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Dr. David Reagan (on the right) sitting with Nathan Jones on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Nathan is the ministry's Web Minister.

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Oprah Winfrey may have brought her daily TV talk show to an end (on May 25th), but her enormous influence over public opinion will not wane. She will continue to peddle her poisonous occult spirituality through her magazine, her website, her radio shows, and her television network. She is determined to undermine the faith of as many Christians as possible, and because of that determination, she is the most dangerous woman on the American scene — and even the world scene.

I was aware of the fact that Oprah had renounced her childhood Christian faith and had adopted the off-the-wall spiritual assumptions of the New Age Movement, but I had no idea how far she had gone until I started doing the necessary research for the lead article in this issue. I came away shocked over the degree of her deception and over the intensity of her commitment to share that deception with others.

Special Thanks

I must give credit to Warren Smith for helping me to understand the degree to which Eastern religions like Hinduism have penetrated Western culture and the American church in the guise of the New Age Movement.

I had the privilege of ministering with Warren earlier this year at a conference in the far north of the Canadian province of Alberta. I was so fascinated and horrified by what he had to share that I immediately read three of his books and invited him to prepare two articles for this magazine.

As you will see, Warren knows what he is talking about. He and his wife, Joy, were miraculously saved by God from the spiritual darkness of the New Age Movement. He knows the Movement inside and out, and he pulls no punches in elucidating its dangers and pointing to evidences of its penetration into the Church — even the Evangelical Church.

Other Sources

Other watchmen on the wall who have assisted me in understanding the New

Age Movement are Eric Barger and Caryl Matrisciana. We have produced a video album of interviews with Eric Barger called "Defending the Faith." You can order it from our ministry.

Caryl Matrisciana has produced many videos about various aspects of the New Age Movement. You can find these at her website at www.carylmatrisciana.com. Her newest video, just released, is titled "Wide is the Gate." It is an in-depth look at the apostasy of the Emergent Church Movement. You can order her video, "Yoga Uncoiled," from our ministry.

Apologetics

For those of you interested in marshaling resources for defending the faith, one of the best websites you can consult is www.GotQuestions.org. They have essays available on every conceivable question that can be asked about the Scriptures and Christianity. Just go to the website and type in your question, and one or more articles will pop up that provide in-depth biblical answers.

Another excellent website is maintained by the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry (CARM). You can find the site at <http://carm.org>.

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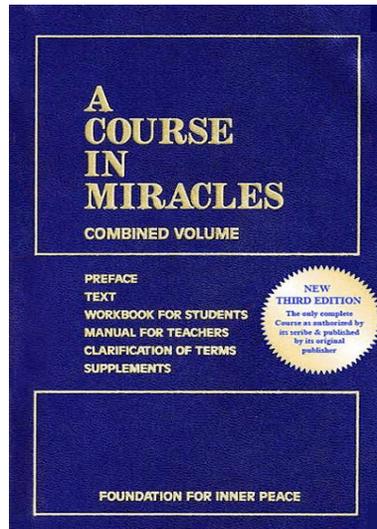
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The New Age Church



Oprah Winfrey

High Priestess of the New Age Church¹



A Course in Miracles

Bible of the New Age Church²



Marianne Williamson

Evangelist of the New Age Church³

David R. Reagan

The world's largest church is one that teaches a New Age theology that denies all the fundamental truths of the Bible. The church has over 20 million enthusiastic members in the United States who adore their pastor — Oprah Winfrey.

An Incredible Life

Oprah's life story is a rags-to-riches sensation that could happen only in America.⁴ She was born in 1954 to an unwed teenager in Mississippi. She was given the name of Orpah at birth, after the biblical character in the book of Ruth, but her family and friends always mispronounced it, calling her "Oprah" instead.

For the first six years of her life she lived in rural poverty, being raised by her grandmother who taught her how to read. In the years that followed, she bounced around from relative to relative, finally ending up in Nashville, Tennessee where she became an honors student. She won an oratory contest which provided her a full scholarship to Tennessee State University, a black institution where she majored in communications.

At age 17, Oprah won the Miss Black Tennessee beauty pageant. That brought her to the attention of a black radio station that hired her to do the news part-time. She ultimately became the youngest news anchor and the first black female news anchor at Nashville's WLAC-TV. In 1976, at age 22, she became the co-anchor of the six o'clock news at a Baltimore TV station. Two years later she became the co-host of that station's local talk show called *People Are Talking*.

In 1983, at age 29, Oprah relocated to Chicago to host a low-rated local morning talk show. Within a few months, the show rapidly rose from last place in the ratings to first place, overtak-

ing the popular *Donahue Show*.

On September 8, 1986, the *Oprah Winfrey Show* began broadcasting nationally, and in short order it replaced *Donahue* as the number one day-time talk show in America. Since that time, the *Oprah Show* has set all sorts of records. It is the highest-rated and longest-running television talk show in American history. The show has 22 million viewers in the States and 49 million worldwide in the more than 120 countries in which it is broadcast. Her *O Magazine* readership is over 3 million. Her website is visited 1.3 million times each day.⁵

All of this has propelled Oprah to immense wealth and popularity. Her net worth is estimated to be more than one billion dollars. A Gallup poll ranked her as the 4th most important woman in the entire history of the world! CNN and *Time* magazine have both referred to her as "arguably the world's most powerful woman." She has received similar laudatory rankings from *Life*, *USA Today*, and *Ladies Home Journal*. *Forbes* named her the world's most powerful celebrity in 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2010. And in 2010, *Life* magazine named her one of the 100 most important people who have changed the world — right up there with Jesus Christ and Elvis Presley!⁶

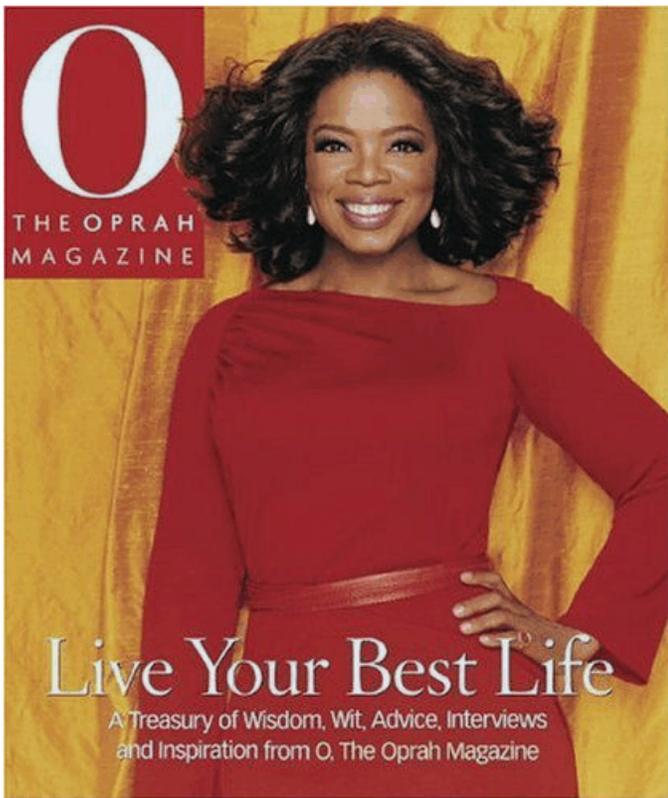
An Incredible Danger

There is no doubt that Oprah Winfrey is the world's most popular and powerful woman. **And there is also no doubt that she is the most dangerous.**

I make that assertion without hesitation because she has emerged as a New Age High Priestess who is deceiving millions into rejecting God's Word and embracing, instead, a convoluted theology that is straight from the pit of Hell.

Her Role As A Spiritual Leader

She is widely recognized as a spiritual leader. In 2002 *Christianity Today* declared she "has become one of the most



Above is the cover of a book that Oprah published in 2005.

influential spiritual leaders in America.”⁷ In 2006 *USA Today* pointed out that she has been referred to as “a really hip and materialistic Mother Teresa,” “a symbolic figurehead of spirituality,” “America’s pastor,” and “today’s Billy Graham.”⁸

The spiritual pornography that Oprah is peddling is called The New Age Movement. The irony is that Oprah claims to be a Christian and denies being a New Ager! On one of her programs when a Christian in the audience challenged Oprah about being a “New Ager,” Oprah responded:⁹

I am not New Age anything, and I resent being called that. I am trying to open a door so that people can see themselves more clearly and perhaps be the light to get to God, whatever they may call that. I don’t see spirits in the trees, and I don’t sit in a room with crystals.

Unfortunately for Oprah, this very denial revealed her New Age mentality. Notice that she refers to God as “whatever” a person “may call that.” And she asserts that human beings can be “the light” to get to God. This denial is either a lie about her New Age beliefs, or else she is totally deceived by them.

The essence of the New Age Movement is pantheism — the pagan belief that God is in everything and therefore everything is God.¹⁰ This belief stands in direct opposition to the biblical teaching that God exists separate and apart from His creation. A corollary of pantheism is the belief that Man is god and therefore the key to spiritual enlightenment and salvation is to recognize one’s divinity and release it to achieve Christ-consciousness.

Oprah can deny all day long that she is a New Ager, but the truth is to be found in her writings and public statements and in the guests that she features on her programs.

Oprah’s Words

For example, during a program when she was interviewing New Age guru Shirley MacLaine, Oprah said that being born again is the same as “being connected to the higher Self,” and she added that when the Bible says, “ask and it shall be given,” we are being prompted to seek answers from our “intuitive Self.”¹¹

On a program featuring a panel of New Age authors, Oprah said she does not think God is “hung up” on what we believe about Him. “Whatever that force is, it doesn’t care what you call it. He doesn’t have an ego problem.” She went on to say, “I believe in the FORCE. I call it God.”¹² On the contrary, the Bible reveals God as our Heavenly Father, as a person, and not as some impersonal force or “it.”

On another program featuring a panel of New Age gurus, Oprah said, “. . . one of the biggest mistakes humans make is to believe that there is only one way. Actually there are many diverse paths leading to what you call God.” When one of her audience members disagreed, testifying that she believed Jesus is the only way to God, Oprah lost her temper and shouted, “There couldn’t possibly be only one way!” She added that she felt like God cares more about our hearts than He does about what we believe about Jesus.¹³

In her 2005 book, *Live Your Best Life*, Oprah described her theology as a belief that everything is one and Man is divine and Man can thus create his own reality. She encouraged people to meditate and pray (to any god!) and say, “My heart is open to find the flow, the flow, the flow, the flow that is my life . . . I am willing to surrender to the flow that is my life.”¹⁴ Does that sound like a Christian prayer to you? The Bible teaches that we are to surrender our lives to Jesus.

Oprah claims that one of the most important books she has ever read is one by Eric Butterworth called *Discover the Power Within You*. In that book the author wrote, “Jesus did not come to teach us how divine he was but to teach that divinity was within us.”¹⁵ Commenting on this totally unbiblical and blasphemous statement, Oprah said that for Jesus to claim exclusive divinity “would make Jesus the biggest egotist that ever lived.”¹⁶

One of Oprah’s severest critics, David Cloud, says that “in a nutshell, Oprah’s gospel is ME.”¹⁷ As he further points out, she has said repeatedly, “God wants you to love yourself. It starts with you.” *Newsweek* magazine quoted her in 1997 as saying that spiritual gurus are here “not to teach us about their divinity, but to teach us about our own.”¹⁸

Oprah’s Guests

That brings us to the guests that Oprah features on her show. I’m going to list some of them below.¹⁹ Keep in mind that Oprah enthusiastically endorsed each of these persons and their books. And her endorsement of their books caused an explosion in their sales.

Eric Butterworth — The New Age author whose book, *Discover the Power Within You*, was the turning point for Oprah’s introduction to New Age theology. In that book he wrote, “God isn’t ‘up there’ . . . He exists inside each one of us, and it’s up to us to seek the divine within.” Butterworth was the senior minister of The Unity Center of New York City from 1961 until his death in 2003.

Shirley MacLaine — The movie star producer of the TV mini-series, *Out on a Limb*, which promoted spirit channeling, mental telepathy, astral projection, and reincarnation. It also contained the infamous scene where MacLaine stands on the ocean shore shouting, “I am God! I am God! I am God!”



Shirley MacLaine

Betty Eadie — A New Age Mormon and author of *Embraced by the Light*. She claims that she went to Heaven and talked personally with Jesus, and He assured her that there are many paths to God.

Raymond Moody — An occultist who advocates that communication with the dead is possible.

Caroline Myss — A New Age author who teaches the divinity of Man and the power of positive confession.

Debbie Ford — A New Age guru who advocates the divinity of Man. She also teaches that the answers we need to life can be found within us.

M. Scott Peck — The New Age author of *The Road Less Traveled*. He says, “God wants us to become Himself (or Herself or Itself). We are growing toward God. God is the ultimate goal of evolution.”

Gary Zukov — A regular guest whose book, *The Seat of the Soul*, shot to the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list after Oprah recommended it. He teaches reincarnation and channeling through spirit guides.

Iyanla Vangant — A New Age “life coach” who teaches a gospel of self-esteem. She is an ordained minister in the Yoruba priesthood. This is a polytheistic, ancestor-worshipping religion of western Africa.

Esther Hicks — Author of *The Law of Attraction* and a New Age channeler. She actually conducted a channeling session with Oprah on one of her programs in 2007.

John Edward — A psychic medium who says, “I act as a conduit between the physical world and what I call ‘the other world.’”

Deepak Chopra — A New Age author who says, “In reality, we are divinity in disguise, and the gods and goddesses in embryo that are contained within us seek to be fully materialized.”

Cheryl Richardson — A promoter of centering meditation which utilizes guided visualization to connect with one’s higher self or one’s spirit guide.

Rhonda Byrne — Author of *The Secret*, which teaches the “law of attraction.” She states in her book, “You are God in a physical body.”

Jack Canfield — The co-editor of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series of self-help books. He advocates meditation as the way to experience “the voice of God speaking to you through words, images, and sensations.”

Brian Weiss — A psychiatrist and author who believes in reincarnation. He says Heaven is all around us and Hell is “something that you don’t experience after you die unless you expect it.”

Shakti Gawain — A “personal development” expert who advocates “creative visualization” in order to become open to “accept the goodness of the universe.” She encourages people to trust their inner selves.

Don Curtis — A Unity minister and channeler who claims that the early Church believed in reincarnation, but that it was “thrown out” by the Council of Nicea in the 4th Century. (The Council did not even address the issue.)

Pema Chodron — An American woman who was divorced twice before becoming a Buddhist nun. Her goal is to “bring the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism to Western audiences.”

John Gray — An advocate of using transcendental meditation for developing higher states of consciousness.

Wayne Dyer — An advocate of Taoism who teaches, “If God is everywhere, then there is no place that God is not, and that includes you . . . When you are eating, you are ingesting God and replenishing God. When you sleep, you breathe God and allow God to rest.”

This is only a partial list of the New Age advocates Oprah has featured and endorsed on her program. And I haven’t even mentioned the two most important — Eckhart Tolle and Marianne Williamson.

Eckhart Tolle



Eckhart Tolle

One of Oprah’s favorite guests is Eckhart Tolle, a German-born Canadian resident who is a recognized leader in the New Age Movement.

His book, *The Power of Now*, became an instant best-seller when Oprah enthusiastically endorsed it. In it, he denies the existence of a personal God, denies personal responsibility for sin, denies the existence of an eternal soul, and denies the need for the redeeming death and resurrection of Jesus.²⁰

He has basically given Hinduism a Western packaging through his view of God as an impersonal life force living in all things. He argues that there can, therefore, be no separation from God because our real self is a part of God. Salvation consists of becoming aware of our real self that has been masked by our ego. He caps off his theology in the traditional Eastern way by arguing that the ultimate destiny of each human is to return our life energy back into the impersonal life force.²¹

How anyone could endorse such a book and still call themselves a Christian is beyond my comprehension. Yet that is what Oprah is doing.

She became so enthralled with Tolle that in 2008 she announced that the two of them were going to launch a ten week

Internet study of his newest book, *A New Earth*. According to Oprah, half a million people from all over the world signed up to participate in the first segment of the online course. They listened to her and Tolle talk for an hour and a half about the first chapter of his book.²²

Marianne Williamson

Oprah's favorite New Age teacher is Marianne Williamson. Her first book was titled *A Return to Love*.²³ It was an endorsement and explanation of a book called *A Course in Miracles* that has become the Bible of the New Age Movement.²⁴



Helen Schucman

A Course in Miracles was written by a Columbia University professor of medical psychology named Helen Schucman (1909-1981). She claimed it was dictated to her over a seven year period by an "inner voice" that identified itself as Jesus. This was, of course, a false Jesus because the true Jesus does not channel revelation. Also, this so-called Jesus proceeded to deny all the fundamentals of the Gospel. Here are some quotes from the book.²⁵

"There is no separation of God and His creation." (Text, page 147)

"God is All in all in a very literal sense. All being is in Him Who is all Being. You are therefore in Him since your being is His." (Text, page 119)

"The recognition of God is the recognition of yourself." (Text, page 147)

"Is he [Jesus] the Christ. O yes, along with you." (Manual, page 87)

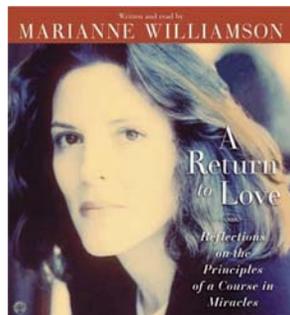
"A slain Christ has no meaning." (Text, page 425)

"Do not make the pathetic error of 'clinging to the old rugged cross.'" (Text, page 52)

"There is no sin; it has no consequence." (Workbook, page 183)

"The Atonement is the final lesson he [Man] need learn, for it teaches him that, never having sinned, he has no need of salvation." (Text, page 237)

A Course in Miracles was published in 1975. During the 1980s it gradually gained a grassroots following within the New Age Movement and became a cult classic. It did not become known to the general public until 1992 when Marianne Williamson published her book, *A Return to Love*. The subtitle of the book was: *Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles"*. Basically, her book told



Williamson's Book Cover

how *A Course in Miracles* transformed her life.

Even with the publication of Williamson's book, *A Course in Miracles* would have remained under the radar if it hadn't been for Oprah Winfrey. Oprah praised the book on her program and handed out 1,000 copies of it to her audience. The book immediately shot to the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list and stayed there for months. In the book Williamson makes the following bizarre observations:²⁶

"We are holy beings, individual cells in the body of Christ." (page 32)

"Jesus and other enlightened masters are our evolutionary elder brothers." (page 42)

"There is only one begotten Son' doesn't mean that someone else was it, and we're not. It means we're all it. There's only one of us here." (pages 30-31)

"You and I have the Christ-mind in us as much as Jesus does." (page 42)

Oprah's promotion of this "theological crack" did not stop with the book endorsement. In 2007 she announced that beginning in January 2008, she was going to start broadcasting Williamson's 365 lessons on *A Course in Miracles* over her XM Satellite Radio program called "Oprah and Friends."²⁷

Conclusion

I think the facts are clear. They speak for themselves. I will therefore end as I began by asserting that Oprah is not only the best known and most popular woman in the world — she is also the most dangerous, for she is endangering the souls of millions by deceiving them with Satanic New Age theology.

You need to warn your friends about the theological poison that she is peddling. And you need to put her on your prayer list, praying that her eyes will be opened to the truth that Jesus, and Jesus alone is the only hope for the world.

". . . the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron . . ." — 1 Timothy 4:1-2 ❖

Notes:

- 1) Photo of Oprah from <http://biographydvd.com/oprah-winfrey-biography>.
- 2) Photo of *A Course in Miracles* from <http://hemachandra.com/MarianneWilliamson.aspx>.
- 3) Photo of Marianne Williamson from <http://www.garyrenard.com>.
- 4) Wikipedia, "Oprah Winfrey," http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oprah_Winfrey, pages 1-34.
- 5) David Cloud, "Oprah Winfrey: The New Age High Priestess," www.wayoflife.org, page 1.
- 6) Wikipedia, "Oprah Winfrey," pages 12-13.
- 7) Steve Rabey, "Oprah's 'gospel,'" *The Christian Examiner Online*, www.christianexaminer.com, page 1.

Escaping The New Age Movement

Warren B. Smith

(Editor's Note: I recently was blessed to become personally acquainted with Warren Smith who lives in northern California. The two of us were speakers at a Bible conference in La Crete, Alberta, Canada.

Warren and his wife, Joy, were deeply involved in the New Age Movement for many years, desperately seeking ultimate truth. The climax of their involvement came when they were introduced to *A Course in Miracles*. At first, they both believed they had found the meaning of life. But while proceeding through the Course with a home study group, Joy had a series of experiences that raised doubts in her mind as to whether or not the Jesus of the Course was really the true Jesus.



Warren B. Smith

When she finally expressed her doubts to Warren, he was dumbfounded, but it motivated him to “sit down with the Course and the Bible and to study it out.”

What follows below is an excerpt from Warren's remarkable book, *The Light That Was Dark: From the New Age to Amazing Grace* (Mountain Stream Press, 2005). In the excerpt, he describes how testing the Course by the Bible led to his discovery of the true Jesus, the true Gospel, and the true way of reconciliation with God. The result was the deliverance of both him and his wife from the artificial “light” of the New Age Movement.

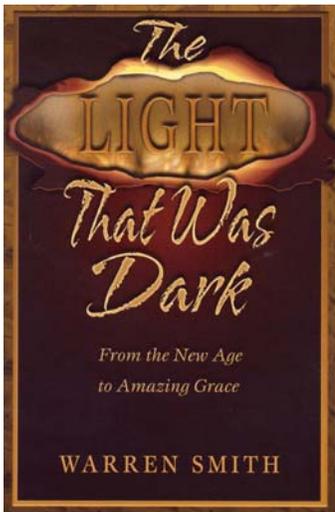
This book, and others he has written, can be ordered over the Internet at www.mountainstreampress.org.)

For the better part of a week, I holed up in my study with the Course and the Bible. I studied *A Course in Miracles* carefully and spent hours poring over the Scriptures. By the end of the week, my old roll-top desk was covered with notes, file cards, charts, and diagrams. I had dissected the Course and the Bible with a fine tooth comb. And I had found my answers.

My conclusions were inescapable and shocking. *A Course in Miracles* and the Bible were two completely different thought systems that were mutually exclusive and diametrically opposed in every degree! To my utter amazement, *A Course in Miracles* was the Holy Bible turned upside down. The Course had not updated or reinterpreted the Bible — it had completely rewritten it.

I could see that the Course and the Bible were not even remotely related. They were two different gospels. To believe in one was necessarily to disbelieve the other. It was a case of either/or but not both/and. Because the Course and the New Testament were *opposite* teachings, they were by definition *opposed* to each other. Although the Course and our other meta-

- 8) David Cloud, page 1.
- 9) Watchman Fellowship, “The Gospel According to Oprah,” www.wfial.org, page 2.
- 10) For an outstanding presentation of the fundamental beliefs of the New Age Movement, see Matt Slick's article, “What is the New Age Movement?” This is an article published by the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry (CARM). It can be found at <http://carm.org/new-age-what>.
- 11) David Cloud, page 1.
- 12) Watchman Fellowship, “The Gospel According to Oprah,” page 2.
- 13) For a video of this remarkable exchange between Oprah and one of the members of her studio audience, see: <http://www.wfial.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=resources.oprah>.
- 14) Oprah Winfrey, *Live Your Best Life* (Des Moines, IA: Oxmoor House, 2005).
- 15) Eric Butterworth, *Discover The Power Within You* (New York, NY: Jonna Cotler Books, 1968).
- 16) Watchman Fellowship, “The Gospel According to Oprah,” page 3.
- 17) David Cloud, page 2.
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- 21) John Jalsevac, “The World's ‘Most Dangerous’ Spiritual Guru: Oprah Begins 10-Week Online New Age Class,” www.lifesite.com.
- 22) Bob DeWaay, “Oprah Winfrey Promotes Pantheist Eckhart Tolle,” <http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue114.htm>.
- 23) Marianne Williamson, *A Return to Love*, (New York, NY: Harper Collins, 1992).
- 24) Dr. Helen Schucman, *A Course in Miracles: Combined Edition* (Temecula, CA: The Foundation for Inner Peace, 2007).
- 25) For an extensive list of quotes from *A Course in Miracles*, see the book by Warren B. Smith, *False Christ Coming: Does Anybody Care?* (Magalia, CA: Mountain Stream Press, 2002), pages 21-22.
- 26) Warren B. Smith, *False Christ Coming*, pages 23-24.
- 27) Marsha West, “Oprah Shifts to the Dark Side,” www.newswithviews.com/West/marsha67.htm, page 2.



physical teachings had gone to great lengths to make it look as if they were compatible with the Christ of the Bible, they were not. To be opposite and contrary is to be against. Jesus had made it clear: “He that is not with Me is against Me . . .” (Matthew 12:30).

I no longer had any doubt that the Course and our other metaphysical teachings were not *with* the Bible’s Jesus or the Bible’s gospel at all. Their oppositional teachings actually went against everything the Bible’s Jesus taught.

If the gospel of the Bible was the real gospel — and I believed it was — then the metaphysical gospel of the Course and the New Age was anti-gospel. If the Christ of the Bible was the real Christ — and I believed He was — then the metaphysical Christ of the Course and the New Age was anti-Christ.

An Inescapable Conclusion

Joy was right. *A Course in Miracles* was not from God. And the Jesus of the Course was not the real Jesus. Who would have ever guessed that the metaphysical/New Age gospel that came in the name of Christ would actually end up denying Christ? As I sat there thinking about how much I had trusted the Course, I felt as if I had just been stabbed in the back by one of my closest friends.

During my week of study, the more I compared the differences between the two gospels, the more concerned I became. I could now see that things I had once thought to be minor differences between the Course and the Bible were actually huge differences . . . As I studied the Course, I realized that I no longer believed it at all. Its teachings suddenly seemed hollow, empty, and false.

For some time now, my spiritual teachings had convinced me that I was a sinless, guiltless, perfect Son of God and that I was every bit as much a part of the universal Christ as Jesus or Buddha or anyone else. I had been taught that I was a holy part of God, inherently equal to Christ and that I didn’t need to be saved, redeemed, or born again. Because evil was only an illusion, there was no evil to be saved from. I had believed that I was responsible for myself and my world, and I was the creator of my own reality.

Discovering False “Truths”

But as I looked at those “truths” now, I could see that they were not truths at all. What was being taught — no matter how cleverly expressed — stood in stark opposition to the actual teachings of the Bible. Couched in spiritual platitudes, the Course and the New Age, although pretending to be friends of Jesus and the Bible, were really no friends at all. Like Judas, they betrayed Christ in the name of love and with a deceptive kiss.

. . . In the midst of my study, I started to understand that for a number of years I had been letting my spiritual teachers — most especially the Course — tell me who Jesus “really” was

and what His teachings “really” meant. I could see that through my own laziness in never reading or studying the Bible for myself, I had swallowed a false gospel — hook, line and sinker.

I realized now that, although I was made in the image of God, I was not God or a part of God in any way. God was God, and I was me. I wasn’t Christ or a part of Christ, and neither was Buddha or anyone else. Jesus was *the* Christ, and there was no other. And, in spite of what anyone else tried to say, He *had* won an amazing victory on the cross of Calvary . . .

Something very mysterious had happened on that “old rugged cross” that a whole New Age was doing hand-over-head flips to completely avoid. It was the “victory in Jesus” that *A Course in Miracles* was desperately trying to redefine and explain away . . .



Warren Smith with his wife, Joy, at Elizabeth Lake in Yosemite.

Escaping the Light That was Dark

Finally, after all we had been through, I was starting to see that the heart of the gospel is not so much that God helps those who help themselves but, rather, that God helps those who *can’t* help themselves. It was not in affirming our strength but in recognizing our weakness that we had finally learned to ask the Lord for help. It was His grace, not our own self-sufficiency that had saved the day . . .

We had put our faith in ourselves as God and not in God as God; by going within we had gone without. We had grossly underestimated our ability to not be deceived, and we had grossly overestimated the wisdom of our metaphysical teachers.

. . . It was almost too much to comprehend. Flying high on our spiritual journey, we had been shot down by the truth and now found ourselves parachuting right into the middle of the Christian church. For two people who had been deeply committed to alternative spirituality, it was the ultimate cosmic joke. ❖

Note: You can order copies of Warren Smith’s book, *The Light That Was Dark*, from mountainstreampress.org (800-247-6553).

Weighed & Found Wanting: Rick Warren's Daniel Plan

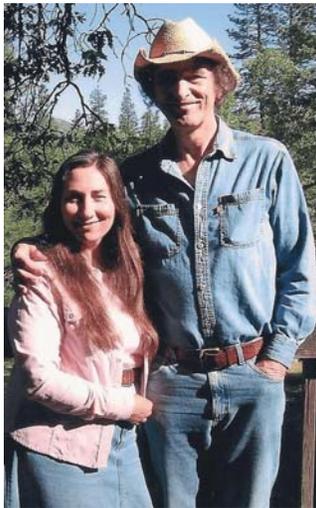
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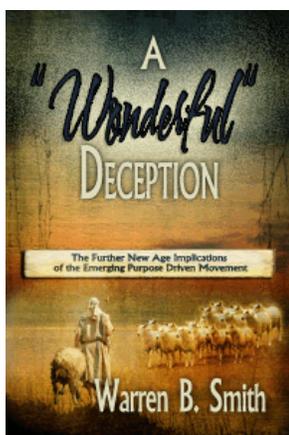
Who would have believed it? Occult/New Age doctors being invited into the Church to teach Christians how to be healthy? Charles Spurgeon must be rolling over in his grave.

On January 15, 2011 a fifty-two week health and wellness program — the Daniel Plan — was initiated at Rick Warren's Saddleback Church. More than six thousand people attended the well promoted and carefully staged event. Warren took the opportunity to announce that his own personal goal was to lose 90 pounds in 2011.

The Daniel Plan website states that “the Daniel Plan envisions starting a movement so the result is better physical and spiritual health for current and future generations.”¹ It describes how Rick Warren “recruited three best-selling authors” to create and oversee the Daniel Plan Curriculum—Dr. Mehmet Oz, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman.² Although these three physicians are all involved with New Age teachings, they describe themselves respectively as a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew.



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health.” In a statement reminiscent of Little Red Riding Hood's “grandmother,” Cox goes on to state: “These Doctors are helping us as friends, but are in no way advising our church on spiritual matters.”³

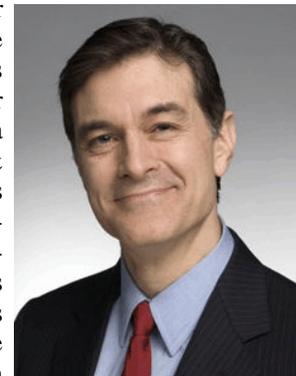
By repeating and emphasizing the term “physical health” three times in the response, Saddleback was obviously trying to distance itself from Oz, Amen, and Hyman's New Age beliefs. But the “we're only using them for physical health purposes”

On their church's Daniel Plan website, Saddleback pastor Brandon Cox tried to defend Rick Warren's indefensible decision to recruit three New Age doctors to implement a Christian health and wellness program. In his “Pastoral Response” to the question “Why did Saddleback Church choose to use these Doctors who have been linked to other beliefs?,” Cox wrote: “Pastor Rick knows each of these Doctors personally and has the utmost trust in their ability to advise us about matters related to physical

defense was not convincing. All three physicians are alternative medicine/holistic health practitioners who teach the indivisibility of “mind, body, spirit” in achieving optimum well-being. In other words, their New Age spiritual beliefs are necessarily embedded in their medical practice, their best-selling books, and their public appearances.

Dr. Mehmet Oz

Dr. Oz is the cardiovascular surgeon who was featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show for five years before gaining his own popular daytime TV show. He also has a daily talk show on “Oprah & Friends” satellite radio and writes columns for several magazines including Oprah's *O Magazine*. Operating out of Columbia University's Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Oz is like a modern-day shaman as he mixes traditional medicine with a wide variety of occult/New Age practices.



Dr. Mehmet Oz

Dr. Oz's New Age affinity for psychics, spirit guides, past lives, and contacting the dead was showcased on his March 15, 2011 program — just two months after the launch of the Daniel Plan — titled, “Psychic Mediums: Are they the New Therapists?” The promo on his website read: “Can talking to lost loved ones heal your grief? Hear why psychic John Edward believes you can talk to the dead.”⁴

On a January 6, 2010 Dr. Oz Show, Dr. Oz revealed what he believed to be “the most important alternative medicine treatment” for his viewers in that coming year. His #1 “Oz's Order” was to “Try Reiki”⁵ — an occult bodywork practice that incorporates the channeled guidance of spirit guides. Dr. Oz was reported in one press release as stating: “Reiki is one of my favorites, we've been using it for years in the Oz family, and we swear by it.”⁶

Dr. Daniel Amen



Dr. Daniel Amen

Dr. Amen is a child and adolescent psychiatrist, best-selling author, and medical director of the Amen Clinics for Behavioral Medicine. In his book *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life*, he encourages readers to “Learn and use self-hypnosis and meditation on a daily basis.”⁷

Amen, a self-professed Christian, specifically recommends a Hindu Kundalini form of meditation called Kirtan Kriya. He instructs his readers to chant “sa ta na ma” repeatedly while simultaneously doing repetitive finger movements.⁸ In a New Age world that says “everything happens for a reason” and “there are no accidents,” the first five letters of this Hindu meditation spell the name of Satan. The last three letters just so happen to be the abbreviated letters of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Is this pure coincidence, some kind of cosmic joke, or spiritual mockery?

In his book *The Brain in Love* (formerly titled *Sex on the Brain*), Dr. Amen recommends tantric sex to his readers. He writes that tantra “is a term applied to several schools of Hindu yoga in which sex is worshiped.”⁹ He states that “some tantra yoga teachers recommend meditative practices that also share elements with Kundalini yoga, where subtle streams of energy are raised in the body by means of posture, breath control, and movements.”¹⁰

. . . Dr. Amen’s fascination with tantric sex and Kundalini yoga is very similar to the teachings of Indian gurus like Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and Swami Baba Muktananda.

Dr. Mark Hyman

Dr. Hyman is the chairman of the Institute of Functional Medicine and author of the best-selling book *The UltraMind Solution*. With its front cover endorsement by Dr. Mehmet Oz, *The UltraMind Solution* offers practical medical advice while at the same time recommending a number of New Age resources to its readers.



Dr. Mark Hyman

For example, he recommends the website of New Age author and guided imagery proponent Belleruth Naparstek.¹¹ Her books and materials are designed to help people meditate, become more psychic, and connect with spirit guides.

. . . Dr. Hyman endorsed a New Age book entitled *Power Up Your Brain: The Neuroscience of Enlightenment*. It is co-authored by shaman/medium Alberto Villoldo and neurologist David Perlmutter. The foreword from the publisher states: “And now two men, two seers — a shaman and a scientist — are combining their experiences and expertise to explore the totality that includes all of the spirit world and all of the scientific world — as One.”¹²

. . . *Power Up Your Brain* includes a chapter recommending various “Shamanic Exercises” that include an invocation to the “Great Serpent.”¹³ Dr. Hyman’s back cover endorsement of this book sits alongside New Age leaders Bernie Siegel and Greg Braden. In his endorsement, Hyman betrays his belief in shamanism and the inextricable New Age link between physical and spiritual health. He writes:

The shaman and physician for millennia were the same person until the 19th century when they were split apart in the name of science. Now through the lens of 21st-century science, Villoldo and Perlmutter bring them back together, illuminating the web that links together our physical and metaphysical energy. For anyone feeling a loss of energy of body or soul, *Power Up Your Brain* is your guide to restoration and rejuvenation of your deepest energies.

Key Scriptures Regarding Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. —2 Corinthians 6:14

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. —Ephesians 5:11

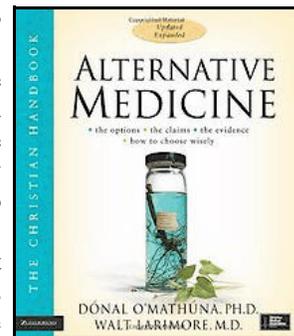
Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils. —1 Corinthians 10:21

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way. —Romans 14:13

Shepherding the Church into a New Age/New Spirituality

In the 1990’s, a well-known Christian leader rightly warned that alternative medicine and holistic health can provide an easy entryway for deceptive New Age teachings. He further warned that changing your diet can also end up changing your worldview. In other words, sometimes losing weight can also mean losing your soul. Speaking from his leadership role with the Christian Medical Association, Dr. David Stevens also urges great discretion regarding alternative health practitioners. He states: “Not only do we have to make a choice; we also have to evaluate the trustworthiness of each messenger and the validity of the message.”¹⁴

The Christian Handbook to Alternative Medicine also warns: “Consider carefully not only the therapy but also the character and worldview of those offering the treatment.”¹⁵ Thus, it is definitely “buyer beware” when it comes to mixed-bag physicians like Oz, Amen, and Hyman. But that doesn’t seem to matter to Rick Warren as he openly aligns himself with these New Age doctors and promises to make their joint Daniel Plan a worldwide phenomenon. Instead of sounding a warning trumpet and protecting the church from three New Age physicians, Warren praises them and trumpets his ungodly alliance with them.



One can only wonder if the prophet Daniel’s vision of the end days included a look at Rick Warren’s Daniel Plan — a compromised pastor and three New Age doctors with their psychics, spirit guides, tantric sex, necromancy, Yoga, Reiki, Transcendental and Kundalini “sa ta na ma” meditations and more — all in Daniel’s name. If so, it is no wonder the Bible records that he “fainted” and became “sick” for a number of days (Daniel 8:27). It doesn’t make any

difference in God’s scheme of things if Rick Warren stands slim

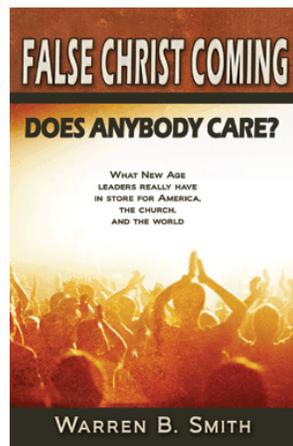
and trim in front of an adoring church audience after losing 90 pounds. What may be remembered is that in the midst of all the self-congratulatory statistics and frenzied media hoopla, a finger suddenly appeared on the wall behind Rick Warren and wrote the following:

... Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. — Daniel 5:27 ✚

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Another excellent book by Warren Smith is *False Christ Coming: Does Anybody Care?* It is available for purchase at www.lighthouse-trails.com.



The Dangers of Yoga

Judy White

(Editor's Note: Judy White's deliverance out of the New Age Movement was the catalyst for her book, *The Heart of Yoga Revealed*. The book can be purchased at www.theheartofyogarevealed.com. This article of hers is being reprinted with her permission. It first appeared in *The Voice* magazine at www.thevoicemagazine.com.)



Judy White

Christians should beware the counterfeit of the Holy Spirit found in yoga and the Kundalini spirit it produces. When most people hear the word "yoga," they understand it to be an exercise. They envision a person on a mat striking poses and practicing stretches to develop the body and relax the mind. But there is more to it than meets the eye. These poses and stretches embody more than physical exercise. Yoga has power to unleash the demonic Kundalini spirit.

What is the Kundalini spirit, and how does it function? How would we know the Kundalini spirit? The Body of Christ is called to be aware and to discern spirits. Our Lord instructs us to obtain godly wisdom.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God . . . — James 1:5

And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. — John 8:32

What is Yoga?

First of all, exactly what is the definition of yoga? The *Encarta World English Dictionary's* primary definition of yoga exposes its connection to religion: "Yoga: Hindu discipline; any of a group of related Hindu disciplines that promote the unity of the individual with a supreme being through a system of postures and rituals." The word yoga means "to yoke." Yoga is the act of yoking the practitioner to a Hindu god. This god is called "Brahman the Divine" who is said to enlighten the human soul by uniting with the human body. This "union" is accomplished through intense concentration, controlled breathing techniques, and prescribed yoga postures. When successful, Brahman and yoga practitioners are united as one.

To assist the yogi in achieving this "Divine" enlightenment, a mediator between the practitioner and Brahman is invoked. The ancients describe this mediator as the Kundalini spirit. Kundalini means "serpent power." When a person engages in yoga, a chain reaction occurs within the body. The Kundalini spirit is spontaneously activated and spiritual enlightenment is imparted by the "Universal World Soul" also known as Brahman. Yoga authorities say that all yoga is ultimately Kundalini yoga, and yoga is meaningless without it (*Encyclopedia of New Age Beliefs*, page 606).

Who created yoga, and why was it created? The *Bhagavad-Gita*, a subset of the Hindu scriptures called the *Vedas*, is

the essence of India's Vedic wisdom and claims yoga came into our world passed from ancient generations through a series of Hindu gods. Religious rituals implanted within yoga practice are dedicated to seeking union with these Hindu gods.

The Yoga Process

Unfortunately, most Christians do not understand that by its own definition yoga is an occult religious ritual. It is practiced through postures, mudras (occult hand signals), and mantras (chanted words) which are themselves ancient magical incantations. These ancient magical incantations operate spontaneously on a vibratory and subliminal frequency. Each practitioner upon his or her yoga mat unleashes sonic vibrations throughout a network of energy centers within the body called chakras.

There are seven chakras. They begin at the tailbone and move upward in "a straight line toward the crown of the head." The chakra trajectory is located along the spinal cord in the physical body and is the very path taken by the serpent Kundalini as it uncoils from the base of the spine. This Kundalini serpent is activated through yoga postures and brings different levels of enlightenment as it passes each chakra (*Total Yoga*, by Tara Fraser, page 23).

Each chakra is associated with one or more of the Hindu deities. When the chakras are activated by the snake-like motion of the Kundalini, the deities are summoned, and each deity transfers a specific occult power to the yoga practitioner.

How do the yogi masters define yoga? Yogi masters, devout yoga practitioners, claim that Kundalini serpent power makes them born again and baptizes them into new life. Credit is given to the Kundalini serpent for connecting them to the all-pervading power of "Divine" love.

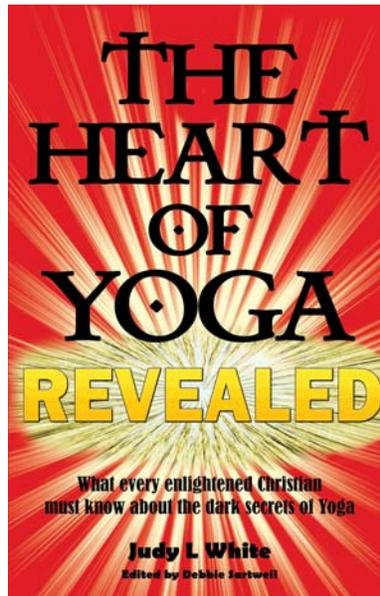
The Conflict with Christianity

Christians know that all-pervading Divine love comes from Jesus Christ and only from Jesus Christ. So who is this Kundalini spirit who claims Christ's power? The Kundalini serpent is a spirit of anti-Christ, not the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the anti-Christ spirit of the serpent Kundalini, Satan positions himself as mediator between heaven and earth. In this position, he fulfills his desire to be worshiped as God. Satan is always attempting to usurp the position of Jesus Christ. Christ is indeed the only mediator between heaven and earth:

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all. — 1 Timothy 2:5-6

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. — Hebrews 9:15



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Eternal inheritance is union with God in heaven and comes by receiving salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. But according to New Age swamis, a spontaneous transformation of mankind in union with the "Universal World Soul" will come by way of Kundalini through yoga! Many yoga gurus openly admit they become glorified by awakening the serpent power.

These yogis further prophesy that the New World Order and One World Religion will be led by one unparalleled yoga master who is incarnate. This yogi would be a master of the Kundalini and would teach all people the ancient secrets of self-transformation.

Scriptural Warnings

Throughout Scripture we are told to be aware of those "religious" persons, called false prophets, who come as "wolves in sheep's clothing" claiming to be Christ (Matthew 7:15). Lucifer, that serpent of old, the original wolf in sheep's clothing, is the one who initiated yoga. His powerful scheme is to counterfeit the Christian's worship of God. He accomplishes his goal through yoga, which incorporates a worshipful practice of sign language gestures, prayer positions, and bowing, all performed in a religious and reverent manner.

Devotional bowing postures are part of yoga's choreographed religious routines. These devotional bows deceive many into believing they are worshiping Christ through yoga, but they are instead worshiping idols. In the book of Corinthians, Paul explains that behind acts of idol worship lurks a receptive demon:

What am I trying to say? Am I saying that the idols to whom the pagans bring sacrifices are real gods and that these sacrifices are of some value? No, not at all. What I am saying is that these sacrifices are offered to demons, not to God. And I don't want any of you to be partners with demons. — 1 Corinthians 10:19-20, (New Living Bible)

Paul was explaining when Christians practice ancient postures rooted in pagan religious rituals they open the door to demons lurking in and behind these ceremonies. Demons receive the practitioners' sacrifice of worship and consume them for their own egocentric appetites. They accept the offering of worship as if the purpose is to honor them through yoga. Therefore, the yoga practitioner has become a living sacrifice offered to demons rather than to God.

As Christians, despite our hearts' and minds' desires to worship only God through Jesus Christ, we are in danger of committing spiritual adultery. We cannot sacrifice ourselves to idols with body language that invokes the Kundalini spirit at the same time that we offer ourselves to God as a holy, set apart, and dedicated sacrifice to Him. Scripture says "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's Table and of the table of demons" (1 Cor. 10:21). ❖

Nicaragua Mission Trip

Nathan Jones

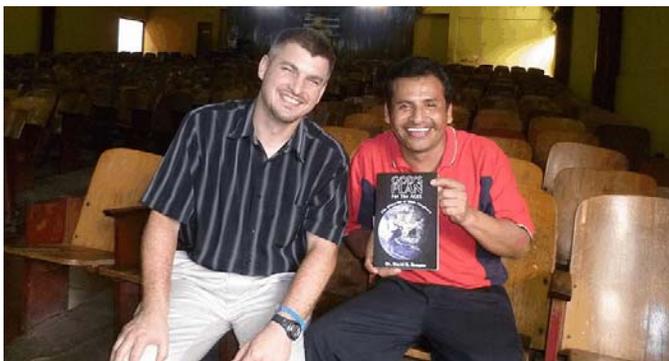
In mid-May, just as the dry summer months abruptly morphed into the rainy “winter” season in Central America, I left the familiar turf of the United States and traveled to an entirely different world. I was headed for Nicaragua, and my purpose in going there was to bring encouragement and support to one of the foreign missionaries that Lamb & Lion Ministries supports. His name is Donald Dolmus. He is only 30 years old, but he has been remarkably gifted by the Lord, and he is providing a great service to our ministry.



Nathan and the Dolmus family are pictured above at the airport in Managua, Nicaragua.

The differences between the United States and Nicaragua are at first starkly obvious. Nicaragua is a nation which has been crushed economically under the politically oppressive years of Daniel Ortega’s socialist government, a government openly hostile to the United States and Israel. Socialism has left the people in abject poverty, second only to Haiti as the poorest of the Gulf of Mexico nations. Their people are denied land ownership due to outrageous interest rates, and well paying jobs are rare. Many sell food like *rosquillas* (similar to pretzels) on little tables on the side of the road to make ends meet.

Signs of economic depression are manifested everywhere throughout the country by the almost total lack of maintained infrastructure — like good roads, water supply and sewage. When the garbage on the sides of the roads builds up too much, it is burned, producing smoking fires everywhere. Like the worst inner city neighborhood in our nation, their entire capital of Managua reels under high crime and violence, requiring all homes to be encased in wrought iron and barbed wire.



Nathan with Roger Lopez

Nicaragua also suffers spiritually under gross apostasy, and there the similarities to our nation are striking. Catholicism in its purest idolatrous practice dominates the culture, and the Protestant denominations are rife with Kingdom Now and “name it and claim it” false theology.

And yet, despite all the hardships the Nicaraguans endure, their people are a warm and friendly bunch, especially Donald. Donald has a lovely family. His supportive wife Linda keeps a good house and his little son Isai is just the cutest little guy. Donald himself has a fairly good job at a local bank, and is a great husband and father.

In response to his growing dismay over the sorry state of the Nicaraguan church, Donald began using any free time he had available to preach the Gospel. He became fascinated with Bible prophecy and apologetics, and he started translating articles he found on the Internet and began posting them on his website called *En Defensa de la Fe* (In Defense of the Faith). He’s using his bilingual talents to translate a good number of our ministry’s articles and is repurposing them on his website, extending our ministry’s outreach far into the Spanish speaking world.

En Defensa’s website statistics reveal that in the Spanish speaking world there’s a deep hunger for learning about Jesus’ soon return. One such person is Roger Lopez, a humble janitor at Donald’s bank who makes only \$150 per month, yet he spends what funds he can scrape together to buy materials on Bible prophecy. I got the pleasure of meeting Roger and delivering to him one of Dr. Reagan’s books, *God’s Plan for the Ages*, which he received with great joy. He showed me his binder of printed *Lamplighter* magazines, and he told me that although he does not speak English, he uses a dictionary to translate the magazine’s articles word for word into Spanish. Now that’s a passion for God’s Word!



The church Donald attends occupies a former movie theater.

Donald’s church, *Camino de Santidad* (Way of Holiness), is like an oasis in a desert of doctrinal confusion. The congregation loves their pastor, and they praise his devotion to sound biblical teaching. That teaching showed as the congregation sat so attentively as Donald translated my teachings at the Bible conference I held at the church on a Saturday. I spoke on Heaven and Israel, and then Donald preached about Replacement Theology. The members of the church sat patiently for two hours per sermon, a six hour time span few Americans would endure. They followed up with an in-depth Q&A time and held the most vibrant prayer time afterwards. That church sure knows how to worship!

I left Nicaragua feeling an “eternity” moment. You know, that coming time when all of God’s people — despite origin, tribe and tongue — will dwell together as brothers and sisters in Christ. It’ll be a blessed time where we all share the one thing that unites us — our passion for our Lord Jesus Christ. I got a taste of that in Nicaragua, and I hope you do too in getting to know Donald Dolmus and his wonderful Bible prophecy ministry. Check out his website at www.endefensadelafe.org, and take the time to send him a message thanking him for the great work he is doing to get our materials out to the Spanish-speaking world. ✝

False Prophets —

Harold Camping, a proven false prophet, set the date of May 21, 2011, for the Lord's return. This is after missing his forecast of a previous date in 1994. When the May date came and passed, Camping responded in the manner of most false prophets by setting a new date of October 21, 2011. Meanwhile, his reckless date-setting is motivating people to scoff at Bible prophecy in general. Satan must be loving it because Camping's irresponsible proclamations are turning people off to the truth that we really are living in the season of the Lord's return.

... of that day and hour [the Lord's return] no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. — Matthew 24:36

Left-Wing Hatred —

Chick-fil-A is a great American success story. It currently employs over 50,000 workers at over 1,500 outlets located all across our nation. It generates more than \$2 billion in income and supports many charitable institutions.



But the left-wing ideologues in this country hate Chick-fil-A. They have launched an all-out smear campaign to discredit the business. Why? Because the restaurant chain's official corporate mission is to "glorify God." Accordingly, the business is owned and operated by devout Christians who believe in Christian principles. To emphasize this, all Chick-fil-A heir stores are closed on Sunday to enable their workers to spend the day resting and worshiping the Lord.

The anti-Chick-fil-A leftists sneer at the company's main product as "Jesus Chicken." They make fun of its no-Sunday-work policy. They attack its owners and operators as 'anti-gay.' Even the *New York Times* recently attacked the business as "anti-gay."

These are the same people who have attacked the Boy Scouts of America relentlessly because of that organization's commitment to God and to Christian principles.

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness . . . — Isaiah 5:20

Apostasy —

The Presbyterian Church (USA) recently voted to allow sexually active gays, (homosexuals and lesbians) to be ordained as ministers. This totally unbiblical decision allies the denomination with the Episcopalians, the United Church of Christ, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church. All of these denominations have been bleeding members in recent years due to their liberal stances.



To approve the ordination of sexually active homosexuals is equivalent to endorsing the ordination of active adulterers. The Bible is crystal clear in its condemnation of homosexual behavior. To ignore this condemnation is to declare that the Bible is irrelevant.

Betrayal of Israel —

Our nation's betrayal of Israel began in 1990 when the Communist government of Russia decided to open its doors to allow Jews to emigrate to Israel. During the year that followed, 3,000 Russian Jews arrived each day

in Israel, forcing the nation to absorb a population equivalent to the United States absorbing the entire population of France in one year's time! Needless to say, the tiny nation of Israel was overwhelmed.

Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, applied to the World Bank for a loan of \$10 billion to cope with the needs of the refugees. He was told that the loan would be granted only if the United States would guarantee it. When he then turned to the first Bush Administration, he was told that the guarantee would be supplied only if he agreed to start negotiating with the Palestinians. This resulted in the Madrid Conference in October of 1991. In short, we forced Israel to start down the suicidal path of trading land for peace.

President Clinton pursued the same policy of trying to force Israel to give up its heartland of Judea and Samaria. He almost succeeded at the Camp David Summit in July of 2000 when he pressured the most liberal Prime Minister in Israeli history, Ehud Barack, to surrender the West Bank. But Yasser Arafat wanted much more, so he walked out of the negotiations.

The second Bush Administration continued the intense pressure on Israel resulting in the so-called "Road Map to Peace" in 2002 when President George W. Bush became the first president to call for the establishment of a Palestinian state. He also engineered the disastrous Israeli pull-out from the Gaza Strip in August of 2005.



In May of this year, America's betrayal of Israel reached a new level when President Obama called for the establishment of a Palestinian state based on the pre-1967 lines. The implementation of those lines would render Israel indefensible since it would be only 9 to 11 miles wide in the Tel Aviv area.

President Obama is begging for the wrath of God to be poured out on himself, his administration, and this nation.

I will bless those who bless you [Israel], and the one who curses you I will curse. — Genesis 12:3

I will gather all the nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land. — Joel 3:2

... he who touches you [Israel], touches the apple of His [God's] eye. — Zechariah 2:8 ✨

Evolution —

At a recent conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the speakers, Dr. Thomas Sharp, spoke about Evolution and Creationism. Dr. Sharp is the founder and director of the Creation Truth Foundation in Noble, Oklahoma (www.creationtruth.com). Here are some of the observations he made in his insightful presentation:

“The fossil record is not a record of history; it is a record of an event — the Noahic Flood.”

“Evolution vs Creation is not a matter of science vs religion; it is a matter of a conflict between two belief systems.”

“The greatest deception of the 20th Century is the idea that the Theory of Evolution is scientific.”

“God could have created the heavens and the earth in 6 seconds or instantly! He chose 6 days because He was supplying us with an example to emulate — an example of 6 days of work followed by one day of rest.”

“It is unbelievable what unbelievers have to believe in order to be unbelievers.”

“Evolution humanizes God and deifies Man.”

The Muslim World —

“The Arab Muslim World is on fire with Islamic revolution, and what we hear from the mainline media is that they want democracy. What the Western World doesn’t understand is that the Arab’s understanding of democracy is not the same as ours. The short answer to what they want is a quick path to Islamic Sharia law. You see, they don’t consider that to be a dictatorship. Rather, they believe that it is the will of their god, Allah. But if you were to believe Obama or Clinton, you’d think that the Muslim Arab World is about to turn into a wonderful peace loving democratic society. Nothing could be further from the truth. They want to establish a global Islamic rule called a Caliphate, and this does not just take in the Arab world but the entire world.” — Jerry Golden in *The Golden Report* from Jerusalem (www.thegoldenreport.com).

A sign displayed during the recent civil revolt in Egypt: “What we really need is democracy with a totalitarian party to vote for.”

An Attitude of Gratitude —

There is a Mexican restaurant in El Paso, Texas called Julio’s Café Corona. On every table there is a prominently displayed card entitled “We Owe It To Him.” The card reads as follows: “Everything we use and consume in our daily lives is a gift from God. Let us show our gratitude and acknowledge this fact today and every following day. Before partaking of this food, let us each bow our head and give thanks for the blessings we have. Here is a suggested thanksgiving before meals, or use your own words: ‘We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for these and all Thy blessings which we receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.’”

What a wonderful reminder! It will probably prompt a law suit by the ACLU.

Food for Thought



The Environment —

From *The Washington Post*:

“The Arctic ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot . . . Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone . . . Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt, the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.” This article appeared in *The Washington Post* on November 2, 1922, 89 years ago! (<http://wattsupwiththat.com>)

Spiritual Matters —

“If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” — From the movie, *Bella*.

“I was born with nothing, and I still have most of it left.” — Unknown author.

“Grace is not a puzzle to be solved but a gift to be embraced.” — Diane Chambers of New Jersey.

“There will be no Atheists in Hell because every person there will have been sent there after being judged by God.” — Unknown author.

“It’s hard to find books about biblical truth in Christian bookstores. What you find there can be mostly categorized as fluff ball theology.” — Mike Gendron

“We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won’t need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don’t fire cannons to call attention to their shining — they just shine.” — Dwight Moody

“We are living in an age when people are seeking a word from the Lord rather the Word of the Lord. They desire spiritual experiences rather than spiritual truth.” — Warren Smith

“Prosperity theology teaches that God promises His people financial gain and bodily health. It is a false gospel that turns the Gospel of Christ upside-down. The true Gospel offers forgiveness of sins and leads to a life of discipleship. Following Christ demands poverty more often than wealth, and we are not promised relief from physical ills, injury, sickness, or death. Christians die along with all other mortals, but we are promised the gift of eternal life in Christ.” — Albert Mohler

Government —

“If you were to put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in five years there would be a shortage of sand.” — Milton Friedman

“Try to comprehend the hypocrisy of a Congress that requires every citizen to prove that they are insured, but does not require everyone to prove they are a citizen.” — Unknown author. ❖

A Prophetic Poet

David R. Reagan

Leslie Kay Hedger is a gifted poet with a prophetic heart. She writes powerfully and with great insight about the sins of our nation and the need for us to repent before it is too late.

In 1994 we published a book of her poems under the title, *The Parched Soul of America* (the book is no longer in print). One of the poems in that book was picked up by presidential candidate Alan Keyes who quoted it several times in his speeches.



Leslie Kay Hedger

Recently, Leslie Kay sent me a new collection of poems under the title, *Living on Borrowed Time*. In a preface to the poems, she wrote: "I am a poet and I am drunk . . . drunk on the sins of America." Her preface ended with this observation:

It is only a matter of time until America's greed, violence and perversion reap the consequences of divine judgment. It's time for The People to check into rehab and get sober. It's time to endure the pain of withdrawal from self-indulgence and return to the self-sacrificing values of our forefathers. America is living on borrowed time.

Here are some of the poems included in her latest collection:

BABY CROSSES

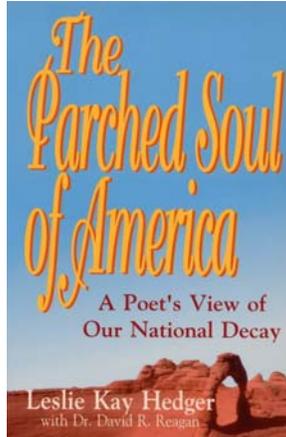
Bloody footprints
in the snow
Cross the cold heart
Of American soil
To an icy field
Of little white crosses
Nameless memorials
To the stone cold law
Of abortion on demand

CYBERCULTURE

Texting
Blogging
Twittering
Tweeting

Web sites
Web cams
Webinars
Web chat

Information technology
Nanotechnology
Biotechnology
Transhumanism



STATE OF THE HEART (1994)

A draft dodging, drug "exhaling,"
sodomy protecting, shady dealing,
tax raising, child exploiting,
baby killing, feminist pandering,
religion robbing, border betraying,
gun confiscating, military reducing,
womanizer
becomes Commander in Chief
and the Nation gets a leader
who reflects the true condition
of its heart

DOCTORS OF DARWINISM

Physician assisted
Suicide

Physician prescribed
Lethal medication

Physician diagnosed
Termination

Physician authorized
Premature death

Physician sanctioned
Euthanasia

EYE CANDY

Soft porn
Hard porn

Movie porn
Magazine porn

Video porn
Virtual porn

Internet porn
Webcam porn

Heterosexual porn
Homosexual porn

Sadomasochist porn
Bestiality porn

Domestic porn
Imported porn

Child porn
Snuff porn

Eye candy
Decay

IN LUCK WE TRUST

Internet gambling
State-run lotteries
Legalized casinos
Government sponsored gaming

Seductive fantasy
Easy money illusion
National addiction
To gambling revenues

CONCEIVED TO DIE

The womb
A playground

The birth canal
An execution chamber

The world
A premature grave ❖

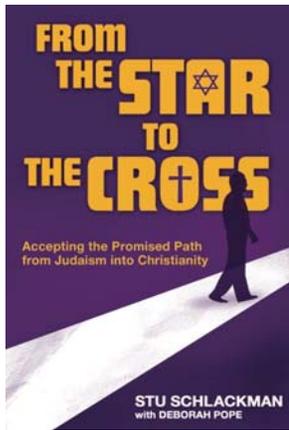
New Network!



We are delighted to announce that in early May we began broadcasting on our fifth national network — The Golden Eagle Broadcasting Network, headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The home base station is KGEB TV-53, located on the campus of Oral Roberts University. The programs broadcast by this station are carried nationally on cable networks and on DirectTV, channel 363. Our program is aired on Tuesdays at 6pm. Please pray for the success of this new outreach.

Through our five national networks we have access to over 70 million homes in the United States. And through the satellite systems of Daystar and The Church Channel, we have access to every nation in the world. We praise God for this incredible outreach that He has given our message that Jesus is returning soon.



We recently received an overwhelming response to a television interview we did with a Jewish Christian named Stu Schlackman. People were thrilled with his enthusiasm for the Lord, and some ordered as many as ten copies of his great book, *From the Star to the Cross*. The book is available from our ministry for the price of \$10 plus the cost of mailing. To order, call 972-736-3567. Copies of the TV program on a DVD disc are also available for \$5 each.

Don McGee of Crown and Sickle Ministries, Gary Fisher of Lion of Judah Ministries, and Dennis Pollock of Spirit of Grace Ministries have all assisted us recently in producing television programs about various aspects of Bible prophecy.



Dr. Reagan with Gary Fisher and Dennis Pollock

“Christ in Prophecy” Broadcast Schedule National Networks

Daystar Network				
DirecTV Channel 369		DISH Channel 263		
On cable networks throughout the nation.				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm

Inspiration Network				
Available on cable networks				
DirecTV Channel 364		DISH Channel 259		
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Mon. 8:30pm	Mon. 9:30pm	Mon. 10:30pm	Mon. 11:30pm

The Church Channel				
DirecTV Channel 371				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sat. 6:30pm	Sat. 7:30pm	Sat. 8:30pm	Sat. 9:30pm

National Religious Broadcasters Network				
DirecTV Channel 378				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm

Regional Networks



“Christ in Prophecy” is broadcast throughout southern Louisiana on the **Family Vision Network** at various times. See: www.kajn.com/familyvision.



New Mexico Family Stations is a network consisting of two stations in Albuquerque: KAZQ, Channel 32 and KTQS, Channel 36. Our program is broadcast on Thursday at 11:00pm and on Saturday at 3:00pm.

The Internet

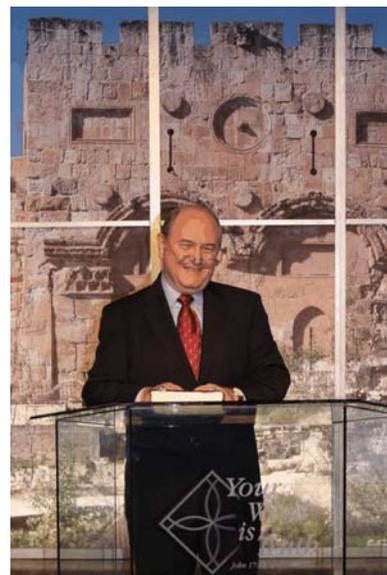
You can access our weekly television program through our website at www.lamblion.com. Go to the home page, scroll down to the bottom, and click on “Current TV Show.” You can also watch our TV programs on the Tangle website at www.tangle.com/lamblion. ✚

Scenes From Recent Video Shoots



Dr. Reagan on the left and Nathan Jones on the right host Stu Schlackman and his editor, Deborah Pope.

Don McGee of Crown & Sickle Ministries is shown on the right, standing in front of a background featuring the Eastern Gate in Jerusalem. Don's ministry is located in Amite, Louisiana, near Baton Rouge. We affectionately call him "The Raging Cajun." He is one of our most popular guests. People are always writing in and asking how he manages to keep his glasses on the end of his nose. His response is, "No comment." Dr. Reagan suspects it is super-glue.



In late May Dr. Reagan took a video crew to LaGrange, Georgia to shoot TV programs at this educational center established by Dr. Jim Fleming, one of Christendom's foremost teachers of biblical archaeology.



Dr. Fleming with Dr. Reagan



Alvin Price from Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky recently recited the entire book of James in front of our green screen. He is shown above in his James costume with ruins of Jerusalem superimposed behind him. We also shot a television program with him. His book of James video album will be available soon.

Ministry News

Schedule —

Dr. Reagan will begin the month of **July** by speaking at the Hikes Point Christian Church in Louisville, KY (3). In the middle of the month he will take a video crew to Israel to shoot TV programs in the Jerusalem area (12-19). He will conclude the month by speaking at Northpark Christian Church in Kingwood, TX (31). In **August** Dr. Reagan will speak at two prophecy conferences. The first will be the David Hocking Prophecy Conference at Calvary Chapel of Chino Hills, CA (5-6). The second will be the annual Louisiana Prophecy Conference sponsored by Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Broussard, LA (12-13). While in Louisiana, Dr. Reagan will speak at Amana Christian Fellowship in Maurice (14). Dr. Reagan will conclude the month by speaking at First Christian Church in Scottsburg, IN (20-21). In **September** Dr. Reagan will attend the President's Council meeting of the National Religious Broadcasters in Washington, D.C. (14-15). Later that month he will speak at the annual West Coast Prophecy Conference sponsored by According to Prophecy Ministries. It will be held at San Diego Christian Worship Center in San Diego, CA (18-20).

Israel —

Dr. Reagan will be taking a video crew to Israel in mid-July to shoot footage for television programs. He will be focusing on four mountains of Jerusalem: the Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, the Temple Mount, and Mount Herzl. Please pray for the success of this trip.

In late October and early November Dr. Reagan will be back in Israel with a pilgrimage group. They will tour all of Israel, spending two nights in Tel Aviv, two in Tiberias, and five in Jerusalem.

The ministry's next general tour of Israel is tentatively scheduled for May 5-16, 2012. It will be limited to 51 people. If you are interested in participating, give us a call at 972-736-3567 or email us at lamlion@lamlion.com, and we will place your name on a list to be notified as soon as the details of the trip have been completed and confirmed.



November 2010 Lamb & Lion pilgrimage group on the Mount of Olives overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.



2012 Bible Conference —

The speakers for our 2012 annual Bible conference have been confirmed. The conference will be held during the last weekend in June (June 29 & 30). The theme will be "Israel in the End Times." The featured musician will be **Ted Pearce**, considered to be one of the foremost writers and performers of Messianic music today. The speakers and their tentative topics are:

Jeff Seif — Former chief spokesman for Zola Levitt Ministries and an expert on Middle East politics. He will speak on "Israel and the Arabs."

Bill Koenig — White House correspondent. He will speak on "Israel and the United States."

Arnold Fruchtenbaum — Founder and director of Ariel Ministries and Bible prophecy scholar. His topic will be "Israel in the Millennium."

Gary Frazier — Bible prophecy writer and speaker. He has been to Israel more than 100 times. His topic will be "The Salvation of Israel."

Mark Hitchcock — Pastor, prolific writer and conference speaker. He will speak on "Israel in the Tribulation."

Dave Reagan — Founder and director of Lamb & Lion Ministries. He will kick off the conference with a presentation entitled: "Israel in Bible Prophecy: Past, Present & Future."

As is always the case with our conferences, **Jack Hollingsworth** will be present to sing special songs throughout the conference. Registration will open after the first of the year.

Prophecy Partners —

Our Prophecy Partners provide the spiritual and financial foundation of our ministry. They are committed Christians who believe in the soon return of Jesus and who pledge to pray for us regularly and to supply us with a donation of \$20 a month or more for one year. We currently have over 2,500 Prophecy Partners, and we praise God for each one. Dr. Reagan writes them a letter each month about the activities of the ministry, and he includes a gift with the letter — usually a DVD containing a video program about Bible prophecy. To become a Prophecy Partner, give us a call at 972-736-3567. Thanks!



Richard and Barbara Oliver are Prophecy Partners in Hawthorne, New Jersey. They have one son, David, who lives in New York City. Rich is a retired purchasing administrator. Barb is the CEO of a home health care company.



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Dr. Reagan's Newest Book

The increasing attacks on the divinity of Jesus, both from inside and outside the Church, have grown in frequency and intensity in recent years. The reason, of course, is that we are in the season of the Lord's return, and Satan, who can read the signs of the times, knows that his time is short. Accordingly, he has launched an all-out attack to undermine the credibility of Jesus as the Savior of the world.

This attack is what motivated Dr. Reagan to produce this new book. He garners the overwhelming evidence of fulfilled prophecy to prove that Jesus was really who He said He was — namely, God in the flesh. He discusses the First Coming of Jesus in Bible prophecy, Jesus in symbolic prophecy, prophecy and mathematical probability, and Daniel's cornerstone prophecy of the 70 weeks of years.

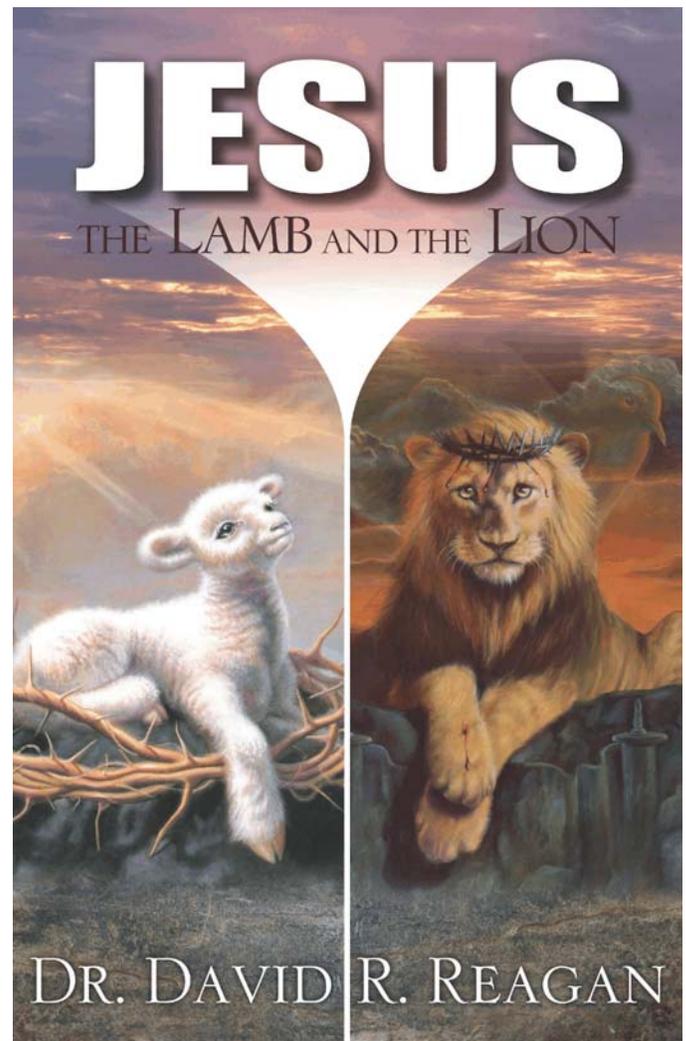
He focuses in on the birth of Jesus in prophecy and presents in detail the evidence that points to the truth of the virgin birth. He also explains the necessity of the virgin birth.

The key chapter is the one that specifically addresses the issue of the divinity of Jesus. Piling scripture on top of scripture, Dr. Reagan presents witness after witness to the truth that Jesus was God incarnate.

He then presents chapters about the preincarnate Jesus, the miracles of Jesus, the death of Jesus in prophecy, the resurrection of Jesus in prophecy, and the Second Coming in prophecy. One entire chapter is devoted to the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus.

The book concludes with one of Dr. Reagan's most frequently requested essays: "Living for Christ in the End Times."

This is a book for both believers and unbelievers.



For believers, it will assist them in defending the faith. For unbelievers, it will present the evidence that Jesus is both Lord and Savior and is therefore the only hope for our world.

The book runs 238 pages in length. It is illustrated with charts and diagrams. It sells for \$15 plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567 between the hours of 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday. Consider ordering an extra copy for your pastor. ✚