

FRAUDULENT CHRISTIANITY: HAVING NOT THE SPIRIT

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THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT

There are members of the Christian church who sit in a weekly service with their Bibles on their laps open to whatever is being preached that day by the pastor, and they have no idea how to interpret what is in front of them. The Word, which is the Bible, that is before them, is dead to them.

Why is this?

In John 3, Nicodemus, a Pharisee, is curious about where Jesus comes from and by whom He can perform miracles. Jesus responds by explaining how to obtain right standing with God and have the Spirit of God, and the Kingdom of heaven, within him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- John 3:3-6

Those who cannot interpret scripture as God intended are not truly Christians, because they have not been born of the Spirit.

We are all born into the world through a mother's womb. This is our carnal birth, the bridge to being human. But by the Spirit of God, there is another birth, and that is our spiritual birth. This passage is where the term "born again" comes from. When we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, we become born of the Spirit, or "born again."

1 John 5:7 tells us, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

How can three be one? This is the triune God – the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost, also referred to as the Holy Spirit.

The Word without the Spirit is not effective. Jesus is the Word of God

(John 1:1). Jesus is God Himself incarnate, and He came to earth to save mankind from sin. He came to save a lost generation, and all generations to follow from sin. There is no other way for humankind to get to the Father except through the Son, Jesus.

When we come to Him and we humble ourselves and we acknowledge that we are sinners – when we ask Him into our heart, ask Him to cleanse us of sins – He comes in, and the Spirit of God – the Holy Spirit – takes root inside of our heart. We are truly born again. We are not only born of the flesh, but we are now born of the Spirit.

There are imposters within the Christian church who are not born again and do not have available to them the new life in the Spirit. They call themselves Christians, but are actually fraudulent Christians. They aren't called by the name of any particular denomination. They aren't Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, etc. But they exist within each of these denominations, and others. They exist within every branch of the Christian church.

We don't always know who they are. The fraudulent Christian church is comprised of people as described in 2 Timothy 3:5, "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof..." This scripture also warns us, "from such turn away."

2 Timothy 3:7 tells us they are "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Perhaps they were born into a Christian family, but they never made that decision to accept Jesus on their own. They call themselves Christians, they attend church either weekly or occasionally, but they do not have the Spirit of God residing on the inside. Their lives are similar to any life you see in the world. Their convictions are few, if they have any.

There are actually two groupings of the imposter church that is within the Christian church. The first grouping is comprised of those as mentioned, having never prayed to give their hearts to Christ. They never repented of sin and asked Jesus to reside in their hearts. These people are of the world, and they are not cleared of sin. They are not born of the Spirit. They have been born "once" in the flesh. These are fraudulent Christians.

The other grouping of the imposter church is of those who in prayer "gave their hearts to Christ," but their heart really wasn't in the prayer. They said the words, but did not humble themselves and repent in their hearts. They did not mean the words, nor truly admit that they needed a Savior. They never really became born again, or born of the Spirit. They are of the world, and they are not cleared of sin. The Spirit of God will not take root in the heart unless the mouth speaks what is in the heart of a person. There are

many who have said what is called the “Sinner’s Prayer,” and yet have not meant it.

(For those reading this who are not born again, to find out how to receive Christ as your Savior, and to better understand why we need to, please see “How To Become A Christian” at the end of this book.)

Those who are seeking truth will find the Truth (Jesus). Those who just want to look good on the outside, belonging to a church group or congregation, do not have the Truth. Those without Truth, and without the Holy Spirit, are involved in a church entity that exists in the world, that’s all. Jude 19 tells us the imposters are “sensual, having not the Spirit.” To be sensual is to be of the senses, human understanding only, without spiritual discernment. In verse 18, they are referred to as “mockers...who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.” They “mock” the truth of God and the life in the Spirit. To mock is to make light of something, to ridicule and diminish something. They ridicule the Holy Spirit when they claim to be of Him.

Jesus is not only the Word, but He is the Truth. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. Because the imposters do not have the Holy Spirit on the inside of them, they cannot possibly interpret and understand the Word of God which is only understood by the Spirit. That which is of the Spirit cannot be understood except by the Spirit. If the Spirit is absent within a person, their understanding of the Bible is limited at best, and detrimental at worst.

Interpretation of the Word without the Spirit is dangerous – because from this come false doctrines, misunderstanding of God’s intent. God had a clear meaning for every inspired verse. Understood by His Spirit, all books of the Bible come together logically and perfectly. Understood on a human level, the Word becomes something with an alternate meaning altogether – left up to the individual interpretation of all.

The Word to the Christian is alive. The Word is interpreted logically by the Holy Spirit through the spirit of the Christian. The love of God is alive in the hearts of true Christians so that they not only have available the necessary link to understanding scripture, but they have a kindness in sharing scripture. In witnessing, they focus on the love and selflessness that led Jesus to die for mankind. They understand John 3:17 which tells us, “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

Those without the Holy Spirit, those who have not trusted in the saving blood of Christ for their justification to the Father, read the Bible often to their own peril, and to the peril of those they try to witness to. This is not because the Word is dangerous on its own. It is the interpretation without the

Spirit of God that is dangerous. It becomes “another gospel” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4).

When I was an unsaved Christian, the fire-and-brimstone condemnation I heard out of some who called themselves Christians brought me to ponder Jesus’ sacrificial work on the cross *not* by studying the love and selflessness of Jesus’ character, but by *fear* of what God might do to me if I didn’t shape up! What awful conditions upon which to come to the cross.

Imposters, due to lack of the Holy Spirit and misinterpretation, become advocates of condemnation, missing the point of total forgiveness in Christ. Because in their own spirit, something is amiss, they have an inner sense of “not being right,” and in their interpretation of scripture, they often believe that a person’s works cannot be fully covered by what Jesus did on the cross. They seek justification for their own shortcomings by pointing out the shortcomings of another. How can one possibly comprehend the fullness of forgiveness if one has yet to admit to one’s own sins and be fully forgiven?

I believe that true Christians should warn others of eternal damnation, but as Jesus did. He simply stated facts, and allowed the hearer to accept or reject the truth. He was never harsh, and always loving and patient.

I also believe that true Christians should “preach fire and brimstone” to other Christians occasionally to get them to be obedient to God’s commandments. We all need chastening in our hearts and reminders that sometimes our behaviors are not indicative of a true Christian. God needs good ministers and representatives! But this should be done as the Holy Spirit leads. Done in the proper setting at the proper time, a true Christian will grasp within their own spirit any conviction that is necessary for them.

There is a vast difference between the true Christian and the Christian imposter. The differences are not always visible on the outside. You often can’t spot an imposter by just appearance or hearing a few words they say. We are told in 1 John 4:1, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” It will take spiritual discernment – only given by the Holy Spirit – on the part of a true Christian to spot the imposters.

The differences for the most part are internal. God sees the heart of man. Ultimately, God knows who is sitting in Christian churches truly desiring His Word and believing His Word, and who is sitting in Christian churches going through the motions of piety and what is expected of a “good person.”

Even some pastors – many of them – deliver the Word of God week after week and have never truly trusted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The Word that they read from the pulpit is as dead to them as it is to the imposters who hear it. Without the fire of the Holy Spirit to ignite the match of the Truth,

which is the Word of God, these pastors do not minister as God intends them to.

To God, they are not clean. To God, their righteousness is still in the “filthy rags” stage (Isaiah 64:6). When the Father in heaven looks down on mankind, He checks to see who has the mark of Christ, who has the Holy Spirit within. The Word of God cannot pass through a vessel, no matter how nice they look or how verbally talented they are, if the Holy Spirit is not found within them. Woe to the many pastors who are misinterpreting scripture because of the absence of the Holy Spirit. They are leading many others astray.

AS IT WAS THEN, IT IS NOW

The problems we are facing in today’s Christian churches are not new problems. Jude, believed to be a half-brother of Jesus, writes in his epistle a clear warning to true Christians to beware of the imposters who have “crept in.” There are many other passages of scripture that give a similar warning.

I believe that because so early on in the Christian church, they were dealing with these types of men and women “having not the Spirit,” today we have a much larger number of Christian imposters in proportion to memberships of Christian churches. As all sin has proven to snowball over time, so has fraudulent Christianity. We are living in a day of “anything goes” and multi-faith prayer meetings, a day when God is who we “think” He is, and the word “Christian” has potential to be misinterpreted more than any other word.

It is true, very recently, church membership in truly Christian churches has dropped off, however. This could mean that imposters are hearing too much truth and cannot handle the conviction, so they leave. But imposters come and go, and we must be aware of them. In Jude, verses 3 and 4 we read:

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude tells the Christian church that they must “contend” for the faith. They have to fight for the Truth. They must battle those within the church who do not truly have the Spirit of God. He warns even then of those who have “crept in,” having heard but not heeded the Gospel message, having everything for salvation and knowledge of the Truth available to them, but who “turn the grace of God” into something vile and sinful. By choosing lasciviousness, or sin, and denying the power of God and the salvation in Jesus, but choosing to stay within the Christian church walls, they actually *uphold* an alternate gospel. From even *within* the church, they fashion the world in general. Jude describes those who, as in Romans 1:25, “changed the truth of God into a lie...”

“Beware” is the message of Jude. These people who have chosen what is false over what is true are still among us. They have brought the worldview into the church.

Although the imposters do not necessarily “deny” God outwardly, they deny Him inwardly, because, again, they are without the Spirit of God. They cannot comprehend God. They cannot comprehend His Word and they certainly have no understanding of His character. Their “form of godliness” often is to go to church, keep a Bible in case they need to refer to it in an emergency, mention Jesus once in a while, and pray usually only when things get tough. They volunteer for making the pot luck supper or arranging Picnic Day or the field trip to the zoo. They’re “people pleasers.” They concern themselves more with the people around them than with what God expects of them.

They may have even begun their “walk with God” with a sincere desire to have some kind of root, an anchor in their lives. But without having accepted His Son, they misuse the Truth in many ways. Some believe because they use the name “God” or “Jesus” that they’re “in.” They may see God as a giver of gifts, someone to vent to, someone they can pray to when things get tough, or just a distant Creator of mankind. But they ignore the Truth and significance of His Son’s gift of salvation to mankind. They misuse God by the simple fact that they believe lies about Him. They do not know His character – they believe He is someone He is not.

In 2 Timothy 3:5, we are warned “from such turn away.” We must contend with them, fight for what is true in our hearts, but turn away from their lies lest they corrupt us. It was the plan of the devil centuries ago to bring liberal thought and variations of truth into Christian churches. As we consider that the devil is subtle in his dealings, we must realize that if we are not careful, those having crept in among us can persuade us away from the

Truth one way or another.

Jude goes on in verses 5-8 to remind the Christians of those who fell:

I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

The Christian church is reminded of those who did not choose to believe God. They instead went their own way of believing about Him and turned from Him. Jude mentions the end of each of these sets of imposters also. The judgement that comes upon them is a result of God's having read their hearts. What a person chooses is eventually what leads to consequences in their lives, for good or bad.

When God led His people out of Egypt, there was complaining among them. They did not fully trust God would come through and bring them into the Promised Land. The irony is, it is their lack of faith that kept them wandering for 40 years instead of arriving in a much timelier manner! Those who grumbled in disbelief all the way, who really were not of God's heart at all, died along the way.

God gave the angels a grand place in heaven under conditions we on earth could at this point never even fathom. Some chose the way of Satan and they fell with him. There is a price to pay for turning from God. These angels that chose the way apart from God will end up in eternal darkness.

Those who "gave themselves over to fornication" can be understood on two levels. It describes the people in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah who committed sexual promiscuity, more specifically, homosexuality, desiring "strange flesh." Their eternal fire of judgement awaits. On another level, those who fornicate with another gospel, who "cheat on God," whose hearts are not with God, but with a mere "form of godliness," will have the eternal fire of judgement awaiting them. They have sought another set of beliefs other than the Truth. They have not believed the Word.

These are church dwellers without the Spirit of God. They are all about the flesh and carnality, to the harm of their own spirit, and to the harm of

their eternity. They are unfruitful in life as God intended:

Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

“Woe unto them” is accented with an exclamation mark. That’s a strong warning. There is a judgement coming for imposters. There is not only a judgement coming for those who worship in false religions that have nothing to do with Jehovah God, the God of the Bible, but there is a judgement for the imposters, those who claim to have God but deny Him. If there is no repentance, there is no restitution for their sins. Without repentance, there is no Jesus for them, nor His Spirit.

There is a price to pay for masquerading as God’s people. They set a bad example, to say the least. By misinterpreting scripture, they come up with human theology having nothing to do with the truths in scripture, and they lead many away from God by offering alternate doctrines of *human thought* to them.

They are “clouds without water.” Without water, nothing grows. There is no harvest. There is no fruit of them. These people are dead in their spirits, just as those who worship false gods. They are living according to their shame, and they are blinded to this. Their shamefulfulness is the travesty that they are masquerading as God’s people, and they are not even aware of it. There is no anchor of any kind of truth for them.

As Jesus said, those who are not born of the Spirit cannot see the Kingdom of God. The imposters were born once, of the womb. They were not born of the Spirit.

HOW CAN WE DISCERN WHO THEY ARE?

There are certain human doctrines and ideas put forth by the imposters in the Christian church. There are human doctrines and ideas put forth by the world in general that are believed by the imposters. As we are called according to 1 John 4:1 to “believe not every spirit, but try the spirits...” we

can do this by one of two ways. There is a spiritual nudge we will get inside when listening to imposters speak sometimes. This is a spiritual discernment. The other way involves observing the sayings of them in the natural realm, in everyday life.

This chapter gives several examples of what we might hear and see from Christian imposters, and the following two chapters give examples that are the most destructive to anyone's spiritual walk.

* First, the imposters will tell you that you are using God as a crutch, that you depend too much on Him. If God gave you a mind, they ask, then why aren't you using it? Why are you trusting that God is going to lead you somewhere? He can't make your decisions for you, they say.

Well, the Bible says in Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." I have given this scripture to those "Christians" who tell me I rely too much on God, and they say in return, "Well – He still can't do everything for you. He gave you the ability to choose which road to take."

God, knowing me, ordained which road I should take while I was still in the womb. He knew which path would content me, He knew which decisions would be best for me, and He didn't just leave me dangling here without guidance.

God gives us free will to choose, that is true. But concerning especially important issues like whom to marry, which career path to take, how many children to have, which schools to attend, etc., He does have a perfect path and expects us to choose *it*. If we listen for His voice in these and other great issues, we will be led by our hearts in the best direction for us.

I'd much rather listen to the Creator of the universe who knows all things than trust in someone's human theology on how to get my goals accomplished. Advice of family and friends is often helpful. But we should weigh out their advice with what the Word of God says, and with what we hear in our spirit. God *will* make the best decisions for us when we trust Him to guide us.

God's guidance leads us to places for our good. It keeps us on a fertile track instead of leading us to a dead end. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God already has our "end" mapped out. He has peace for us! He has good plans for us! We will only follow through when we follow *Him*.

* Another thing imposters do is come against Christians who study Bible prophecy. 2 Peter 1:20-21 tells us we can believe the words of prophecy in

the Bible:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

For the most part, Christian imposters don't believe we are in the end times. We have been in the "last days" since the first appearing of Jesus, and we will be in the last days until He returns – but we nearing the *end* of those last days. We are in the end times.

In 2 Peter 3:3-4, we are told of the unbelief that will be around concerning the prophecy of Jesus' return:

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

If those who scoff do believe it's a *possibility* we are Faith On The Earth of Jesus' return, they still don't expect to see it in our lifetime. After all, in the realm of 6,000 years of human history, "around the corner" could even be a few centuries away.

I believe people scoff because they are holding onto earthly things. They are blinded by their earthly desires. Jesus told us to discern the signs of the times. The signs pointing to His return are all around us. Scripture tells us Israel will be reborn as a nation in the end times, and it was reborn in 1948. Scripture tells us Jerusalem will be the center of attention for the whole world, and it is today. Scripture also tells us to look for the love of many to wax cold. Jesus warned of increased earthquakes, wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilences. He told us families would be broken apart. There are too many prophecies in the Word that pertain to our day to mention – that would be another book of its own.

Concerning holding onto worldly things, 1 John 2:15-16 tells us:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Hold loosely the things of the world!

Although there are true Christians also who don't study Bible prophecy and have differing opinions on end times events, most often the Christian imposter scoffs at the idea that Jesus could return for the Church at any minute because they are holding onto the things of the world. But scripture is clear and needs to be examined in light of current events to get the truth in Bible prophecy.

Those without the Holy Spirit are attached to their homes, their jobs, their stock trades, their vacations, and think little of the heaven that awaits us after we pass from this earth.

I was taking a walk recently and ended up in a wealthy neighborhood with huge houses, more garage space than anyone could ever need, beautiful lawns and landscaping I'm sure a movie crew would want to discover someday. I asked God if in heaven, I could have a nice home in a nice neighborhood like this.

He spoke to my heart and told me I'd have a house much better than this – a perfect dwelling place with heavenly landscaping and more beauty surrounding me than I can even imagine. After all, Jesus said, “In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” (John 14:2)

We don't even have the tiniest understanding of what is to come in heaven. What we know from scripture is that it is a beautiful paradise of no tears, no sickness, and every heart's desire fulfilled. No human words would ever be able to do heaven justice. We'll just have to wait and see.

When I consider heaven, I am almost in a hurry to get there. When considering the world around us in comparison, I realize we are just living in an armpit. The world was meant to be a much better place, but sin entered in, and the devil is now the god of this world. There is no sin in heaven. There is no devil in heaven, no sickness, no death, no demons, no despair, no unfulfilling careers, no “bad days.”

Thank God that the true Christian has the Kingdom of heaven which takes root within the heart! But until we get there, we are “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ...” (Titus 2:13) He is our Redeemer, and He is coming for us. He is going to look for those who have been looking for Him. Christian imposters are not looking for Him, therefore He will not see them when He comes for His Church.

* As the world does, Christian imposters equate Catholicism with Christianity. All Catholics claim to be Christians, but instead of first serving

the One True God, they serve a religion that is based on works, showing up for church, and a commitment to the organization.

Catholicism, with its present practices, is apostate Christianity. It began centuries ago as a true Christian church. Over the years, it has strayed from original doctrine to the point that it too has a “form of godliness...denying the power thereof.” (2 Timothy 3:5) God’s true power, His Holy Spirit, is not present in the Catholic church of today.

Just a few fallacies of their doctrine follow: They believe that praying to a statue of Mary or Jesus will bring answers – this is having an idol, and another god above God; they call priests “Father,” when there is only one Father, and that is God; they believe the word of the Pope, a mere man, is infallible; and they believe that infant water baptism makes a child a Christian, but baptism in water is a decision everyone of proper discerning age must choose for themselves. It is a determination of repentance and willingness and desire to be in Christ. Does an infant understand this?

The Catholic church as an entity is not a true church as God intended. God intended His Spirit to permeate His true Church! The Catholic church serves other gods when elevating men and customs over God. In 1 Timothy 4:1-3, we read:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

It is interesting that Paul specifically mentions those who forbid to marry and command to abstain from meats. These are two practices of the Catholic church. Priests cannot marry, and on some occasions, Catholics are called to abstain from meats. He ends this passage by telling us that God gave these to us and we should be thankful for these gifts. They are reserved for “them which believe and know the truth.”

Catholics, no matter how kind and “good” they are, no matter how prevalent their churches are, do not have the Truth. Once a Catholic has truly given their hearts to Christ, they should leave the Catholic church and begin studying in a church that emphasizes the Bible and the life of Jesus, salvation by grace and truths understood by the Holy Spirit.

There have been many lawsuits recently concerning priests who molest young children, most often boys. If the church would allow priests to marry,

this may take care of some of the problem. Hebrews 13:4 tells us that “marriage is honourable in all...”. But even without their *deviant* sexual behaviors in the spotlight, we see their hearts are in a wrong place to begin with. The priests who committed these crimes never had the restraint to stay celibate because they never had the Holy Spirit within them.

How Christians can stay unmarried and celibate is by the Holy Spirit. When temptation comes, God has provided a way out. It is difficult for one in a human body, without the Spirit of God, to stay pure and away from sexual lust. Even Paul knew this, and he wrote, “But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.” (1 Corinthians 7:9)

The “priest scandal” is giving true Christianity a bad name. This is because the world views Catholics as true Christians. The world’s perspective is not to equate Catholics who are decent people with Christians who are walking their talk. The world’s perspective is to zone in on the negative behavior of a handful of Catholics, priests specifically, and equate that with Christianity, assuming that Christians are perverts and pedophiles. This has become an easy excuse for those who are used of the devil to bash the Christian faith.

Christian imposters are not affected by the world’s slanted view of equating Catholicism with Christianity, because they too equate the two. They may view a handful of “bad priests” as a handful of “bad priests” and say the rest of the Catholic church is OK.

* Imposters within the Christian church think New Age medical practices, psychological practices and philosophies are not harmful. They think nothing of tarot card readers, horoscopes or Ouija boards. When we allow ourselves to take part in anything that elevates mind over spirit, or surrenders our own spirit to one other than the Holy Spirit, we are going against God and we are inviting demons into our lives. We are not to consult with any other being in the spirit world except God, and that is through Jesus Christ, and by His Spirit.

Those within the Christian church who believe such New Age practices as martial arts, karate, yoga, hypnotism, acupuncture, magic, spiritualism, or holistic healing to name a few, are actually helpful do not know that in light of the Word of God, those who take part in these practices are sinning. Not only are they sinning, but they are going into a dangerous place in their minds, one that opens doors to demonic oppression. The New Age medical practices involve techniques that beckon an alternate life force or energy for healing. Jesus provided all the body needs for healing when He bore our sicknesses and took our infirmities on the cross (Matthew 8:17).

There are those who will go to a palm reader to learn of their future. The practice of palm reading and tarot cards and the like are an abomination to God. Deuteronomy 18:10-12 strongly condemns consulting those who claim to have special powers:

There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. (NKJV)

I've grouped many abominations in one short example because they all are a part of the New Age movement which seeks to destroy the truth of God in the hearts of man. God says we are to have no gods before Him. The New Age movement as a whole has become a god to many. It is absolutely unacceptable that anyone in the Christian church accept New Age practices of any kind. Most of these practices stem from some kind of false religion. It is the Holy Spirit discernment that keeps Christians away from these traps.

* Imposters don't believe that what we see on TV or in movies, read in magazines, or listen to on CD can be harmful.

Have you seen some of what they are putting on television these days? We could begin with the commercials that have taken a turn toward rock background music that is grating and discordant. Just flip channels and see if you can happen upon a few commercials. They are aimed at a young generation – those who will spend the money – and they attempt to blow out eardrums at the same time.

The lyrics of popular songs are getting raunchier than ever. Popular music has tackled everything from fornication to drug-induced trips to cheating to murder. Music has come a long way since Elvis Presley shook his hips a little and sang something fun. Many in this country were outraged *then*. Jim Morrison in the 1960s was told he couldn't sing the line "We couldn't get much higher" on TV, because it alluded to drug use. What is in music videos now, which can be seen any time of the day or night on MTV, is nothing but lewd sex, violence, profanity, drinking, drugs, and naked bodies.

Writers of sitcoms and TV dramas are including more lead homosexual characters and heterosexual characters with morals found in a whorehouse. Profane dialogue, sick humor, rude situations, and characters with no respect

for family or common human decency accompany the most meaningless plots ever come up with. The movies coming out of Hollywood are of the same kind of rubbish, except the writers get to throw in more naked bodies, use more explicit profanity, and are given carte blanche with the violence.

Mainstream magazine covers are looking more like *Playboy* covers, and the articles therein are even worse. Even news magazines are digging up more dirt on people than real news.

Christian imposters do not believe these types of entertainments can really get in and influence a person. They are absolutely 100% wrong. This is a simple formula, when describing input and output of the human: world in, world out; Word in, Word out. What comes out of a person is what has already been put into a person and processed. If the Holy Spirit is inside of a person, then according to Galatians 5:22-23, the fruits of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance — should flow out. If worldly entertainment is put inside of a person, what eventually flows out? A person's character is influenced by what the person sees. While they're laughing heartily at some sitcom humor, the content of the humor, if perverted, can sneak into the back door of their heart.

The more a person hears or sees something, they become desensitized to it, and it becomes acceptable, whereas perhaps before it was not acceptable. Sex, violence and profanity in entertainment change a person's character. True Christians can discern when they should not be watching something or listening to something.

Here are a few tests to determine a person's level of conviction:

Would you allow two strangers to come into your house and have sex on your living room floor? If not, then why do you allow this behavior to come out of your living room television?

Would you allow the neighbors to come over and spew every form of profanity at your children? If not, then why do you let these words come out of your television set, or out of the CDs you or your children listen to?

Christian imposters will not be seriously affected by these questions. A true Christian, if ever they have enjoyed certain worldly entertainment, will be convicted immediately.

* Christian imposters rely more on psychology, "self-help" books and seminars, TV personalities, sports figures and other famous people than they do God for their concerns and problems in life. They will quote Oprah Winfrey, Dear Abby, Tony Robbins or any movie actor/actress or recording artist as if they've just heard the most profound thing ever said.

There is nothing more profound than the Word of God. Within the Bible is every answer to every concern and every problem you could ever face. Within the Bible are the tools you need to get through the toughest of situations. The condition of being born again with the Spirit of God taking up residence within you is your key. It is the only key you will need. 1 John 2:27 tells us, “But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

Listening to mere man can get a person into trouble. If you believe words that come out of a celebrity’s mouth on the basis of their celebrity status, you could be believing a lie. When Oprah Winfrey emceed a “multi-faith” prayer meeting at Yankee Stadium, she said “I believe when someone dies, you gain an angel.” When referring to those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center terrorist attack, she said they were angels in heaven now and “They keep us in their sight.” The misguided crowd cheered wildly. The Bible does not say we will become angels. The Bible says that after death all mankind enters into an eternity either in heaven – where those who have trusted in Christ will have perfect spiritual bodies, and will each be the same person they were on earth – or hell, the eternal fire where there is “weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 24:51)

Christian imposters believe lies all the time, especially from famous people they have come to look up to, because they don’t know how to discern the truth from lies without the Holy Spirit. They are not able to weigh the counsel of the world with what is in the Word of God.

Who knows better than the God who created everything and everyone under the sun how to resolve a problem? But instead of taking problems to God in prayer, Christian imposters seek every popular worldly name they’ve heard of hoping to be inspired.

There is no inspiration like Divine inspiration. There is no wisdom except the wisdom that comes from God. There is no counsel that will bear fruit like the counsel received by Holy Spirit revelation.

* Science should only be used in order to either help people in gaining medical advancements that do not go against God’s commandments, or to prove that the Bible is true. Christian imposters have more of an interest in scientific “facts” than they do the Word of God.

Scientists “discovered” that humans evolved from apes. Scientists “discovered” by a flawed method of what they call carbon dating that there have been millions and billions of years of history on earth. A scientist

“discovered” the theory of a chaotic interplanetary “big bang” that formed a perfect solar system.

These are theories that could never be proven, but without the Holy Spirit witness on the inside, a person is unable to discern that they are “just theories.” Since these types of theories are presented as facts by people with commanding voices and high degrees from various universities, few people in the world question them. Few people, of course, except the true Christian.

The Bible says that God created man and woman in the beginning. According to the Bible, there have been 6,000 years of human history. The Bible says that God created the earth and the stars. God’s explanation is logical to the true Christian. God Himself even *created science* by simply creating. All human scientists try to do is figure out what He did. They have failed miserably in many areas.

Recently, an initiative has been made to go one step further than what God did. Scientists are cloning animals in the hope of playing God and cloning a human being soon, not giving thought to the idea that this cloned human being, not ordained of God, may not have a soul.

Christian imposters often accept many scientific theories that are impossible, and they consider some of the rest. They choose the theory they like best of “how we got here” and often intermingle a form of human religion and science that doesn’t add up. They do not consider that science in the wrong hands can be harmful. The Bible tells us that when mankind crosses certain lines set by God, mankind is judged.

When we who are Christians get to heaven one day, we will be able to ask God all the questions we had on earth – that is if they still matter to us anymore. All in the Bible would be proven true by science, if man had the means to do it. The means we have as Christians is the faith given to us by the Holy Spirit. Even something seemingly small like Isaiah 40:22 which refers to the earth as the “circle of the earth” was proven when men finally got the courage to sail around the globe instead of fearing they would fall off the ends of a flat earth.

* Christian imposters deny that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today. They believe that the gifts died out with the early church. There are also born again Christians who are blinded by the enemy and choose to not believe that the gifts of the Spirit are for today’s use. This belief on the part of the true Christian is a form of apostasy, which is a variation of what is true. Although not a flat-out denial of God, it is a denial of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Since spiritual gifts are only available to those who have trusted in Jesus

as Savior and have the Holy Spirit on the inside of them, a Christian imposter cannot possibly believe in miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit. They will believe miracles by some other kind of New Age force sometimes, or chalk up a rare occurrence as “unexplainable,” but miracles via Holy Spirit power are not discussed.

Jesus said in Acts 1:5, “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” and in Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

God’s promise to baptize with His Spirit in the last days was prophesied:

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

- Joel 2:28-29

As mentioned, we have been in the “last days” since the time Jesus was resurrected and returned to the Father. We are still in these last days. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are available once we ask in prayer for the Holy Spirit baptism. The gifts of the Spirit follow this baptism, and are operative in miracles. Christian imposters, and Christians blinded by the enemy have a hard time believing in miracles. But Jesus is the same today, yesterday and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

The following is an explanation of spiritual gifts by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and how they are dispersed:

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and

hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

* Christian imposters are more likely to argue their points heatedly than to quietly discuss issues. When an argumentative, defensive spirit rises up within a person, it is often a sign that Jesus Christ is not in their heart. The Holy Spirit is the One who restrains us in the midst of debate. When we have the Holy Spirit within, we have the Truth and are gentler in discussing issues or differences between church members and problems in society. True Christians do not demand their own way. They simply present what is true.

When Jesus went to the cross, He did not defend Himself. He had made all His statements of truth, brought the people a new Gospel, and declared Himself as the Son of God and bringer of salvation. The ones who tormented Him as He went to the cross did not need to hear any protest from Him, and He knew this. He didn't need to argue or try to free Himself, because He had the Truth to stand on and the Truth within Him.

There are so many petty arguments among church members in our society, and between different denominations, because people within the church are acting like those in the world. It is that "last word" mentality that doesn't want to hear the view or voice of another.

When true Christians are come against for declaring what is true, they know that all they can do is plant a seed. If it falls on deaf ears, they are not responsible. If Christian imposters believe false things of true Christians, God is the One who vindicates. People do not need to waste as much time as they do proving their points. What is true should be stated plainly, and perhaps passionately, but as the Spirit leads. What is true can be debated with those who lack the Truth, but should never be debated heatedly or in anger.

Reverend R.J. Rooney wrote in an article, "Church in America: On Angst & Awakenings": "It's funny how angry these stand-for-nothing-fall-for-anything 'Christians' can get and how vitriolic the language can become when their spiritual apathy and intellectual dishonesty is exposed."

That is the cause in a nutshell: Their intellectuality is more important to them than their spiritual standing with the One True God. People easily get heated when what is most important to them is challenged.

* Christian imposters don't believe all of the Bible is true. They believe some of the stories might be true, but may fall short of accepting the creation of Adam and Eve, due to aforementioned scientific "discoveries." They have a problem with the existence of the devil. They accept the existence of angels because of the New Age angel craze that has taken place in our society —and because a guardian angel is a nice thought — but they do not believe in the existence of the devil's cohorts, demons. They have a problem with the story of Jonah, because they've never seen a man swallowed by a whale and spit out.

Just because they've never seen it, does that mean it never happened? I've never seen or stepped foot in the other half of the world, but I believe the other half of the world exists.

If they cannot believe in the story of Jonah, being trapped in a whale for three days, how can they believe in the story of Jesus, who spent three days conquering hell and death, and then rose again?

Hebrews 11:6 tells us of God, "But without faith it is impossible to please him..." One must have faith in order to accept these and other truths in the Bible — and that faith pleases God. But without the Holy Spirit, the spirit of deception preys upon people, and they cannot have faith. People will believe what they want to believe, and not often that which is true.

If you cannot believe fully that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, then you cannot trust in Him as having died for your sins. You cannot believe fully in the Holy Spirit. You cannot believe fully in the Bible, the Word of God. You accept the parts you can accept in your own human thinking, and you throw out the rest.

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...*" (Emphasis added.) The Bible is a book of miracles. It is anointed writing, inspired of the Holy Spirit, and if one word of it is untrue, then the entire book is untrue. That then makes God, His Son, and His Spirit untrue to those who cannot believe.

ANOTHER JESUS

Regarding the deity of Jesus Christ, Christian imposters may be on the fence. Some believe He is the Son of God, and God incarnate – they just haven't invited Him into their hearts as Savior. Many believe He was just a good man, a prophet, a good person to emulate – and this is the most *detrimental* lie of them all.

The idea of Jesus, the “good man,” the “kind teacher,” the “cool dude,” is the preaching of “another Jesus”:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

- 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

Paul is warning the Corinthians not to believe anything about Jesus other than what has been preached according to the Holy Spirit. Just as Satan subtly creeps in to deceive anyone about anything, he can creep in just as easily attempt to deceive people into believing Jesus was just a man, and not the Savior of the world. Also, Galatians 1, verses 8 and 9 warns that anyone preaching “another Christ” or “another gospel” will be “accursed.”

True Christians have the Holy Spirit witness within them that could never, in faith and even in logic, believe that Jesus was just another man, or just another prophet. But coming is a day when all in the world will be deceived. Christian imposters will be part of this group, if they do not receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. 1 Corinthians 12:3 tells us that “no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.” The Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, is the only witness to the truth of Jesus’ Lordship.

The rejection of the deity of Jesus is what has led to the enormous lie in the next chapter, which is that “all roads lead to the same God.” Those who do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God do not believe He is the *only* Way to the Father. One lie gives way to another.

Christian imposters who buy into the “all roads lead to the same God” theory deny Jesus when they deny His words, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6) They deny His oneness with the Father which enables His exclusive rights to direct access to the Father, they deny His Spirit, and ultimately deny His deity.

The denial of the truth that Jesus is deity is caused by an antichrist spirit. This is the spirit that has been loose in the world since Jesus came upon the earth. What we see today is the spirit of antichrist on a much larger scale.

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us;

for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

- 1 John 2:18-22

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

- 2 John 1:7

The deceivers came “out from” the true Christian church, but they were never “of” the true Christian church. There is a line drawn between the true Christians and the Christian imposters that exist in various congregations and denominations. Many imposters have already left true Christian churches. Church membership has dropped off in many of these churches in recent years. Those imposters who are left will probably end up leaving eventually, as those who are true Christians contending for the faith get stronger and more united in their cause for Christ. Those who do not have the Holy Spirit of God eventually begin to see true Christians holding tightly to the Word as radicals.

Someday there will be a political leader that rules the whole world. This is the antichrist. CNN will probably have one of its polls to see what the world thinks of this new world leader. They do for every American president. Why not the leader of the world? When people are asked if the antichrist is doing a good job, he’s going to be in the 90+% ratings. He is going to be a deceiver of the whole world.

The “spirit” of this man is already in the world. The spirit of this man, the antichrist, seeks to destroy all the truth of Jesus, especially the truth of the deity of Jesus. Again we are reminded in 1 John that the Spirit of God paves the way to know and understand the Truth:

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should

come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

- 1 John 4:2-6

The spirit of error is rampant out in the world. It is rampant among Christian imposters, believing a little of this and a little of that, and misinterpreting the Word and misrepresenting Jesus.

The spirit of error is not within the true Christian church. God protects us from deception because we have chosen the Truth. The line has been drawn between His true children and those who are masquerading as His children.

We are in the last of the last days, and God is calling His people together for a final purpose. He is transforming us into the image of His Son Jesus as quickly as He can, so that we, as united believers of Truth, will stand in what lies ahead in the world.

I declare without doubt that Jesus is the Son of God, and *is* God. He is King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 17:14). He came to save the world from its sins, became sin for us, died on a cross and rose again to conquer death for us on the third day. We are saved and headed for a life in eternity if we believe in Him. We have within us His Holy Spirit if we have trusted in Him. We have healing, deliverance, and abundant life available to us if we have sought the Truth in Him.

If you too can say this, you are not deceived.

THE LIE OF THE MANY ROADS

An enormous lie heard from the imposters, especially today, is that “There are many roads to the same God.” This one is everywhere in our present world. It is the ideology behind the multi-faith prayer meetings which, especially since the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York, have escalated in number. This is when a group of people of different faiths, completely different backgrounds and beliefs, come together to pray to what they call “God.”

False religions, cults, apostate Christianity, and fraudulent Christianity are

all different. False religions do not adhere to any Christian doctrine at all – these are religions such as Islam or Hinduism. Apostates are those in and out of Christian churches who have defected from their faith. They once gave their heart to Christ, but strayed from their commitment to Him. They either attend a church or not, but they are lukewarm in holding onto their first commitment to Jesus because they allowed themselves to be swayed by other worldly doctrines.

Cults often practice a form of Christianity that is so blown out of the way of truth and centered on the organization rather than the doctrine that they cannot even be considered fraudulent Christianity. These are such groups as the Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormons.

We will not see many cult members, if any, attend a multi-faith prayer meeting. Cults usually don't want others invading their little world of false doctrine.

The people we see at multi-faith prayer meetings are those either of false religions, apostate Christianity, or fraudulent Christianity. They are lukewarm in their faith, whatever it may be. They don't know what the basis of their own religion is. If they did, they would realize that there is not "just one God" being served among all these religions and that it is impossible to get together with those of other faiths, pray, and reach the ears of the One True God.

Springing up all over the place on the platform of love, peace and freedom for all, are Buddhists, Hindus, imposter and apostate Christians, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, and any other who choose, who get together and pray together. If you believe like them that there are many roads to the One True God, then you in no way have in your heart the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said in John 14:6-7, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him." There is only one way to the Father, and that is through Jesus Christ. Only a true Christian with Holy Spirit discernment is able to grasp this and understand that it is Truth, and that Jesus Himself is Truth. Jesus is the only mediator between God and man. No religion or set of beliefs outside of Jesus and His Holy Spirit are going to bring us to right standing with God.

Who are they praying to, if the One True God is not hearing them? We either pray to God or to the devil. Well, God isn't listening to them. Their manmade, multi-faith religion is not of Him. There is no way these imposters and those of false religions can get together and pray in harmony.

Only in the Spirit of God is there harmony in prayer. Present in this

harmony is not only the ones who are praying, but the Father, Jesus, in whose name we pray, and the Holy Spirit, in whom we are able to communicate. This is true harmony.

I wonder sometimes what rings in the ears of God when He hears all the prayers of people who don't even know what they believe in. It must be as noise and chaotic chatter to Him. If only they would understand that there is only One Truth! This grieves Him greatly to see people turn themselves over to this great lie.

On TV shows and in the media we are hearing more than ever that human love reigns. What binds people together, they ask? It's a good heart and doing right, they say. They also say love binds, and it's the closest thing to truth they come up with. But the love they have in mind is not of God. It is a human love, almost a "free love" idea that sprung about in the 60's.

I thought the TV show *7th Heaven* was a good family show for the most part. I'd watch it once in a while. There is never any foul language or anything blatantly distasteful. The show centers around a Protestant minister and his wife, and the struggles they conquer in raising seven children in today's society. It's true to life in tackling issues such as teenage drinking, dating, or problems at school.

Understandably, Protestant is a vague term and is generally used to mean "Christian but not Catholic." So the world gets an impression of Christianity when watching this program – human kindness, respect for parents, that kind of thing.

Recently, a two-part episode put a stain on this otherwise relatively harmless program. The eldest son of the minister married a Jewish girl after knowing her a few days. The Jewish girl's father is a rabbi. Two young adults of completely different faiths, each with a father supposedly representing their respective faiths, marry and for one episode, cause mayhem between the families.

The minister, Mr. Camden, comes right out and tells his son, "All your life you've known one thing. That is Jesus." And later he says loudly, "You're not a Jew!" The rabbi has an equally difficult time adjusting to the idea of his daughter being married to a Christian.

Lo and behold, by the end of the episode in which the cliffhanger is satisfied, human love is elevated above any spiritual differences and both families come together with a warm and fuzzy feeling. Both families go to the synagogue after a dinner of kosher food and the rabbi gives the minister a chance to speak. They both tell of the common bond of human love that binds the two newlyweds and their families. The inference to be gathered is that it doesn't matter what one believes in spiritual matters – it is human

love, not the love of God, that reigns. There is an audacity also in the presumption that all this is “OK with God.”

This is just one example of the subtle plugging the multi-faith human love theology that elevates man’s ideas over God’s Truth. We will see many more similar examples in the near future.

Yes, human feelings, emotions and love are all real, and they have merit. Accepting our fellow man in kindness and giving to our fellow man will always make us feel great. But these things do not constitute a workable doctrine or religion. In and of themselves, they do not constitute a blueprint for living life. They do not even consider what comes after this life.

Without the Spirit of God, all belief systems are human ideologies doomed to fail. With the Spirit of God, *life is added* to feelings, emotions, love, and giving. And added to that is the assurance of eternal life after death.

I need to state also, the example of the 7th Heaven TV show is in no way to come against Jewish people or friendships between Jews and Christians. The one difference between Jews and those of false religions, cults, and fraudulent Christianity, is that they *do* serve the same God as Christians. They do adhere to a faith of the One True God.

But they are in error because they miss the rest of the story. They stopped reading in the middle of the book. Jews also need salvation through Jesus Christ – they also need to be born again, or born of the Spirit, in order to see the Kingdom of God. My prayer for the Jews is that they come to Jesus, and come quickly. God loves the Jews – they are His chosen people and He has a special purpose for them. But without the Spirit of God, they will not fulfill God’s special purpose!

With that said, there is still no green light by God for Jews and Christians to marry each other. One group has the Spirit of God, and the other doesn’t. To God, this is an unequal yoke, and He is not in favor of unequal yokes.

And the multi-faith movement of human theology is a vast, unequal yoke of immense proportion. All religions coming together as one, and with the belief that all roads lead to the same destination, or same God, is the unequal yoke that is going to break the camel’s back so to speak. God is going to send judgement upon the world for this grave error He refers to as fornication.

Actually, referring to this religion as fornication is treating it mildly. This religion is called a harlot, the ultimate fornication. This religion is the *Abomination*.

Remember, these are the days of having a form of godliness, but denying the real power of the real God. There is a lie that the imposter Christians will

share with the rest of the world. People are either seeking “faith,” or they're seeking the Truth. Those who are seeking Truth will find Jesus. Those who are seeking “faith” are finding the abomination, and falling prey to the new world religion. Revelation 17:4-5 describes this “harlot”:

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

This philosophy that is rapidly growing is also of the New Age genre. Even UN representatives were quoted as saying, “A basic tenet for peace is tolerance and compassion.” Jesus had compassion, the compassion that came from the Father. But in the new doctrine of the new world, compassion on the human level is elevated over the compassion of God. This new religion takes “tolerance” to a new level. It sounds wonderful to those who only halfheartedly practice their own religions. It's great for someone who wants to jump on the bandwagon and say, “Yeah, I have faith too!” It's a love-peace-and-freedom-for-all doctrine that has nothing to do with TRUTH. It's a feel good, love-your-neighbor, humanistic religion, and God calls it “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT.”

As Jude reminded the Christians of his day of what destruction came to those who turned their backs on God, so does Revelation 19:2 tell of the destruction that is coming to all those who elevate human theology and lies over the truths of God:

For true and righteous are his judgements: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Kathleen Hayes wrote in *Doorway To Darkness - The New World Order Takes Shape*, “Remember: nine-tenths of rat poison is nutritious. It's the one-tenth that is lethal. So it is with New Age concepts.”

This new world religion coming is referred to as a whore, or harlot, because it is taking people down an alternate path intended by God. People are “cheating” on the Truth. Instead of believing in the Bible, and seeking God, people are “committing adultery” in another religion.

Born again Christians would never, could never allow themselves to be a

part of this final worldwide religion. They have the Restrainer within them. They have the Holy Spirit of God that would not allow them to commit such spiritual adultery.

The imposter Christian church will be part of this final worldwide religion because they do not have the Holy Spirit of God within them. They make up their own minds. They do not follow God's path. They elevate the carnal over the spiritual. And they still sit in Christian churches, having "crept in," making a stain on true Christianity.

The World Council of Churches of Christ is something to be aware of, because it is filled with imposter Christians. Considering the realm of them, we need not to discern who among them is truly a Christian and who is not. Born again Christians, *because* of their discernment in the Spirit, are not part of this assembly.

Participating in its undertakings are various sects of each of the following: Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Orthodox Christian, Catholic, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Reformed Church of America, Serbian Orthodox, United Church of Christ, Mennonite, Seventh-Day Adventist, among many others. When you consider that each denomination has within it various divisions of doctrines, this can only be a meshing of Christian theologies that, when put together, contradicts many truths of the Bible.

As true Christians under a righteous God, we need to be aware of the imposters, especially in light of the worldwide religion that has emerged, but as well pray for them to find the Truth in Christ. There is still hope for some of them. We must pray together that God's Truth prevails.

Jack Kinsella of Hal Lindsey Ministries wrote in an April 2002 *Omega Letter* about the antichrist system to come that it "is an economic system, but also a system of worship. The false prophet (Revelation 13:11) has two horns like a lamb (symbolic of Christianity – the Lamb of God) but speaks as a dragon (Satan). A counterfeit Christianity comes preaching another Jesus and a different gospel (2 Corinthians 11:4). That is already well entrenched in mainstream Christian denominations that teach salvation by works, church membership or ritual."

Welcome to the imposters among us. The day of a great choice is here: It's either Jesus Christ, or it's the harlot.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

This book was not written to condemn anyone. It was to make us aware of the imposters among us for a few reasons.

One, we must pray for them. They come to church and claim Christianity – let’s pray that the Holy Spirit really does a work within them and that they, instead of going out from among us, will accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and live with us on the side of Truth.

Two, we must not heed them. There are many facets to their many doctrines, and they are all worldly beliefs. We have to hold onto the Truth that we know, and do all we can to stay on the right path for God.

The world’s way of instant gratification, unholy relationships, greed, pride of life, lies, hypocrisy and selfishness are *very sadly* sometimes easy to follow. But God’s way is the only way to eternal life. He gave us His Word and His Spirit to reap from. He gave us all we need to conquer all obstacles in this world – and even out of this world. We have authority over the enemies of God, Satan and his demons.

And all this is only available *through* Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

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HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

First, know that Christianity is not a religion. It is our relationship with the one Christ, who is Jesus, the Son of God. God does not want us honoring traditional religious customs if we do not have Him in our hearts. He wants our hearts in tune with Him. He wants our hearts first, and then He instructs us of His will for us.

We cannot please God with the keeping of traditions alone, or going to church alone. If our hearts are not seeking Him, our works mean nothing to Him. We are as heathens.

If a child doesn’t have respect for his parents - if he does chores out of the blue, for example, out of duty, or to appear “good” - then that child may have an ulterior motive. Does he expect something in return? Is it a surface appearance the child seeks?

Well, it’s the same with our relationship with God. We should never reason that God wants our works more than He wants our hearts. The definition of legalism, according to our friend Webster, is “the doctrine of salvation by good works.”

Do we want the occasional pat on the head from God, or do we want to KNOW GOD and have a good relationship with Him? Do we want to call

Him “Father”? Do we want to trust Him with our lives?

A person who loves the truth and who seeks the truth will please God.

Jesus said, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

How do we become born again?

“...Whosoever believeth in him (Jesus) should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:15)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (You’ve all heard that one, right? It’s John 3:16.)

Let’s continue:

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:17)

Jesus died to pay the price for our sins. All you have to do is accept this free gift. Give your life, and your heart to Jesus, and thank Him for being sinless to take away your transgressions. First, REPENT. Admit that you are a sinner (according to Romans 3:23, “All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”) and you need cleansing, and accept Jesus’ death and resurrection as your cleansing!

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” These are Jesus’ words in John 14:6.

God wants our hearts! He is pleased with our simple prayer to receive salvation, and He guides us from there.

Any further questions may be addressed to Faith On The Earth, and we’ll supply you with help to further your new Christian walk.

We’ll leave you with this from Romans 10:9-10: “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

If you’ve repented and accepted Jesus as your Lord, tell someone today! You’ll be glad you did.