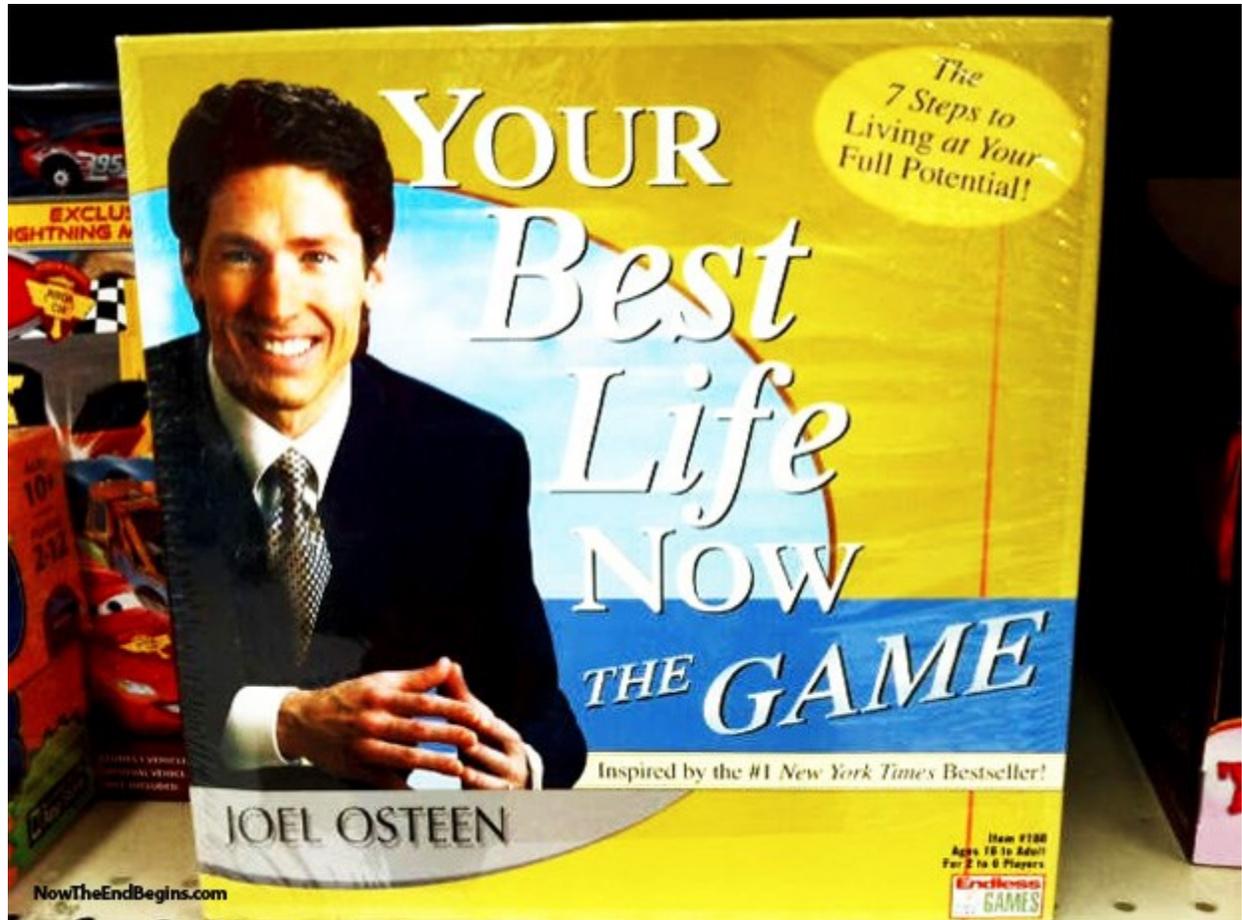


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THE PUPPET PREACHER & THE DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND

Sells his Soul for Fame and Gold



JOEL OSTEEN FLASHES NEW WORLD ORDER HAND SIGN! the triangle

Joel Osteen told Larry King concerning people who do not believe in Jesus and thus lost and not heaven bound: "I don't know if I believe they are wrong." This is a slap to the face of God who sent His only Son to die a bloody death on the cross for us. Osteen is a clown. He is no preacher in my book. Your thoughts? Osteen is a pagan religionist. ¹

Games that have absolutely nothing to do with the Bible or Jesus have become the metaphysical capture of the souls and minds of the youth are secret goals to turn them to another gospel; another spirit and another Jesus capture them into global citizens. Figments of the imagination and children' false religious impressions are escalating because our Christian churches and many spiritual leaders are sleeping."

Dr. Holliday claims, "Children are direct targets of Satan's darkness because parents are walking in agreement with his evil tactics. Sadly, in many instances, the Church leadership is spiritually bankrupt concerning truthful Biblical teaching and using its power of discernment concerning his fiendish powers. The Bible cautions *'Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,'* (Isa. 5)."2

OSTEEN'S CRAZY CHRISTIANITY

Something terrible is happening in many so-called Christian churches and these crazy charismatic, worship leaders as gods have drained finances and spiritually spell-blinded people away from true ministers of God. They have gotten a harvest of lost souls for the Devil.

I bind the paranormal powers of this goofy man and bind all the blinding spells over the minds of the people following him in Jesus' name. I beg you Lord God that you will have mercy for their souls. What does it profit a false prophet if they gain the entire world and lose their own soul...? Unfortunately, this spiritually blinded man is taking a bunch to hell with him. The blooms on the tares' vines are blooming and now the wheat can see them.

WORD OF FAITH DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

"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," (I Jn. 2:18).

When you think of the antichrist, I'm sure that like most people, you think of the evil end time ruler that is to come. However, John says there are many antichrists. How can that be? Anti-Christ doesn't mean opposite of Christ, it means in place of Christ. Any person who puts himself in place of Christ in your life is operating in the spirit of antichrist. And as John said there are many of them already in the world!

COPELAND ~ HAGIN ROOT

Kenneth Hagin & Kenneth Copeland - Pentecostal Bedlam

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SgByE0pX1M>

Many Christian teachers sincerely believe that they have found a new advanced stage of Christian thought. Really, they have drifted far from the very foundations of the Christian Faith and have joined the great plot of Satan, the Master Strategist, to capture (1) men of science, (2) men of business and (3) men of religion.

Tremendous numbers of people are caught up in this great deception, pleading that they are merely "researching" "Natural mind sciences."

While these "new philosophies" should be considered dangerous, many Christian leaders have received them with open arms as the answer to life's complex problems. They have been weakening the gospel message and worse yet, causing great confusion among the brethren.

This is a call for the Church leadership to resist these strange forces capturing the hearts and minds of its people and for the Church to spring to action to defeat these enemies of religious truth.

During the end-time apostasy, it is prophesied that many church leaders will be led astray, those who follow false teachings will suffer an unhappy fate (Matt. 7:22, 23).

I weep when I hear some of the disgusting things that are passing as Christianity ministry today. Yesterday, I heard of a certain church that was doing a very weird thing. The women were on the floor screaming, rolling and travailing on her knees, trying to bring about a “spiritual revival,” to her church. Meantime, the men were holding on to their legs to help her, “birth the spiritual baby of revival.”

Where is that in the Bible?

I was in a meeting recently and a woman began to walk by and forth, casting witches fire balls into the Christian meeting. The leader said, “Pay no attention to her, she just releasing the Holy Ghost!” Actually, she was a witch releasing demons into the air. Another deliverance minister and I laid our hands up and bound that evil spirit. The evil activity stopped!

DENIAL OF JESUS AS GOD IN THE FLESH

HAVE YOU REPLACED JESUS AS GOD FOR A MAN?

NOT MY CALLING TO PREACH JESUS AND HELL- GUESS WHO?

JESUS IS JUST MAN

In “Jesus Christ Superstar,” Mary Madelyn was singing, “I don’t know why I love Him? He’s just a man. . . I don’t know I need Him ... He’s just a man.....” He is not God...

The Word of Faith people are singing this song today.

Now to my recollection, preachers have always taught and preached that Jesus came to earth both Man and God, not merely man.

KENNETH COPELAND

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves, should not the shepherds feed the flocks,” (Ezek. 34:1-2)?

Jesus didn’t come as God, He came as a man, and He did not come perfect. (Creflo Dollar Ministries: World Changers, (12/8/2002).

Dollar teaches that we are gods, “You’re not a sinner saved by grace you sons and daughters of the most-high God. You are gods’!”

Don’t believe their lies. *“And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil,” (Gen 3:4-5).*

“But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 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,” (Jude 1:10-11).

WOLVES THAT DENY JESUS AS GOD

As I look around the world of religion in our society one thing has become very clear. The masks of the false shepherds of the apostate church are coming off. More and more the false prophets of today’s religious establishment are showing themselves to be the wolves that they truly are. In years past it has taken great discernment to see and hear the little bits of leaven they have used to poison their flocks. But lately it seems the apostasy is much more open.

A couple of the most blatant examples of this APOSTASY is Joel Osteen and T.D. Jakes. Both were recently given an opportunity to boldly proclaim the gospel that Jesus was the way back to God on the national stage. Osteen in fact was given that opportunity twice, once on the Larry King Show and again on the ABC daytime show the View. Jakes also had his chance during a lengthy interview on National Public Radio. Both were asked during the course of the interview if they believed that Jesus was the only way to heaven. They don’t want to judge!

Neither would say that Jesus is the way the truth and the life and that no man comes to God except by him. Both of these wolves in sheep’s clothing left room for some to come to God another way.

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,” (Jn. 14:6).

YE ARE LITTLE GODS

Will you follow a man and women that denies that Jesus came in the flesh as God in the flesh? Or would you follow the teachings of a man that wants you to believe the New Age lie that you are little gods?

“Pa Pa” Kenneth Hagin was a Word of Faith preacher. He claimed to be a prophet called by God Himself. Kenneth believed in the following beliefs: Christians are little gods. Jesus didn’t pay for our sins on the cross and he had to finish the job of atonement in hell.

The Bible says in (Heb. 9:22), *“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”* DID YOU SEE, WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION (for your sins).

Hagin also led an entire generation to seek God for worldly riches instead of Jesus. He says, “If Christians are not healthy and wealthy it is because of their lack of faith or knowledge. Christians have control over their lives by the words that they speak. If they speak sickness and poverty, they will be sick and broke. Therefore, if a Christian speaks blessings and healing they will be healthy and have wealth.”

Really, according, (Matt. 16:26), *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole*

world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Hagin goes on to spread his false assessment of the atonement of Jesus for the human soul. "He [Jesus] tasted **spiritual death** for every man. And **His spirit and inner man** went to hell in my place. Can't you see that? **Physical death wouldn't remove your sins.** He's tasted death for every man. He's talking about tasting spiritual death." (Ken Hagin, *"How Jesus Obtained His Name."*)

Hagin boldly denounces the need for the adoption of the need for the cross of Jesus. He says, **"The trouble with us is that we've preached a 'cross' religion and we need to preach a 'throne' religion.** By that I mean that people have thought they were supposed to remain at the cross. Some have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, have backed up to the cross, and have stayed there ever since . . . **The cross is actually a place of defeat,** whereas the Resurrection is a place of triumph. **When you preach the cross, you're preaching death, and you leave people in death."** (Ken Hagin, *"The Believer's Authority,"*. Second Edition 1986)

Author's note: **My dear friends. If Satan had known that through the cross and his Slaughter of Jesus that it opened the pathway to our salvation, he'd never kill our Lord Jesus Christ.**

To top off his twisted gospel, "Pa Pa" Hagin went on to sell the lie that Satan sold to Eve, **"Ye shall be like god . . ."** This exactly the same lie that every New Ager is selling those who are perishing today.

Hagin distorts the Bible again when he says, "Originally, God made the earth and the fullness thereof, giving Adam dominion over all the works of His hands. **In other words, Adam was the god of this world.** Adam committed high treason and sold out to Satan, and Satan, through Adam, became the god of this world . . . Now Satan has a right to be here and be god of this world until 'Adam's lease' runs out."³

This uneducated, self-taught man, who doesn't have a clue about salvation, atonement, redemption, justification, heaven or hell, lead a great body of people into the trap of false religion.

"The believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth."⁴

Kenneth Hagin has some really unbelievable beliefs doesn't he? Yet, he has been followed by dozens of men who continue on. Men who have followed in Kenneth Hagin's footsteps are Kenneth Hagin Jr., Kenneth Copeland, Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, Creflo Dollar, Joyce Meyers and many more.¹²

OSTEEN ~ "I DON'T GET DEEP AND THEOLOGICAL"⁵

Television makes champions and idol stars out of heretics and religious backslidden Christians who gather false teachers to tickle their ears in order to continue to live in sin and idolatry. God's people are to be separate from the pagan nations. In (II Cor. 6:14-15 the Apostle Paul warns the Church:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?”

Joel Osteen continually refuses to duck sidestep the truth and use the power of doubletalk to the world when interviewed on shows such as, “Larry King Live”.

Christians have willingly remained blinded to Osteen’s spiritual heresies because his message gives the special spiritual license for them to remain living in the flesh. They are chasing their kingdom prosperity on this earth of “Better Homes and Garden Christianity” instead of preaching to the lost the truth of seeking Jesus, the Savior of their souls. It is frustrating to me that if people would take time to open their Bibles when these false teachers are spewing their warped gospel, they’d see their twisted

“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire,” (II Pet. 2:19-22)

OPRAH SERVANTS OF GOD OF THIS WORLD

He's been called America's most influential spiritual leader. Tune in Sunday, January 8, at 9/8c to see Oprah talk with Joel Osteen and his wife, Victoria, about faith, marriage, power and ego.⁶

‘Are you inviting negative energy into your life? Oprah and Pastor Osteen discuss the power of positive thinking; plus, find out how to make the best of a bad situation.

Welcome Pastor Joel Osteen!

"Your life is how you see it, and that is what we're going to learn today. We're going to change the way we see our lives!" – Oprah

"Anything is possible if you have the faith to believe it." - Oprah

Oprah, you and Joel Osteen have changed my life forever!⁷

"Whatever follows 'I am' going to come looking for you."⁸

Oprah’s statement in no way shows a conversion to Jesus Christ but it does reveal that she understands Joel Osteen’s message which reveals just simple New Age/New Thought that your mind can bring success. “Just follow me,” Osteen believes and your life will improve. Jesus is not in this picture.

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves,” (Matt. 7:15)

T. D. JAKES GOES NEW AGE

The belief in Jesus Christ is the basic principle of Christianity. However, Oprah is not a Bible-believing Christian. She has created a Jesus that suits her own personal tastes. In fact from her own statement, one does not have to believe in Jesus or God to go to Heaven. They can just believe in “The Light.” Here she is outlining New Age Doctrine once again through her prior series of online classes: ⁹

Oprah Winfrey has been called “America’s pastor.” She is one of the most powerful and influential people on the planet. And to many she is perceived as a voice of Christianity. But the spirituality she promotes is New Age. The New Age Movement (the spiritual branch of the Illuminati) is premised on 3 basic ideas: 1) God is in everything 2) You have a divine spark in you which through various methods and rituals can be accessed and utilized and 3) once utilized, you have the ability to become a god. Oprah is one of the biggest promoters of New Age doctrine. Here is Oprah denying the Bible’s teaching that salvation only comes in Jesus Christ: ¹⁰

T.D. Jakes – Prosperity Gospel Preacher Goes New Age; Prosperity Gospel Preacher T.D. Jakes has now officially yoked himself with the New Age Movement as he has joined Oprah Winfrey’s roster of New Age mystics and gurus for her “Life class Series.” Jakes, who is famous for saying [“Jesus is the product”](#) when referring to his multi-million dollar media empire which includes books, movies and his Potter’s House Prosperity Gospel church, is now selling his wares to Oprah Winfrey’s mega-audience of devoted followers. And in Jakes’ preaching on “Purpose” and how to find it, there is no mention of the name of Jesus Christ. **Oprah: is considered a New Age High Priestess**

CHANNELLING A DEAD SPIRIT

Oprah is famous but spiritually ignorant! She offered herself to demon possession in order to better play a part in her movie, *Beloved*, and she will lead millions into hell.

“Oprah had explained to me when we originally met that it was her goal and intention to channel the spirit of Margaret Garner...,” recalls *Beloved*’s Director, Jonathon Demme, who is also the director of *The Silence of the Lambs*. This very infusion of humanity past accounts to a significant degree for Oprah’s stunning alchemy, her astonishing abandonment of self in her *Beloved* performance.” Oprah Winfrey preaches a New Age Gospel that says any leader can be a Jesus. She says there are many paths to Heaven. 11

When you seek after information from the powers of darkness, it is considered an extremely serious sin as God sees it as going after other gods. It will totally cut you off from friendship with God.

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ? And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works,” (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Jeremiah says that idolatry makes us look foolish and causes us to become as worthless as the idols we worship. Do our contemporary idols make us act foolishly? If so, how? How can we grow worthless by placing our faith in something less than God? *"Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit,"* (Jer. 2:11).

Oprah's Production Company "Harpo" is "Oprah" spelled backward, thus showing a secret following for the teachings (the law of reversal) of another occultist Aleister Crowley. Mr. Crowley, called himself, "the most wicked man that ever lived," still speaks from the grave.

OPRAH AND DEMONIC POSSESSION

Oprah freely confesses to demonic possession as a tool to enhance her influencing performances before the camera. She said: "I tried to empty myself and let the spirit of Sethe inhabit me... Every morning, before my scenes, I lit candles and said the names of these slaves. I prayed every day to the ancestors."

Oprah sought after demonic possession in order to elicit a superior acting performance whereby she might gain a greater influence over her viewers. "Beloved's" Director, Jonathon Demme, who is also the director of *The Silence of the Lambs*, recalled. Oprah's slogan says, "Evolve or die," on her global television network, A New Earth Network where "everything is free."¹²

A new video which features popular talk show host Oprah Winfrey denying Jesus as the only way to God has received over 5 million views on several reporting video sites.

The approximately seven-minute video entitled, "The Church of Oprah Exposed," was posted less than a month ago and has claimed the Top Favorites spot in the News & Politics category of a popular social networking site.

According to reports, many of the latest visitor streams come from PerezHilton.com, a Hollywood gossip blog, whose author wrote that "crazy Christians" are trying to demonize Oprah as a "conduit of evil."

However, the 'new age' philosophy the video attributes Oprah with spreading has been a cause of concern for many Christians for some time. Many believe the day-time host is leading many into spiritual confusion by distorting the gospel message of Christianity.¹³

It is very dangerous to follow spiritually blinded people. Turn Oprah off. Would you sit in the parlor of a fortune teller; a coven of a witch; or a church teaching the principles of Satan? Oprah has a program on faith and values that many believe that she may be starting her 'own cult.' She is no longer just a talk show host or an entertainer. She is no higher than the local psychic with the big hand hanging outside advertising demonic information for your dark soul. She may have more fame, money but her information will take you to hell.

SPIRITUAL CRACK

Bill Keller, an internet-based program on faith and values, believes Oprah may be starting

her 'own cult.'

When speaking with the Celebrity News Service, Keller said, "I believe these New Age teachings are like 'spiritual crack' because people are hungry," Keller continued to say. "The teachings satisfy. (But) then they are hungry again." 14

A MILLION WAYS TO HEAVEN

On her television show Oprah Winfrey has been pushing a new book by Eckhart Tolle called *A New Earth*. In fact, Oprah has now taken up preaching as a new past time and has determined in her own mixed-up mind there are now millions of ways to get to heaven.¹⁵

This is so sad because Oprah is a hero of tens of millions of television viewers and she is expressing her own Biblical beliefs without any understanding of the Bible. Oprah has in effect denied the teachings of the Bible and of Jesus Christ by asking her viewing audience, "How can there be only one way to heaven or to God?"

When a lady in her audience asked "What about Jesus," Oprah defiantly answered her by repeating the question, "What about Jesus?" Oprah went on to explain how she had been a Baptist until she heard a charismatic Pastor make the statement that God was a jealous God. She told her viewers in her opinion God was simply love and God being described as a Jealous God made her really stop and think.¹⁶

Don Swarthout, President of Christians Reviving America's Values said, "Oprah Winfrey has in reality just exposed her own lack of understanding about the God of Christianity. God may be a God of love, but he is also a God of justice and judgment." 17

Don Swarthout said, "The point is there are millions upon millions of Christians in the United States who thoroughly believe what Jesus taught in the Bible and for Oprah to come out against that teaching so strongly is simply appalling. Oprah should really stop to think before she goes off preaching her own unfounded beliefs to the world on her show."¹⁸

"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you. Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul...?" (Deut. 11:16-18a).

Meanwhile, America's favorite talk show host, Oprah Winfrey, is being used by Satan to transform the world into a new faith . . . the faith of pure unadulterated witchcraft.

ARMY OF EVIL SPIRITS

The Spirit of God revealed to John in a vision that in the last days, demon spirits would be released upon the earth which would go forth to deceive the world. (Rev. 16:13-14), *"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."*

These three spirits that John saw represent lying, deceiving, seducing demon spirits that are

going to be released by Satan. (Rev. 16:14), *“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...”*

The Body of Christ is facing the most horrendous, Satanic and demonic greater battle than at any other time in history. It will be a time of intensified spiritual warfare where demons will manifest themselves and will fight in direct confrontation with God’s people.

The Lord Jesus told us in (Matt. 10:22), *“And ye shall be hated of all men for. My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”* And then in (Matt. 6:33), He said, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness . . .”*

It may be true that some Christians do not know that they are supporting witchcraft practices and many have believed that by ignoring the Devil will make him disappear. The biggest problem in the Western Church is that they do not take the powers of witchcraft seriously. They generally believe that it is not real or just fantasy and make believe. Others believe that if witches and wizards were real with demonic powers, it could not have any affect upon them because they are Christians. Actually, they are right. Witchcraft can only have power over a Christian only if he or she has open doors. These are doors of sin in their lives or doorways of stepping onto Satan’s territory. Witchcraft is Satan’s territory.

BIBLE BASICS

Americans must return to the basics of the Bible.

What did the Son of God say of such spiritual spinelessness as being presented by Joel Osteen and others? *“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels,”* (Mk. 8:38).

He simply doesn’t know God’s Word or he has such a weak relationship with Jesus that he doesn’t possess enough spiritual processes to have the bold unction of the Holy Spirit to declare the truth in love. Has Osteen ever been authentically born again? After all, in this interview he tells Larry King “I have always believed.” In the absence of any profession of faith like “was born in sin but have now been born again/saved/washed in the blood of Jesus”, one must wonder. Was Joel born like only Jesus was - sinless? Or, does he have the sin nature like all of Adams descendants? - “All have sinned,” (Rom. 3:23). If Osteen was born in sin like the rest of us, then he must be born again to be in God’s kingdom. Why no mention? How can one “have always believed” if we are all born in sin? (See Romans 5:12).

Osteen also says “I can’t judge somebody's heart. I'm just going to let God be the judge of that. I don’t know... Don’t know...”

Okay, we all know God is the real Judge, but what did GOD tell us so clearly in His Word? Did the Almighty mean what He told us in His Word? What did God tell us about the things Mr. King was asking Osteen about such as Muslims and atheists going to Heaven, homosexuality, etc.?

Didn't God give us His Word on these things and "all things that pertain to life and godliness"? (II Pet. 1:2-4) Of course He did and yet Osteen copped out in order to protect his own self-serving agenda and reputation, and desire for fame instead of losing his life/reputation as Christ commanded we must do to be His disciple, (Lk. 9:23-24; Jn. 12:14-25). If this isn't a denial of Christ, then what is?

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms," (Psa. 95: 1-2).

DESERTION

Joel Osteen, the senior pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston, has the largest congregation in America. He promises, "We believe that your best days are ahead. God has great plans for you and we want to be there to help encourage you along the way." However, is he preaching the Word of God or motivation secular teachings to help everyone go for their thoughts and the American dream? Paul challenge to the careless preachers of our day such as Joel Osteen who handles God's Word for fame and money.

In this piece [from The Conservative Voice](#) concerning [Joel Osteen](#) and his man-centered message Rev. Michael Bresciani observes: The word apostasy is derived from the Greek word apostasies which literally means "desertion."

Ken Silva writes, "Unquestionably America's "smiling pastor" [Joel Osteen](#) appears to be a very nice and sincere man. In the introduction to his latest book *Become A Better You* Osteen writes, "while I can't guarantee that you will become rich and famous, I can assure you that if you follow [the seven keys within this book], you will live a more fulfilled life" (xv). One could ask, "What's wrong with that?" On the surface I will say nothing.¹⁹

And as I have previously pointed out [Joel Osteen: Apprising His Word Faith Teachings](#) if Osteen said that he was only a motivational speaker I would have zero to say about him. But he doesn't; Joel Osteen also claims to be a pastor, and you will see in this piece that he has followed in the Word Faith footprints of his late father John Osteen.²⁰

Mr. Silva quotes [An overseer] must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it, for there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers... (Titus 1:9-10 ESV).

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not," (II Pet. 2:1-3).

As previously cited in [Does Joel Osteen Meet the Qualifications Of A Pastor](#) here at [Apprising Ministries](#) when he was on 60 Minutes recently Osteen literally says that's not "my gifting." Interviewer Byron Pitts first noted:²¹

Osteen preaches his own version of what is known as the “prosperity gospel” – that God is a loving, forgiving God who will reward believers with health, wealth and happiness. It’s the centerpiece of every sermon. ([Online source](#))²²

And then Pitts presses Osteen as he points out the heart of Osteen’s man-centered message:

To become a better you, you must be positive towards yourself, develop better relationships, embrace the place where you are. Not one mention of God in that. Not one mention of Jesus Christ in that, “That’s just my message. There is scripture in there that backs it all up. But I feel like, Byron, I’m called to help people...how do we walk out the Christian life? How do we live it? And these are principles that can help you. I mean, there’s a lot better people qualified to say, ‘Here’s a book that going to explain the scriptures to you.’ I don’t think that’s my gifting,” Osteen says.²³

While commenting on this above disclosure by Joel Osteen on [Pyromaniacs](#) the other day Phil Johnson makes the following astute observation:

Isn’t that an admission from his own lips that he doesn’t fit the basic biblical qualifications to be a pastor in the first place? ([Online source](#))²⁴

SMILING FALSE PROPHET

Smiling And Telling People What They Want To Hear

Indeed it is, but that doesn’t seem to matter much for many in the apostatizing evangelical community. And it certainly matters not to Osteen’s huge contingent of admiring fans *wanting to have their ears tickled* (see–II Tim. 4:3) by his man-centered teachings, which are actually a cross between [Robert Schuller](#) and [Kenneth Copeland](#). In fact, in the excellent article [‘Success’ Happens When The World Is Your Twin](#) my friend Jim Bublitz of [Old Truth.com](#) shows that Osteen’s message meshes quite nicely with that of self-help guru Tony Robbins, who is not even a professing believer in Christ.²⁵

GOSPEL MERCHANDISERS

There are many "wolves in sheep's clothing" these days whose chief purpose is to defame the name of Jesus Christ. They work to lead people to doubt the Bible and depart from the true mission of the Church. They use philosophy of men, mysticism, liberal cults, atheism and agnosticism to nullify and discredit the teaching of the Word of God. They work diligently to get rid of Bible Doctrine. These so-called "Christians," by questioning the authority of the scriptures and the claims of the Savior are great signs of the eminent return of Jesus Christ!²⁶

The Church does have the power of Jesus, His Name and His Word. Unfortunately, where there is truth you will have those who are wolves in sheep's clothing. There are many so-called "faith healers" who camouflage themselves as Christians and use God's hurting people as merchandise to enhance their so-called ministries. The Church must begin to see the real from the false and cleanse itself.

The merchandisers of God's people are sitting upon financial empires that will topple by the hand of God. God's true anointed ministers have nothing to fear because the Lord will back them with great power to perform his work. The sad part of the Popoff affair is that the cleansing

comes from a humanist group instead of the Body of Christ. The world is looking but in the name of "unity" the church is accepting any error or personality that chooses to call itself "Christian." God help us in these days of darkness.

The seducers are on the move but the Church must bring to remembrance the warning of the Apostle Paul when he wrote: *"There were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be false teachers among you, who shall be bring in damnable heresies . . . "* (I Pet. 2:1).

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Sadly, Christians are falling into the traps of Satan through their trust of wealthy, prominent, religious men and women who no longer preach Jesus Christ or the Bible. In these last days many Christians have not had their mind renewed through the Word of God. They have not been sanctified through the washing of the blood of Jesus. Their faith centers on Christian icons instead of Jesus Christ and His purpose of giving them salvation to enter into His Kingdom. He never taught us to seek a kingdom on this earth that is calling all religions to come into religious unity.

So many in the Christian Church have become cold and lukewarm and they have given their minds over to forms of Better Homes and Garden and Disney World Christianity and lifestyles that are just seeking after material things and emotional experiences. Jesus is rarely preached, (Rom. 10:17), *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Meantime, *the greatest war for souls of the entire history of the world is happening while Christians sleep, play and mock the remnant holy people of God seeking Jesus and the truth of His Word."* Blinded Christians, being entertained by 'Christian' strange fire; 'Oh, doesn't it 'feel' so good.'" Chasing super Christian Stars who have curious "anointing's" and making merchandise out of God's people will only lead to a spiritual road of destruction.

Why is God silent in the face of widespread heresy?

Why do the wicked seem to prosper while many godly people are financially oppressed? When is God going to step on the scene and set it all right? We must take heart though it may appear that God's enemies are in control and He is doing nothing that it's just not true. God is waiting for the time when people will come to the understanding that apart from Him, they can do nothing. We must take heart to remember these times were foretold in the scriptures. God is in control and everything must be fulfilled. Like children in the wilderness were led by the hand of God, we shall see the majestic glory of the risen Lord!

God desires a people who will trust Him and His Word. When men cast aside God's laws, they do what is right in their own eyes. Despite how ungodly the world becomes, His people will see His deliverance! People's will for rebellion will continue until his demonic leaders bring the world to the brink of utter destruction. We, Christians may have to spend time in God's waiting room, having faith in Jesus, abiding, and contending with the wiles of Satan till the day of deliverance, but it will surely come. The Bible tells us so.

THE SPIRIT OF ERROR

The Apostle Paul tells us in (I Cor.11: 19), why God allows heresy to dwell in the midst of

His Church. Paul says, *"There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."* If you are a true believer, you will be able to discern the real from the false! Give God glory for it is a gift to be able to discern good from evil. God's Word and His anointing are standards that place our faith on firm foundations. It is by means of iniquity (self-will) that the root of error takes control.

The Greek word, heresy, according to Liddell and Scott, means taking for oneself, choosing, or choice. The things chosen, and so plan, purpose a course of action or thought. From this we get a philosophic principle, a sect, and a heresy.²⁷

Webster's International Dictionary defines Heresy: Adherence to a religious opinion that contrary to an established dogma of a church; Dissent from a dominant theory or opinion in any field group or school of thought centering on a particular heresy.

Therefore, heresy is not so much rejecting as selecting: The heretic simply selects the part of the scriptures he or she wants to stress, and lets the rest go. How prone we are to take to ourselves those parts of the truth that please us and ignore the other parts. This is heresy! Heresies are a direct result of an intellectual concept becoming crystallized into a religious system of teaching that is not Scriptural. This is the case with the multifarious sects which divide Christendom today.²⁸

The book of Jude supplies us with a simple, straightforward summary of such sects, *"These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit,"* (Jude 19). Their philosophies are built not on the full and glorious work of the Holy Spirit of God that exalts Jesus Christ, making His person the grand, central theme of their witness but on some sideline doctrine, which divides instead of uniting.

What are the "doctrines of devils" What is the result of a "spirit of error?" Can a spirit of whoredom rule over a church? The Apostle Paul warned Christians to beware of deceivers but also to take heed that he would not deceive himself (I Cor. 3:18). Jesus also cautioned Believers to beware of self-deception in (Lk. 21:8). From the beginning of the Church throughout its history, Satan has attacked by using evil deceivers. *"Evil men and seducers shall wax worse, deceiving and being deceived,"* (II Tim. 3:13).²⁹

ARE YOU A LITTLE GOD?

The Church today is also sitting in this same fallen condition. Many have left the foundations of the Gospel. They are seeking things, money and emotional experiences instead of wisdom and knowledge of the Word of God and Jesus. Seductions are great and world-wide. Many have lost their first love. Christians use to get excited about Jesus Christ but now they cheer when greedy preachers pick their pockets as men and women of God. We must return to the basics of the Word of God if we intend to make it into the kingdom of God.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and in which you stand By which also you are saved, if you keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scripture," (I Cor. 15:1-4).

Paul teaches that the Gospel consists of four points.

1) He died for our SINS on the cross.

2). Today, we see “Seeker Friendly” churches; they believe that they can fill their pews if they don’t speak of sin! You know what? Their churches are filled with unbelievers, dancing, cheering, laughing and sitting many times in trances, while the preacher preaches a bloodless, sin filled gospel.

These churches are nothing more than a social club. Jesus is on the outside, His candlestick is no longer at the altar. Darkness has replaced the light. Most people don’t even release that Jesus has been stolen from them and they are listening to “another gospel another Jesus and another spirit.”

He was placed in the tomb, proving he died. Today, we have many teaching that the cross is not the reason that the reason that Christians receive Salvation! They teach that they are saved because Jesus went into hell and was beaten and tortured by Satan, therefore, they are saved because Jesus suffered the pain of hell in their stead.

This is certainly a denial of the blood atonement of Jesus. If you are sitting under this terrible heresy, and millions are, run to a Church that knows that there is no remission for sin apart from the blood of Jesus.

He rose again from the dead taking up the same body he came in. Some heretics are teaching that he only came back in the spirit. The twisting of the Word of God is the greatest danger of our time. Jesus Christ is God.

Some of these false teachers are saying that Jesus was just a man. Kenneth Copeland says, “God’s reason for creating Adam was His desire to reproduce Himself. I mean a reproduction of Himself and in the Garden of Eden, He did just that. He was not a little like God. He was not almost like God. He was not subordinate to God even . . . Adam is as much like God as you could get, just the same as Jesus . . . Adam, in the Garden of Eden, was God manifested in the flesh.” (Copeland tape).

“Following the Faith of Abraham 1,” side 1).

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 for of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,” (II Tim 3:1-6).

The Body of Christ is facing the most horrendous, satanic and demonic, extreme confrontation than at any other time in history. It will be a time of intensified spiritual warfare

where demons will manifest themselves and will fight in direct confrontation with God's people.

The Lord Jesus told us in (Matt. 10:22), *"And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."* And then in (Matt. 6:33), He said, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness . . ."* My advice is seek Jesus while He can still be found. Turn away from men and women that are calling you to follow new strange doctrines. Repent from your idolatry of spiritual dependence upon people and seek a personal relationship with Jesus. He's coming soon, will He find you waiting for Him or will he find you waiting on pompous men and women selling you the lies of a new gospel, another Jesus by another spirit?

"Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christ's and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers, believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," (Matt. 24: 22-27).

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