

STRANGE FIRE, STRANGE ANGELS, AND STRANGE DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

JESUS IS THE DELIVERER

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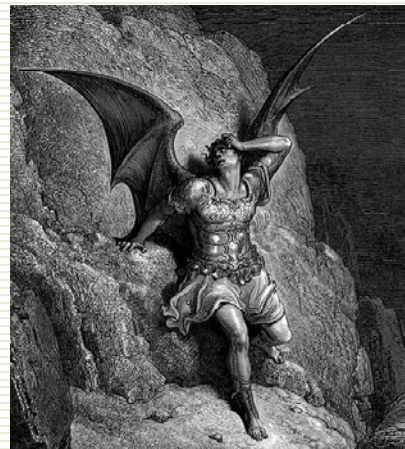
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GIVE IT TO YOUR PASTOR

SORCERY AND WITCHCRAFT IN THE MINISTRY

I care about those poor souls that have fallen under clearly deceptive powers of the religious devils that intend to grab them, spiritually blind them, dull their spiritual ears, steal their spiritual soundness and carry them into every wind and doctrine and then into eternal hell.

In the Book of Revelation, the Laodicean church thought they were spiritual and doing well. After all, they were rich, so of course God must be blessing them. Besides, their churches



2 Cor 11:4 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. KJV

Col 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels , intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, KJV

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. KJV

were going to mega status by employing seducing techniques as a result of worldly agents using mind control and bewitching spirits. The wealthy ministers mostly dress well and talk about their possessions to impress people and focus on outward appearances and worldliness. On the other hand, you have the mystical movements that have signs and wonders but do not stand on the principles of biblically sound foundations and doctrines and demonstrate a theater of showmanship saying this is the power of God. There are many of them in the Christian Church circles today; everyone vying to become the next Benny Hinn or Kathryn Khulman. Many have come out of powerful sorcery, witchcraft backgrounds that have never received deliverance.

The Bible warns Christians in 1 Cor. 14:8, “For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”

JESUS MUST BE THE CENTER OF THE GOSPEL ANGELS DON'T LEAD REVIVALS

Heb 1:1-2:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. 8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. 13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? KJV

Heb.1 makes it clear about the prophet's words in the past, and the Son speaking to us today by the record of the apostles. As Heb.1 tells us, there were many prophets sent in successive periods, these were in contrast to the Son came one time with a completed message. Jesus Christ the Son of God being not only a prophet but our High Priest and Sovereign King. None of the former prophets possessed the Spirit continually; the Holy Spirit would come upon them with a message, but did not abide within them. As a result, the prophets of the Old Testament were all partial in the revelations, incomplete. All of these prophecies are eclipsed by Jesus Christ as the

final revelator of Scripture. As John the last apostle living wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev.1:1) that focuses on prophetic events.

As established from God, prophecy is always 100% accurate or it is not from God. Yet Rick Joyner who is considered a prophet and visionary says “There is a prophet named Bob Jones who was told that the general level of prophetic revelation in the church was about 65% accurate at this time. Some are only about 10% accurate, a very few of the most mature prophets are approaching 85% to 95% accuracy. Prophecy is increasing in purity, but there is still a long way to go for those who walk in this ministry”ⁱ

Can one actually be considered a “prophet” with an accuracy level of about 65 percent, and those who are better at get a higher rating. We don’t rate them for their effort and ask them to go home and practice and come back again when they improve God is not training His prophetic mouthpieces on improving in their accuracy? God always rebuked the *inaccurate* (false) prophets by calling false ones. It is no different today.ⁱⁱ

We often here the excuse well if someone had to think they were to be 100% accurate they may not try to prophecy. Good! Because it is a most fearful thing to say thus saith the Lord. And there are too many people who have practiced this gift as if it is like teaching. While we are told not to despise prophecy, in the same section of Scripture it tells us not to accept everything without testing it. (1 Thess.5:20-21)

STRANGE FIRE

The Word of God says that it is possible to offer “**Strange Fire,**” to God, (Lev. 10:1). [Nadab and Abihu] The two elder sons of Aaron (Ex 6:23; Num 3:2), who were among those invited to accompany Moses when he was going up Mount Sinai, **but who were "to worship afar off," and not "come near the Lord."**¹ (Ex 24:1-2).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqJaJzHdGaI&eurl=http://pjmilller.wordpress.com/2008/06/09/strange-doctrines-and-encounters/>

Todd Bentley (born [1976](#)) is a [Canadian Evangelical Christian](#) and evangelist. He is one of the primary preachers involved in the [Charismatic](#) revival meetings in Lakeland, Florida known as the [Florida Healing Outpouring](#). Attendance at the meetings has reached as high as 10,000 visitors a night from around the world ^[1].

Bentley was raised mainly in [Gibsons, British Columbia](#), and a small community on the western coast of Canada. After his parents' divorce, Bentley struggled with drug and alcohol addiction and criminal activities. Bentley credited his conversion to Christianity for delivering him from that lifestyle and propelling him into ministry at age 18. ^[2].

In 2001 the now-defunct *Report Newsmagazine*, a secular conservative publication, ran a profile on Bentley. In the article, they claimed that his criminal activities as a teenager included more than one instance of sexual molestation. The article was graphic in details, summarizing Bentley's behavior as "heinous"^[3]. In Canada, the criminal records of juvenile offenders are protected from public disclosure^[4], which led to heated controversy in the Christian press, websites, and forums (although not much picked up in mainstream press) about whether *Report Newsmagazine* had acted correctly in publicizing Bentley's crimes - and whether, if true, this impeached Bentley's position as an evangelist.^{[5] [6]}

Theology

Bentley is most closely associated with the [Assemblies of God](#) (AOG) denomination and often preaches at revivals in AOG churches, although he is not under their authority^[7]. Bentley's theology aligns somewhat with Pentecostalism and [Fundamentalist Christianity](#), which assert the salvation of an individual's life through faith in [Jesus](#). Bentley stresses the [Holy Ghost's](#) work within a person; referred to as a [baptism](#) of the Holy Ghost or being "Born Again". His ministry is concerned with how the Holy Ghost dwells in an individual in a way that brings him or her to a closer fellowship with God and empowers the person for Christian service. While he highlights scriptural passages in his sermons, Bentley emphasizes that spiritual or supernatural encounters in an individual's life are gifts from the Holy Ghost.^{[8] [9]} He stated in an interview to the *Charlotte Observer*,

What really matters to me is the presence of God and being led by the Spirit of God. The second is that people have an encounter with that tangible presence of God because I want people to know Jesus Christ in a real way, not a religious way. I want the Holy Spirit to manifest His glory in such a way that people can't deny presence of a living God and they have a true born-again experience.^[9]

Controversy

Bentley has been the topic of much debate since his entry into ministry. Some of it has had to do with Bentley's flamboyant personality and mannerisms, such as yelling 'Bam!' during sermons when calling upon the Holy Spirit^[7]. While these and other issues have been primarily discussed in Pentecostal and [Fundamental Christian](#)

outlets, mainstream media picked up on the controversies in the wake of the [Lakeland revival](#)^{[10][11]}.

Appearance



Todd Bentley seen here preaching in [revival](#). Note his multiple visible tattoos on his arms and chest.

After his conversion, Bentley did not adopt a conservative persona akin to the archetype commonly associated with [Billy Graham](#) and other well known Christian evangelists. Bentley's arms and neck are covered with tattoos, he has multiple facial piercings, and he favors t-shirts over ties. These choices, especially the decision to continue to add tattoos to his body after becoming a preacher, have been a consistent point of debate and discussion in media articles about Bentley.^{[12][13]}

Fellow evangelist Randy Clark has said; "Some people are judging it because Todd doesn't look like your typical evangelist."^[14] Bentley contends; "I don't look like your normal evangelist because I'm not."^[15]

Faith Healing

Bentley heavily features [faith healing](#), a common feature of the [Charismatic movement](#). He conducts healings on volunteers by placing his hands on an individual's head or area of infirmity and calling out for the power of God to descend. In response, some people may stand and physically tremble, while others may literally fall down to the ground in what they call "falling under the power" of the Holy Spirit.^[8] His behavior in conducting the healings has come under fire for appearing to be violent; he has stated that his enthusiasm is not harmful, but necessary, "sometimes when you're dealing with a demon spirit, it's done with great force."^[9]

Faith healing has proved a powerful draw for Bentley's ministry, and has often been highlighted in the media.^[16]

Angels & Visions

A controversy surrounds his alleged encounter with an angel he called "Emma" at an AOG church in 2001. He stated that the female angel gave him a vision of gold dust, and afterwards he received a breakthrough in terms of financial stability.^[17] Among Assembly of God congregants, especially, there was debate about whether such a professed encounter was in line with AOG doctrine as set out in the 16 Fundamental Truths.^{[18][11]}

The most persistent challenge was twofold; whether the experience of a specifically female angel who prophesized financial well-being was a Biblically recognized phenomenon, and whether preaching about such an encounter was theologically responsible - would it bring converts to worship such an angel rather than the God who sent her? In an open letter^[19], Bentley recognized this concern and countered with the Biblical reliance on angels as messengers. He argued that it was God's choice, and not his own, that an angel appeared to him; "Let it be said, that I seek only God for revelation and should He send an angel to me to impart revelation, get my attention, or open wells of revival and healing, so be it."

Supernatural School Programs

Freshfire operates programs and an [unaccredited institution](#) with the stated mission of teaching discipleship in the tradition of Jesus training disciples before sending them out into the world as apostles.^{[20][21]} The programs are fee-based and offer a curriculum that includes faith healing and evangelism. A fee-based internship program is also run in association with the ministry.^[22]

Evangelism



Todd Bentley in the [Florida Revival, June 2008](#).

In 1998, the FreshFire Ministry group^[23] asked Bentley to give his [testimony](#) at one of their weekly meetings. Soon after, Bentley took over the leadership of the group, which became more of a [revival](#) movement. Revivals, in comparison to other kinds of religious services, are intended to renew the faith of believers and to convert nonbelievers. They are usually marked by passionate and colorful preaching, music, and dramatic exultations of salvation and damnation. Bentley's talent for this kind of Charismatic preaching made him popular as a guest evangelist and speaker. He traveled globally around India, Africa, and Latin America taking part in religious crusades and revivals.^{[10][24][25]}

Lakeland Revival

Main article: [Lakeland revival](#)

Beginning on April 2, 2008, Bentley was invited by Stephen Strader, pastor of Ignited Church^[26], [Lakeland, Florida](#), to lead a one-week revival.^[10] The revival quickly became a religious and media phenomenon, attracting up to 10,000 attendees nightly. It continued after the first week. In addition to showcasing Bentley's evangelism, the revival features colorful light shows and power-chord Christian rock music. The Ignited Church also took a multimedia approach to publicizing the event. Information and webcasts are available via their website^[27] and the revival is streamed live via [Ustream](#) - which received over 1 million hits in the first five weeks of transmissions. After the initial weeks, [GOD TV](#), a religious satellite channel, decided to pre-empt its [primetime](#) programming and broadcast the Lakeland meetings nightly.^[10]

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There are a lot of concerns (not just one) that many watchmen in the church have about Todd Bentley and his ministry. I have briefly mentioned some of these reasons on this site already, but obviously feel it important to go into more depth now. Todd Bentley's past has been brought up (he was jailed as a teenager for child molestation), but this is not an issue for me at all in terms of why I am critiquing him and I did not know this piece of his history until a couple of days ago anyway). Though I in no way condone his actions, nor do I glibly gloss over them (I do not in any way, nor could I - it is horrific and inexcusable) - I do not think it fair to judge a repentant reformed forgiven born again adult (if that is what they are) for what they did as a messed up abused kid before coming to Christ. So that factor shall be of no regard in my weighing or testing his ministry at all - for if the old is done away with, I shall not bring it up. ²

We are living in the times of the great falling away and the great apostasy.

STRANGE FIRE BRINGS DEATH AND LOSS OF INHERITANCE

A woman minister wrote me and asked this question: well why do people have to criticize everything -no one who God uses has everything together?

I have to go to the Word of to answer why God uses Watchmen and Watch women on the Wall. It's to protect his people from false teachers and preachers. Jesus told us that there are

spiritually blind and deaf ministers who will come in wolves' clothing to deceive the sheep. He also said, "If the blind leads the blind, they will both fall into the ditch. **“And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?”** (Lk. 6:39).

The Lord spoke of blind guides, (Matt 23:16); false prophets (Matt 7:15; 24:11; 24:24; Mk. 13:22; and Lk. 6:26) and also false doctrines. **“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man,”** (Matt 15:9-11).

OFFERING STRANGE FIRE BEFORE THE LORD

“And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.” (Lev. 10:1).³

Then we see, Num 3:4, **“And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.”**

Num 26:61-63, **“And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD. 62 And those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel,”**

VISION of TRUE and FALSE REVIVAL ~ by Patrick Ersig.

Here is the account of a vision from God that I received regarding true and counterfeit revival. This vision occurred on March 4th 2006. <http://apostasywatch.com/>

SIGNS AND WONDERS & RELIGIOUS SPIRITS/ TODD BENTLEY

LAKELAND - Dale Borgelt brought no X-rays to the Lakeland Center stage on Tuesday night - just pain, faith and a sheet of paper listing his date with a surgeon.

He stood before Todd Bentley, 32, a tattooed, body-pierced, T-shirt-wearing evangelist from British Columbia who is drawing crowds and international attention to Polk County.

"Lord, remove the tumor," Bentley shouted as he delivered a quick, open-handed blow to Borgelt's mid section. Borgelt fell backward, eased down by the evangelist's young staff members. A few moments later, after other healings unfolded above him, Borgelt stood.

"It still hurts," he told Bentley. Not as much, he added.

Whether healing in a medical sense is delivered here, may be hard to measure, but more people each night are finding reason to believe and pouring into the 7,000-seat arena. The Lakeland movement, still in its first month, is drawing comparisons to the "Toronto Blessing" in 1994 and the Pensacola Brownsville Revival that fired up the next year.⁴

Borgelt decided to seek divine help for his spinal tumor in Lakeland as he was watching TV at home in Omaha, Neb. He was tuned in to "The Florida Outpouring," as Bentley and his organizers are calling the event.

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As he left the stage Tuesday, the crowd cheered. New people looking for miracles took his place. Hearing loss. Arthritis. Cysts. One wheelchair-bound woman walked with the help of two of Bentley's staffers and then took a few steps alone. "I feel good," she said. The crowd kept cheering and praising Jesus.

Back on the arena floor, Borgelt seemed dazed. "I do sense that it's better. But it's still there."

Will he go ahead with the surgery, scheduled today?

"I'm just going to wait and see what the Lord's going to do." ⁵

Another words, nothing happened but the bewitched crowds cheered as though something had happened.

The momentum is understandable according to J. Lee Grady, editor of Charisma Magazine, one of the oldest and largest Charismatic Christian publications. "As the nation struggles with economic and political turmoil, 'moral depravity' and the threat of terrorism," Grady said, "God is going to show up on the scene in a remarkable way and pour out the Holy Spirit on us. The Lakeland Revival is one manifestation of that." ⁶

Though he preaches to charismatic, Pentecostal crowds, Bentley said he's not culturally a part of **any religious tradition.**

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"I grew up a drug addict," Bentley said. "I got saved at 18 in my drug dealer's trailer because I had an experience with God. His purpose," he said, is to preach intimacy with God," and that's what he says the healing services provide.

With tattooed arms and neck, pierced ears and chin and an intense, expressive face, Bentley looks and sounds the part of lost soul-turned-prophet of the masses. "In a sense, Christianity has become this religious, organized structure," he said. "People are realizing that the power of God is real, that the kingdom of God is isn't just a bunch of people sitting around talking." ⁷

Grady, the editor of Charisma, said Bentley is not "your grandmother's evangelist" in a column he wrote last week.

"My feeling is that he was a very troubled guy before he found the Lord," Grady told the Tribune. "I believe he is a genuine guy and has been used in many places since his ministry

began. But of course, mainstream folks will consider him off the wall because of his appearance and background." ⁸

Todd violates God's command that forbids tattoos and piercings.

We must be warned and reminded again that God's gifts are without repentance. The fact that God is faithful and performing miracles in response to the preaching of His Word, does not prove the vessel is in right standing with God!

It only serves to mislead and confuse the people of God! And how many young people find a justification for their rebellion to have tattoos and piercings in Todd Bentley? And the likes of him?

Why don't more pastors and ministers speak out against this?⁹

The Word of God challenges us to test the spirits to see if they are of God. How do we test them? Do we look at the appearance of the person? Do we look at the gifts of a person? Do we check his teachings? Are the teachings New Age, occult, witchcraft or cult? Do we take time to check the person's lifestyle? Are they moral, confused in Biblical beliefs, liars, merchandising God's people, committing perverse sexual acts?

The Bible shows nine specific Gifts of the Holy Spirit, "**For to one is given by the Spirit . . . to another discerning of spirits; . . . But all these worketh that one and the selfsame spirit . . .**" (1 Cor. 12:8- 11). But how do we test the spirits to see if the spirit that is operating is of God?

Discerning is the supernatural ability to have insight into the realms of the spirits. Since two supernatural kingdoms work from this realm, one of the most important tools in the Church is to be able to discern and cast out evil spirits when they are operating within the Church.

Demons bring false doctrines, another Jesus by another spirit, "**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 Cor. 11:4).

"**Now the Spirit speaketh . . .**" (I Tim. 4:1-4).

Trying to seduce the elect.

"**For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect,**" (Matt. 24:24).

Discerning of spirits gives one the power to see supernaturally into the spirit There are many kinds of supernatural spirits:

STRANGE ANGELS

"**And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light .15 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.**" (2 Cor. 11:14-15).

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[Therefore it is no great thing . . .] It is not to be deemed surprising. You are not to wonder if people of the basest, blackest character put on the appearance of the greatest sanctity, and even become eminent as professed preachers of righteousness.

[Whose end shall be . . .] Whose final destiny. Their doom in eternity shall not be according to their fair professions and plausible pretenses, for they cannot deceive God; but shall be according to their real character, and their works. Their work is a work of deception, and they shall be judged according to that. What revelations there will be in the day of judgment, when all impostors shall be unmasked, and when all hypocrites and deceivers shall be seen in their true colors! And how desirable is it that there should be such a day to disclose all beings in their true character, and FOREVER to remove imposture and delusion from the universe! ¹⁰

We see straight away that this ‘angelic introduction’ comes through ‘prophet’ Bob Jones of the Kansas City Prophets. This, if we recall, is the man who had young ladies strip naked before him to receive a prophetic word from him in private, and who claimed Jesus told him when he was in mental asylum he had to kill or forgive people to get his mind back, and from whom other spiritual abuses and elitism came from. (He is now supposedly under the pastoral care of Mike Bickle of IHOP/The Metro Vineyard fame, though I dispute these prophets have ever been pastored. Their supposed discipline and rapid restoration by John Wimber of the Vineyard after the infamous Ernie Gruen report came out detailing some of their heresies and abuse was laughable, and did far more harm than good as it got them and their heresies and their accompanying spirits and strange fire accepted into the wider church.) Bob Jones was then, and is still, a heretical false prophet - his words and practices are abusive and often weird (eg. he claims his hands change color to indicate spiritual conditions), his theology is Latter Rain Manifest Sons of God dominionism and blasphemy (direct from Branham’s ‘genetical’ line including Paul Cain), and many of his prophetic words miss the mark - scripturally and also historically. (But he claims that it’s not only ok to miss the mark, but it is to be *expected* as the church is not ready apparently for prophetic accuracy!) So therefore for someone to claim they got something spiritually imparted to them from Bob Jones is worrying. Of course it is also odd that one seems to have to be personally introduced to these angels by Bob Jones, which is spiritual elitism and bears all the hallmarks of a cult like tendencies. If these angels were truly from God, they need introduction from no man.¹¹

Bob Jones has, however, ‘introduced’ various angels to many of the ‘new’ line of (false) prophets (eg. the Elijah List favorites) including Patricia King of Extreme Prophetic (to whom Todd Bentley is linked) and Sharneal Wolverton of Swift Fire Ministries (Note the name ‘*Swift*’ Fire). One of the angels is a golden eagle called Swift - have you seen how many golden eagles there are on most modern prophetic websites? It was the erroneous false prophet and healer and occultist William Branham (who many Pentecostals revere despite his terrible theology - including Todd Bentley (Todd also claims one of Branham’s angels now accompanies his

ministry: allegedly, Cal Pierce of the Spokane Healing rooms (linked to John G Lake) came to a meeting with a 15ft high angel 'in tow' and told him that the angel was John Knox's and William Branham's angel and that if Todd 'received' the angel it would partner him in the ministry.) It was William Branham who wrongly said that *'Prophets are often represented by Eagles in the Scriptures, known for their vision, power, and speed...'* So the symbolism for the golden eagle is an identification with the NAR prophets, but also with their false spirits and ultimately to William Branham, his false spirits, teachings, prophecies and the heresies of the Latter Rain.¹²

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Then we move on to 'Emma's' identity. **(Incidentally, all angels in scripture appeared to people as 'men' and they did not float above the floor, they were not all weird colors as described, they appeared as tall 'normal' looking men). We are told by Todd Bentley that Bob Jones told him: 'Emma was the angel that helped birth and start the whole prophetic movement in Kansas City in the 1980s. She is a mothering-type angel that helped nurture the prophetic as it broke out...'** That is one huge reason not to touch Emma or any of her 'gifts' with a barge pole (if she even exists and is not a lie or urban legend - for many of these ministries are NOT averse to lying or to a charlatanism or at least gross exaggeration, doublespeak and cover-ups). The prophetic movement in Kansas City reeks and is false as can be. (See previous articles on this). It is not the true prophetic, and thus any angel (if there are angels involved as claimed) was not from God in birthing it, but is rather an angel from the Father of Lies, albeit dressed as an angel of light.

The described mothering element to Emma is also troubling, for God's real angels point to the Father, or the Holy Spirit as a comforter - they are not mothers or fathers who ask men to come to *them* to be comforted or mothered or saved, but 'only' ministering spirits, servants of fire, sent to help those who will inherit salvation.¹³

STRANGE DOCTRINES OF DEVILS IN HIS OWN WORDS

1 Tim. 4:1-2, **"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; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron";**

THE WORD OF GOD FORBIDS US TO TALK TO THE DEAD!

However, since many that are following after these strange paranormal experiences do not seem to have a very high regard for the Bible and have no fear of rebelling against it and going their ways, it is impossible to correct them. Experience with the dead is another breach of the Word of God which will bring the spirit of death to the person that breaks this law. God, is smarter than we are, knew the dangers of picking up familiar spirits, see, (Lev 20:27-21:1), "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them."

King Saul died with his sons because he sought after a familiar spirit to tell him the future.

“Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.”

According to Todd Bentley’s own words, he does talk to the dead. You will notice that God seems to be absent from this demonic encounter with familiar spirits. The Apostle Paul, Abraham and David are ALL DEAD AND HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY COMMISSIONS FROM THE FATHER, SON OR HOLY GHOST, TO MINISTER TO CHRISTIANS! On Jesus, has paid the price for Born Again Christians! So, here we are, seeing a man receiving a false anointing from impersonating devils and the leadership in Christian Churches is so sleepy and even dead, that it just escapes their attention!

Todd Bentley tells us about his counterfeit “Christian” experience: “... I actually saw the apostle Paul come walking toward me onto the bridge. ...He was short, not more than 5'1" or 5'2". He was bald except for a little crown of hair that came around his head. Looking very Jewish with a short, trimmed, white beard, my first thought was of a monk in a monastery! He actually had jolly cheeks and I thought: Paul you’ve got a little weight on you! I mean he wasn’t fat but he looked a little pudgy! He sat next to me and he took his hand and placed it across my chest not saying anything. But I felt like I was receiving an apostolic blessing from a father. While he touched my chest, Abraham and David appeared out of the cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1). Although they were very close (and yet somehow at a distance), they weren’t the main focus. They were simply there as witnesses to an encounter. Next, Paul spoke to me without words spirit to spirit. I never heard one word but I had instant knowledge of what he was saying. He said that David and Abraham are true fathers—”These are the apostolic fathers”—and I thought to myself: Why Abraham and David? He answered me by saying that there would be no gospel without Abraham. People forget that without Abraham there would be no Israel, or Jewish people, (Ps. 105:6–11; Gen. 15:1–5, 18–21; Gen. 17).¹⁴ (This is an absolute turning in the opposite direction of the Holy Scriptures of God.

Just so you know too, Abraham was taller than David and Paul, about 6'5". He was a very big rugged looking man, very big boned, large hands, having a long black beard and hair. In fact he looked quite East Indian or Pakistani (in skin color); not like an African man (in blackness), but closer to an East Indian man. He actually didn’t look Jewish at all!

Now David’s appearance was much different from Abraham’s. Having seen Jesus before, I noticed that David’s features were similar to Jesus, the Son of David. Both Jesus’ hair and David’s hair were alike—long brown reddish locks that hung to their shoulders. David’s eyes were blue and he wore a purple royal robe but when he lifted his arm, inside his robe I saw the color blue; it was very kingly. He was very handsome with a short beard and he was really well kept.

As I just stated, Paul told me that essentially there would be no gospel and there would be no Israel without Abraham. He said too, that there would be no gospel without David because

there would be no divine Son of David (Jesus Christ) in order for the kingdom and His throne to be built upon the throne of David (Luke 1:31, 32). Jesus came through the lineage of David and with Jesus' coming, the gospel was released. Paul also said that—in the sense of the revelation of the gospel to the Gentiles—he was the greatest carrier of that revelation to them. He took what Jesus brought and made it available to the rest of the world, and the global evangelism that's taking place today comes as a result of the revelation of the gospel by the apostle Paul.

I discovered while conversing with Paul that it wasn't only Jesus Christ who taught him in heaven. I say this because Paul told me: "Abraham taught me, in heaven, and that's how and why I wrote the book of Hebrews. What I heard was from the lips of Abraham himself."

I know I'm stepping out on theology now; however, I want you to understand that Paul always made it clear when he authored an epistle—"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ" or "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ." Always! Yet, for the Book of Hebrews, although most Bible scholars believe that it was authored by Paul, there are those that really can't say it was him because the authorship is never clear. Paul told me why. Here is what he said to me. "Do you know why I know so much about Abraham?" [So much of Hebrews is based on other things that you just can't pull from in other scriptures.] He said, "Abraham himself shared (information) with me and I simply wrote it" (in the Book of Hebrews). "The authorship isn't clear because it was Abraham and I; Abraham shared with me." [Much of Hebrews is about Abraham; i.e., Hebrews Chapter 11.] Paul said, "When I was in the third heaven, Abraham was with me like you are with me now."

Next, I was at Paul's house and he said to eat the Book of Titus! What's more, several days later I was taken back into heaven to Paul's house! But this time I didn't go inside. I stayed outside where I saw a ladder in his back yard like the one described in Genesis 28, Jacob's ladder. [I've come to understand that there are ladders like that in heaven in order to ascend and descend into different realms because heaven has places, geographical places. For example, the first heaven is where we live on the earth; the second heaven is the invisible realm of Ephesians 6: 12; and the third heaven where I was with Paul, it's the Paradise of God (Rev. 2:7).] So I jumped onto the ladder and began to climb up into another realm. I saw around me that it was all clouds so I began to pull those clouds back. As I did, a hole opened up in the heavens. Immediately then, out of heaven, flowed the color green, not just a light; it was like a green liquid and it was pouring onto my eyes! When I asked God about this, He said, "You are coming into the throne room; you are beneath the sea of glass; there is a rainbow around the throne. It's not just above the throne; it's a circle around the throne, a rainbow, emerald, green in color." ["And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald" (Rev. 4:3).] I had just climbed into the fourth realm of heaven which is the throne room, (with more realms to follow). I went up from the throne room into the fifth realm which is the heavenly city. I saw streets that are golden and mansions and I noticed that it was very different from the Paradise of God (third heaven) where there are hills, still waters, and flowers. It wasn't as peaceful. Next came the sixth realm of heaven which is the place where the angels live. There is literally a realm reserved for Michael, Gabriel, all the arch angels and all the angels under the arch angels! This isn't the second heaven, the angel and demon realm, where

they battle. It's just a realm where the angels dwell. Then the last heaven I saw, the seventh realm was other universes and the solar systems; undiscovered universes and planets that God has created.”¹⁵

“Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. 10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle,” (Heb 13:9-10).

“Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken,” (Jer. 6:17).

MEANWHILE, in the Book of Revelation, the people in the end times are so bewitched that they are captured by deception. But these people did not know their inward condition; they were blind and could not see. So the Lord asked if they would buy from Him gold refined in the fire (by their suffering) white garments (robes of salvation) and eye salve so they could see their condition. Today many see their success and prosperity as God's blessing.

The Laodicean Church was lukewarm. The Lord wanted them either cold or hot. Hot water was used for healing; cold was used for refreshment. Instead, they could not make up their mind, they were standing for nothing, and were good for nothing. They lived in both worlds. Spiritually they could have been either all for God or not at all, but they were in between. If they were hot, they would have been approved. If they were cold, God could have changed them, but they were in the middle and He was unable to do anything. This is the worst place to be, to be part of a church, doing church things, thinking you are a Christian when in fact you are not. The Laodiceans had just enough religiosity to get by and think they were fine. They were naked also. In the time of Christ all soldiers would sleep in their clothes, they would not take them off so they would be ready for battle. We are to be clothed in white garments, the righteousness of Christ. Jesus was saying they did not have his righteousness they were naked. Yet even this church is not hopeless; Christ can come into the individual if He is allowed, **“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent”** (v.19).

This is the only Church that He is outside of and offers to come to the individual in the Church and not the collective Church, because the whole Church is removed from the truth of functioning in the word of God. This does not mean they abandon God's word or name but only use portions of it that suit them, or change its meaning.¹⁶

The Church today is also sitting in this same fallen condition. Many have left the foundations of the Gospel, Jesus being Savior and very God in the Flesh. John 1:1-5, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not**

anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”

Many are seeking things and emotional experiences and paranormal feelings in the flesh instead of wisdom and knowledge of the Word of God and Jesus. Seductions are great and worldwide. 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,” (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

PREACH THE GOSPEL

(Mark 16:15-18), **“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18.They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”**

(Matt. 7:22-23) **“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”**

THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD WILL ALWAYS AGREE. God’s TRUE ministers will not twist the Word to make it say whatever they want it to say.

MIRACLES SIGNS AND WONDERS

Miracles are not done by the person but THROUGH THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY GHOST in the name of Jesus. However, according to the Bible, the devils and the Antichrist will be able to do great signs and wonders.

(Rev 13:14), **“And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”**

(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.”**

(Rev 19:20), **“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”**

The Gospel concerns *God's son* and His work for us. The Son of God came as the Savior (1Jn 4:14), That he is Lord of the universe (which relates to a triune nature of God) We stand in it by trusting in his work. Salvation is a gift freely given not earned. We work from salvation not toward it. Our part is that we are commissioned to preach it and to make disciples.

(2 Cor.11: 3), **"But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches *another Jesus* whom we have not preached, or if you receive a *different spirit* which you have not received, or a *different gospel* which you have not accepted-- you may well put up with it."** (You will have to endure it, or you wear it beautifully. Or you put up with quite well).

Many Christian pastors are promoting this outlandish new “Christianity” that I call, the I, me, you better homes and garden - Disney world Christianity. Their worldly dialogue is leaving the Word of God and Jesus as a side line of their sermons and promoting themselves. These particular ministers are very popular and extremely wealthy. This perverse gospel that is tied to the many anomalous versions of the Bible and producing shallow, spiritually destitute, self-centered people void of faith. The spirit of materialism has captured the pulpits and so-called Christian leaders are buying great mansions, cars, designer clothes and are living like kings and queens on God's money while the world that Jesus died for, is falling into the pit of hell. This financial success will be their great judgment at the seat of the Savior. He will say to them, depart from me, you workers of iniquity, I never knew you!

“ 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; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron,” (1 Tim. 4:1-2).

DECEPTION

When the basic theme of the Cross of Christ is withdrawn from the Church as its fundamental topic, the spirit of the world comes in and self-denial is discarded and souls will be lost, Satan takes the control of one's life and his schemes begin to dominate. Satan's aggressive goal is to pervert the spiritual authority of the Church over him and his demons and to enslave its members to the spirit of the world. His seductive delusions are intended to subvert the very foundation of Christ's mission of redemption of the souls of people.

Satan works to keep men and women in the sphere of the flesh as “carnal” Christians to produce material oriented or “soul power” mental driven Christians. One of his diabolical devices is to turn of the Gospel away from Christ onto one's self. He does not care what or who you worship just as long as you don't worship Jesus Christ.

The reason God cannot work through man's "self-consciousness" is that out man's conception of his life apart from God's Word. This self driven illusion does not reveal the truth of man's soul condition according to his spiritual condition before the throne of God.

(2 Tim 3:1-7), **"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, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."**

(Eph. 4:14; Eph. 4:15), **"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"**

[**Be no more children**] Children, here, are opposed to the perfect man in the preceding verse. The state of both is well explained by the apostle's allusions. The man is grown up strong and healthy, and has attained such a measure or height as qualifies him for the most respectable place in the ranks of his country.

The child is ignorant, weak, and unsteady, tossed about in the nurse's arms, or whirled round in the giddy sports or mazes of youth; this seems to be the apostle's allusion. Being tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, refers to some kind of ancient play, but what I cannot absolutely determine; probably to something similar to a top, or to our paper kite.

[By the sleight of men] The words *en tee kubeia* refer to the arts used by gamesters, who employ false dice that will always throw up one kind of number, which is that by which those who play with them cannot win.

[Cunning craftiness] It is difficult to give a literal translation of the original words: *en panourgia pros teen methodeian tees planees*. "By cunning, for the purpose of using the various means of deception." *Panourgia* signifies craft and subtlety in general, cheating and *imposition: methodeia*, from which we have our term method, signifies a wile, a particular sleight, mode of tricking and deceiving; it is applied to the arts which the Devil uses to deceive and destroy souls; (see Eph. 6:11), called there the WILES of the Devil. From this it seems that various arts were used, both by the Greek sophists and the Judaizing teachers, to render the Gospel of none effect, or to adulterate and corrupt it.¹⁷

Paul writing to the Corinthian church presents three terms that are used which are connected to being deceived.

1) Another Jesus - (*allos*) is a primary word; "else," different (in many applications) The name is the same, it's the name Jesus from the Bible but it is not the Jesus of the Bible. He is different one, with some similarities on the surface level.

2) *A different Spirit* -(heteros)-to number as opposed to some former person or thing the other of two; referring to quality: that is, one that is not of the same nature, form, class, or kind, to be different

3) *Another Gospel* (heteros) of uncertain affinity; different: altered, strange. It is not the same one Paul preached, it has a qualitative difference.

If someone teaches that Jesus didn't obtain our salvation at the cross but finished it in hell by suffering and needed to be born again that is another Gospel. The bible is clear it is the blood shed at the mercy seat that forgave us. If someone teaches we can all do what the apostles did, that is another Gospel.

(Gal 1:6-9), **"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."**

Another gospel; the same sort"; heteros expresses a qualitative difference and denotes "another of a different sort. "Paul speaks of "a different (*heteros*), which is not another" in contrast to any *other Gospel* (*allos*, another like the one he preached),

Angels were always involved in revelation to mankind. Paul under prophetic inspiration warns the believers then and us now of receiving new understanding from a spiritual source that would alter what was first delivered to them. To be perverted means to twist a thing around, they destroyed it by having additions to grace.

To *anathematize* someone is to label them a false teacher or prophet. If someone teaches another gospel that affects who Christ is or how one relates to him, or distorts grace by subtracting or adding any work it becomes another Gospel.¹⁸

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