19. The quickest way to get your tit stuck in a wringer, like Ananias and Sapphira, is to unknowingly lie to the Holy Ghost, imagining you were merely bringing an accusation against the captain. Mankind, in or out of the church today, resents any kind of authority. *“And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.”* Mk. 1:22. Man, in his resentment to authority, becomes his own “little god,” living in his own hallucinated world simply over an emotional

experience of tongues. Tongues is the least of all the gifts, and by no means qualifies you for “godhood.” 1 Cor. 14:12-13. Interpretation edifies the church, tongues edifies you!

You want liberty to “hustle” folk? Join the church, but get off the ship. It won’t happen here as long as I am the captain. Every big sales promotion company recommends all salesmen to join the largest church in town, and/or the largest golf course. Why? To “hustle” whatever they are selling!

Real hustlers show a real concern for your wellbeing. You are caught up in the sudden attention; the wining, the dining, outdoor barbecues, and the red carpet treatment, when suddenly all this comes to an abrupt halt once you have given them the money they so desired. Why is it that once the money is obtained, you get this gut feeling that you’ve been hustled? and often by a Christian brother in the church. Once in the church, can the hustler refrain from hustling?

A real hustler doesn’t know the difference between hospitality and just another hustle. Everyone is “fair game” to a hustler, including the preacher. Can you imagine the gall of hustling the man of God?! Peter felt he had been hustled by Ananias and his wife, Sapphira. Who got the last laugh?

While pastoring a flock in Hayward, CA, a member acquired the Foster Freeze franchise in Castro Valley through a trade of a farm in Idaho. It proved to be a very lucrative deal, hence, like the Jefferson’s of TV fame, felt he must be leaving my church and “moving on up!” With this new financial status, he chose Pastor Jacob Bellig’s church with the three, huge, concrete crosses, the former Neighborhood Church. The first person to shake hands with this new recruit was the head usher, standing at the front door as the greeter to shake your hand and welcome you to church. About the third Sunday, the greeter invited our new recruit that is “moving on up,” out to coffee. On the second such invitation, the greeter shares one little problem with our “anxious to get acquainted” new recruit. He needs “\$20,000 just until Friday” to move some of his racehorses. The only thing that our recruit received on Friday was a bitterness that he had been hustled.

If Jesus came to the church today, what would He see? Books, upon books, psychology, human potential, out of body experiences, little god, tainted blood, miracles! What would He do? *“And when he had made a scourge of small cords (Jesus made a Roman whip, Himself. He could have bought a ready-made one.), he drove them all out of the temple...Take these things hence; make not my Father’s house an house of”* hustlers, selling new ideas about experimentalism in the name of God. Jn. 2:15-16.

I make my own “whip cord”--the *RIVERBANK NEWS*. All I need for material is a Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance and a King James Version of the Bible. Most of the books written are like their churches, either extreme right (lasciviousness of grace) or extreme left (Arminianism). *RBN* is in the center of the road.

“But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.” Gal. 5:15. Texe Marrs, in his zeal to promote his own books, is sometimes guilty of being a hustler himself. Texe Marrs’ recent attack on Noah Hutchings, the president of the longest running Christian radio broadcast, called Southwest Radio Church of the Air, attacked his latest book on the pyramids of Egypt. I consider Southwest Radio Church and Texe Marrs as very deep friends of this ministry.

“Buy my book. Only \$25, plus shipping and handling (another \$10).” Today, we don’t buy turtle doves, we buy copyrighted books and Bibles. Which is the least expensive? The books, or the turtle doves? It is said, “The easiest way to become a millionaire is to copyright another version of the Bible.” Christians will buy books, and rob God of His tithe. Preachers know the thirst for knowledge. The Bible says, “*Knowledge puffeth up!*” 1 Cor. 8:1. With just a little knowledge, some folk could be dangerous! These books feed the brain, the part of man that is “*at enmity with God.*” Your reasoning of the brain, thinking the product of your mind is God, can send you to a devil’s hell. “*My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*” Is. 55:8.

You cannot find the greatest single book ever written in this century in any Bible bookstore. Now, they’ve even removed it from their computers so you can’t even order it. Why? If believed, the Bible bookstore might as well have a Bible burning party! They finally realized this! New Age Bible Versions, by Gail A. Riplinger, would bankrupt the sale of all Bibles, except the King James. They may as well close shop!

Historically, the New Age Movement, if described in one word...what word would you say? The answer, unequivocally belongs to “freemasonry!” Adam Weishaupt and his Illuminati, used the vehicle of Freemasonry to influence men of wealth to his incredible scheme of ten men ruling the world through control of finance, unbeknown to the rest of the world which would fall prey; as a ripe peach falling to the earth.

Jesus transformed the world with twelve; Adam Weishaupt did it with ten! Texe Marrs can name the ten, but of course, you must buy the book naming the men in Circle of Intrigue. Order through your Bible bookstore and save shipping and handling charges.

The New Age Movement is the final product of Adam Weishaupt, a Freemason and founder of the Illuminati. Weishaupt found fertile soil in the Masonic Lodge to sow his Cabalistic doctrines. Most all secret societies are offshoots of Masonry. The founder of the Mormon religion, Joseph Smith, was first a Freemason, as was the founder of the John Birch Society, the Rosicrucian’s, the Elks, as well as the Moose lodges.

This ecumenical, environmental, humanistic movement is all a part of the Hinduism philosophy of “one is all and all is one” view of divine essence. Doesn’t that sound like Mary Baker Eddy’s Christian Science? Christian Science is like “Grape Nuts” breakfast cereal. It is neither grapes nor nuts! Christian Science, in like manner, is neither Christian, nor is it science. Mary Baker Eddy’s lies entered mainstream America with the publishing of The Power of Positive Thinking, by Norman Vincent Peale. You can measure the success of Peale-ism by watching a “Possibility Thinking” telecast of Robert Schuller’s “Hour of Power.”

The lid is off! The Pandora’s Box of “Positive Thinking” pervaded mainline Christianity. The revival of the works of E.W. Kenyon came into play only because of the popularity of Norman Vincent Peale’s teaching. None of Kenyon’s writings found a foothold in America until after the publishing of The Power of Positive Thinking. Norman Vincent Peale had plowed the field and sown the seed.

Kenyon entered where “*other man laboured, and ye are entered into their labour.*” Jn. 4:38. Kenyonism took root in the soil of Peale-ism in America.

Preachers have a certain Geiger counter of their own to measure public appetite. Kenneth Hagin and Kenneth Copeland became the spearheads to revive a dead man’s works. Kenneth Copeland, was a student at Oral Roberts University, but a graduate of Kenneth Hagin’s Bible College. It was here in Tulsa, Oklahoma that he learned the secret to becoming a “little god.” “All my doctrine is derived from books written by E.W. Kenyon,” is a familiar quote from the lips of Kenneth Copeland.

Kenneth Hagin even went so far as to plagiarize an entire book written by E.W. Kenyon and claim authorship. It came to light when the family of E.W. Kenyon sued Kenneth Hagin.

What is it you are saying Captain Nelson? Is E.W. Kenyon New Age? New Age was never in the mind of E.W. Kenyon, but the working of miracles was. In order to give a certain comfort zone to mortal man, he reduced the Savior to one of us. Apparently, his motive was to elevate man, to encourage man that “he, too, can become a god.” Jesus made it!

In answering the question about the “tainted blood theory” of Kenneth Copeland, the following is from a Christian Research Institute publication called, Forward, Vol. 7, #1, “The Atonement of Christ and the Faith Message.” Upon request, they will send you the complete message.

When examining the “Faith” teaching on this subject, two “truths” stand out. It is taught that Jesus “died spiritually” and that, therefore, Jesus had to be born-again. Let’s take a closer look at the “what” and the “why” of these views.

The place to begin is, obviously, to define “spiritual death.” To understand the implications of Jesus dying spiritually, we need to understand the meaning behind the language used by these teachers.

Spiritual death means separation from God. The moment Adam sinned, he was separated from God. Spiritual death means something more than separation from God. *Spiritual death also means having Satan’s nature* (original emphasis).

Spiritual death means having Satan’s nature — just as receiving Eternal Life means we have the nature of God in us. When Adam and Eve listened to the devil, the devil became their spiritual father and they had the devil’s nature in their spirits. That is spiritual death...Man is now united with the devil.

...but when Adam committed high treason against God and bowed his knee to Satan, spiritual death — the nature of Satan — was lodged in his heart. Actually, Adam was the first person to be born again. He was born from life unto death, from spiritual life unto spiritual death.

God was speaking of spiritual death, the sin nature. That day in the garden first Eve, then Adam, changed gods. The sin nature of their new god, Satan, took possession of their once righteous spirits. They died spiritually. The very nature of man was changed from one of righteousness or eternal life into one of spiritual death — from the nature of God to the nature of Satan.

From these representative quotes, we see that, according to the "Faith" message, spiritual death is more than a separation from God; it entails a distinct change in nature. Spiritual death includes having, in some sense, Satan's nature.

Building upon this, as we look at the Atonement, we need to next understand whether this "spiritual death" is what Christ suffered for us. The teachings seem to be clear.

He (Jesus) paid the price for Adam's sin. He suffered in His own body, and more important, in His spirit. Jesus experienced the same spiritual death that entered man in the garden of Eden.

...He (Jesus) had taken upon Himself not our sins, necessarily, but He was made to be our sin--our sin nature--spiritual death. He died spiritually.

The Bible says in 2 Cor. 5:21 that He who knew no sin was made to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. He who knew no sin was made to be sin. He did the same thing that Adam did in the garden of Eden. He made Himself obedient to death and put Himself into the hands of God's enemy, Satan. Only He did it, He committed this act, not by treason but by choice. He did it in order to pay the price for Adam's treason. See, He put Himself, He made Himself obedient unto death and the same thing happened to Him that happened to Adam: spiritual death.

So it is clear that Jesus, according to these men, suffered the same spiritual death that Adam suffered. In some significant way, His nature must have changed as He took our sin nature--and hence "Satan's nature" or "spiritual death"--as His own. But, for such a one as Christ Jesus, what are the implications of this spiritual death?

...in 1 Tim. 3:16: God was manifested in the flesh and justified in the spirit. Now you can't get somebody justified and made righteous in the spirit if it [sic] wasn't first unrighteous. The righteousness of God was made to be sin. He (Jesus) accepted the sin nature of Satan in His own spirit and at the moment that He did that He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" You don't know what happened at the cross. Why do you think Moses, obeying the instruction of God, hung the serpent up on the pole instead of a lamb? That used to bug me. I said, "Why in the world would you want to put a snake up there--the sign of Satan? Why didn't you put a lamb on that pole." And the Lord said, "Because, it was the sign of Satan that was hanging on the cross." He said, "I accepted in my own spirit spiritual death and the light was turned off."

Jesus became sin. His Spirit was separated from God. And He went down into hell in our place.

Jesus died as our Substitute. he who knew no sin was made to be sin. He took upon Himself our sin nature. And He died--He was separated and cut off from God. He went down into the prison house of suffering in our place. He was there three days and nights.

There is no more sacrifice beyond this (the cross) because that God has given Himself. There's not any further that God can go cause that is part of Himself hanging on that cross. And the very inside of god, hanging on that cross, is severed from Him and in that moment of severing, the spirit of Jesus accepting that sin and making it to be sin. He's separated from His God and in that moment He's a mortal man; capable of failure, capable of death. Not only that, but He's fixing on being ushered into the very jaws of hell. And if Satan is capable of overpowering Him there, he'll win the universe and mankind is doomed.

Dramatic indeed! And what do these excerpts teach us about Jesus' spiritual death? His nature was radically altered and He was ushered into hell to suffer for three days and nights.

What then follows Jesus' suffering in hell for three days at the hands of Satan? For those in the "Faith" movement, the mortal man Jesus is born-again.

After Jesus was made sin, He had to be born again...Once again, He was the righteousness of God, and once again, eternal life was His nature.

Not only was He physically resurrected--His body resurrected--but His spirit was made alive unto God again. He had died spiritually. He took upon Himself spiritual death--for us. And He is the first one who was ever born again. His new birth is our new birth!

See, you have to realize that He (Jesus) died; you have to realize that He went into the pit of hell as a mortal man made sin. But He didn't stay there, thank God. He was reborn in the pit of hell and resurrected.

It is important for us to realize that a born-again man defeated Satan...Colossians 1:18 refers to Jesus as the firstborn from the dead...He was the first man to be reborn under the new covenant.

Assuredly, these passages raise many questions. There are many possible implications of some of these assertions.

WHAT IS NEW AGE? *"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun."* Ecc. 1:9. The "New Age" is in reality an "Old Age" prophecy given to Eve in the garden of God. *"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened (born again) and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."* Gen. 3:4-5.

Men, in their rejection of a woman, eat the fruit of another male. When they do that sin (sodomy), which is an abomination in the eyes of God, their spirit eyes are opened and they speak as gods. The now "born-again" gay, sets out like a "god" to tell society what is right and wrong. The eyes of his new enlightenment are opened. *"Behold, the man is become one of us, to know good and evil."* Gen. 4:22. Gays, suddenly, have all the answers to a right society.

In reality, though, like Eve, they lost their God-consciousness and are delivered over to *"a reprobate (worthless) mind."* Rom. 1:28. Is Sodomy the "sin unto death?" There is a sin unto death. *"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that SIN NOT UNTO DEATH. THERE IS A SIN UNTO DEATH; I do not say that ye pray for it."* 1 Jn. 5:16. Apostle John is talking about a "brother!" *"If any man see his brother sin...a sin unto death..."* don't even bother to pray for him!

There is a fine line between being an animal and a human being. Sodomy crosses that line! Read Roman 1:21-32. *"Wherefore God gave them up!"* Rom. 1:24. If God gave them up, shouldn't you?

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, *"Because they received not the love of the truth...and FOR THIS CAUSE God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned!"*

Does this sound like the loving God, so full of grace, that preachers write books and sermonize on? *“But the wrath of God abideth on him (that believeth not).”* Jn. 3:36.

What is that lie that God has prepared for the damned? Is it something new? or old? I am persuaded it goes back to the very first lie the serpent gave to Eve, *“Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”* Gen. 3:5.

In King Herod’s case, it was the “adulteress woman” he married. His marriage to Herodias damned the King’s soul to hell. Herodias was *“dead while she liveth.”* 1 Tim. 5:6.

The Bible tells us to take an inventory on our own hearts! Some finally “pull the mask off.” It was hell that they really wanted, but made a “pit stop” enroute called, “lasciviousness of grace.” Finally, *“It is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”* 2 Pet. 2:20-22. They were “baptized” into the pig’s mire, and now “speak as gods” concerning religion. They tried it; surely are a true witness.

Do you know what a “hustler” is? Today, men are unable to distinguish between a female hustler and a woman. They dress and act alike. But God calls to Adam from Holy Writ down through the ages, *“Adam...Where art thou”?* Gen. 3:9. Failure to respond to God’s call is what puts you in the arms of the strange woman. *“And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands (Heb.-handcuffs of a prisoner): whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner (walking in the flesh) shall be taken by her.”* Ecc. 8:26.

Skid Row is lined with doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and even preachers who met their fate. *“Her feet go down to death, her steps take hold on hell. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable (Heb.-waver), that thou canst not know them.”* Prov. 5:5-6.

In Proverbs 7:6-8, it speaks of a “simple one.” *“For at the window of my house I looked through my casement (Heb.-lattice window), and I beheld among the SIMPLE ONES, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house.”* The SIMPLE ONE is not the pursuer, but becomes the prey! *“Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore shall they eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.”* Prov. 1:29-31.

How does a Christian SIMPLE ONE escape? *“The strange woman...which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.”* Prov. 2:16-19.

In the face of these blatant scriptures, what advice would you give a Mr. Simpleton? You say, “Get married?” But the Bible says, *“Say unto wisdom, thou art my SISTER; and call understanding thy kinsWOMAN.”* Prov. 7:4. You had better be married to these ladies if you plan to escape that strange woman.

In our present society, hustling, through the advent of television, has become a “norm” of life. Why do you suppose the norm in a Pentecostal church often takes two or three offerings in a single service?

Would you call that “hustling”? I would, if there is no government and the preacher owns his own non-profit religious incorporation. The state recognizes this as a church, but the Bible does not. *“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven...Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work of iniquity (Gk.-lawlessness; no government).”* Matt 7:21-23.

God was addressing the preachers who became “lords over God’s heritage,” hence, “little gods.” They had been *“lords over God’s heritage”* (1 Pet. 5:3) for years, but with the advent with the “health and wealth gospel” of Oral Roberts, they had matured to “little gods.” Benny Hinn, when being reprimanded by Hank Hanegraaff for his declaration that he was a little god, answered in response, “Why they are all doing it!” Meaning, of course, his association with the Word of Faith ministry.

“Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words (tradition of the elders; Dr. C.I. Scofield’s notes) every one from his neighbour.” Jer. 23:30. Their prophets steal the words from Dr. C.I. Scofield to establish their doctrine. How are they any different than the Sadducees and Pharisees who stole the words of Moses for their own. Jesus answered them, *“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.”* Jn. 5:46.

“Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophecy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their MOUTH, and honoreth me with their LIPS; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Matt. 15:7-9. Jesus warned the disciples, *“Beware of the leaven (Gk.-ferment; sin) of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”* Matt. 16:11. Their doctrine fermented and brought death, not life. The true doctrine of the Bible concerns life, not death! It involves communion with God, not separation to follow a “blind leader.” *“If any man will DO HIS WILL (not the reciting of creeds), he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”* Jn. 7:17.

Christ’s doctrine is described in John 3:8, *“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”* A person must “do His will” in order to know of the doctrine. *“But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be manifest, that they are wrought in God.”* Jn 3:21.

The theologian doctrine of only believeism is a lie! Believing is an action verb. You believe until it brings forth a confession of your faith. That is why the scripture says you’ll die and go to hell “only believing.” *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”* Mk. 16:16. The devils believe and tremble. The confession is water baptism. *“That if thou shalt (do) confess with thy mouth...(for) with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”* Rom. 10:9-10. This is all a matter of you doing, much to the dismay of the theologian, or our modern day Pharisees with their dead creeds and dead doctrines.

Hustlers will always hustle, and when you as a congregation entrust the church to one man to be the pastor you’re an accomplice to creating another hustler. *“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”* 1 Jn 3:17. How can you tell the difference in a “brother in need” and a “hustler”? Hustlers are

takers, not givers. They rob God, as well as man. A hustler believes he owes God nothing. He never pays tithes. He rejoices in God's *"lasciviousness of grace."* Jude 4. *"Ye shall know them by their fruits."* Matt. 7:16.

I checked out my "moving on up" recruit ten years later; he was still waiting for the return of his \$20,000. If you have money, a hustler always has need of it.

Prostitutes are called "hustlers" as well! "When your money runs out, so does the honey." Today, with this same reasoning, wives are filing for divorce for the same reasons a prostitute leaves her client. It is dangerous for a man to marry one of these liberated female "cats," reared in our public school system, educated by television, and who has already murdered unborn babies. What kind of affection could you expect from a killer? Is it any wonder men are turned off by a female? This is not the same kind of woman "dear old Dad married."

Men raised by a woman, tend to shirk the responsibility that was placed upon dear old Dad. A woman that pumps out too many babies will find her husband will split. Hence, today's woman seeks security in her job, not in her marriage. You must ask yourself questions before marriage. Some of these questions go up to God. *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."* Jas. 1:5. The answer for some today is in Matthew 19:12, *"made themselves eunuchs for the gospel's sake."* It is better choice than to choose sodomy.

"For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace!" Is. 62:1