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THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

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"And now ye know what withholdeth that he (the Antichrist) might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work." 2 Thess. 2:6-7.

"When the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown." Gen. 6:4. "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37. These televangelists, spawned by the invention of television, are these giants of the end time. Giants all have one thing in common. They are all king of their own castle. Isn't it strange that most all (D. James Kennedy and John Ankerberg excluded) signed the document Evangelicals and Catholics Together; The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium. It was concocted by Fr. John Neuhaus, chancellor of the archdiocese of Boston, and Charles Colson of Watergate fame. From Watergate to Heavengate, Charles Colson now stands as St. Peter at heaven's gate to permit entrance for the beloved.

This single document presents a Roman "Sword of Damocles" that has been held over the church of North America by the Pope. You either sign it, or else be persecuted as Christians are today in Brazil. Our own mass news media prevents this truth from reaching the American populace.

"And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (Gk.-marvel)." Rev. 17:6. These giants are "Judas goats" to lead you back to Rome. They themselves are "little gods," or "Popes," by virtue of these family owned incorporations. One doctor will not testify against another one. Neither do these little Popes renounce the Pope of Rome, but rather look upon the Vatican with envy.

Jesus said, *"He that is not with me is against me."* Matt. 12:30. There is no place to hide! The Assemblies of God have signed this document in the person of Dr. Jesse Miranda. Does he speak for you?

It is all part of the Mystery of Iniquity that prevails in all of religion and in particular the Pentecostal Church. Such notable preachers as H.R. Ironsides, J. Vernon Magee and Donald Barnhouse used to write the Holy Rollers off as being of the devil! The longer you live with this lawless covetousness, the more one tends to agree with their conclusion, only for different reasons.

Frontline, a Tuesday night telecast from 9pm-10pm on channel 6 or 9 (depending on your area),

aired a documentary on Jimmy Swaggart, “The \$100 Million Man,” as well. I don’t know if the Christian detectives of East Dallas were in any way supplying information to the Frontline exposure of Jimmy Swaggart.

It is almost like Lazarus being resurrected from the tomb. Between religion and the mass news media, the world had assumed certain death for Jimmy Swaggart’s TV ministry. “The TV ministry is once again gaining momentum. His show is going out over 44 stations and is ranked 13th out of 41 syndicated devotional television programs,” says Rob Bowman of Religion and Media Quarterly. Swaggart also draws an enormous salary (\$159,000 in 1995), while his wife, Frances, raked in more than \$200,000, and son, Donny, the ministry’s vice president, collected almost \$225,000.

“His comeback from disgrace is a surprise to many Americans,” says John Camp, an investigative reporter who led a CNN impact probe into Swaggart’s dealings. “He did it by legally exploiting tax loopholes, becoming something of a real estate mogul engaging in some questionable transactions.”

Incredibly, the biggest contributor in Swaggart’s table of tenants is the Louisiana state government which leases space in his old Bible college!

“Things got pretty rough at the college,” explains an investigative reporter in Baton Rouge. “At one time there was about 2,800 students there--now its 50. But Jimmy made a positive out of a negative and rented the space out. The State Department of Environmental Quality is the biggest tenant, paying him \$1.81 million a year for space. With other tenants, the total income from tax-exempt properties comes to more than \$2 million a year. And that doesn’t include non-exempt properties.” Adds a long time Swaggart observer, “The ministry is debt-free today and worth about \$100 million.”

“Last year he sold 68 acres to investors building the Mall of Louisiana for \$10 million, and used that money to pay off tax liens and mortgages,” a Baton Rouge TV reporter tells the Examiner. Today, Swaggart is living in a \$4 million house on 25 prime acres in Baton Rouge, LA. He lives in a mansion behind a fence that alone costs \$250,000.” (the National Examiner, 1/6/98)

In this article, it is not clear where the money came from to pay for a fleet of five Mercedes Benz that cost \$250,000. Perhaps from the sale of 68 acres for \$10 million for a Louisiana Mall?

Jimmy Swaggart lost a \$10 million slander suit to Rev. Marvin Gorman, an ex-Assemblies of God preacher, whom Swaggart claimed committed adultery. This same preacher is the man that first spotted Swaggart in the red-light district of Baton Rouge. I guess even Jimmy Swaggart figured this would be the last place to find another Assemblies of God preacher who owned his own church! The reason for Rev. Gorman’s presence in this same red light district has never been made clear.

One must give these wives some credit. I do. They kept their preacher away from the women in the church. Dr. Bebe H. Patten couldn't even accomplish that much with her man. I would to God, Tom Patten would have gone to hookers, and left 15-year-old Betty Burke and 17-year-old Carol Rydon alone! The ol' fornicator!

Jimmy Swaggart is evidently a giant within the church. A giant is difficult to destroy. *"There were giants in the earth in those days."* Gen. 6:4. God's Word says we will have giants in the end time as well. Oral Roberts, Morris Cerullo, Kenneth Copeland, James Robison, Pat Robertson, Jan and Paul Crouch and Billy Graham are all creations of television. They all impregnated Mrs. Boob-Tube and gave birth to giants. Jim and Tammy Bakker are slain giants.

We all witnessed the rejoicing by the mass news media's attempt to utterly destroy Jimmy Swaggart. The Assemblies of God joined with the world in this crucifixion of one of their very own. Who among them has not looked upon a beautiful set of legs? I'm grateful it was not another man he had been attracted to. Pastor Kenneth Logie, of Oakland, was found guilty of propositioning a plainclothes detective in the men's restroom at Lake Merritt Park. I was at the trial and heard the testimonies. Oakland can top anything that is going on in the nation, except Atlanta, GA, the birthplace of "dominion theology," and Ft. Lauderdale's "shepherding" movement.

The Assemblies of God is guilty of collusion by endorsing these family owned corporations by which Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Bakker, Ronn Haus and Kenneth Logie operated. *RBN* does not war against "flesh and blood," but a system of government. These family owned "nonprofit religious incorporations" legalize a Pharaoh to rule despotically over the slaves (the congregation).

Currently, Pentecostalism, due to its own lifestyle, is leading the way in denouncing the Reformation. These "tongue talking" preachers claim "little god" status, thereby coveting the Pope's infallibility. Presently, Martin Luther is being renounced by both religions as a heretic. Jan and Paul Crouch (soul owners of TBN) have this testimony, "We are no longer Protestants. We have nothing to protest to Rome about." Rome, unquestionably, must be in collusion with Paul Crouch in order for one man to accomplish the feat of building such a television empire as TBN.

The world rejoices over the death of these giants. God impregnates believers in "local church autonomy," like Antioch (Acts 13:1), to build His church.

More recently Jimmy Swaggart's had exposure from Frontline, and now the National Examiner, "Jimmy Swaggart's the \$100 Million Man." Will there be more? If it comes to the attention of the *RIVERBANK NEWS*, we will keep you posted! I'm sure these East Dallas detectives, as they rummage through the dumpsters outside the office of high powered televangelists, will come up with some

financial records or fraudulent activities they can expose. These detectives explain, “A person’s trash tells a lot about them.”

The Dallas-based Trinity Foundation detectives have a hot line (800-229-8428) to report any cult-like control, child abuse, etc., going on, including from their own church of 75 members. All the detectives, and most of Trinity’s members that are really dedicated, have been ripped off by W.V. Grant Jr., Larry Lea or Robert Tilton, all Dallas-based televangelists.

Ole Anthony, the pastor detective and founder of Trinity Foundation said, “work with the homeless people, in turn drew his group back to the world of televangelism. ‘A portion of them gave their last dollar to these preachers,’ he says. ‘Then they’d be penniless and homeless. They’d then go to these ministries for help and be turned away.’ Guetzlaff, 53, says he lost his home, marriage and video-production business by giving thousands to Robert Tilton’s ministry. He said, ‘Pledge what you don’t have, and God will provide it hundredfold.’ Broke, Guetzlaff ended up at Anthony’s East Dallas sanctuary and became one of Trinity’s most dogged investigators.” (US News & World Report, 1/6/98)

Jeremiah is prophesying into the future, “*in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.*” Jer. 23:20. One must be alive and well to really know what we are talking about in the realm of prophecy. Dr. C.I. Scofield has been dead for 3/4ths of a century! If Dr. C.I. Scofield were alive today, he’d change many of his footnotes relative to prophecy. “To fully understand prophecy, often one must be living at the time of fulfillment. We live in such a day.” “*This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*” Matt. 24:34. We see it all!

“*Woe unto the world because of offences (Gk.-crooked things, a crook in the road)! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to the man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off.*” Matt. 18:7-8. It is true we cannot prevent the fulfillment of the prophetic Word, because God is not a man. “*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*” Nu. 23:19. “*For the mystery of iniquity (Gk.-illegality) doth already work.*” 2 Thess. 2:7. But do you have to be a part of this iniquity; abortion, euthanasia, the gay lifestyle? The Bible requests that we pray for those in authority. 1 Tim. 2:1-2. Failure to pray for President Clinton could bring God’s judgment. We could be inheriting Al Gore, the father of environmentalism. “The worst enemy of society is the car you drive.”

God prophesies a line will be drawn in the sands of time. “*Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*” 2 Tim. 3:8. Apparently, this Jannes and Jambres were the chief magicians and enchanters of Pharaoh’s court.

As Moses stood up to Pharaoh, so God's Word prophesies of men standing up to the religionists that *"do always resist the Holy Ghost."* Acts 7:51.

Read this prophecy. It is heartwarming. *"But they shall proceed no further; for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs (Jannes and Jambres) also was."* 2 Tim. 3:9. We can't stop now! We are on the winning team of the prophetic word. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* Gal. 6:9. The *RIVERBANK NEWS* has gone out faithfully every month without a charge for over four years. This is no time to look back, but push ahead!

We'll encounter the "little gods," "lords," and the "karma" of the New Age. This mystery of iniquity will become bold in the year 1998 (3 x 666), the year of the occult to manifest their power. *"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."* Rom. 5:20. Do you believe we can stand up to these magicians of the New Age, as Moses did in his day? The Bible says we will! Do you want to be a part of the cure, or part of the problem?

This spiritual "iniquity" is a mystery! Have you ever read a Sherlock Holmes mystery? It remains a mystery until the master sleuth takes all the mystery away as he unveils the murderer. "As in the natural, so in the spiritual!"

In Revelation 17:5 is another mystery, *"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."* Until mankind can solve these mysteries, they are walking in darkness. Nimrod of Babylon (Heb.-confusion), was the man to rule the world via his "mystery religion" that developed the horoscope. He directed the building of a tower into heaven in defiance of the God that murdered the entire earth, but for eight souls. He did not believe in rainbows or God to protect man. We must save ourselves!

I entered into "Mystery Pentecostalism" about fifty-seven years ago. Pentecostalism is a leg of the Mystery Babylon by our own "confusion of tongues." *"Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."* Through the "confusion of tongues," "One Worldism" was destroyed in Nimrod's day! *"So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city."* Gen. 11:7-8.

David du Plessis of First Assembly of God Church in Oakland, CA, introduced a "du Plessis" form of receiving the Holy Ghost. Seemingly, the "confusion of tongues" is what is building the tower into the heavens once again. In fact, ecumenicalism's Oral Roberts built his own tower and city of faith. Was this by design? or merely coincidental? *"And they said, Go to, let us build us a CITY and a TOWER."* Gen. 11:4. In order to build one world political Babylon, you must first bring about a one world religion. This one world religion is termed, biblically, "Mystery, Babylon," bringing the occult of ancient

Babylon into mainstream Christianity, called “The New Age Religion.”

Ronn Haus had a five member board which included three with the last name, Haus. This is all part of the mystery of iniquity working in the church that conditions you to accept a single head for ecclesiastical Babylon, the false prophet, and the Antichrist (head of political Babylon).

Please read **The Roman Catholic Church and the Last Days; a Woman Rides the Beast**, by Dave Hunt
\$12.99 at any Bible bookstore

My introduction to “Mystery Pentecostalism” was my attendance for five years with Dr. Bebe H. Patten, and her late husband-manager, Thomas C. (for Cash) Patten. “When you have plenty of money,” drawled out Tom Patten, alias Jack Groves of Lyle, TN, “and smart lawyers, you can do anything and get by.” Those words were heard by

Almighty God, for they barely left his mouth and God spoke to my heart, sitting out in a congregation of about 2,000 people. “And you’re going to bring him down,” God said to me.

Oh, I had geared my life to obeying the voice of God. My first introduction was by a dream. God showed me the branch of service to enlist in. I was already 1-A. What did I have to lose? Within twenty-eight days, the service had discharged me on the grounds of “not being a good mixer.” They discovered I didn’t drink, smoke or chew, nor run with girls that do--hence, they discharged me!

If God hadn’t miraculously confused the minds of the examining doctors, I’d have been fighting Japs instead of stopping this football-player-con-artist, Jack Groves. It is better to enlist in God’s army! “Who was I to stop Goliath?” I thought to myself. “I have no money nor smart lawyers.” But, I pondered these things in my heart like Mary did after her visitation. *“But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.”* Lk. 2:19.

This Goliath would parade around in cowboy boots, a ten gallon hat, and claiming Bob Wills as one of his closest friends. He loved to tell his Tennessee folk stories and about how tough it was when they first started preaching. “The offerings were so small, all I could afford was soup and crackers. Dr. Patten ate the soup, and I ate the crackers!” Then he’d bellow out a Tennessee laugh! He had charmed that audience like an Indian snake charmer charms a cobra. What an offering he’d then extract from that audience. It was unbelievable.

Dear Pentecostals feel it is not showing love to stop such men! It didn’t make any difference how much Tom Patten stole, lied, and raped young choir girls. *“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord!”* Rom. 12:19. Peter didn’t wait for the Lord in the case of Sapphira. *“Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.”* Acts. 5:9.

“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many (Pentecostals) 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 (works of the positive confession, such as “name it and claim it,” for we are “little gods,” E.W. Kenyon). *And then I will profess unto them, (Pentecostals) I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity* (Gk.-lawlessness).” Matt. 7:21-23. Most generally, Pentecostals are the ones to demonstrate spiritual gifts, such as healing, prophesying, casting out of devils, speaking in unknown tongues, and doing wonderful works of faith, without government.

With the advent of Kenneth Hagin and Kenneth Copeland these works also include the positive confession, “name it and claim it, gab it and grab it” doctrine. The magicians and enchanters of Pharaoh’s court performed the miraculous without hearing a word from God. “*Faith cometh by HEARING!*” Rom. 10:17. Jannes and Jambres heard nothing, yet duplicated the first four miracles of Moses. How did they do it? Mind over matter, and the use of positive thinking. Nothing has changed since the days of Moses.

Prepare, in 1998, to be challenged by Jannes and Jambres of the New Age. They will duplicate the miracles of God! Will you know the difference?

“The LORD will roar from Zion.” Amos 1:2