

# CULTIVATE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER...December...2009

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## Greetings in Jesus!

Quite often, I begin by saying something to the effect of... So much is happening so fast! But there's an article on that later so let me just say thank you so much to those of you who help keep this ministry going through your prayers and support! You have no idea just how much you are appreciated!

## Time To Renew!

On the envelope you see the red stamp I put on myself, "Time To Renew". Many of you did this last month to be ensured to continue receiving this newsletter for 2010. Thank You! Now that it's December, this is the last chance to renew so please do so right away to make sure it's done in time for next month's and next year's newsletters. We do this at the end of each year to clean up the mailing list. No need for us to send the newsletter out to those who toss it in the trash. All you need to do is simply send back the return envelope. Whether you're requesting something from the resource list or something offered in this month's newsletter, or nothing more than sending a note back asking to be renewed, you will be!

As always, there's no actual cost for this monthly newsletter, but any gifts of support are greatly appreciated because I do have the airtime costs which came to \$28,888.00 for 2009. And to get the newsletter out to all of you for next year, that cost will be \$3,805.00 for printing and postage alone unless postage goes up again.

Now, please do not send a list of people you wish me to add to the mailing list. They must request it for themselves. As always feel free to make copies and share with others.

## Whatever Happened to the New Age Movement Pt. II...

*By Leisa Garcia, Folio Specialist*

As discussed in Part 1 of this series, the New (Age) Spirituality which is "paganism (the occult) in modern dress" continued to grow through the 1990s and has become even more prominent during the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It currently can be found in the work place, hospitals, public schools, prisons, on television, in bookstores, and as we will be discussing, it has been *welcomed* by the Church with open arms!

In 2 Corinthians 2:11, Paul took it for granted that the people of Corinth were not ignorant of Satan's devices. Sadly, that can't be said of many believers today. The discernment skills of many believers are either very weak or nonexistent. The combination of a profound Biblical illiteracy and lack of a literal hermeneutic; i.e., "God says what He means and means what He says," has left the church wide open for New (Age) Spirituality deception.

## Spiritual Discernment and the Mature Believer

Both Hebrews 5:14 and Ephesians 4:14 describe the discernment skills characteristic of a mature believer. Specifically, Hebrews 5:14 describes a mature believer as one who

through practice has exercised vigorously their faculty of the mind for perceiving, understanding, and judging to discern both good and evil – truth and lie.

Although there is a specific gift of the Spirit given to some, called "discerning of spirits," as spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12:10, the discernment skills referenced by both Hebrews 5:14 and Ephesians 4:13, 14, are characteristic of ALL mature believers.

Jesus declares in John 17:17, "Thy Word is Truth." Mature believers use objective reasoning skills to compare unfamiliar or new teachings and practices with the Truth of God's Word to prove all things. The word "prove" as used in 1 Thessalonians 5:21 means: to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), to recognize as genuine after examination.

As mature believers, let's examine some of the main forms of New (Age) Spirituality that have crept into the Church.

## "Christian" Yoga?

Mystical Meditation is the foundation of New (Age) Spirituality and has entered the Church in two main forms. The most transparent is called "Christian" Yoga.

The word "yoga" comes from the Hindu Sanskrit root "yuj," which means "to join" or "to yoke." The question then comes to mind, what is the practitioner joining *with*?

*Traditionally, yoga is a method of joining the individual self with the Divine, Universal Spirit, or Cosmic Consciousness. Physical and mental exercises are designed to help achieve this goal, also called self-transcendence or enlightenment.*

This "joining" is becoming one with the divine and becoming enlightened to the fact that you *are* divine – self-realization. All creation is God (Pantheism) and God is in all creation (Panentheism) – God is everywhere and is *in* everyone.

Some supporters and promoters of "Christian" Yoga claim they only use the physical exercises (as in the Hatha form of Yoga). Their intentions are to worship God, not the Hindu gods, so they have no problem with "Christian" Yoga.

However, Hatha Yoga concentrates on the Yoga positions called Asanas. In Hinduism everything is god. Each position is representative of a different being of creation. Hinduism teaches that the creative force that runs through all creation is called Kundalini.

The Sanskrit word Kundalini means "the curled one," and is referenced as Kundalini awakening or the awakening of the serpent power (Kundalini Shakti). Jean Lim, author/speaker and expert on the supernatural states:

*Yoga is actually a form of spiritual exercise, and those who practice Yoga will be filled with the spirit of Yoga, which is the spirit of the serpent... I don't think we can separate Yoga, the practice of Yoga, from the spiritual into just a form of exercise, because every form of the Yoga movement derives from the serpent and there is a root behind it, so when a person practices Yoga, the actually are inherently bowing down to the god of the serpent.*

God commands His people to not bow down or worship any other god in Exodus 34:14. The Israelites are warned in Joshua 23:7 that when "ye come among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear [by them], neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them."

"Christian" Yoga is as incongruous as "Christian" Ouija. Intent doesn't matter. You wouldn't use Yoga to worship the true God any more than you would use a Ouija board to speak to Jesus Christ. Both are entry points into the spirit world that open the door to spiritual deception.

There are many believers who understand this concept and do not have anything to do with Yoga. However, they may have fallen for something even more deceptive.

### Centering / Contemplative Prayer

The terms Centering Prayer and Contemplative Prayer are becoming well known in Christian circles. For the most part, these terms have been used interchangeably. However, Centering Prayer appears to be the methodology which creates the "spiritual" environment for Contemplative Prayer, which is defined as contemplating God with the soul, *not* with your mind or rational thought.

Centering Prayer / Contemplative Prayer was brought into the Roman Catholic Church in 1977 by three trappist monks: (Abbot) Thomas Keating, William Meninger, and Basil Pennington. This was in response to Vatican Council II's call for the "*revitalization of the path of contemplative prayer.*"

These three joined with ecumenically oriented Catholic theologians, an Eastern Zen master who offered retreats on Buddhist meditation, and a former trappist monk who taught transcendental meditation. Together they created "centering prayer."

In the forward to the book *Kundalini Energy and Christian Spirituality* by Philip S. Romain, Thomas Keating (the most famous of the three trappist monks) wrote:

*Reading the Christian mystics from the perspective of his [Philip St. Romain] own experience of kundalini energy, the author sees many examples of its working in the lives of Christian saints and mystics. Since this energy is also at work today in numerous persons who are devoting themselves to contemplative prayer, this book is an important contribution to the renewal of the Christian contemplative tradition. It will be of great consolation to those who have experienced physical symptoms arising from the awakening of kundalini in the course of their spiritual journey, even if they have not experienced it to the fullest extent described by the author. His [Philip St. Romain] compelling testimony is a powerful affirmation of the potential of every human being for higher states of consciousness.*

Although its proponents will argue against it, Centering/Contemplative Prayer is most definitely a form of Eastern Meditation, i.e. Mystical Meditation. .... the steps taken are identical. Both use the same method to induce an altered state of consciousness – void of thought, just contemplating *spiritual truth* in an experiential fashion and accepting it as *truth* without discernment. This is a spiritually dangerous condition. The door to the spiritual realm of intense experience becomes the basis for truth instead of the Word of God.

### Be Not Deceived

Each believer has the ultimate responsibility to use his/her discernment skills and not be deceived. However, the shepherds of the flock such as pastors, Bible teachers and Christian leaders also bear responsibility for teaching the whole counsel of God and warning of false doctrine. In Paul's farewell instructions to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20, Paul declared:

*For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*  
Acts 20:27-31

May all pastors as shepherds of the flock of Jesus Christ follow Paul's example, and may we as believers practice our discernment skills and heed Jesus' warnings to "be not deceived."

### The Unwrapping of Christmas

We have all been brought up with the many traditions of Christmas. But let's say, you came from a land far away that never did. Let's say you did know the Lord and His Word well. Now December rolls around and you learn of a strange tradition almost everyone is involved in. It seems people everywhere are going into a forest and cut down a tree and bring it home. But this is not for firewood, but instead, they begin to fasten it with hammers and nails so it won't fall over. Then, they deck it with silver and gold and other trinkets. Then they even put little lights on it. And if that was not strange enough, you see them bringing wrapped presents and laying them all around the base! You would think, this is a strange tradition indeed! So you ask, why are you doing this? They tell you, "We are doing this to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ." You, being a follower of Christ would be baffled and shocked at the same time! Knowing God's Word, you would ask, "Why do this three months after his birth? And why the altar? And why the wrapped gifts at this altar? And why bring a tree inside in the first place when you know Jeremiah Chapter 10 strictly tells us to not be as the heathen who do this. You would have to wonder, what on Earth happened to these strange people living in this land who refer to themselves as believers in Christ! As you further investigate, you find unbelievers doing all these same things!

So, as Christians, just how many of these traditions of Christmas are really Christian? Turns out, every single tradition of Christmas stems from pagan origin! Every single one! What a slap in the face of God who saved us from such practices!

Perhaps all of this information is new to you. Or maybe, you don't want to know. Could you be a part of the prophesied great falling away and not even know it? Or maybe you know of someone else who has been caught in this great apostasy unknowingly.

This month, I'm planning to air the audio portion of the DVD entitled: **The Unwrapping of Christmas**.

If you would like a copy of this DVD, it's available for a gift of any amount this month.

### **The Christmas Story: What Really Happened?**

Each year around Christmas I also usually air what I can of about a three hour exposé by Chuck Missler as entitled above. This covers absolutely everything! Things most of us are unaware of, including how we've been about to come up with the actual date of Christ's birth. In times past, this has been available on two CDs but this year it's available all on one DVD. If you would like a copy, this too is available for a gift of any amount this month and duplication is encouraged!

### **It's All Happening at Once!**

This is what I mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter. Once a year, Chuck Missler brings us up do date with what he calls **Strategic Trends**. But because so much is happening at once this year, one DVD just couldn't fit everything in, so this year, it's been done in two parts. You won't believe everything covered! Here they are: In part one he covers, The Struggle for Jerusalem, The Rise of Islam and The Magog Invasion. In part two there's The Rise of the European Superstate, Global Religion, Global Government, Global Pestilence and Biotechnology, The Rise of the Far East, Energy/Cyberwarfare and The American Challenge! 10 areas altogether!

In this Strategic Briefing, Chuck gives us a current perspective on these 10 trends that shape our world and their relevance to Bible Prophecy. Now more than ever, we need to stay informed about what is really going on! If you would like to obtain the entire package of information, this too is available for a gift of any amount. Simply ask for the DVD set entitled: **Strategic Trends 2009**.

### **Fall of the Republic**

I never thought I'd be reporting on this! It does now appear we are living in a time of America's last stand. Republics have been born and republics have fallen. America is no different even though we thought it could never happen. There's a new film out now which I hope to air soon. Let me share a little from what's written about this DVD.

*Fall of the Republic documents how an offshore corporate cartel is bankrupting the U.S. economy by design. Leaders are now declaring that world government has arrived and that the dollar will be replaced with a new global currency.*

*President Obama has brazenly violated Article I Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution by seating himself at the head of the United Nations' Security Council, thus becoming the first U.S. President to chair the world body.*

*A scientific dictatorship is in its final stages of completion, and laws protecting basic human rights are being abolished worldwide; an iron curtain of high-tech tyranny is now descending over the planet.*

*A worldwide regime controlled by an unelected corporate elite is implementing a planetary carbon tax system that will dominate all human activity and establish a system of neo-feudal slavery.*

*The image makers have carefully packaged Obama as the world's savior; he is the Trojan Horse manufactured to pacify the people just long enough for the globalists to complete their master plan.*

If you would like a copy of this DVD, it too is available for a gift of any amount this month and as usual, you are encouraged to make copies and share with others! Simply ask for: **Fall of the Republic**. (This is the latest Alex Jones film)

### **All About the Anti-christ!**

Seeing as we do appear to be living in the latter part of the last generation, many are speculating as to who the anti-christ might be. Personally, I don't believe the anti-christ will be actually revealed until the rapture of the Church. He is revealed when he enters into the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and proclaims himself as God. However, I do believe he could very well be on planet Earth at this time and perhaps in a place of leadership.

Well, Dr. David Reagan of Lamb & Lion Ministries got together with 11 other Bible prophecy experts regarding what the Bible reveals about the anti-christ who will rule the world during the period of the Great Tribulation. They cover things such as, will he be a Jew? Will he be a Muslim? Will the anti-christ be killed and actually resurrected from the dead? Where will his headquarters be located? And is he alive today? Actually, more than that! Perhaps you heard this on the air. I aired this the last week of November. As I mentioned on the air, I'll say to you guys now: If you would like a copy of this DVD, it too is available this month for a gift of any amount. Simply ask for the DVD entitled: **All About the Anti-christ**.

### **The New Colloidal Silver Generators!**

Good news! There was two reasons why the price for these kits for making Colloidal Silver had to go up. #1. Because the costs of everything to make them went up, especially the silver, and #2. the time it takes to make these. I love simple and I found a way to simplify the making of these kits so at least for those of you who receive this newsletter, these kits will (at least for now) remain at only \$20.00! Good timing because there's been so many people requesting these due to this man-manufactured bird/swine/human flu virus (and many fears of the vaccine) that I just haven't had to the time to put these kits together. Now, hopefully, I will! More good news! On the You Tube on the internet, I show people how to make their own Colloidal Silver for under \$15.00! Now, I'll tell you the same. All you really need is the two 6 inch silver strips, a 9 volt battery and a clear glass of water about 7 inches tall or taller. You furnish the glass of water and the 9 volt battery which should be no more than \$4.00! You can get the two 99.9% silver bezel strips from here for only \$10.00! Simply crimp the two silver strips over on one end so they can hang inside the glass of water next to each other without making contact. Then simply hold the 9 volt battery onto the two silver strips so contact is made on each

battery terminal. Hold in place until you see the water cloud up (about 15 minutes or so). You've got Colloidal Silver! Hi Ho Silver and Away! Don't believe all the hogwash out there! This grade of Colloidal Silver should kill every virus and infection known to man! Please share this information to others!

### V = Rapture?

Obviously, we are living in the latter part of the last generation. And of course, we see the many prophecies taking place proving this. "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." And in Matthew Ch. 24 we see where Jesus not once, not twice, but three times warning of deception. This was just after His disciples asked what it would be like at the end of this age. Now, who is it that will be falling for these deceptions? Well, first of all, those who depart from the faith. This is key! Because *after* one departs from the faith in Christ Jesus, that is when they also begin giving heed to seducing spirits as well as doctrines of devils. This is why it's so important for us to keep focused on Jesus, knowing His Word and watching for these various deceptions in these last days.

When a teller gets hired at a bank, commonly her job is to do little more than count money. After she does this for a while, the bank president may slip a counterfeit bill in a stack to see if she catches it. If she doesn't, she just keeps counting money until she does! Then she is ready to do the job of a teller. She becomes so used to the real, that she will spot a counterfeit every time!

In these latter times, it seems there's more and more of a battle of deceptions all around us. Including the media! The media is not evil in itself, for media is just media. Information coming out. It can be used by God or the enemy.

A while back, a TV series began entitled "The Ghost Whisperer." This one came from the enemy! Since then, there's been multitudes of people believing there's a ghost behind every corner! Many have given heed to these spirits thinking they might be a dead loved one or something when in reality, these are demons!

Recently, there's been a new TV series come out on ABC which has produce another quantum leap of deception. It's entitled: "V". It stands for Visitors. These super huge spaceships park themselves over many cities around the world, then via large screen high definition TV screens showing their leader's face, talk with all humanity in their own languages depending upon where on Earth they're located. Their message? We come in peace! We want to be friends! The whole world responds quite favorably, except Russia and the USA are a bit more reluctant at first. These *visitors* make close ties with individual newscast personalities to get in good with the rest of the people.

In a time when so many are concerned about the many problems in this world and what may take place on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2012, the timing could not have been better for this great deception!

The good news? This is how Satan works! And he is doing everything he can in the area of UFOs, aliens and abductions for one reason and one reason alone. To explain away

the rapture of the Church! Bad news for the world, but good news for the Church! Also good news for the Church to use as a witnessing tool to get the truth out there and get people saved! The truth is not out there, the truth is with you. It's just a matter of what are you going to do with it.

If you have not yet listened to the CD entitled: **UFOs and the Coming Deception**, you might want to. It gives some great insights to this whole UFO thing. Available for a gift of any amount this month.

### Where Are Your Nets?

Early in the book of Matthew ch. 4:18, we see an interesting thing transpire. "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting their net into the sea for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed Him." And right after that, in vs. 21 we see, "And going on from thence, He saw another two brethren, James, the son of Zebedee and John, his brother in a ship with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets and He called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father and followed Him."

One thing we know about their nets... They got rid of them! Have you?

### 30 Club...

Maybe you're unable to catch the broadcast but would still like to keep up with what's going on.

Here's a great way to do that. We have what's called our 30 Club. Anyone wishing to help support this ministry with a monthly gift of \$30.00 or more each month, may upon request, start receiving everything I air throughout the entire month. Sometimes these are on a CD but most of the time these are DVDS. Normally, DVDS cost \$20.00 each and CDS are \$5.00 each so this is not only a great deal, but it also helps support this ministry. So just let me know when you write if you'd like to become a part of the 30 Club. Thanks!

### Ending Note ...

Again, I just want to thank those of you who help keep this ministry going through your continued prayers and gifts of support. You have no idea just how much you are appreciated! And you probably have no idea what is being set up for you in heaven for all eternity!

Yours because His:



- Jim Zilonka