

The Spirit of Jesus

And His Enemies



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Preface and Introduction

This book gives a striking view of what it is to be spiritual, discerning and close to God. It considers the simplicity and beautiful character of the real Jesus. It contains some real encounters with Jesus and with the forces of darkness. It examines certain cultic practises found within Christian circles. Each chapter gives a brief introduction to the subject it speaks on. This is not an in depth analysis of spiritual things but an introduction to Jesus as a Spiritual Reality and to His enemies, mainly from within Christianity.

I tend to write from personal Bible reflection and experience rather than from any current perspective. No doubt I will be seen as the opposite to how I really am by those who feel they are spiritual but do not actually live the life of holiness to which all believers are called. Throughout my long years as a Christian I have found this to be the crux of the matter; whether those claiming to be Christ's really are holy as He is holy or are simply dogmatic, earth bound, theoretical, carnal and super-spiritual...

Inevitably it reflects my gifts as someone called to discern the Spiritual Realm. I do have the actual Biblical gift of Discerning of Spirits and I am able to discern the many who claim to have this but do not - particularly those in cults. Also I am gifted in revelations and visions, having seen the Lord as a child and sometimes since. I am not however, part of the modern phenomenon of the Charismatic Movement and even though I am sure I shall be quickly pigeon holed I bear more resemblance to the early Christians of the first centuries of Christianity. In those days it was still considered normal to be a visionary before the years of Catholic excess of Charismatic delusion.

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Spiritual Awareness

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Chapter One

Before considering the various aspects of the 'deeper spiritual life' as it has sometimes been called let us consider the many who are claiming to be spiritual today. We'll consider how in intellectual understanding of *spiritual topics* their knowledge is mixed but in terms of being *taught of God* they often know little of this in experience. In fact very many are uninspired, heretical, blasé and dogmatic: The opposite to spiritual mindedness.

I'm not writing to critique those who are trying to walk in the Spirit or those who say they can sense within their spirits the truths of God. I am writing to help them to be faithful to God. This book is written for a purpose: To focus minds on what *is* spiritual and to get believers out of the nest to fly as eagles in Spirit and in Truth.

Have you wondered what it is to be spiritual but are confused that within Christianity itself there are so many different ways? Have you noticed that there is an End Times hysteria from certain quarters and a too relaxed attitude from others? This book will have some answers and I will focus on Jesus being the Antidote to spiritual confusion. It is Jesus the Lord who gives clarity and simplicity to a believer's faith.

After reading you may want to live this life in spirit and truth. It is

easier than you may think. You have been hindered by the evil one – expressing himself through false teaching and the confusion it spreads. Remove that stumbling block and the way becomes plain.

Concepts of Spiritual Awareness

“These things we speak, not in words that man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches – Comparing spiritual things to spiritual.” [1 Corinthians 2:13]

A person may read the most spiritual books in the world and learn their concepts. They may speak of these things and discuss them with others who have studied them but do they understand these concepts because the Holy Spirit has taught them or simply as they read the books of men? Since it is a fact that if a person is not taught of the Spirit of God they cannot truly understand the spiritual books. The Christian world is full of people who use spiritual language about spiritual things and often say, “I sensed in my spirit...” or “The Holy Spirit spoke to my mind...” or “I had a word of prophecy...” How much of this is real? The various teachings that come out of Christianity that contradict one another present a problem to the believer: How to get straight to the truth.

I cannot count the number of times that people have said, “I sensed in my spirit...” and then gone on to support a right wing or left wing politician, or nuclear armament, or rejection of another, more sound, believer...and by observation I have learned that when they say they sensed something in their spirit it usually translates in reality that a petty prejudice, a feeling, an assumption etc. has been spiritualized. Often using the concept of *sensing in the spirit* is simply a justification for carnal prejudices that could not otherwise be justified: The exact opposite of Biblical spiritual awareness. In fact this is a principle of deception for those deceiving and being deceived. They have a tendency to believe they know, what is merely conjecture, and this is based on the evidence of supposed inner spiritual sensing: Sometimes, quite often on prophecies. This usually means they *cannot really make a logical case* to support their beliefs. Often they develop a super-spiritual attitude to others who reject their supposed divine revelations as false conjectures.

Before going on I should say that if you have trouble understanding me you may like to read each sentence and then think on it. This is because I will say more in a single paragraph than most authors will say in a book. Secondly, everything I have written in this book you can understand *if you take the trouble to think about it*. So often Christians are used to hearing sermons in church that do their thinking for them and it may come as something as a shock to realise you need to *cogitate deeply* to understand spiritual books, of which this is certainly one.

How you can you tell the genuine work of God?

Having a genuine gift of revelation I know that *understanding and material evidence are given by God to support His revelations*. In other words God first explains, then reveals and then performs a sign. It works something like this. The gifted believer studies a subject in the Bible and God gives them insight and a rational and logical view of the subject. This is followed by a revelation, perhaps a dream or vision or discernment of something. Related to this, occasionally there are effects in the material world of either healing or prayer fulfilling the teaching they received from God. As a result the gifted believer uses logical, Biblical argument rather than insistence that they are superior and must be believed! God supports them with a degree of evidence that others can see. In the Gospels you will see this dynamic in the life of Jesus more than anywhere else. His inner spiritual life effected change in society and in individuals. Often these changes were miraculous and physical.

Let us consider this dynamic more closely. A believer may be led by God to study and meditate upon a subject deeply over years. As they become wise, by the Spirit, *this understanding is deepened by revelation* – but this must be preceded by the first search for wisdom. After the greater light that comes in some form by the Spirit there is the outer evidence of change in the believer, in their circumstances or in the world. So a degree of outer evidence comes from God as proof of inner spiritual reality. That is because there has been a greater revelation and deepened understanding leading to a *greater faith*. It is rather like ascending a spiritual ladder.

Example: I studied the doctrine of sanctification for years. I read books on holiness. My understanding became greater than my teachers, as King David said of himself. Eventually I was given a vision of the Tree of Life in Heaven. In this vision an angel gave me some of the fruit which I ate. This was followed by an experience of holiness which continues to this day, a depth of experience in holiness and power over sin generally thought to be impossible in this world. You can see the dynamic at work: The seeking, learning, finding and experiencing. As Jesus said we will find when we seek. First there is understanding – under God; then revelation from God and then confirmation in power. It is all about discipleship rather than instantaneous gratification.

Let us now consider the opposite. One obvious element in the ministry of those who are false and make false but grandiose claims about themselves is *the lack of seen evidence*. Many may believe them on the basis of trust. If they are healing ministers they trust others have been healed by these ministers but somehow don't get healed themselves... Generally where there is a lot of noise there is little to show for it. This is like going to a great fig tree full of luxurious foliage but finding no fruit! We know what Jesus did to the unfruitful fig tree.

Jesus does give fruit that is spiritual and enduring, whether it is peace, joy or even power. His servants give it out for free! On close examination they bear the fruit of Christ and need no fanfare. These, if they claim to heal, will likely heal you! Alas, there are so few. If they just teach, their teaching will invigorate your faith. They are also kind and humble *without exception*, as are all disciples of Christ.

Developing spiritual sensitivity

It is relatively easy to distinguish between those who can and cannot sense things in their spirits or make correct spiritual judgements. When I was a young believer a girl gave me a tract/leaflet by the deeply spiritual Jessie Penn-Lewis. I made the assumption that because she recommended the writing of a spiritual woman she had some spiritual sense, but then I found out she also recommended writing by unspiritual authors; and later as I came to know her I discovered that she was very carnal. By carnal I

mean non spiritual, with her heart fixed on many things besides the Lord: Often things with which the Lord would *not* be happy. This demonstrates a common truth: That those who appear to be spiritual often also do and say things that make it clear they are not. One day they will recommend the most spiritual books and the next they will recommend something by a cult! One day they will speak passionately about prayer and fasting and the next about their favourite soap opera... Often they get confused and irritable when they are spoken to about Spiritual things.

Recently I read some very poor articles by a carnal believer who attempts to get the world to believe she is a prophet and who advocates the reading of the most and the least spiritual and balanced writers at the same time! It is rather like a contemporary of Jesus saying, "Jesus is a great teacher but beware of John the Baptist. He is a false prophet!" Then they say that the high priest is also a great teacher, the one who would crucify Christ. In fact some of those high priests who crucified Christ did have writings of their own and were known for being spiritual!

In the times of Jesus there was a lot of confusion about who and what He was. Oftentimes He was called a false prophet or a servant of the devil. By making the right judgement about Jesus many people came to believe in Him and gained eternal life. Others who believed the lies told by pious seeming priests continued in their places of worship unaware that the Messiah they had been waiting for had arrived. This is how it is today with spiritual believers and their opponents.

This kind of spiritual confusion and pretence is rampant and it makes it very difficult for someone like me to teach the true way, as there are so many would-be visionaries and teachers using the same language without the substance. On the other hand I do not want to put you off if you are not one of those who have pretensions or you do not see yourself as something great. I also teach the simple way of love to Jesus as you will see, and that is an antidote to all the super-spirituality of the times.

"If anyone thinks they are a prophet or a spiritual person, let him recognise the things I write to you - that they are the commandment of the Lord!"

[1 Corinthians 14:37]

Here we see the Apostle Paul realised there were some who thought they were spiritual but he had to demand of them that they recognise him for being a truly inspired apostolic writer! Generally, spiritual people are not seen as spiritual. This is because there is in Christian culture a *consensus* among those who refer to one another as prophets, or spiritual, but who are in reality very much deceived. Their opinions of what is spiritual are wrong. They keep out those who are spiritual and see them as worthless. I will add that one of the hallmarks of those who are spiritual is to accept the entire Scripture and see it as a *balanced whole*. Many say they accept all Scripture. Few have a *balanced and harmonious view* of it.

Where does the term 'I sensed in my spirit' come from?

“When Jesus had said this He was troubled in Spirit and declared, Amen and Amen - I say to you that one of you shall betray me!” [John 13:21]

You will notice this is a literal translation and this is one of several verses dealing specifically with spiritual awareness in spirit. It is where the term comes from but it is misunderstood by people reading Watchman Nee, Jessie Penn-Lewis and others who taught about the differences between soul and spirit and spiritual sensing. Often these books are understood intellectually and many assume this understanding makes them spiritual.

In the verse above we see Jesus was moved within Himself, not primarily in His emotions although these too were deeply affected, but in Spirit. There are natural feelings and there are spiritual feelings. *As a rule the spirit does not feel as the natural person does.*

The manner Jesus felt in His Spirit is the template for believers feeling things in their spirits. As we become more spiritual we have more spiritual feelings. At first these are often confusing and sometimes contradict our natural instincts. If we *think* of them *intelligently* they make more sense, and especially as we *study* the topic in the Bible...

For example: On a beautiful summer's day while enjoying a picnic with family members there may be outward happiness, but in spirit there can be deep grief over the state of the lost or the carnality of the world. The spirit often sorrows when the flesh would rejoice. The opposite is true. You may be cast down in a dungeon in misery, yet rejoicing that you are there for honouring Jesus Christ. How many believers have experienced this over the centuries? It is well known that the faithful martyrs went from their dungeons to their deaths with their heads held high and smiles on their faces to the amazement of the Roman crowds at the Coliseum.

“Yet, as being absent in body but present in spirit, I have indeed judged already, as present, the one who did this deed.” [1 Corinthians 5:3]

Here we see Paul the Apostle clarifies the issue. The spirit is so distinct from the soul and body as to be able to be at another place on its own! This is not merely an expression, being present in spirit, (as the Prophet was known for telling the secrets of the Samarian King...) Of course Paul was an Apostle and very advanced in spiritual things. Yet we see the folly of assuming that deep emotional feelings are somehow the spirit. *The spirit has a life of its own and that life is centred in Christ.* Therefore those who sense things in spirit sense this: The continual Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Here we have a clue too: Those who can sense things in spirit can sense the differentiation between soul and spirit. They can sense their own spiritual nature. If they can do this they may sense the spiritual nature of others. This is why spiritual believers do not recommend carnal authors or become authors of carnal doctrines. Spirit attracts spirit. Spiritual believers are attracted to other spiritual believers.

If this ability to differentiate between spiritual phenomena and natural aspects of life becomes very distinct the believer begins to experience the spiritual realm, under God's power, more fully. Those who sense clearly in their spirit will not go many years before they are gifted in some area - It may be healing, or teaching, or

casting out demons... Another way in which such believers are used is in prayer as not all are called to be ministers.

Every believer who has the Spirit of Christ and obeys Him is to some extent spiritual and walking in the Spirit. In the 'deeper Christian life' or spiritual life there are resources put there by God so that we keep on growing in grace. For some this means power and grace few can imagine. For a few this means power and grace that no one can imagine. A necessary step along this path is to learn to walk consciously in the Spirit being aware of inner things hidden from the eyes of men but revealed by God.

In other words the ability to sense in spirit is connected with spiritual power. There must therefore be a stark contrast between those ones who "think they are a prophet or spiritual" and those who truly are spiritual.

"Immediately I was in spirit - Look, a throne was set in Heaven and One seated upon the throne!" [Revelation 4:2]

Here the Apostle John travelled to Heaven in spirit and by his spirit beheld a wonderful revelation from Christ. This is far more than sensing in spirit. It is seeing and hearing fully and clearly. Yet it demonstrates the nature of spirit as opposed to the natural power of the soul. People may and do have all kinds of experiences that they believe to be spiritual but how many would match up to John's in essence?

By seeing things clearly in spirit they may help others to see clearly. I know of no one like John the Apostle. Sure, you can go on the Internet and find countless numbers of dreamers and their visions of God but you will not find the *clarity, the consistency, the power, the depth, the beauty and the wisdom...*

God supports with His Spirit His believers who sense in spirit.

They are a great blessing to others who are open to God. The Spirit of Christ knows exactly who among His elect are deeply spiritual and who are on the borderline. It is the second kind I am writing for in this chapter. Not to tear them down but to build them up and to

give a little help in seeing things clearly.

“Why, from yourselves, don't you judge what's right?”
[Luke 12:57]

Jesus teaches His disciples to judge and discern spiritually. Yet, among themselves *and from within themselves* they can learn too. As it is ordained and permitted by Jesus for His disciples to learn together I will offer some lessons I have learned.

**When a believer first begins to sense things in the spirit
They sometimes put down to God what is of Satan
And to Satan what is of God.**

It is good advice when dealing with another spiritual believer who disagrees with you not to say they are of the devil! It may well be that you will think as they do one day. You say you are a great prophet in your heart, but are too humble to tell anyone. I say you are a babe in Christ. Will you condemn me or get really angry? If so it is likely I am right. You say I am intellectualising the Gospel and have read a lot of books and I say God taught me. Do I care? Not really as my concern is for the opinion of the Lord.

I spoke of the servants of Jesus being humble and kind. Often the most spiritual people take the least offence at the greatest insults. The converse is true: The least spiritual people take the greatest offence at the least criticism. Please think about that for a while and go over the people you have known. Even go over your own behaviour. It may well be that the Lord reminds you of certain things that will instruct you. I confess that I have called others servants of Satan, but rarely, and after great provocation. I feel sorrow when I have to distance myself or try to correct a brother or sister. I'd rather cut my arm off than see them go astray.

**Another piece of advice is to trust your spiritual feelings
When they consist of sensing the Spirit of Christ**

It is important always to keep Him as Lord, even when His Spirit seems to be guiding you in the opposite direction to your church!

Do not trust great promises of wealth, health and success.

A trick of the devil is to come as a natural train of thought or an angel of light to ask you if you really believe the Word. When you

say you do he promises 'great things'. The devil will always promise you today what God will take years to give you, after discipleship and faithfulness to Him. God is interested in applying the Cross to your life. Satan wants you to abandon it to a life of sensuality disguised as spirituality – that is Christian Spiritism.

What has this got to do with sensing in your spirit?

It was thinking that the devil was God and believing him. You know you have spiritual feelings but these are mixed in with natural ones, and deceptions. Often you have been deceived but you still trust these feelings. You trust them as they are often right and shown to be of God! You cannot abandon them and they will not abandon you. What you need is clarity and certainty.

Jesus helps with clarification

Jesus wants you to have clear waters and not muddy. There are a few simple steps you can take to getting greater clarity and power.

1. Take time to read the Bible from cover to cover. What you learn will rearrange your mind and deepen your understanding.
2. Continually pray for your mind to be cleansed by the Blood of Jesus.
3. Pray in faith for clear leading from God.

That was quite simple, but how many practise it? Here it gets more difficult.

Use logic.

When you are apparently told by 'God' that you are to be a great healer ask Him to heal you of something significant as a guarantee! If He doesn't, forget the revelation. The God of the Bible would heal you.

When you are apparently told by 'God' there is to be a great revival, ask that you will lead just one person a day to Christ as a sign. If that doesn't happen stop listening to that 'God'. It isn't God.

When God speaks in words to your mind ask Him to quote accurately a Bible verse you do not remember, say Chronicles 1:5. Then look it up. If the voice of God cannot quote it or makes excuses do not speak to *it* again.

By getting rid of some of the mud the waters will become Clearer and more placid

I am going to say something now that if you cannot accept will leave you in an unspiritual state for as long as you cannot accept it. Any running voice in your mind claiming to be God must know what God knows or be rejected! I'll say it again. Any supposed voice of God in your mind that cannot tell you tomorrow's news must be rejected - or you will be rejected as being truly spiritual - by God. He will simply see you as carnal still.

Fortunately, I cannot hear your excuses. "God uses this voice as a help and it is not meant to be a great revelation." Another excuse might be, "As I sense things in my spirit I need to put them into words."

Here is an even better excuse:

"I am your Lord. Will I ever deceive you? Trust not in the words of men, I will speak to you to the measure of your faith. This teaching (you are reading) is not of me, says the Lord..."

I will answer back this example deception based on what I have learnt. If you can hear God's words you already have the faith to speak to Him and therefore He can tell you anything and everything. You would in fact be a great prophet. Will *it* ever deceive you? Yes, *it* will continue as you continue listening to it!

As you purify yourself from the supposed voice of God it will be harder to go on. You will miss the support and be tempted, even forced, to fall back into error. After a while however, you will notice you grow stronger and your spiritual senses more acute. God is blessing you as you have courage to depend on Him without 'lights'.

As you gain more insight into the spiritual world and begin to sense things in your spirit more clearly you are likely to become the author of error to others.

Others will listen to you as you are seen as spiritual. You will teach them many true and deep things and help them in many ways but they will also drink in your errors. You have reached the stage in

your spiritual life where you are of most use to Satan. He wants you as you will be believed, just as Eve believed the serpent! Your pride is such that it is hard for you to acknowledge your errors, already having been cleansed of so much! For some of you, your supposed spiritual instincts cry "Satan!" as you read my words - Be patient and God will bless you.

As you seek daily to humble yourself to God He will lift you up.

The more prepared you are to say, "I am wrong", the more God will see to it that you are right. It is as you move, walk, think and teach in humility that Christ begins to speak through you.

As you were reading my teaching did you become indignant or contrite? The second is preferable but what is worse than becoming indignant would be to regard yourself as superior and have a dismissive attitude as it is to you this is directed. You see even Jesus humbled Himself every day before God and taught with the greatest humility the most carnal believers. Are we better than Him? What you need above everything is this humility formed out of love for Jesus. It will purify your mind and lift up not only your spirit but your soul to God on high.

So the path to spiritual awareness is to focus on Christ. It is to remember the love and humility of Jesus and practice it. The studies on deep spiritual things are of less importance to Jesus Himself. He will lead you and teach you. As you are willing to do God's will Jesus Himself will guide you. It *may* be the reason you are reading this book.

Understanding Jesus

Chapter Two

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the most hated man in history: Jesus Christ the Son of God is the most loved man in history. Is it any wonder then that you are loved by those who love Christ? It is no wonder that you love those who love Christ.

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Anointed (Christ- Messiah) has been born of God. Everyone who loves Him who (brings to) birth, also loves what is born of Him. By this we know we love the children of God, as we love God and keep His Commandments.”
[1 John 5:1-2]

Before going on to talk of what these verses mean I will say what they do not mean.

They do not mean that everyone who simply says they believe in Christ today is born of God, or born again, or saved, or regenerated. At the time the verses were written people were being thrown out of synagogues for acknowledging that Jesus was the Messiah or Christ, both meaning Anointed of God. In those days and in that situation those who rejected mainline religion and *its rejection of Jesus* declared their allegiance to God by stating they did believe in Jesus as God's Messiah. This cut the Jews into two groups: Those against and those for Christ.

It was not intended by John the Apostle to be a rule or formula

This is not a formula for being saved to simply say you believe Jesus is the Christ. It is understood everywhere in the Bible and is implicit in the above verses that belief in Christ that brings salvation is spiritual belief from the heart that involves turning to God from your sins: Jesus being the Saviour of sinners from Sin. Not to do this is not to believe in the Christ.

What the verses indicate

John clearly states the definition of believing to salvation. It is those

who love Christ and His disciples who truly believe to salvation. In other words that belief in Jesus as the Jewish Messiah or world Christ is a belief grounded in love to God. This shows that, as I said, it is spiritual belief. Not a belief in something spiritual or about something spiritual but a belief which by its very nature is spiritual.

Secondly this love is not merely sentiment

Obedience to God is the measure of the love that is expressed in keeping His commands and in believing in Jesus as the Christ. In other words we can paraphrase the message of John in the above two verses by saying that those who love Jesus enough to obey God's commands, declare that Jesus is their Messiah and also love other believers: Loving those who are also born of God.

The strength of this belief

We can also update this by saying that, in principle, those who are willing to be cast out of their churches, to risk execution because of their love to Christ and their obedience to God are the ones who truly love whoever is born of God, and they are of course born of God themselves.

Now if we or the early Christians before us were cast out of our places of worship for loving Jesus we are the true children of God. At this point in history there is no focal point, or rallying call, designed to call out God's elect from corrupt churches; or no revival strong enough to reform the churches... There is a spasmodic, often individual, basis for believers coming up against hard heartedness, persecution, including defamation, from other 'believers'. Often this results in believers who serve God leaving their churches. Sometimes they try to form better ones but are often dragged down by the same errors, thoughts, spirits, and lies that have hitherto entrapped them...

I don't think Jesus finds the Gospel as hard to understand as His many ministers seem to make out. The purpose of Jesus coming to earth was to give people the chance to love Him. It is simply that. God's will is that the world should love Christ. Because they didn't and don't, the rest followed... God knew it all before hand of course, and so Jesus was prepared to die as the sacrifice for Sin... The Apostle John focuses, in his teachings, on loving God and His Son,

as well as our fellow believers. He understood the Gospel in its simplicity *and power* just as he understood Christ:

Modern Christians need to focus on loving Jesus.

To understand Jesus is to understand He desires above everything to be loved, both for our sakes and for His own. Christianity is love to Christ. That is all. All the rest flows from that. Christianity has been called the religion of love. Today, even if many say it is about other things and love is just a single grace like peace or joy they are wrong. God is Love. Jesus is Love. We are to become Love!

I sense in my spirit, and know in my mind--

That the Lord Jesus of the Bible has complete confidence in His own words coming true. Therefore Jesus has joy at the thought that one day the Bride will make Herself pure. I think the Lord Jesus wants this from contemporary Christians: A deep shift in their 'religion' to a simple, straightforward, joyous and ardent love to Him.

Some are wary of talk of love as it has been so abused by cults and by *some* so-called mystics. However, the teachings of God are clear enough and of course we just studied two verses about loving the Christ and His people. We should remember what Paul the Apostle said, [“Without love I am nothing.”](#) This is not the love of Easy Religion but of obedience to Jesus and God.

A Vision of Jesus Christ

Chapter Three

In this chapter I describe Jesus. I am a visionary and have seen the Lord, so unlike other chapters in this book this one is devotional and experiential. In all my writing there is an element of Bible study but here I would like to talk about how I have experienced the Bible.

For this reason I will not be taking a text and commenting on it but taking my life and commenting on it. However you may see time and again where certain verses would apply. You may do this automatically if you believe I really am fulfilling the Word as I should - As the Word flows it lives and lives again.

The Appearance of the Lord in Art

Before talking about my feelings or experience, of the character of Christ in particular, I will comment on the appearance of Jesus Christ. Jesus does not appear like any of His paintings, or who is to say if someone has painted a picture that does look like Him? I have a drawing I did, literally a portrait... In the early days of Christianity there were several visionaries that had visions which gave rise to depictions of Christ in art, the kind we are familiar with. Some of these visionaries were true and some false. As for the

true, no one can therefore calculate how many people have seen Jesus. On the other hand, European artists tended to create Jesus after their own image, as a European with, usually, light brown hair and sometimes blue eyes. Early Christians did not do this as they were unaware of blonde Europeans, the Romans not having enslaved them at that time. There are also some icons of a black Jesus. Today pictures of Jesus make Him look rather like a kindly hippy...

As He really is

The Biblical Jesus appears Jewish in His features with brown hair and eyes. He has soft, almond shaped eyes and stands about 5'7"-8" tall. That is short by today's standards but tall for His era. He does have a beard in accordance with Jewish tradition. Even though Jesus' hair is not as long as it is in the paintings He does not have the short hair that came into our culture with the First World War when men began to adopt the short-back-and-sides haircut, after having longish hair in the nineteenth century! When I first saw the Lord I did not realise how rare an experience it is. I have read of others' visions I accept as true, such as that of George Verwer of Operation Mobilisation. Another one to *consider* would be the bodily manifest Jesus described by Fred Lemon, the cockney ex gangster.

Jesus is not the handsome type depicted in Hollywood films and neither is he the black Jesus of some African American groups, although it would not matter with what ethnic appearance He had been born. He is Jewish with a larger than average nose. He is not strikingly handsome but plain looking. However, I suppose you could say He is attractive to all in the sense of having the presence and grace of peace upon Him.

The demeanour and manner of Jesus

The way Jesus carries Himself reveals His deep humility. I suppose if someone could study the body language of Jesus they might well assume He was a servant of some kind. I can never get over that - the manifest humility. This is so when Jesus gives a revelation, you become aware of a Personality of total humility and forbearance. I have met so many supposedly spiritual Christians but none with this manner of humility. So often they are proud and authoritarian. Do not trust *their* visions of God! Jesus conveys humility in every

gesture, word and the way about Him He has. Jesus, if He were seen in a crowd, would hardly be recognised as the Son of God. He is human after all. Some may think He was strong and noble; others that He was deep and 'otherworldly'. *Everyone, without exception who spent more than a few minutes in His presence would feel and recognise that there is no other like Him.*

That is revealed in the Bible but probably we do not take enough notice. Jesus was, and is, the most impressive, gracious, and powerful Person to have walked this earth. I think so many people believed in Him upon *seeing* Him, before He spoke or performed a sign. When He returns the world will fall in love with Him and wonder how they were fooled by Satan for so long.

Jesus is a man of few words

Jesus as the Word continually 'speaks' in silence to the believing soul. This spiritual speech is very powerful and is the very salt and light that has kept the world from total corruption and self destruction... When He speaks in words it is not simply that, with believers who have had genuine visions or even physical encounters with Jesus, His message is short and simple; but Jesus says more in one word than anyone else can in a million. If He does manifest Himself in the body He is more likely to use more words with children than with adults; both because of their innocent minds and lack of understanding. However, I am talking of my experience and what Jesus has spoken to me could fit on a single page. Also I do not want to give the impression that Jesus being seen is commonplace. It is exceedingly rare.

Jesus communicates Himself to the believer.

If this sense becomes quite distinct a person may find they become aware of the attitude, desire, peace or even thought of Jesus. Revelation is all about degrees; from the new Christian who feels a sense of peace to the mystic who achieves oneness with God. In this oneness a river of life flows into the soul. It overflows from the Spirit. That life cannot be contained and must express itself. As a result there is a union with the Mind and Will of Christ. If the Lord so wills, and often He does; He can reveal clear thoughts and light especially upon Scripture. I know in experience that my revelations and visions of and from God reflect a kind of living Bible concordance: They are a miraculous form of Bible study. In every

way God exalts His Word.

Jesus' deeply emotional nature

I am one of those Bible teachers who warns against the excesses of emotion in the flesh, especially in worship. The other side of the coin is that spiritual people feel, and think things very, very deeply. In the case of Jesus I have sometimes felt Him withdraw from me in Spirit when He was so deeply moved that it was not right for His feelings and thoughts to be revealed to my human mind. In fact the human race in general would be very shocked if they even suspected just how deeply Christ feels and how real are His tears and His joy. At other times Jesus reveals what was previously hidden and this has transformed my own mind. Often these are simple truths that should be obvious but are not as we are so unspiritual - even we who are spiritual. (All believers who have the Spirit are to some extent spiritual.)

Here is an example of what I mean about a piece of information conveyed to the mind by Jesus.

The Lord showed me that to saints He appears or they see an angel because of their faith. It would be unjust according to God's holy principles or Divine Law to give visions to sinners, except in rare circumstances. Yet, He is so kind and wants unbelievers to perceive the spiritual realm, so He permits them to see a ghost or an evil spirit. What appears to be a curse is actually a message. It says there is a spiritual realm: There are spirits: Only the Bible properly describes what they have seen and offers the remedy in Christ. So, typically of Jesus, a bad experience is used to teach spiritual reality and open the heart to grace... Even atheists see ghosts.

Jesus almost never rebukes but sometimes gently reproves

When Jesus does chide it is normally a gentle reproof that turns out to be not only very correct but very insightful and needful. Yet, anyone can be so enlightened. I hope this inspires you.

Jesus tests us continually

When opposition comes Jesus uses it to get us to be patient and humble and to endure injustice, as He did. If we were able to beat them down or even take vengeance by intellect or in some other way but refrained this is meekness. The ego is bruised by

opposition. The Light in our minds put there by Christ causes us to have the opportunity to behave like Christ in difficult circumstances - this is often what these trials are about.

The Spirit of Christ within us causes us to be far less likely to call opponents satanic, and if this does happen it happens after a great deal or wrongdoing against us; and after entreaties to better behaviour etcetera. Those who seem to say, "I am of God and you disagree with me therefore you are of the devil", are hardly acting like Christ who was slow to rebuke, and only did so after great provocation. In the passages where Jesus rebukes the Pharisees or His disciples we see He was greatly provoked and would not rebuke unless it was necessary. Sometimes such a rebuke might have come after years of bad behaviour from an opponent. If you find yourself in a situation where you are continually attacked but you have not spoken a single word of reproach in reply this is more likely due to being conformed to the will of Christ than any goodness of your own.

Power in Spirit

There are many blessings in life not asked for that occur to believers. Many we take for granted and don't give thanks, but Jesus thanks God for us! My greatest answers to prayer are not answers to prayer but the unwarranted kindnesses of Jesus. They are simply blessings the Father gave me for Jesus' sake; blessings that I could not even have imagined. I have seen, felt, understood and been shown what no mortal could possibly conceive - will you likewise fulfil the very Scripture this refers to?

Here is something about the Mind of God

God's religion is very simple. It consists of loving His Son, Jesus. Many cannot accept this - they would have to quote a confession of faith... A few may well see my Jesus as insipid as He is not the arrogant "I'll promise you a million dollars if you serve me" character of so many books and TV shows. Who needs *that* character? We have the real Christ.

In the Mind of God there is no shadow of evil and there never has been a bad thought. The trials of life are designed to turn people to Him and the blessings of life are designed to get people to appreciate Him. Most people will do neither but He never harbours

an evil thought about them. There is unperceived love in everything. It is the world that is hard on God, not the other way around. Those who suffer most are offered absolute peace, as they are offered Jesus Himself.

**I am writing this so you can see what kind of life
You will have if you follow Christ.**

Jesus is very powerful but to worldly minds He may appear weak, as those who practice forbearance are often seen as weak. By not being arrogant Jesus does not fit in with the spirit of this Age. The false representations of Jesus often demonstrate this arrogance and preoccupation with the things of this world – especially money. The Jesus I know has always been more powerful in His gentleness and mighty in His Spirit than the false Jesuses put about by the manipulative and super-spiritual.

Jesus is Love Incarnate and not Capitalism Incarnate or Cosmic Consciousness Incarnate. It is important to understand that Jesus is Love expressed as Truth and He is the Image of God. Jesus is not simply a cosmic god with superpowers. In God's eyes a humble and loving child is far better than a vain god. It just so happens that Jesus is the humble and loving Child of God. On the other hand God is the Spirit of Jesus. That is why we need no one besides Jesus and will exalt no one above Him, Who is more humble than all.

Difficult doctrines like sanctification are simple to God.

God simply wants loving souls to be absorbed *into* Himself. We are ever being drawn deeper into God. It is where we should dwell; living and moving within Him as God is the centre of our being. We are transformed and aware of it; but I have learned that the things I am *unaware* of are the most powerful of all. I am a man who is completely, totally and fiercely in love with God as God is with me. If you understand just how passionately God in Christ loves, you will understand you are loved and if you understand that the Bible will make far more sense to you. ICTHUS will feed you better than - fish and chips.

The Mind of God in you

Everyone has thoughts put into their mind by God. No one is totally devoid of grace. Imagine then how this will increase as you believe. Often becoming a Christian means accepting those things God has

already shown you; things you have not understood or things you resisted. It is being won over by Christ. It is similar to a lover finding their true love. As you come to know Christ His Mind and Character is imprinted upon you like the image on a seal, those old ones used to seal letters.

The Mind of God for you

The Way of Jesus is a gentle way, yet disciplined and committed. It is a holy way and often times a difficult way. It is not the easy way of so many churches where shallowness often prevails. It is a way of discipleship. Letting Christ's Mind dwell within you conforms you to that way. This will focus your thoughts on Jesus and simplify your attitude to one of loving God. Instead of running around to hear the latest big preacher or read the latest faddish book, or fretting continually, you will dwell happily in the presence of the Son of God by faith, Amen.

I invite all readers to come on this Way.

A Simple Prayer:

This can be prayed by those wanting to become Christians and those who are already Christians.

“Dear God, Please give to me the Mind and Heart of your Son, Jesus. I intend to follow Him in the Way of Life. I turn from *all* that displeases You and put it behind me. *In Jesus' Name I ask that You give me a faith that is purer, simpler, happier, more loving and powerful than any I have ever imagined or could imagine!* Forgive my sins and come into my heart now by Your Holy Spirit, Amen.”

Walking in the Spirit

Chapter Four

‘Walking in the Spirit’ is an expression that means behaving or acting in accordance with the Spirit of God: A walk through life along the Way of Christ by spiritual means for spiritual ends.

In the Greek New Testament there is not the differentiation we have in English between spirit and Spirit as it was all written in capitals. We are left to judge whether any verse refers to the human spirit or the Spirit of God or both at the same time. Since we learn that those who walk in the Spirit are also using their human spirit as the means of this walk we see the dual meaning is intentional. Where the Spirit alone is intended it always will say the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of the Lord.

“I say to you, you walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfil the craving of the flesh” [Galatians 5:16]

By walking in the spirit/Spirit we do not live out the lustful or sinful desires of the flesh. What is the flesh? It is not merely the body but rather a certain type of nature that is ruled by the desires of the body and secondly by the desires of the mind but not by the desires of the Spirit. *The flesh is everything a person is without the Holy Spirit.* Whatever we were before we were saved by Christ was flesh: All of it – body, soul and spirit.

After salvation comes through Christ and His Spirit indwells us the human spirit is made alive. *The human mind and soul begins to take upon itself the attributes of the spirit* which is remade in the image of Christ. The body conforms to the desire of the Spirit...

If you meditate on the above paragraphs you may see how it saves you from the error of mistakenly thinking the soul is the same as the flesh or the body is the flesh. In the Bible ordinary words take on a spiritual sense. Ultimately, God's plan is to conform the entire nature to the Spirit of Christ so that body, soul and spirit are entirely holy. In Resurrection too the spiritual body is in no negative sense 'flesh' even though it is flesh and blood as well as soul and spirit. It is entirely *in the Spirit*.

I know these things are hard to understand and have been distorted by many teachers trying to understand the spiritual life. They muddy the waters and all too often emphasise a corrupt soul in contrast to a pure spirit. Actually, God intends the soul to become as the spirit/Spirit, so that every thought, motion of will, motive and desire is pure. Those who find their minds are full of purity and peace are walking in the Spirit- even though their minds are part of their souls. Their bodies too are used in a holy way, not the way of lust, of gluttony or laziness... So their bodies too are spiritual. In this way everything that comes out of them is pure: Their looks, gestures, words, tone of voice, deeds etcetera are all Christ centred and *Christ is the Spirit of the Lord, Amen*.

The danger of reading spiritual books

There are any number of false prophets, foolish teachers, cults and crazed individuals that take their teachings from their misunderstanding of spiritual books. I often read on the Net how this or that cult follow the errors of Madame Guyon or Watchman Nee or even Jessie Penn-Lewis or John Wesley. Just as Arminius was not really an Arminian so too these great writers are not responsible for the people who try to imitate their teachings - but use them to ensnare others in all kinds of things, including mind control and Spiritism. This is equally true of the Bible. It is not the fault of God that His Book is quoted by every charlatan under the sun. You may check the teachings of this small work against the abundant teaching of Scripture as its root source to see if it matches up...

To recap then: To walk in the Spirit is to have your entire being imbued with the power of Christ. To walk in the flesh is to be as any worldly person, whether they are a garbage collector or a guru.

“...So the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, since it isn't in the flesh we walk in but in the Spirit”
[Romans 8:4]

The purpose of walking in the spirit is to fulfil the righteousness of the Law. Here again I need to explain terms. By righteousness it is meant both outward and inner goodness: Thinking and doing right. The Law is not simply a set of commandments or the books of Moses – as some will say it is. When Jesus used the Law He quoted Psalms! The Law is the righteousness of God expressed in both the written Word of God and in nature as well as conscience. *It is revealed Truth.* It is actually the Mind of Christ. Could you write out the Mind of Christ you would be writing out God's Law. Yet, you do not need to do it. The Bible is a reflection of the Character of Christ. *The entire Bible exists as a revelation of the Mind of Christ.* The Law then is both revelation and principal. It is the expression of the Spirit of Truth.

Some people try to say the ceremonial Law of the Jews is done away with for Christians but there remains a moral Law. It is far more correct to say there remains an eternal, spiritual Law that is never done away. This is what is fulfilled in those who walk in the Spirit of Christ. Jesus gave a more simple explanation. All the Law is summed up by loving God and loving your neighbour as yourself. That is both spiritual and eternal. Yes, certain ceremonies and rituals have passed their use by date but the love of God in Christ remains forever. It is *this love that is the righteousness* that is fulfilled in those who walk in the Spirit. Even if these things I write are hard to understand they may yet help you understand difficult passages of the Scripture.

To recap again: To walk in the Spirit is to walk as a spiritual being centred in Christ. An effect of this is that the flesh life is subdued and the spirit, soul and body come under the control of Jesus. When this happens the spiritual principles of life ensure that the goodness of God flows from within and out into our words and deeds. This means we actually fulfil God's Law which is summed up by loving God and our neighbour.

Conflict among brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Not all Christians have the same understanding or the same degree of faith and neither can this be so. As a result there are often disagreements, controversies, inroads by cults, petty hatreds. Conversely there is pleading for truth, sound teaching, repentance and strong faith expressed in love. In the following verse Paul the Apostle expresses his exasperation but points out his and Titus's practical righteousness. Those who walk in the Spirit will come up against others who chide them, decry them, who are fickle etc. Yet, when two or more walk in the Spirit they will walk the same steps. They will have peace and unity.

“I requested Titus and with him I sent a brother - did Titus defraud you? Did we not walk in same Spirit - in the same steps?” [2 Corinthians 12:18]

Unlike the many televangelists and others that soak up vast amounts of money from within Christendom and use it mainly on themselves after giving a fraction, very publicly and with fanfare, to a good cause, Paul and Titus were not avaricious and calling it faith. They walked in humility, peace and love with joy.

To walk in the Spirit is dangerous

It will set you at odds not with immature believers that can be corrected but with the Big Guns with their big talk who cannot walk in the Spirit. Yes, they may have put out glossy books and preached on Nigerian TV at 3a.m. - Or flown in private jets to counsel rich Tokyo business men while signing deals that *rake in billions*, but they have no idea what it is to walk in the Spirit. *The Dollar dominates Christian publishing, TV and media.* Those who worship the Dollar have most of them! *Therefore they are overrepresented.* After all, the world would not allow true saints to preach without raising up a great persecution against them. The world therefore hears little good Christian teaching and a lot of what is pure tripe. What Christians really believe, living sacrificially, walking in kindness and love by faith in Christ, conquering sin and Satan, these things are under-represented in the media. Therefore when you begin your walk in the Spirit many will try to silence you, neutralise you, excommunicate you and slander you.

I should not need to teach these things but sadly the time has come when believers are in danger in their churches from

persecution and would be better off out of them! Yet, as Titus and Paul walked in step together with the Spirit so you will find others that also are in step with Christ. You will not find many. You will not agree 100% or close to it but a time is coming when such believers will have a home and such churches as Jesus would enjoy attending will come into being. I know this because I know the Spirit.

Loving God

Chapter Five

Jesus taught us to,

“...Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength, and your neighbour as yourself.” [Luke 10:27]

This is a simple guide of how to love God and by loving God to love your neighbor as yourself.

The Love that Jesus spoke of was spiritual in the sense that it was pure in motive, selfless and created in the heart by the Holy Spirit. That is we are to love God with His own love as our love is often not love at all. When we love of ourselves we are full of impurities and failings...

This in turn means we are to love God by faith.

“There is no fear in love but perfect love casts out fear; as fear is related to judgment. The one who fears is not perfected in love.” [1 John 4:18]

Here is a simple prayer.

“Lord Jesus, I pray you will give me your love for all and especially for God. My own love or effort to love is not

sufficient. I pray I may receive your pure love by faith.
Please grant me this love as a gift, Amen.”

This prayer will help focus your mind and prayed purely, will show God your intent and dependence upon Him.

All spiritual life is created by God within us by His Holy Spirit. We should not assume we can make this life within ourselves by our own effort as the unspiritual Self cannot create the spiritual Self. God creates within us a new spiritual life.

“We are His creation - created in Christ Jesus for good works; which God has preordained that we should walk in them.” [Ephesians 2:10]

This new creation, made of the fabric of Christ, is the centre of our being and has a nature like His. It consists of our spirit being given new life, the Life of Christ, as its mainspring. In that sense we become united to God by Christ. Deep within ourselves we feel this life. We are to trust this life will be manifested in our outer selves, our conscious selves, by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is we experience Christ by faith.

The Life and power of Christ become ours by faith.

“So Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, so you being rooted and built in love may be able to comprehend, with all saints, the breadth, length, depth and height - To know the love of Christ - which is thrown beyond knowledge: So that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”
[Ephesians 3:17-19]

All the spiritual life that peoples all over the world have sought; all the graces and qualities of Jesus; all the sum of what is perfect, wonderful, holy and godly can be found in Jesus and Jesus can be found in you, if you believe.

All the failure, shallowness, loss and dead ends you find in church or in striving to be spiritual can be vanquished by Jesus Christ from within you. It is easier than you think as most people that seek these things or seem to, seek them outside of Jesus and by Self Effort, not by the simple and pure way of faith.

“By grace you are saved through faith: That's not of yourself; it is the gift of God.” [Ephesians 2:8]

Jesus is completely willing to give His Life for everyone and anyone who will receive it *on His conditions*.

These conditions are simple. One is to ask God to have these things: To be active and *willing to follow and obey Him*. Another condition is to repent. Repent is a word translated from the Greek word 'metanoia'. This means a change of mind in the deepest sense. In other words we are to transform our minds by turning from what is evil or corrupt to what is God's will, which is always pure. Along with repentance comes believing; believing in Jesus.

Read this prayer; as you pray it in the faith which is God's free gift, it will bring you into fulfillment of God's will and on the path to truly loving God.

“Heavenly Father, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive me and grant me eternal life. I ask Jesus to come into my heart by His Spirit. I trust this is so. Amen.”

Here is another prayer for those who already have Jesus in their heart.

Think about it and if you have *grace* pray it.

“Heavenly Father, I consecrate myself to a life attitude of loving holiness, in Christ by faith. Please grant that I may abide in Him in such a way that I will no longer depend on Self but upon Christ alone. I trust that this will lead me to fountains of living water I have not yet tasted. Amen.”

Such prayers as these or any that God will lead you to pray are not about us willing what is to be but about trusting in God's grace freely offered to us in Christ. To repent and believe and then to be consecrated to Christ is the path that leads to loving God fully. Remember, God's love, as it comes from Him returns to Him and it returns as it came, freely, purely and in power. You will see the following verse also balances the activity of the believer with that of God. God sovereignly rules over our hearts and in this sovereignty He wills us to obey, to respond and act but it is all of grace, Amen.

“Keep yourselves in the love of God, seeking the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to Eternal Life.” [Jude 1:21]

Discerning Spirits: A Spiritual Gift

Chapter Six

In I Corinthians chapter 12 the Apostle Paul lists various spiritual gifts. In verse 10 he speaks of “discerning of spirits”.

The Apostle John states,

“Beloved, don't believe every spirit but test the spirits to see if they are of God, since many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

[1 John 4:1]

First I will explain what this gift of discerning spirits is not and then what it is.

The gift of discerning of spirits

Is not called discerning of demons for a reason

Multitudes seem to think that there is a gift that it is unfortunate to have as it results in you seeing demons everywhere. This is backed up by many who claim to do this among Christian Spiritists in their various denominations and sects.

You will notice in the above verse that testing of spirits was connected with identifying false prophets. That is what I am doing in this book. All God's gifts are good to have and are not burdensome or oppressive. They do not disconnect people from reality but have the opposite effect. The gift of discerning spirits is a work of the Holy Spirit and it is an amazing and wonderful gift to have. Here is an example of a deluded person's behaviour, one who

claimed to have the gift of discerning spirits.

I sat down to lunch with a Christian friend and their guest. The guest who I will call Nelson was supposed to have been baptised in the Spirit and could see demons. He informed us that there were demons in the room. Nelson then opened a window so they could leave and commanded them to go in Jesus' Name. However, he noticed one was still hiding under the salad bowl so he picked up the bowl and shouted at the demon to leave....

As ridiculous as his behaviour may seem it was quite orthodox for his church. Everything he did was related to their teaching. For example he needed to open the window as they regarded demons as somehow bound by physical obstacles. He needed to shout as they believed demons could not hear thoughts and had to know also you meant what you said. Also shouting was seen as spiritual authority as when men are convicted of something deeply they often raise their voices...

It was however, pure lunacy. I do not use that word as an insult. This kind of religion does drive some people mad and gives others mental problems.

The gift of discerning of spirits is not a weapon for church politics
As Charismatic sects in particular eat one another up or have mutinies and struggles for power it is often a weapon of church politics for A to accuse B of having a demon... If believed this is very effective as they think the Holy Spirit 'told' them.

**The gift of discerning of spirits is not defined,
As confined in a little box**

All gifts from God are aspects of the grace of Christ *and His power*. These gifts are of course specific spiritual abilities but they are also wide in scope and have more than one or two specific uses.

What the gift of discernment of spirits is

Having, hopefully, removed the obstacle of false teaching, used by Satan to divert people from the truth, let us now consider those truths he has attempted to obliterate through his teachings.

The gifts of God bleed into one another

All Spiritual gifts are distinct but not completely separate. They are like faces of a diamond. They bleed into one another by the Blood of Christ. If for example the Lord had set the average life span at 10,000 years it would inevitably occur that a person who had one gift would end up with all. Spiritual discernment or wisdom regarding spiritual matters is not the same as discerning actual and literal spirits. Yet, those who can discern actual spirits have greater spiritual discernment or wisdom. Spiritual discernment is sound judgment but discerning spirits is ability to detect actual spirits, their character and effects. These are some of the attributes of the gift:

Primarily the gift of discernment of spirits

Is to 'see' the agency, presence and nature of the *Holy Spirit*

More than anything else God wants us to discern Him - His Spirit. Before a person with the gift of discerning of spirits begins to identify the forces of evil, as they do, they will see the positive side of their gift. It brings them closer to the Holy Spirit and they will see His hand at work where others are unaware. Up until now I have been speaking of Jesus and this is because the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ. The working of spiritual gifts however, as you have read, is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The gift of discerning of spirits

Is to see what is contrary to the Holy Spirit

As all gifts are of the Holy Spirit their very use will use the Spirit's power. The light of the Holy Spirit reveals the darkness of Satan - *not the other way around.*

Discerning spirits contrary to the Spirit of God

It is a fact that false teaching, false prophets, and false supernatural experiences are engineered by evil spirits. Therefore the gift is used to discern the spirit behind, within, inspiring, empowering etc. what is false. We saw in John's word that prophets were discerned as false by the discerning of the spirits that animated them... It is so with everything.

The gift is to discern the spiritual realm

I said that gifts bleed into one another and it is not unusual for the person with the gift we are studying to also have spiritual dreams, sound teaching, words of wisdom - of course, and to be generally

more spiritually aware than others. *This is for the benefit of others not for themselves.* It is very important to understand that a person with this gift will inevitably see into the spiritual realm. That is the nature of the gift. That is where spirits are, and not all spirits are demons. It is not just the Holy Spirit and His enemies but also Angels and saints that people with this gift discern. You may understand this better as I describe how the gift operates.

The operation of the gift of discerning of spirits

It is primary to understand that it is the Holy Spirit Who initiates, and then leads in the use of His gifts. The gift is not a wide open door that never shuts. It is often, and usually the case, that the gift operates by revelation. Some examples follow:

Fallen angels in church

In attending churches of various kinds, as the Lord led me to do, He would often open up the spiritual realm so I could see what spirits were at work. One of the things I saw time and again, although it is grievous to me to say so, were fallen angels that would stand just behind the preacher or evangelist and seek to influence them. This does not mean that these preachers were evil but rather that most preachers are not resistant to such influences and are continually tempted. In cults and such the co-operation with fallen angels is heart-willing, if unknowing. In more mainline churches it varies depending upon the state of heart of the ministers. Such a spiritual state as this revealed is of course abysmal. I am sure this teaching will be rejected by most, if they were aware of it. However the spiritual state of churches has fallen so low that no revival or reformation is enough to sort it out, unless God works in power the world has not yet seen! Christians should seek the Lord and those pure in heart should gather together and start afresh with the Bible as their guide, or pastors should try to lead their flocks to renewal, to the living Waters.

Discerning of hearts

Had it occurred to you that each human has their human spirit - their inner self? It is obvious to those with the gift that human hearts can be discerned. This happens in two ways. The gifted may discern the leanings, inclinations and basic character of a person or they may literally sense and discern their spirit. The latter only happens with those advanced in the gift...

When I meet people, and if I take the trouble to *think* of them, I feel and know what they are really about. Wherever I have had the opportunity to confirm what I have sensed I have had 100% accuracy. Sometimes this gift is very revealing but the Holy Spirit assures the privacy of those we see. Today I literally used this gift. I met a new teacher at my child's school. On the surface she was friendly and warm but I remember some horrible teachers I had that were friendly and warm to my parents. After sensing her heart however, I knew that God had given her a gentle heart and she would present no problem to my child in the future. Also there was an element of sensing the future...

On other occasions however, I have sensed people's sins. This is good as it has meant I could protect my child from the man with paedophile inclinations or steer clear of the habitual liar etcetera. If there is a burden to the gift it is this: I see people as they are and not as they want to be seen. It can sometimes be very sickening. On the other hand God has consoled me by allowing me to see Angels. Much of this may be seemingly irrelevant to the reader but if I have deep spiritual awareness given by God it is on behalf of His children and there will always be an effective and positive grace for them.

You will see how such a life gives insight into Scripture: Jesus often being exasperated with the hard heartedness of those around him and yet being comforted by Angels in His trials. I should say I do not compare myself with Him but it seems I just did, so I'll say we should all experience something of the Life of Christ. That is God's intent after all.

Discerning demons

Finally we get to it! Yes of course this gift is designed by God as a great weapon against demons. By the exercise of this gift you become strong. It must be so or how will you grow? It is about standing firm on Scriptural principals. Discerning demons sometimes means seeing demons. It can be scary. We learn to fear God and not to be intimidated by Satan. It is metaphorically, like a bloody battlefield strewn with corpses of good men. In the midst you stand, scarred, sometimes weary, but ever vigilant and ever

mighty in the Name, Amen.

Demons in Christians

Christian counsellors sometimes need to counsel Christians regarding demons that are oppressing them or *to some extent* controlling (possessing) them. You will see a lot of this fight to free captives from demons, often 'religious demons' such as false tongue speaking demons- in missionaries, counsellors and others who see the reality of the spiritual warfare around us. However, Christians need to pick their counsellors wisely.

Spirit of Christ versus Antichrist

I am not advocating what I observe but reporting it. In terms of the struggle of emerging Christians from churches, like butterflies emerging from their cocoons, there is a movement of Christians away from churches and from the spirit of Antichrist. Hopefully this will lead to a latter gathering together of saints... It is not necessary or even advisable for believers to leave their churches if their churches seek the Lord to be revived, reformed and remade in His Image... In the mean time you will probably see in coming years fragmentation, disintegration and union of churches. Much of this will be a sifting work of God and some judgement, but also the devil will be gathering his disciples who go by the name 'Christian' in preparation for building his own peculiar brand of religion for the Antichrist himself. God of course wants one Church united in Biblical truth and filled with His Spirit.

WARNING

If you have felt oppressed or frightened in what you have read so far do not read any further in this chapter. Also pray before reading and leave off reading if it is too much for you. Not everyone is given grace to deal with such things as I am about to reveal.

The appearance of demons

A double meaning is intended. I will describe some ways in which demons make their appearance as well as how they look.

Generally demons do not appear except to saints who have uncovered the reality of the spiritual realm; and so their cover being blown their attacks become more open to that believer; yet they will *secretly* insinuate to others that such believers are crazy.

Appearances of demons: It is usually the case that demons take upon themselves grotesque forms. They appear hideously evil and exude the very essence of evil.

Often the appearance of demons is strikingly similar to creatures you may see in supernatural movies or read of in horror stories. This is because the movies have been inspired by folklore that was inspired by actual events, long ago untraceable. Secondly demons inspire much of what passes for human creativity.

The appearance of snakes and other creatures such as cats and spiders: Demons often look for bodies to inhabit and will sometimes enter the bodies of animals. When those animals die the demons retain the appearance of the creature they were in. This is because there is a spiritual law that the spirit will conform to the body. Historically there have been wizards, shamans and witches of various kinds that have had familiar spirits. In European legend we are all familiar with the witch's *familiar* black cat; a demon possessed cat, or raven etc. When these animals die the evil spirits remain to be *spies* for Satan. These spies report back to the more powerful spirits.

On the outside the spiritual realm seems mystifying and weird but in truth it is well designed and planned; full of stratagems and orders of powers and legions of demons under the control of higher spirits; that are themselves under the power of fallen angels whose chief is Lucifer that once was; Satan.

Spies are one of the most common forms of demons and therefore one of the most common appearances of demons is in the shape of animals and insects.

Gigantism: Demons do increase their size so as to be more intimidating. A poor child not so long ago spoke of seeing a giant spider above her bed in a great web that filled the ceiling. Why should I believe such a thing - especially from a child? Without her knowing or the subject even being hinted at, I had seen several large demon spiders in webs in the same house. Two others had also seen 'disappearing' spiders of unusual size there without each one knowing of the other's experience... Fortunately after prayer this season of demonic oppression ceased.

Although truly frightening, especially to a child, these represent the lesser demons of limited power.

Demons as evil looking people: It is often the case that demons appear as men and women with gruesome and malevolent features. These kinds of demons are those that have possessed humans. It is normally these kinds of demons that are cast out of the possessed. Such demons also work as spirit guides to occultists of various hues and they operate in the guise of the Holy Spirit to deceived 'believers' in cultic groups.

In regards to the above two types of demons you will notice that in the story of the demon possessed man and the Gergesene swine the demons left the man to go into the swine... [Matthew 8:28-34]

Sometimes ghosts are really such demons but not always. Ghost phenomena can relate to other things I will not go into here.

Satan works almost exclusively through these kinds of demons when dealing with his servants and with others who are deceived. In the spiritual realm however there are many kinds of spirits.

Monster demons: These are those that take the appearance of fearsome, half human creatures. They may have fangs, long claws, scaly skin etc. Their purpose is to appear as frightening as possible to intimidate those who see them. Often the real appearance of the evil spirit is not the one they reveal to the viewer. The more powerful demons can change shape and appear as one thing or another as it suits their schemes. Intimidation is a principal they use against the servant of God *to frighten them away from spiritual warfare*.

Dead relatives, famous people and spirit helpers: These of course relate to the deceptions that demons use to get practitioners of various belief systems to invite them into their lives and homes. They give guidance, comforting messages, often vague and super-spiritual teaching, prophecies etc. Such demons also inhabit Christendom posing as saints, angels and the Lord Himself. This does not mean that all believers down the ages that have seen saints, angels or the Lord have been deceived. I have already pointed out the discerning of spirits includes all spirits; good and

evil.

To go further into this subject I would need to talk about fallen angels but it is not suitable for such a book as this. Few of you will ever come up against a fallen angel. If you do you will either be very strong or you will not survive. Yet, "...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." [1 John 4:4]

Some thoughts on spiritual discernment

You may have noticed that I have said some things you are unfamiliar with and that are different to what you have read in Christian books. This is because I know what I am talking about and speaking from experience rather than from conjecture; or worse still from a consensus of experts that know nothing of their subject! Some of the things that I have heard preached, read or seen on 'Christian' TV are ludicrous, without rational basis, unreliable in the extreme and centred in sensationalism rather than in edification of the saints. This seems to be a ploy of Satan so that the world will easily ridicule everything to do with spiritual warfare. Most books on spiritual warfare are written by people who base their teachings on the books of others. These authors gather momentum and copy each others teachings and often come to a consensus of opinion, sometimes starting as false revelations, on various aspects of demonology or spiritual warfare. The consensus gives an impression of spiritual authority among the elite but it means that many ideas and beliefs float round that are just plain wrong, unfounded and stupid.

I actually listened to an international evangelist who said that after many years of preaching on spiritual warfare he saw a demon. This expert on fighting demons had seen one. This would be rather like having a healing ministry and after many years healing one person. To preach on any subject is good and well but to claim to be an authority called in a particular area means direct and continual experience of God's power in that area. I say this as I want to point out something that many believers of various kinds have trouble with. It is a simple distinction - one which judges and lawyers are used to making but which many Christians neglect: To distinguish between opinion, assumption and conjecture on the one hand and fact, direct experience and well founded knowledge on the other.

Too many 'spiritual warfare' books are based on the testimonies of single, unreliable and sometimes mentally unbalanced individuals that talk to Christian writers who faithfully record their delusions. Others, as I have said are all about Christian culture and consensus regardless of *spiritual reality*. So learning to distinguish between fact and theory, which is often in experience distinguishing between fact and fantasy, is vital to spiritual discernment. A person lacking spiritual wisdom or discernment is hardly likely to have a gift of discerning of spirits.

However there is an honest mistake some souls make. Many people regard all strong stories of demonic activity as intrinsically false. They assume that the reality lies in subtleties. They may accept that an evil presence or bad atmosphere exists in an individual or an object. They cannot accept that Satan is a person that would actually appear to his servants or to some believers...

The reality is that although there is a lot of nonsense written and put out by publishing houses to make money - and sensationalism sells- and it is also true that those in genuine deliverance ministry often are dealing with things that aren't that dramatic: Yet there exists for some a revelation of evil that goes beyond anything any one could possibly imagine and no Hollywood movie with machine gun toting angels out to save the world could compare to. The depths of spiritual things - both good and evil and the powers with them are beyond human imagination. Any true 'spiritual warrior' has therefore had their mind stretched and their eyes opened to what the world cannot possibly conceive.

The worst kind of demons: Demons are lesser spirits but they vary in degrees of power and intelligence. The worst are those that influence you without you knowing it. It is the awful fate of the human race. If you have ever sinned you have been deceived. What I am going to tell you is one of the secrets of the spiritual realm and this will be particularly hard to accept by persons who see themselves as spiritual warriors: Satan often uses seasons of demonic oppression to hide his real workings. They are merely a distraction. The believer goes through a tremendous battle and gets the victory. They are pleased and grow stronger. All the while Satan had been secretly planting something elsewhere in your life *without any sign* of his working.

If you are discerning this tactic would have been used against you. You have been deceived by this distraction, *of spiritual warfare and victory*, which you could hardly ignore. It is always best in dealing with demons to assume you don't know what is going on, even if you are enlightened, and to pray in principal this: "Father in Jesus Name, deliver me from the unseen realm, the unknown stratagems of evil and from the seeds of evil that will bear fruit in years to come if You do not root them out today!..." - Something along those lines. You need this information and this idea.

Here is a more comforting secret of the spiritual realm: God does His greatest works in silence. Deep within you, unseen, unfelt and *not guessed*, you have seeds of grace that will bear fruit in their season if you will persevere, Amen.

The danger to others

It is sometimes the case that evil spirits will attack those close to us or related to us in some way. These attacks are almost always unseen and unrecognized. Often they are unrecognized by Christians and this makes them more effective as they are not prayed against.

These attacks usually appear to the world as 'bad luck'. The most common forms of this *intensified bad luck* are illnesses, accidents and misfortunes. This results in such things as mysterious illnesses that doctors misdiagnose and mistreat; severe injuries or death; marital break up, loss of work, bullying at school etc.

It is interesting to note that these are the opposite of the Christians' blessings and to those blessings God gives to those who bless such Christians!

I said that demons will make the spiritual warrior appear foolish, insane or proud to observers. I have often used extremes in my writing. I speak of being filled with love ten thousand times stronger than earthly love, seeing giant spider demons, having visions of God and glory... Is it exaggeration and am I like the first Christian, Nelson whom I mentioned? You will need to discern.

To understand the spiritual realm and spiritual life you must understand this simple fact: The human spirit is expanded by God

both in trials and in blessings. In this way the human consciousness is expanded by God. The human spirits (of the spiritual Christians) are capable of experiencing far more than any ordinary persons. This is why the scriptures themselves are full of profoundly deep and powerful sayings of the strength and wonder of God: Abundant life as a river, filled to the fullness with God, cups of blessing overflowing etc.

On the other hand it is true that many modern Christian books in particular use adjectives in such overabundance that they seem to the wary as being full of bluff and bluster- and they are! You must judge yourself if my writing is like these or is the fruit of years of true discipleship and fellowship with God - and therefore opposition from the evil one.

Christians of strong faith are like the Ark of the Covenant: They are a great blessing to people of faith and can be a great terror to those who are opposed to God. The world's Dagoes will fall but blessings abide upon the dwellings of the righteous.

Satan

I said I would not go into talk of fallen angels but I can hardly teach upon this subject without speaking of their chief. Satan rarely bothers Christians *directly* - and this will be the opposite of everything you have ever heard. He uses lesser demons. He will take a look at the stronger Christians and appoint far more demons to attack them. Like Napoleon Satan is a skilled general and strategist and not easily defeated. He is usually busy with the great ones on earth and only if you defeat some powerful evil spirits will Satan personally take an interest in you. If he does most of the books you have read will be of little use to you but the Bible will come alive in ways you never imagined.

It is important to learn not to be intimidated by him; even if he kills those close to you; destroys your fortunes and leaves you like Job. *He is acting from fear.* When I say fear let me tell you that Satan is literally terrified of powerful believers. His power is so great he could easily destroy the strongest of them but as God is their Protector he knows that for every strike he takes he must pay a terrible price. In this way the Kingdom of Light advances and the kingdom of darkness recedes.

If you have received the gift of discernment of spirits it will take time for it to develop but even so the veil of the spiritual realm will quickly be torn away. You will either stand or fall. If you fall GET UP AGAIN, and again and again. The time will surely come when you will see Satan tremble at your feet.

Satan's army

This is just an introductory chapter to the subject so it is neither comprehensive nor thorough. One more thing I should mention is that Satan organizes his servants as a great army. Just as in any army you will have sappers, sharpshooters, pilots, gunnies, technicians in communications etc and of course the all important *propagandists*, so it is similar with the powers of darkness.

There are territorial spirits, ancestral spirits, spirits related to particular kinds of deceptions, others related to particular sins...

There is no rule book. In relation to sin there are certain sins that humans could commit without demonic influence and certain ones that would only be committed under demonic influence. One of Satan's chief works in humans then is to *counterfeit human personalities* - to humans - to make a person *feel* they are really one thing until they become that thing. With the various satanically inspired philosophies popular among people this is made easier.

Strategies

In any army you have long term strategies for conquering territory so it is with Satan's army. Among strategies in recent history are these: To keep the Middle East in a constant state of instability. This is a first move at aiming at a Third World War. (I am certainly not saying he will be successful.) Another stratagem is to prepare the world for a pseudo scientific belief in God since evolutionary theory has been falling from within. A 'scientific', impersonal god is useful to Satan. A third stratagem is to keep the Church divided. There are literally thousands of denominations and as long as Christians are proud of this instead of being ashamed of it- *it is a great travesty* - the enemy will continue to conquer. Only a united Church of biblical truth can defeat Satan.

None of these views came from reading others' opinions. All are my own personal views formed by my relationship with God in the

context of the gift of the discernment of spirits.

Charismatics: The Truth

Chapter Seven

In this chapter I severely criticise Charismatics and Pentecostals and use one church in particular as an example. This is not because I have a tendency to be censorious but because Satan will often reveal his claws to me where he will hide them from others. I am a target as are all believers with the gift of discernment of spirits. In the past I have visited Pentecostal and Charismatic churches and had varying degrees of opposition or support. There is a generalised sense of unreality among their numbers but what brings about persecution is usually talk of holiness or something genuinely spiritual. It is this that often acts as the catalyst to opposition.

When believers are a spiritual threat to Satan because of the degree of knowledge they have from God incredible attacks and persecutions will occur. This is especially so if you get a bad pastor or a super-spiritual clique... The most important point in this chapter is that although there are some very nice and very sincere Christian Charismatics and Pentecostals there are many who have never been truly born again but have soaked up the culture and jargon of 'Spirit filled' Christianity. These can be easily manipulated by the evil one.

“God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be as God, knowing good and evil.”

[Genesis 3:5]

The Charismatic Movement began in the Garden of Eden and has been found in all religions since the dawn of time. It is the promise of godly power and greater gifts based upon deception.

The term Charismatic Movement is a misnomer as it implies they are a movement from God with 'charismata' or spiritual gifts. The proper term for the Charismatic Movement is Christian Spiritism. This implies that the *principles* of Spiritism are used within a Christian culture, language and philosophy. The modern Charismatic Movement started out as the Pentecostal Movement around the turn of the Nineteenth Century. In the 1800's Mormons, individual sects and occultists 'spoke in tongues'. As the Pentecostal Movement was being rejected by the holiness preachers for its abuses, emotionalism and lack of discipline, a split occurred. (See Aaron Merritt Hills)

Pentecostalism is a breakaway from the Holiness Movement. At first there was a dual emphasis on both holiness and tongues but soon the latter took over.

The Pentecostal Movement then, started as a subversion of the Holiness Movement and its great revivals. This is important to understand. Many critics of Christian Spiritism (Charismatic/Pentecostalism) speak of it as originating in the Holiness Movement not realising the rift that occurred. It happened between those who were disciplined, holy and powerful in revival and between those who were lax, and sought revival by means of the flesh life or natural means. *This lowered the whole standard of Christian Life.* By ignoring this call to holiness then and ever since, they were opened up to be deceived by the very spirits that were with the Mormons and others in the occult. There was only one provision; they had to call those spirits The Holy Spirit and be as undiscerning as possible, preferring to exalt experiences above principles of holiness. In other words there was a fundamental change of principle. *They moved from the spiritual principles of Christianity to the principles of Spiritism.*

The Christian Spiritist Movement of Pentecostalism and Charismatics is a falling from Scriptural Christianity into a form of occultism. Before going on I will share a brief story of my last involvement with Christian Spiritism to illustrate the point I am making:

Innocent destruction

Aðalsteinn Eagle-Hawk

I spent much of my life as a missionary to a particular kind of people. My quest was to convert supposed Christians to Christ and to teach Christians of the neglected spiritual life in the Bible. One day I went with my family to a Pentecostal Pastors' house where my youngest child pricked her foot on a thorn in his garden. Yet, it immediately got infected and she had to go into hospital. I remember her scream when she was pricked. It was not a natural scream but one of unusual intensity and anguish. My second daughter suddenly got a very bad case of conjunctivitis on her birthday and her party had to be cancelled. The present she had for a birthday, a rabbit, suddenly died in her arms, also on her birthday, as she wept. Things like this continued to happen. If I were to list them all you would see that there was a series of events that amounted to *intensified bad luck* both in terms of frequency and extent. It was incredible. I realised we were under a satanic attack but from where?

I said that sharing spiritual things are often the catalyst to persecution. One day I shared my testimony and spoke of a vision God had given me. After doing so I wondered what the fallout would be. It came quickly as the pastor's *flesh life* in particular had been provoked. When they discovered I was writing a children's book I was seemingly supported at first but suddenly there was an explosion of opposition. I felt a strong witness from the Lord that it was to attack my book that the opposition had risen up. I discovered something that shocked me. They were not simply opposed to my writing as it was spiritual but as it was creative!

I also became concerned that they were pushing the false prophecies of one who the pastor called the 'true prophet' Bernard. I saw that I would make little headway for Christ in this church. I was beginning to realise that all this 'bad luck' (besides the bad attitude) was related to the Pentecostal church itself and was not merely a general attack from the enemy but was being channelled through them. I was slandered by someone who did not know me. When I spoke to the pastor he took their side! As he expressed his totally obstinate, unreasonable and unchristian attitude I realised that the *satanic attack* my family had come under began on the very day we went to his house. As he dropped his former warm to neutral persona and revealed his true self I recognised the primary origin of the problem, the medium through whom Satan was acting.

Quoting a long list of wrongs I rebuked the self righteous pastor and ended all connection with the church. They needed spiritual delusion and I offered spiritual reality. The two cannot abide one another. This was actually very unusual for me as I cannot count the times I have been condemned or slandered and I have not replied in defence but was like a lamb. Over the years however, my patience began to wear thin, especially as my eyes were being opened more and more to the true character and motives behind the spiritual masks that many supposed Christians wear.

The Christian Spiritist Movement is itself full of people that do not associate their 'bad luck' with being Charismatic or Pentecostal. Instead they will 'bind the powers of darkness', 'speak in tongues' *and usually give up being a Christian before they are grey headed and advanced in years.*

By God's providence in allowing a clear and discernible attack I was forced to acknowledge various elements that I had noticed over the years and to put the pieces together: The spirits behind these Charismatic gifts - pale imitations of God's power are *evil spirits* and *do act continually* to subvert the cause of Christ and kill, steal and destroy -especially souls. I was well aware of persecution and its effects and of the lack of real faith but not clear on the powers that caused 'bad luck'. Looking back over the years I could see other examples in myself and in others when contact with Christian Spiritism, whether Charismatic or Pentecostal, was also related to 'bad luck' in health, relationships and demonic attacks. When I joined the dots up a clearer picture emerged.

How God helps in such circumstances

In the last meeting I attended at this church some visitors that were also Pentecostal came along. It was a group of women who were regarded as very spiritual. Ostensibly they came to join in the worship but it was actually to take a look at this small fellowship with a view to infiltration and takeover: A recurring theme among Charismatics and Pentecostals. The Lord opened up my spiritual eyes further, giving me greater acuteness and spiritual awareness. As they spoke in tongues I noticed that on the outside they were all smiles and warmth, if somewhat saccharine but *this time I could sense the demons around them influencing them in their tongues speaking.*

Providence and God's teaching by experience

On the other hand the dramatic nature of the satanic oppression was allowed by the grace of God provoked a review of my own and others experiences over the years. This review led to new discoveries in which I began to see that time and again involvement with Christian Spiritists led to spiritual darkness and satanic oppression. Particularly stark was the connection between new converts that fall away soon after they were supposedly 'Baptised in the Spirit'. This is a common phenomenon.

Satan hides himself so well that it is often hard to detect his works but the Lord allowed this episode simply to clarify years of observations and reservations about those disneyesque style Christians with their saccharine love and fantasies of power: Pentecostals and Charismatics...

Its effect upon me

I had never sensed the Holy Spirit as angry as I could sense He was. This was a particularly bad church that had appeared at first to be better than average. After expressing my anger I feel nothing but the usual love I feel for all, whether friend or foe. In other words its effect upon me was exactly what it should be. I took the side of the Lord in opposition and in mercy. I feel nothing but tender love toward them.

However I hope you are not so foolish as to think that my beliefs are founded upon this episode with this one Pentecostal church. I could write dense volumes listing the abuses, destructive spirit and evils of Christian Spiritism I have observed over decades. Yet this is not the worst of it. *The worst is that there should have been great and holy revivals throughout the twentieth century but it was prevented as the church was distracted by false revivals and false spiritual power.* Spiritists are like children playing with plastic gems and believing they are rich when God wants them to grow up and mine the real gems!

Tongues and prophecy

Central to the Pentecostals and their offshoots the Charismatics are the 'gifts of the Spirit' and in particular 'tongues' and 'prophecy'.

Tongues and Linguistics

There have been over the years professional linguists who have studied the phenomenon of tongues speaking – the claim that Charismatics make that they speak in angelic and unknown tongues the deep things of God. Linguists are able to tell if an unknown language is a real language by listening for evidence of syntax and speech patterns that are common to all languages but not found in gibberish. In their studies, suppressed by Pentecostals and Charismatics in their own circles, they discovered that tongues speakers within the Charismatic Movement speak gibberish and not real languages. If you Google the subject and look at serious social science sites you are likely to come up with examples.

Testing tongues interpretation

Christian evangelicals who do not believe in tongue speakers have also tested tongues. Leading Pentecostals and Charismatics have been known to give a different interpretation to the same message in tongues presented to them in the test. No two Charismatics gave the same interpretation to the same message in tongues played to them. However, you do not need to Google that if you have any experience of Pentecostals and Charismatics as in their meetings there are often confusing and conflicting interpretations to everything!

For example Brother A gives a message in tongues and Sister B gives an interpretation that lasts ten times longer – and vice versa. Then Brother C prophesies there is *someone* with a bad back and that *person* needs to come to the front to be healed – and five people come to the front. Or the brother with his eyes closed keeps imploring a clearly identified person to come up to the front, ‘Thus says the Holy Spirit come, do not be afraid for I shall bless you, says the Lord...’

All the while the person has been standing there waiting for them to open their eyes (so the Holy Spirit can know they are there!) Then there is the classic case of cliques within the church prophesying against one another. What? Is the Holy Spirit schizophrenic? They certainly imply He is.

Early tongues movement

The early tongues speakers a century ago went out as missionaries

with their 'tongues of men' to other countries and were unable to make the natives of China, India etc. understand their 'language'. Soon after this they claimed to speak in angelic tongues only! This is still the claim today. Yet there is a new suggestion that tongues are not languages at all! This is purely self serving as they cannot prove they speak spiritual languages.

Prophecy in recent times

Dr. Bernard Blessing also known as Prophet Bernard prophesied that Hilary Clinton would become President of the USA in 2008. He even staked his reputation as a prophet upon it and yet he still claims to be a prophet. Barack Obama became President. Others among Charismatic leaders had prophesied that George bush would be the last US President. Today (2009) some are beginning to prophesy Barack Obama will be the last US President with hardly blinking their eyes or taking a breath after the last set of false prophecies. Is that Christian behaviour? This brings us to the question of moral responsibility. I say it is immoral to continually prophesy of things that do not happen and as they fail move on to the next prophecy. *That is essentially Christian Spiritism.*

Morality

To tell the world in effect that Christianity is a false religion that produces failed prophecies and ministers who are always being caught out in matters of sexual conduct or tax evasion - as many well known Charismatics have- is downright evil. Christians would not so defame the name of Christ. What right do they have to tell the world at large that Christianity is a bad joke? The simple answer is that Christians do not do this. They would not. A Christian would rather die than let the Lord suffer shame at their failed prophecies. Charismatics and Pentecostals have the opposite attitude: *Multitudes of people can testify to failed prophecy given to them in Charismatic circles.*

Who benefits from Christianity being made to look foolish, ineffectual, unprincipled and immoral? According to Christian Spiritists it is the Holy Spirit! It is obviously Satan who benefits the most from the effects or fallout of the Christian Spiritist Movement. The one who inspires it is the one who benefits. He should in a sense as it is his servants the evil spirits who control the whole movement!

Sexual immorality

Statistics are actually kept by denominations on such things as church attendance and church expulsion. It has long been on record that those in the Charismatic circles, who claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit, have the highest rates of sexual and other types of scandal.

Some characteristics of Charismatics and Pentecostals

It is clear from the evidence then that the spirit of the Charismatics is not the Bible Holy Spirit but some other spirit or spirits. I am not making a generalisation however, as some Charismatics and Pentecostals are saved. *They do not perceive that many around them, the majority, are not born again* as they judge them as spiritual when they prophesy or speak in tongues... Also they do not judge themselves as weak and oppressed - those who are saved, when they are constantly being told they are prophets who will do great things.

It is a feel good religion, that often results in people being broken and giving up entirely. By definition all Pentecostals and Charismatics are deceived and the minority that have some measure of grace are unspiritual without exception. Their leaders fall into two categories: The Sincerely Deceived and the Pure Evil. Of the latter group come the greatest claims, the most apparent wonders and the greatest success. *As a religion the Charismatic and Pentecostal movement is a form of Christian Spiritism.* Charismatics and Pentecostals have a relation to Christianity similar to that of Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, and Spiritualists. In practice they are most like Spiritualists but using Christian terminology and philosophy.

Failed deliverance

What I have written here will be seen by those who see themselves as discerning as extreme and they would rebuke me where they would not rebuke the Spiritists. **This is because those in ministries of discernment have totally failed to do what was needed.** There are experts everywhere that will tell how Christians should be wary of this and that obvious cult or this or that obvious false practice, whether it is astral travel or mantric mediation. Yet, very few Christians go into cults or are likely to practise New Age or

occult teachings. These experts have failed to point out the obvious, glaring and overwhelming movement of Christian Spiritism that has infected vast numbers.

Supernatural darkness too subtle to be discerned -
By the undiscerning

Lukewarmness and falling away are directly due to speaking in tongues and prophesying and generally being Charismatic. *It is not a harmless practice. It is very dangerous and its effects upon Christian society are one of the greatest successes for Satan since time began.*

Unconvinced Spiritists

Many Christian Spiritists will regard what I have said as manifestly false and quite self evidently so. They will say that they know the Holy Spirit is with them; that they have not seen these abuses; that they have seen wonders; that they have the joy of the Lord etcetera. *Yes, it is true that in terms of a purely subjective experience Spiritism is designed to appeal to the flesh.* It will aggravate against the spirit however. Holy people will ever find a conflict with Pentecostalism. The gooey, emotional, hypnotic, passive minded, cauldron of sensory experience that is Spiritism is meant to be seductive. It is not so with Christ. His disciples are clear headed, contrite, sincere, holy, wise, loving without faking it, and always in some degree powerful.

Charismatics are known for persecuting true saints.

Many believers, even though a small percentage of all believers, who have led true lives of holiness and devotion can testify to being slandered, abused and persecuted by Charismatics. So, we see it is not simply that Charismatics embrace a false spirit as the foundation of their religion, but they reject the True Spirit of Christ! This is the spirit of Antichrist at work.

Anti-Charismatic Charismatics

Many Charismatics after living for years in disquiet, disturbed by what they have seen behind closed doors, eventually leave their churches. Then they try to expose the lies and deceptions that they had formally practised. Good for them, but sadly it takes many years for them to come out of all these deceptions - if ever. This gives us the phenomenon of the anti-Charismatic Charismatic:

Those who see themselves as delivered while yet still having false guidance and gifts. The enemy has refined his craft and for them makes everything seem holy whereas for others he does pretty much as he chooses and they accept it!

Anti-Charismatic Charismatics vary a great deal in terms of their knowledge. Among Charismatic sects various false prophets prophesy against other false prophets. That is the more refined, slightly more evangelical and dedicated prophesy against the openly covetous and down right ridiculous. Yet these first prophets *cannot* be trusted as they are *also* unlike Biblical Prophets. A real Prophet could potentially change the world and certainly get the world's attention.

Help for the half delivered.

Some useful tests:

If the voice in your head that you think is God is God it will answer any question on any subject whatsoever without error. What is $5,678 \times 34,456$? God would know but that voice probably won't. What is tomorrow's news headline? The voice will not know – it is not God!!!

It is okay to say, “I feel led”, or “I am inspired with the thought that ...” or even, “It was almost as if God had spoken to me...” but never to say “God said...”, when He has not said. That is false prophecy. *It is the lack of this discipline that is one of the hallmarks of the Charismatic Movement and the work of deception.*

Another hint is do not let the voice in your head

Test the voice in your head!

Satan is smarter than you will ever be. Such a God-like voice will tell you, “If you trust in me the blood of Jesus will cleanse you of error. Are you not more discerning than the multitudes of deceived? As your faith grows I will answer questions but for now I can speak only according to the limit of your faith...” i.e. “You can't question me but you should go on trusting me as you are so spiritual...”

True saints have very quiet minds – clear like crystals, *without Charismatic confusion*. In the Bible when God does speak it is *often* audible and sounds like thunder! Miracles normally follow. Exit all

the false prophets... When Moses saw a burning bush he saw a miracle, then saw God as Fire, and then heard God clearly. There was no *guess work or error; the modus operandi of the Charismatic Movement.*

“Seeing, Moses marveled at the sight and he came up to look - a voice from Lord came to him:

"I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Beginning to tremble, Moses did not dare to look.

The Lord said to him, "Loosen the sandals from your feet because the place where you stand is holy ground."

[Acts 7:31-33]

How to find Christ

If you are a Christian Spiritist you need to find Christ. The Lord has the power to cleanse you and make you His own. Christians have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ -not through pastors or big evangelists or so called prophets. These intermediaries are not Christ and usually don't speak for him. You may find Christ in the Bible. Abandon all those magazines and Charismatic books. You may find Christ in the world. He is secretly at work everywhere to help the oppressed. This means that both Jesus the Spirit and His book are here with us. By following the teachings of the Book you may have Christ in your life *as Lord*. You must ask Jesus to help you interpret His Book not a televangelist!

Do not follow voices in your head. Apart from deceiving you they can lead to serious mental health problems. *Charismatics and Pentecostals live in a constant state of unreality and confusion.* You have seen some who are bizarre and possibly deranged. They often started out as normal. You need to forsake these principles of Spiritism and adopt the principles of Christ: That is you need to reverse Satan's work.

Principles of Christ

God seeks honesty.

God seeks those willing to obey Him.

God wants obedience from the heart.

God gives His Spirit to those who obey Him.
You will see this is grace as it is God Who is doing the seeking. Yet, He commands repentance from evil deeds. In other words God is more willing to save us than we are to save ourselves. What part do we play?

We can pray to God for His help.
We can ask the Lord for forgiveness *if* we repent.
We should repent.

For a Christian Spiritist this means beginning again and laying the foundation of Christ away from the dead works of Spiritism. How often have you claimed the Lord told you something and it didn't come to pass? Don't call God a liar. Repent of putting words into God's mouth. That is a good start.

Expect help from the Lord. He will not disappoint.
Have faith.
How? It is a free gift if you have honestly *responded* to free grace.

Some more help

Stop saying that those who prophesied falsely were in the flesh but those who 'got it right' were in the Spirit. God is not a God of confusion and would not fill *His* churches with false prophecies. The same Movement that gives rise to the failed prophecies and pointless prophecies gives rise to a few that come true. The whole Movement of Spiritism is wrong and you need to come out and be separate.

A big thing to do

Get out!!! Run for the hills. (-Unless called like myself to sometimes work among them as a *missionary*.) It is killing you and you don't know it as your flesh and the devil are telling you how wonderful it is. Use logic and see Christ is holy! If you need books read the great evangelical preachers of the 1700s-1800s or devotional writers. Stop speaking in tongues. Seek to follow Christ by simple faith with reason rather than by supernatural lights or signs. It will purify you. Resist Satan as he tries to lure you back.

A big mistake to avoid

Don't join in with anti-Charismatic Charismatics. Don't make the

mistake *that so many make* by being more refined and seemingly Biblical. A gentle and evangelical counterfeit of the Holy Spirit is just as deadly, often more so, than a wild and strange counterfeit. Stop trying to be a prophet or a great revivalist and concentrate on doing Christ's will day by day in simplicity and truth. He will then become very powerful in your life and do with you as He wills. He can, once you are purified of evil spirits and their deceptions.

Many new believers need the information written here as it will save them from falling into Charismatic error. **It is so terrible to see believers make a good start only to be lured into Spiritism under a Christian guise; and then see them become less holy as they become more Charismatic!** This hour is crying out with the need for such guidance. Send all your Christian friends a copy of this writing, especially new converts so that they will follow Christ and not the power of delusion posing as the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

Christian Spiritism commonly known as Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement is based upon deception. It is by its very nature intrinsically opposed to the Spirit of Truth - Jesus Christ. It is not merely another gospel but another religion. Almost all the heresies, misdemeanours and cultic practises coming into Christianity begin with the Spiritists. Their religion has as its *very foundation* the *experience* of their deceptive and false gifts rather than the Person of Christ - Who is belittled in favour of a false Holy Spirit.

Jesus Sananda and the Would-Be Prophets

Chapter Eight

Who is Jesus Sananda?

New Age teachers say that in the spiritual planes Jesus Christ is known as the Ascended Master Sananda. He will come again to earth as the World Teacher. They believe that Jesus was just one of many ascended masters and that Jesus has had many incarnations. He is known in the Orient as Lord Maitreya. Other ascended masters include Christian saints and Eastern mystics. (The New Age Movement picks bits and pieces from all religions.) Sananda will be reincarnated again as the World Teacher. The ascended masters were the teachers of mankind coming from out of the spirit realm.

Not all New Age teaching is consistent and also taking into account that these characters are continually being reincarnated it is hard to work out a logical account. There are elements in Ascended Master teaching that are similar to Freemasonry and its guilds. There are all kinds of committees of light and angels that oversee mankind.

So, there are various versions of Jesus/Sananda and Lord Maitreya

but there is an underlying unity among New Agers based upon their philosophy. New Agers look for a New Age of world peace and spiritual enlightenment. This fits within their worldview of...

Western Rationalism meets Eastern Mysticism

There is a fundamental idea however underpinning the New Age Movement; that is the concept of evolution applied to spirituality. They combine Western and Eastern philosophy and end up with an evolutionary leap of spirit for mankind. Many teachers on the New Age Movement seem to miss this vital point. New Agers combine western Liberalism and its science: All religions are equal + all humans evolve. That is why it is called the New Age. It is the period for humans evolving into gods during the Age of Aquarius: 2000AD to 3000AD. Therefore a world teacher is to appear to guide all into this god state...

Likeness

Already that World Teacher Jesus/Sananda gives messages through various mediumistic New Age teachers and these can be found over the Internet. Also they like to post images of Jesus/Sananda based on paintings of Jesus from European art in past centuries. A popular one has Jesus with long, light brown hair and blue eyes. An important point I want to make here is that some Christians believe in these teachings of ascended masters in the sense of their being revelations of what Satan is up to. They literally believe that the False Prophet of the Antichrist, the second Beast of Revelation, will look like Jesus/Sananda: Long hair and blue eyes and definitely European. They even go on to state that Christians are unknowingly worshiping Satan by worshiping such a Jesus or his image... This is the topic of this chapter as it concerns two sets of confused teachers, both New Age and Christian.

Who is Lord Maitreya?

He is the Master of Masters who is known in religions around the world. Particularly significant to Buddhism, he is also worshiped in China as a wandering god with an eye in his back. There have been many claimants to the title of Maitreya as there have been to the title of Christ. For a summary of Buddhist and New Age views of Maitreya see:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maitreya>

Various interpretations among New Agers and Christians

For New Agers the first incarnation of Jesus/Sananda was Adam and the next is to be the World Teacher. During the New Age the World Teacher brings peace and spiritual consciousness or God Realization. For Christians who believe these false prophecies, they divide the identity of Lord Maitreya and Sananda between the Antichrist and his prophet mentioned in the book of Revelation. They too have evolved their teaching! *This means that Lord Maitreya is the Antichrist and Sananda is the false prophet.* However will that false prophet call himself Sananda?

Lord Maitreya is the expected messiah and Teacher of all religions and his main prophet among New Agers seems to be Benjamin Creme, although there are more and more contenders and sources for channeling Lord Maitreya's messages. It is said by some including Benjamin Creme that Lord Maitreya has been active behind the scenes in present times and it is predicted (again) that he will soon make his appearance. Lord Maitreya will reveal his identity and telepathically communicate with everyone on earth, as well as by TV, in a soon to be televised event predicted this year (2009). Of course this will not happen but it has both New Agers and some erroneous Christians excited. Why would Christians believe in the New Age predictions of the appearance of Lord Maitreya when previous predictions of his appearance failed to come off?

Lord Maitreya's -Jesus/Sananda's earthly name

Lord Maitreya is the Eastern name, meaning Kindness or Benevolence, of an incarnation of life energy that became Jesus. Jesus is Sananda in the spirit world: Is the World Teacher Sananda or Maitreya? Or are there two? *New Agers themselves seem to point to one World Teacher.*

Sananda is the higher spiritual name. Jesus is the name used in one of his earthly appearances. Sananda/Jesus may well have another name in the next appearance. This means he may well be here already known by another name. The result is a lot of wild speculation dignified by some Christians who know no better. Yet,

since Lord Maitreya's identity is not yet revealed some speculate that it is Barack Obama. Others say it is Rahmat Ahmad a Pakistani spiritual teacher...

The end of the world?

Many believers are committing themselves to proclaiming an immanent Second Coming of Christ and also to identifying the Antichrist and the False Prophet or Beast of the Book of Revelation. Among others Prince Charles has been named as the Antichrist. The Popes have historically often been named as the Antichrist... All predictions about the Second Coming and the Antichrist have so far failed. Across Europe in the year 1000AD multitudes gathered on hilltops awaiting the end of the world. After it did not happen faith in the Catholic Church that allowed this error, if not actually preaching it, waned. This in turn led to the later rise of Protestantism. Many will lose faith in Evangelical Christianity for the same reason.

Some Christians, who for some reason believe many of these New Age prophecies, see in them a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and in particular regard Jesus/Sananda as the coming second Beast and False Prophet depicted in the Book of Revelation (See Revelation 13. Both the Antichrist and his false prophet are called beasts.) For what reason they would believe this is not apparent other than it is very typical of the **Apocalyptic Hysteria** that has taken hold upon large sections of evangelical and Charismatic Christianity, especially in the USA. There is however, no reason to believe in the prophecies of Benjamin Creme or Ascended Master Teachers and others.

The Would-Be Prophets

The would-be Christian prophets also seem to have no signs to verify their prophecies and warnings. The Powers of Darkness only tell lies to their dupes. Jesus/Sananda does not and will not exist. That is the only reason he has *consistently* failed to make his appearance. *It is true there will be fulfillment of Biblical prophecy* but Biblical prophecies can in no way be compared to the prophecies of those claiming to know who the Antichrist or his servant the false prophet really are, and implying of course that they know they are alive and secretly working today for their ever immanent appearance!!! I want to make this point quite clearly:

That **sincere Christians are strengthening the prophecies of the New Age Movement and forwarding its interests.** In giving credence and respect to various New Age predictions they are in effect helping them along. Yet, as I have said they cannot make a good argument for their beliefs other than the usual, “I sense in my spirit”, or “God has told me” and regard rejection of their speculations as a lack of recognition of their true prophetic stature. *They are would-be prophets without solid argument or divine support.*

The Would-be prophets want to be seen as prophets and so must have something to prophesy, even if they borrow it from New Agers. It is false insight or discernment to 'see' that the confused messages from Sananda and about Sananda are the secrets of the Antichrist. **These would-be prophets are being opportunistic and bolstering their image as prophets by taking various popular topic threads from the Internet and tying them in with End Times fanaticism.** They appeal to the unquestioning attitude that many have that the end is nigh. This belief held by many is based upon trusting teachings that are equally unfounded and put out by self centred people who need to be admired. They see themselves as important and significant to world events, without actually having an impact on the world or being able to teach well on any spiritual subject.

God's prophets, whether great or small, were recognized as prophets by those who were close to God and by world leaders. Their prophecies were clear and came to pass. Some performed great signs. All were known to be holy. In stark distinction the would-be prophets are often known only to themselves or a few people with the same teaching – as they all copy one another. They have no signs. Nothing they have said has come to pass. They are known to have been wrong in the past. It is not our job to flatter their egos but to avoid their persons and teaching. *There is no prophet prophesying about the coming Antichrist lord Maitreya and his prophet Sananda that has been recognized as a prophet in the world or had prophecies that have come true.*

Hundreds of years of prophesying
The identity of the Antichrist

These kinds of false prophets in past times told the world that the

Kaiser (of World War I) was the Antichrist and later the same kind of people said it was Adolf Hitler. Before that time they said the Antichrist was Napoleon, etcetera. In more recent times we have been told that Saddam Hussein was the Antichrist... I rather suspect that when the Lord does raise up a Prophet that performs great signs and wonders these very types of 'believers' will prophesy he or she is the Beast! In fact it is true to say that thought was given to me by the Lord. It is not unusual for such would-be prophets to recommend other teachers that are spiritual and others that are unspiritual, while at the same time attacking ferociously some of the most spiritual figures in Christian history. Their knowledge then is as confused as their prophecies- and all underpinned by their *pride*.

False lights

Many of the so-called experts on prophecy and spiritual warfare take their knowledge from their own past experiences in the occult, believing falsely that they were given insight into the spiritual world. Yet, the Enemy will only tell lies to those involved in the occult. When, thankfully, they become Christians they should not assume their 'knowledge' is in any way reliable or a means with which to interpret Bible prophecy! To give credence to the teachings of various Spiritists is to unnecessarily advance the interests of those opposed to the Bible Faith.

Spirit and Soul

Often the need to discern between spirit and soul is put forward by both legitimate teachers and would-be prophets as necessary for spiritual discernment, as indeed it is. To correctly discern things one needs to be spiritual and to be spiritual one needs to be able to distinguish between human emotions and thoughts and divine leadings in the spirit. Those who have really experienced a division between spirit and soul, as we are taught in the Bible that *the Word of the Lord is a Sword that divides asunder even soul and spirit*, know that such an experience comes by the Cross. The application of the Cross upon the believer's nature by the Holy Spirit means suffering for Christ by faith which bears the fruit of spiritual awareness. A life of discipleship in holiness and truth is essential to an experience of deeper discernment. As they become spiritually minded they are in tune with God and able to distinguish spiritual things in a spiritual way.

The lukewarmness of the Charismatic movement cannot produce such discipleship. Therefore those who rehash the teachings of Jessie Penn-Lewis, Watchman Nee or the Christian Mystics *without really understanding them* have an appearance of wisdom, as those teachers were wise, but they also put forward many errors their idols would not have tolerated. By trying to be overly spiritual instead of resting on the Lord by simple faith they often undermine the things of the Lord which, in their zeal, they want to exalt.

This was a common error of the Charismatics in the 1980's when for example Watchman Nee inspired teaching, contrary to what he really taught, helped the Shepherdship Movement develop into an authoritarian cult. Often spiritual writers are quoted as the cause of Charismatic error when they are really exploited and debased by those who pretend to be spiritual and get things twisted inside out.

Putting things right

They could begin to correct things by, for a start, stop calling themselves prophets! Being supposed prophets that are more evangelical than the obvious false prophets does not make them prophets. By being anti-Charismatic but having words in their minds supposedly from the Holy Spirit means they are still mediumistic! To say you are a prophet when you are not is a sin. To call yourself a prophet when you simply mean you are exposing the errors of the Church is to misuse Scripture.

Biblical Prophets were supported by God so that both believers and unbelievers came to understand they were Prophets. Every word they spoke was truth and every prophecy they gave came to pass.

Some things that those who have experienced the division between spirit and soul can do.

Spiritual Christians can teach by experience rather than by theory. However, what they teach will be gibberish to the *theoretical Christians*. Spiritual Christians can and do continually sense the near presence of Christ. They can discern errors in teaching and practice and errors of emphasis. They experience the power of the Holy Spirit as the Abundant Life of Christ flowing within them. That is they abide in Christ as depicted in John chapter 15. They can

recognize fakers. They can give a strong testimony which will inevitably have an element of the miraculous. THEY CAN, DO AND MUST, LIVE ABOVE THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL, AMEN.

“May the God of peace Himself entirely sanctify you - may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
[1 Thessalonians 5:23]

Coming beasts of Revelation

In regards to the coming Antichrist and his false prophet, who are correctly named beasts; they will of course bear many similarities to true prophets and appear to be saviours of the world - for a time. Yet, inevitably their true natures will be revealed and because of their great power they will entrap the world. Phrases like “one world religion” are not in the Bible but relate to the fact that “all will worship the beast”. This does not mean that all people will have the exact same religion but that they will have philosophies of religion and science which at that time can accommodate these beasts.

A challenge to the would-be prophets

Are you a prophet in your own eyes? Are you teaching the immanent return of Christ? Were you one of those who said George Bush would be the last President of the USA? Are you one of the multitudes that claim to 'know', not believe, deduce, hold the opinion, but *know*, in your spirit or otherwise that the Lord will return while some us are yet living? Even in the next few to several years? Prove it!

Proof is not saying, “I sense it”, or “When the Lord returns they will see!” **Where are your prophecies about the last ten years that have been recorded as coming true?** Where are you prophecies, not generalizations, about world events that are about to come true?

I say, and I could add 'know', that those who say they are prophets and are prophesying the Lord's return anytime within the next twenty years are false prophets, bad Bible students and vainglorious, pseudo-spiritual dupes of the Enemy.

Unrepentant would-be prophets

The world is full of prophets these days and those whose prophecies concerned things that were to happen in the eighties and nineties have been shown to have been fools. Many of these are still prophesying about the End Times. If they were to repent and say, 'I am not a prophet but I was deceived', it would mean being humbled in the sight of others. As these prophets are generally driven by religious pride few will ever do so. They prefer to blame others for their mistakes or to attempt to cover them up. If they stopped being would-be prophets who would listen to them, or flatter them or give them heaps of money? They cling on to their false claims and false identities and preach their false teaching -Why listen to them? Are they not the servants of the very lies they are supposedly combating?

Summary

I want to point out that there is a very close correlation between the prophets of the ascended masters and the would-be prophets of the Holy Spirit. Their prophecies fail. They recoup their ground by offering new ones without repenting of imposing former false prophecies on believers. They depend on End Times hysteria to be taken seriously and are always running about thinking their prophesied ones are about to appear. On the other hand they often leave out definite dates and predictions. *They usually like to imply immanence without actually promising it.* Yet, if they are prophets why can't they be clear? If they are prophets why is there always lack of clarity and abundance of confusion? Did you find it hard following the identity of Lord Maitreya? I put it down as logically as I could. It is a total mess of insinuations, implications, false deductions and inferences out there, put out as prophecy by both New Agers and some Christians.

The Devil in Disguise:

How to Defeat the False Jesus

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Chapter Nine

This chapter is a short introduction to spiritual victory over the forces of evil, particularly as they imitate Jesus, the Holy Spirit or the Father. It represents only a shard of Satan's devices - exposed.

Over the years I have encountered many false representations of Jesus from the one world religion guru to the black activist, African Jesus, and everything in between. These false philosophies have their equivalent in the spiritual realm too, as evil spirits can and do take on aspects of Christ's image or character to imitate Him, or the Holy Spirit or the Father, as well as imitating Angels and Saints.

Here is a list of some of the Jesuses you may come across
In modern culture or even in modern churches

The muscle bound Health and Fitness Jesus
The Cosmic Hippy Jesus
The Black Jesus
The Aryan Jesus
The Pacifist Jesus
The Gay Jesus
The Communist Jesus
The Female Jesus
The Mad Jesus
The Ignorant Peasant Jesus
The Social Worker Jesus
The Confused Jesus
The Sexual Jesus
The Pathetic Jesus
The Identity Crisis Jesus
The God Hating Jesus
The Lucifer Betraying Jesus
The Joking Jesus
The Bigot Jesus
The Anti-Semitic Jesus
The Drug Induced Jesus

Here are some of the more supposedly Christian Jesuses

The Weak and Ineffectual Jesus
The Silent Jesus
The Money Mad Jesus
The English Middle Class Jesus
The American Right Wing Conservative Jesus
The Pentecostal and Charismatic Jesus
The Laid Back Non Religious Jesus
The Never Condemns Anyone Jesus
The Party and Alcohol Jesus
The Forgot About You Jesus

There are two other Jesuses

The Bible Jesus
The Spirit Jesus
These last two are one and the same.

All of the above Jesuses have a spirit to go with them. Only the last Jesus, the Bible Jesus has the Spirit of God.

As there are Jesuses so there are versions of the Holy Spirit and the Father, such as the Stern and Vindictive God... Also, versions of the Gospel, such as the Gospel of Lifestyle, rather than discipleship.

There are also artistic images of Jesus. Some of these reflect the views of past centuries. Usually Jesus is handsome but serene, often blonde and usually white. European culture and the British Empire gave the world a European Jesus. In some Christian Books and Bibles for Children this Jesus is still clearly seen. Most characters in many of these Bibles are white, including Adam and Eve from whom all races descended. Fortunately, today we also have an ordinary looking Hebrew Jesus depicted for children. This is a small but significant clue to a cultural shift. Some people want to know Jesus as He is - not as others would like Him to be.

The Devil is a Shape Shifter

We can see from the above lists that the false Jesus is a chameleon melting into its surrounds and accommodating to peoples' misconceptions. It has the power to shape shift and is slippery as a snake. It is not one but many like the mythological hydra of the Greeks: Chop a head off and another will grow! This hydra has so many heads they are uncountable but there is a weapon that can destroy it.

“...the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God”
[Ephesians 6:17]

This weapon will destroy the false philosophies and any ugly head that rears its evil self up against us!

Similarly there is the Non Existent Devil, the Personification of Evil Devil and the Little Red Devil. These are fabrications of the devil - the devil of the Bible. As there is an intelligent and real Jesus so there is an intelligent and real devil. We need to defeat his disguises.

How to defeat the false Jesus: Discipline under the Bible

Know your Bible. People will tell you the Jesus of John the Apostle is not the Jesus of Paul the Apostle and the Jesus of the Gospel of John is not the Jesus of the Revelation written by that same John. Then

again modern theologians will tell you *that* John is not the same John... As the Bible is trustworthy it reveals the true Jesus. The best way to defeat the False Jesus is not primarily by spiritual discernment, *as few believers have enough*, but by discipline; by knowing and studying the Scripture. For example the person who believes Jesus when He says,

[Luke 16:13] “You cannot serve God and Mammon”

(The god of wealth), is hardly going to accept the Money Mad Jesus or its gospel of Get Rich Now I'll Show You How.

The second way to defeat the false Jesus *is* by spiritual discernment.

All believers have the Spirit and therefore all have some degree of wisdom in spiritual matters and therefore too, the ability to judge, weigh, discern the things of God and their opposites. You may not have enough discernment to do it alone but *with* the Bible and the discipline of its application to your life this makes a formidable weapon against the devices of the devil.

The third way to defeat the devil in disguise is by faith in prayer

By praying to God you may ask for spiritual light or intelligence upon these matters. You must pray in an attitude of trust and with a view to changing your mind! Think about that.

Regular prayer along these lines,

“I am not infallible. Please show me my errors, and where the devil may have deceived me, in the Name of the Bible Jesus, Amen.”

Such prayers prayed seriously and regularly really do help in the renewal of your mind and in keeping you alert. God really does answer too, so be prepared for a few shocks!

Make God alone your Lord

Finally, as this is merely a brief introduction to the subject, do not trust in human wisdom, yours or others, especially if they are prophesying over you! Here is one of those Bible verses you really need to remember and pray over,

“So says the Eternal, 'Cursed is the man that trusts in man,

and makes flesh his arm (strength), and whose heart departs from the Eternal.'" [Jeremiah 17:5]

A warning

All Christian cults and mainline churches teach some form of spiritual discernment. Many teach on combating evil spirits. All Christian cults in particular claim to have spiritual gifts and revelations exposing the works of the devil. They do have some truths too, but not about the delusions they are bound with or that they will bind you with. **Make the Bible your sole authority in matters of doctrine.** Experientially, cling to the Lord alone: That is study the Bible Jesus with the Spirit of the Bible Jesus.

Beware of extremes

This is a difficult time for Christians to live in as there are so many denominations and sects and even more teachings. Everything I teach has versions by other spiritual writers and by cults- and all originate in the Word of God. When you read of the false Jesus or any spiritual thing, there will be true and false versions. Among true versions there will be errors of emphasis. **Among many false versions there is often a lot of truth that acts as the sugar to cover the arsenic of deception.** In dealing with the various forms of Jesus you meet in the world or in churches it is good to be gracious, humble and accommodating to a point. Many people are sincerely trying to follow God. I am not of the ones that want to cry against them over their errors but to encourage them to greater enlightenment. Let us consider then the greatest false Jesus there is in the world.

The Iconic Jesus

In Europe and the East Christianity has tended to standardise Christ so that he became meek and mild, very human, serene, and idealised. The representation of Christ lost his zeal for God, his power and his deep spirituality. He also lost his certainty and his deep animosity toward sin. **The Iconic Jesus, who is literally seen on icons, is therefore not so much God incarnate as Religious Humanism incarnate.** If he were real and you met him no doubt he would be a beautiful character, a true saint; but would he be raising the dead and casting out demons? Would he return again as the world's conqueror? I am making this distinction to point out what is missing. It does not mean, as many of you I am

sure realise, that I think Jesus is to be a hyper character who is casting out demons all the time- it is just one of several of the characteristics left out of the Iconic Jesus.

Out of all the false Jesuses the Iconic Jesus is the one closest to the truth and the one the world loves. The Iconic Jesus lives in the hearts and minds of multitudes and is the present dominant religious Jesus in the world. The great distinction with the Real Jesus is this: The world did and does today hate the real Christ. That's why He was crucified by the religious and pagans together.

Jesus is hated for this reason in His own words:

“The world cannot hate you but it hates Me; for I testify of it, that its works are evil.” [John chapter 7:7]

The Spirit of Christ continually witnesses against what is evil within mankind. In response there has never been nor can there ever be a man more hated, defamed, abused, slandered and attacked than the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Jesus is holiness itself and to come into his Presence is to come into the Light and that Light blinds the eyes - until they see. Jesus is Love and mitigates against everything that is selfish - and humans by nature are Self-ish: That is, what the Bible calls 'fallen nature', as there remains an ability to repent and come into the Light.

How many of those who love the Iconic Jesus
Would hate the Real Jesus?

The answer is quite simple: By loving the Iconic Jesus they do hate the Real Jesus. They are rejecting Him in favour of an inferior impostor created out of human tradition.

The Witch and the False Prophet

Chapter Ten

Jessie Penn-Lewis and Charles Finney

God warned before time

Of the Christian Spiritist movement and its false revivals

As abuses were emerging in the 1800's in revivals and the numbers of believers claiming to be prophets were gaining some ground in them, as they had been in ages before, God graciously gave warning in two books by two genuine revivalists. They and their significant books are examined along with their influences. This chapter also looks at some of the history leading up to the great Christian Spiritist movement.

Nineteenth century revivals and revivals in Wales

Jessie Penn-Lewis was a feminist Christian from Wales who was very active along with [Evan Roberts](#) in the [Welsh revival of 1904](#). As a contemporary of suffragettes Jessie Penn-Lewis put forward her own book, [Magna Carta of Women](#) which pleads for women's ministry in the Church. She is best known for her book, among many others, [War on the Saints](#), which is a book about spiritual warfare based on her experiences, along with Evan Roberts, of Satan's deceptions in the Welsh revivals. This was the keystone work for discernment of spirits. Prior to its arrival however there

was an even earlier work concentrating more on the outer abuses of psychology and emotional manipulation by fleshly or carnal believers: [Letters on Revival](#) by Charles Finney.

Nineteenth century opposition to emotionalism and false spirits

In the nineteenth century there were more or less continual revivals in the USA and other places. In the mid nineteenth century revivals spread from North America to Wales mainly on the reading of [Charles Finney's Lectures on Revival](#). These were among an abundance of other revivals that were sporadic throughout the nineteenth century. I remember reading how that book spread and as it spread revivals sprang up. It is on historical record that Welsh revivals were among them. The Welsh revivals continued intermittently until the early twentieth century. They had the stamp of holiness teaching all over them and in Jessie Penn-Lewis's case of course there was the *spiritual* connection to Charles Finney who had written earlier articles about abusive practises in revivals, [Letters on Revival](#) also known as the book [Revival Fire](#). Finney put forward a case that the emerging (what was to become Pentecostal Movement) was 'in the flesh' and over emotional. His was the spiritual forerunner to Jessie Penn-Lewis's book [War on the Saints](#), in which Jessie Penn-Lewis made an analysis of demonic activity among believers. There is a clear spiritual connection between the two works; Finney's being almost an introduction to Jessie Penn-Lewis's book. The two books put together represent a timely warning from God of everything that happened after, since both these books were largely ignored by modern believers.

Christians and social reformation

[Charles Finney](#) is now known for influencing [Abraham Lincoln](#) to abolish slavery after the President asked for his advice in two letters. Finney was also known for organising part of the [Underground Railway](#) for runaway slaves at [Oberlin College](#) where he was a professor of theology. Racists today still attack Finney for being a social reformer rather than a Christian. It is interesting however that most of the revivals in America at that time happened in the northern states and not the south where slavery was practiced. It seems that the Holy Spirit was part of this social reformation.

Altar Call

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In studying the Bible Finney recognised in the rite of baptism that believers made an open air and public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. The churches in Finney's day largely baptised people at birth and Charles Finney saw the need for a public declaration and a stand for Christ. At that time it was often expected that people would simply be converted by God if they were preordained. The issue of baptism was controversial and divisive but Finney decided to follow the principle of public declaration of faith. He simply asked for a public declaration of faith by introducing the [Altar Call](#). This was designed to help those under deep conviction from the Holy Spirit to make a clear and intelligent *response* to that work of grace.

The whole idea was to get sinners to act upon the manifest and felt calling of God, combining both divine and human action together. In this way God would call and the people would respond openly by coming to the altar for prayer. Thereby acting clearly and decisively as the early disciples did who responded to the call to baptism while the Gospel was being preached by John the Baptist. The actual use of the Altar Call was based primarily upon the obvious convicting work of the Holy Spirit among listeners to the Gospel in great revivals. This was later used everywhere in great revivals. He could have simply called for sinners to repent and be baptised as in the gospels but most had already been baptised in churches and the issue was divisive.

Finney was *very thorough* however, about his teaching on [True Repentance](#) - even writing a book with this title. It was not simply a case of saying you 'accepted' Jesus! (Erroneously practised today by those who *reject* Finney's principles of revival.) This [true and open repentance](#) became standard practise in revivals, at the Altar Call, including the ones Evan Roberts and Jessie Penn-Lewis were active agents in. It became standard practise for evangelists both Arminian and Calvinist since. It was used to *combat* the (now almost extinct) [extreme Calvinistic](#) position that people would be saved if it were God's will *without any form of human intervention*, including witnessing, prayer in faith for souls, preaching etcetera. Those who want to return to extreme Calvinism however today attack the introduction of the Altar Call without revealing their true motives.

Until the Altar Call was introduced sinners under conviction from God were often left without any direction of how to be saved, as these extreme Calvinists believed they should not lead people to choose to believe God. As a result, often the convictions would wear off and sinners would go away unsaved, with Calvinists assuming they were therefore not Elect.

The harsh critics of Finney in Calvinistic Bible colleges and elsewhere say this was purely a man made religion of no value. Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones scathingly called it 'Decisionism'. Finney has variously been called a mere social reformer, an ethicist, or even responsible for preparing the way for the Antichrist! As there are plenty of historical accounts of mass conversions in continuing revivals this sovereign work of the Holy Spirit is often dismissed today as the result of Charles Finney's 'animal magnetism'. That is there are those who read of accounts of great revivals in which tens of thousands are saved; they will even read of some wonders of God in them and of the transformed lives of new believers going on to live long in holiness and faithfulness to God and they conclude it is all manmade religion of no value; and see in it the root cause of spiritual weakness in churches today! This is a bit like seeing in Jesus the false prophet who needed to be sacrificed to save Israel - the theological position of the High Priests that had him executed.

Yet, what did Finney do? He was the centre of revivals non stop for fifty years in which multitudes were saved. He warned against false revivals and delusions. He was known to have been a man of extraordinary holiness. What then is to be achieved by his character assassination and obliterating his legacy? His example of how to convert masses, deeply and truly, his warnings against false revivals and abuses, his call to holiness all abandoned. - In favour of what? This: Lack of true and deep repentance, entrance of 'in the flesh' revivals, and lukewarmness. Often you can tell what someone really stands for by who they reject, far more so than by whom they honour. I see no reason to slander Finney to surreptitiously defend extreme Calvinism. This is all harsh and unfair criticism used by the evil one to undermine the works of God.

If you are aware of what is being taught as doctrine these days in Bible colleges and elsewhere you will see that Charles Finney has become a prime target for attack. His 'errors' are often referred to

and he is dismissed as irrelevant. The reason for this is that being a lawyer he used the techniques of a lawyer to argue a case for God. In his theology and letters he takes the tone of an advocate for Christ against sinners bringing a strong case for faith and repentance. His clear, analytical and thoughtful style is anathema to those who see the Christian religion as unthinking and dependent upon blind faith.

Secondly Finney is attacked for being the one person who is most like Paul the Apostle in the stature of his intellectual understanding of the Gospel, his accuracy, and his profound holiness and faith; proven by his works and their spiritual success. In other words Finney is attacked for his Christlikeness. No Christian who had read Finney's works and understood them would attack him but they might have some questions about certain emphases on certain points. Finney is attacked by those who want Christianity to be mystified, unthinking, emotional, and above all lukewarm. I have not yet met a critic of Finney who really understood what he taught as they are all unthinking critics representing one form of heresy or another- whether super-spiritual or anti-spiritual.

Many of Charles Finney's critics exude the very tone and spirit of antinomianism and Phariseeism. It is a great credit to Charles Finney that this present Laodicean age regards him as a Pharisee. Yet, it is the destiny of every Christlike person to be treated as Christ was by the kind of religious people that opposed him. **In fact there is something deeply spiritual going on: That people see the Spirit of Jesus as Satan and Satan as Jesus.** This is the underlying basis for their interpretations of doctrine, of people and of spiritual phenomena.

Problems with the Altar Call

Finney leaned strongly to Arminianism but Jessie Penn-Lewis inhabits a place between Calvinism and Arminianism. In that sense she is more balanced. (Watchman Nee is Calvinist.) *Charles Finney insisted and taught that salvation is by grace through faith* and could hardly fall into the stereotype of the Pharisee so often used against him. Much of his teaching was a reaction to the Universalism (all people get saved) and the extreme Calvinism (the will is not really free and therefore cannot be used virtuously.) As a standardised practise of evangelism the Altar Call has presented

some problems as often there is no revival and no deep call from God for multitudes to take an open and public stand for Christ. As something forced it becomes, in effect, an emotional acceptance of Christ that usually, quickly wears away. This is why the drop out rate after the evangelical crusades is so high. Evangelists have a tendency to try and force conversions.

As a matter of principle:

When people are under conviction by God they need

1. Direction.

2. Encouragement to obey God in repenting and confessing Christ. These principles will always hold true but it is a matter of form how they are expressed and in certain circumstances one form is better than another. Usually *where revival power is absent* a long drawn out process of invitation, encouragement and teaching must precede any crying out of, **“Repent and believe the Gospel”**. It is a credit to Finney’s faith that he could call people to repent and they did do so! It is this extraordinary faith that is under attack.

Jessie Penn-Lewis and Evan Roberts and the Welsh Revival

Jessie Penn-Lewis was known for advocating the **Baptism in the Spirit** for Power to work in revivals as was Charles Finney. Jessie Penn-Lewis had the emphasis of spiritual awareness, particularly in regards to the demonic. Hence her book *War on the Saints...* During the Welsh Revival Evan Roberts' constant, unmitigated labours to save the lost resulted in him being burnt out – or having a 'nervous breakdown'. Jessie Penn-Lewis spent a lot of time, along with her husband, looking after Evan Roberts. She used her time not spent in revivals writing about the spiritual life. From her lessons in the Welsh Revival she wrote of many manifestations, strategies and deceptions of evil spirits that she had uncovered – and how to combat them! **Charles Finney and Jessie Penn-Lewis represented two things: Inner spiritual depth and outer spiritual power.** Those who oppose these things usually oppose one or both of these authors.

Finney's Law and Gospel

There are many verses in the New Testament about the Law of Christ, the Law of the Spirit, being judged on our deeds at Judgment Day etcetera. Finney understood that the Law of the Levitical Priesthood was changed when Christ came, as it says in Hebrews. It

changed from a dead letter to a Principle of Life. The Gospel life is that life: That is it is a life that fulfils God's Spiritual Law, which *is* often expressed morally. To abrogate that Law or to do away with it completely is to do away with Conscience.

Psychologically and of course spiritually that would be disastrous. Jessie Penn-Lewis and myself for that matter and many other believers regard the Bible as Harmony. If there is an unexplainable tension between living holy and grace in people's minds there are some pieces of their jigsaw puzzle missing. When everything fits together to form a balanced whole those pieces have been found. There should be no, and in the Bible there is no contradiction or conflict between doing holy, being holy or being in a state of free grace. *In this way God is the Sovereign of our hearts.*

Historically the *rejection* of Finney's teaching on holiness, genuine repentance and faith and warnings of false revival, led to a false outpouring of spirits many believe to be the Holy Spirit at the turn of the last century. The *rejection* of Jessie Penn-Lewis's teaching of demonic deceptions in church and revivals led to the supremacy of false Spirit baptism in many places today.

I cannot help but think, and know, that if Jesus came in the body, but in disguise, and preached for a while, many of the supposedly spiritual people and guardians of the truth etcetera and those who pride themselves on spiritual discernment would misrepresent Him and teach He was the Antichrist!!!

Spiritual principles of God's government

Another way in which Charles Finney laid the ground work for Jessie Penn-Lewis was in his *Systematic Theology* (which to understand is difficult as it requires deep analytical thought.) Finney examined the spiritual principles of God's government of the universe: His Divine Laws. Jessie Penn-Lewis used the same concepts, as indeed they are biblical, particularly the idea of *Legal Ground*: That is that demons would gain legal ground in a believer under the principles of God's inviolable Law. So, in three respects *War on the Saints* reflects very similar teaching to that of Charles Finney.

It is opposed to 'in the flesh' false revivals.

It examines the spiritual principles upon which spirits operate under the dispensation of God's Spiritual Law.

It teaches a real sanctification, holiness and power – the burden of Finney's works...

In the Providence and grace of God then, War on the Saints was the heir to Finney's legacy in Lectures on Revival and particularly his letters of reflections on revivals (Revival Fire).

Principles of opposition to spiritual reality

People opposed to understanding spiritual principles, instead claiming these things are mysteries we mortals are not meant to understand, are opposed to Finney's and Jessie Penn-Lewis's teachings as they are analytical, clear and thorough in style and presentation – and particularly so on matters of principle. People opposed to the life of holiness in the belief that a state of lukewarmness is a state of grace, are opposed to Charles Finney and Jessie Penn-Lewis and many others, including Calvinists who taught holiness and a deeper spiritual life such as [Watchman Nee](#). People opposed to clear understanding and knowledge, and who put forward exaggerated, negative stereotypes of these authors and their teachings, stand for Ignorance and Religious Bigotry.

I have noticed that their critics tend not to read them but read other critics exaggerations then add to that! As a result they see and portray these spiritual teachers as the opposite to what they really were. I would advise reading Finney's revival letters if you are going to read War on the Saints and you will see how the first foreshadows the second, deeper analysis.

Deeper spiritual life

As we follow we grow. Jessie Penn-Lewis was influenced by the teachings of Madame Jeanne Guyon and Andrew Murray; this shows in various books about the awareness and Presence of God. Jeanne Guyon in her English translation of her works speaks of [passivity](#) to the will of God. It would have been better translated as [acquiescence](#). Jeanne Guyon was known for accepting every hardship by quiet faith and enduring terrible persecutions. She did point out, *very lucidly*, in her writings that her mind was *ever active* and this was an effect of being close to God. The passivity we are to guard against, as Jessie Penn-Lewis teaches, is that relaxed state of mind people have when they want others to do their thinking and tell them what to do. This is exploited by *many* preachers

today who practise a subtle form of [stage hypnotism](#) on large crowds. At a more serious level believers become numb in mind and open to all odd and strange manifestations from the supernatural realm in the mistaken belief this is of God. This was a key concept in War on the Saints. Jeanne Guyon taught that believers should not trust in visions and 'lights' but live by 'naked faith' in God.

[Understanding Jessie Penn-Lewis's critics](#)

I once heard a Pentecostal say that Jessie Penn-Lewis was a witch. So, we have a situation where the one person who has done more to free Christians from false and deceptive works of the devil is accused of being his servant. That *must* be so: The wicked always see good as evil and evil as good. Finney, as I said spent his life preaching holiness. I once heard a Charismatic say, "The trouble with Finney is that he didn't preach holiness." What could be more ridiculous than these statements? Yet these off-the-cuff remarks are indicative of the teaching these people got. In both cases these men had not read the authors they were criticising *but they had been taught by others*.

[I recently read hysterical attacks upon Jessie Penn-Lewis](#)

- Another upon Charles Finney. She was portrayed as a lunatic and he as responsible for Christendom's present lukewarmness and *false spirit*. Historically, Finney is known for his opposition to lukewarmness and remains the greatest revivalist outside of the Bible; a man who personally converted by his preaching, over a million souls (if you count up the numbers in his memoir and those that came later.) Often these and other spiritual writers are attacked on the basis of doctrine and the premise that responsible and Biblical Christians must reject their terrible errors which have been the cause of all evils we see today. They then go on to misrepresent what they taught and how much God used them. This is why we get believers saying the remarks already quoted. What their critics do not tell you is their own motives. Generally, it isn't because spiritual teachers were unbiblical or heretical but because many 'worldly' Christians despise the thought of a deeply spiritual life and do not believe in the *reality* of the power of the Holy Spirit. To disguise this attitude they talk about theology etc. Just as Jesus had controversies with Pharisees and Sadducees so any and every spiritual person will have the same controversies.

The Great controversy: Law or Gospel?

Consider these verses and see if they represent the teaching of contemporary Christianity:

“(God) Who will render to everyone according to their deeds: To those who by patient endurance in doing good seek for glory, honour and immortality – eternal life: To those that are rebellious and don’t obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness – indignation and wrath, tribulation and despair – upon everyone’s soul that does evil; that of the Jew first and also the Gentile. Yet, glory, honour and peace to every man that works good, the Jew first and also the Gentile.” [Romans 2:6-10]

This opening argument relating to works and salvation precedes most of what Paul has to say on being saved by grace through faith. It seems he wanted to make it clear that the grace and faith he would go on to speak of at greater length was that which fulfilled the Law rather than overthrew it. That is, Paul the Apostle was by Calvin’s standards, a Pharisee unable to see the truth about grace salvation. Yet, it was largely upon Paul’s unfolding argument in Romans that Calvin based his theology.

There are other aspects of the above verse by the Apostle that are not being believed and therefore not preached. Seeking immortality by good works? Eventually rewarded with eternal life? Most Protestant believers would argue that Paul is not talking about Justification, but simply the effect of it: Good works being the proof of Justification. Taking that position they never will preach on or satisfactorily explain what Paul added just after these verses:

“It’s not the hearers of the Law that are just before God but the doers of the Law shall be Justified.”
[Romans 2:13]

He adds:

“...who reveal the work of the Law written on their hearts – Their consciences also bearing witness as their thoughts continue to accuse or excuse each other.” [Romans 2:15]

This Law as I said reflects the spiritual principles of holiness and perception (“obeying the truth”) implicit in the works of Finney and Jessie Penn-Lewis.

I said some of us see the Gospel as being about balance and of course this is the very thing the Apostle Paul taught. What follows is not contradiction but complimentary to the verses we have read.

“Therefore by the deeds of the Law shall no flesh be Justified in His sight: Since by the Law is the knowledge of Sin.” [Romans 3:20]

We read how the doers of the Law are Justified before God but here we are told, as the logical argument unfolds, that none will be Justified on the basis of “deeds of the Law”!

As a consequence of this Christianity split between those who believed the first and those who believe the second. *At least that is how they see themselves.* Catholics teach good deeds and Protestants (Who are almost all Calvinists even if they don't know it) ‘Faith Alone’.

The trouble is that this contradiction is man made. One reason for it is that historically the Reformers overlooked an important discrimination of Paul's. In the verses just quoted he talks of deeds *of* the Law. The deeds of the Law are those deeds done under Law not under Grace; deeds which by their nature are done in the flesh to fulfil outward requirements. They cannot Justify anyone.

On the other hand we first looked at verses that speak of fulfilling the Law. A person can only love their neighbour as themselves, as the Law says, if they are full of faith and the Spirit. The great failure of Calvinism was not to distinguish between carnal deeds *of* Law that don't fulfil God's spiritual Law; and holy deeds *of* faith that fulfil spiritual Law. The first condemns and the second saves. They do not and cannot believe this. That is they cannot believe most of

the verses we have just quoted. They use Paul to overthrow Paul!

In reality they can't say, "Paul preached Law and we reject it", as they take their verses on faith mainly from Paul. They cannot say, "Paul got some things right and some things wrong", as they like to maintain the Bible is the Word of God. What they do is to find someone who takes Paul's side by having a *balanced view* and attack that balance as heresy. The rejection of Paul's Gospel (which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ explained in doctrinal terms) is the rejection of Jesus Christ. In His stead you have a Church that is lifeless, nominal, weak--- and will savage the greatest revivalists and spiritual teachers!

Calvinists reading this will have their alarm bells ringing and tingling down their spine. Yet, how does Paul conclude the first part of his great argument? In the strongest terms possible he states:

"Do we make the Law Void through faith? God forbid!
Rather we establish the Law." [Romans 3:31]

Charles Finney's 'Reflections on Revival' or 'Revival Fire' can be accessed here:

http://gospeltruth.net/1845OE/letters_on_revival_index.htm

Jessie Penn-Lewis and Evan Roberts' 'War on the Saints' can be accessed here:

[Internet Archive: Free Download: War on the Saints - A Text Book for believers on the work of deceiving spirits among the children of God - by Mrs. Penn-Lewis & Evan Roberts - brought by Peter-John Parisi, founder of The School of Prayer](#)

Madame Jeanne Guyon's 'Justifications' can be accessed here:

[Internet Archive: Free Download: The Justification by Madame Jeanne de la Mothe Guion \(Madame Guyon\) - translated by Bryan Edwin Dean \(Also known as Peter-John Parisi\) of Linden, Michigan, USA](#)

They Lied About Holiness

Chapter Eleven

“Eagerly seek peace and holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord.” [Heb 12:14]

To live a holy life is the most wonderful life; a life that goes far beyond what many can even imagine. Why do they mock it then as Phariseeism? Is it not to undo the work of Christ in the Gospel? The above verse in Hebrews is one of the most misquoted of the Bible as it is often interpreted according to the gospel of Calvinism in which holiness is legalistic. I.e. God sees us as holy even when we are not! Actually God sees us as we are. *Are we holy?*

To be filled with the Holy Spirit
Is to be filled with the holiness of God.

John Wesley, Charles Finney and others have described holiness as love to God which purifies the heart of Sin. Love to God becomes so intense that it hates sin, avoids it, crucifies it and abandons it in favour of what it loves; the holiness of Christ: Real, actual and true and not a Calvinistic (modern Christian) fable. So, you see holiness is an intense love to God that purifies the heart from sin *by trusting in the righteousness of Christ as a reality to be received by faith.*

Sanctification

To be set apart from the crowd by God, whether the Christian crowd or the world, for a life of holiness is to be 'sanctified'; that is set apart for holiness.

“Yes! - all those who long to live godly in Christ Jesus shall be persecuted” [2Timothy 3:12]

The effects of holiness are many. One common to all the holy is to be *persecuted by other Christians*. According to this verse all those believers who are holy will be persecuted. It proves so in experience. All saints have been persecuted including Jesus the “Man of sorrows acquainted with bitterest grief” [Isaiah 53:3] ... Who was persecuted by the 'spiritual' people of his day.

Some attributes of holiness

Another effect of holiness is love of all that is holy and hatred of evil. Also there is grief over sin. There is broken heartedness over the lost. As a consequence there are heartfelt prayers for the unsaved. Is this how the Christians in your church or fellowship are? No they are not are they? They cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit can they?

Baptised in lukewarmness

Many who say they are baptised in the Holy Spirit are lukewarm and others are practising many of the sins condemned in the Bible. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is primarily a baptism in the Life and Holiness of Christ by the Power of the Holy Spirit who glorifies Christ. Have you noticed how multitudes who say they are filled with the Spirit have little to nothing to say of Jesus? Their supernatural baptism has led them to make a division between Christ and what they believe is the Holy Spirit. *They are drawn away from Christ*. They talk always of the Spirit and rarely of Jesus.

In other words we see a spirit of Antichrist at work. The real Holy Spirit makes Jesus more real to the believer.

Abundant Life

“I came that they should have life and have it more abundantly.” [John 10:10]

Those filled with holiness, because they are filled with the real Holy Spirit also have the abundant life Jesus promised in the above verse. They *know* peace, love, humility, joy and discernment as *experience from within* not theory from the pulpit.

Warning

Without this holiness you will never 'see' the Lord. The New Testament is full of holiness. Christ's disciples are full of holiness. Don't be fooled. Most modern believers give up being 'Christians' sooner or later. It is a fact (they will not tell you in church) that around 80% fall away! Yes, most of those who have said, “I know I am saved. I know I am going to Heaven”, have fallen away! They built upon the sand of modern Christianity and not the Rock of Christ's holiness. You can do this test. Ask those around you how long they have been Christians. You will see that most of them have been Christians one, two, five maybe even ten years. Where are all those multitudes that were Christians in past decades? Those who live holy have a tendency to remain however. Please read the New Testament with fresh eyes and you will see that in God's eyes Christianity and holiness or **spiritual reality** are one. Only this Gospel, Christ's Gospel, causes His disciples to persevere to the end. It is these who will 'see' the Lord.

Have you been cheated of the life you were promised in the Bible?

Do they preach a wonderful view of the Christian life and do you have to pretend to keep up with it? Is there a great gulf between what you aspire to or think you should have and what you really experience? It is because your gospel is all wrong. The Gospel of Jesus Christ does bring fulfilment. It is an abundant life and the promises of God are not ideals but real promises. If you have holiness you will love it. It is hard to come by; rarer than gold encrusted with diamonds and overlaid with platinum beads.... Yet, it is free and easy to get if you follow the Maker's instructions. The Bible as I have said is full of holiness and holiness is Life.

Self Denial

Let me tell you why you do not have this abundant life of closeness to Jesus. You have foolishly believed what you heard preached or read in contemporary Christian books when you knew full well it never quite matched up to the Bible. The very thing they are fleeing from is the very thing you need to embrace. It is Self Denial. As the Self life is crucified with Christ the life of the Spirit begins to flow out. Modern Christianity is intrinsically selfish. Multitudes want power, wealth, healing, success and few want holiness. In God's eyes this means few want Him - they just want what He can do for them. To escape this deadly snare you must read the Bible afresh and you will see holiness everywhere.

All those things that were either neglected or explained away but never explained are the very things you must take into your heart and mind. We live in a generation of 'believers' who have been taught that holiness is Phariseeism but that real Phariseeism is the freedom of grace. Why on earth is it then, that holy people like me get to see God and have great answers to prayer? - Are full of peace and strength? All of the strongest and most effective believers I have ever known have been holy. If you say, "I don't need to be holy as I am seen as holy because Jesus is holy for me", or something equally foolish you might as well go on to say, "I don't need to go to Heaven as God sees me in Heaven since Jesus has gone to Heaven for me." After all without holiness no one will ever see the Lord.

Don't cheat yourself. I am not saying believe me or read the Puritans. Just read the Gospels without that usual Christian interpretation that goes, "If Jesus said A He Means Z."

Experiencing the Peace of God

Chapter Twelve

This is a simple guide of how to experience the peace of God. Jesus said to his disciples in the Gospel of John,

“These things I have said to you so you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble but be courageous - I have conquered the world!” [John 16:33]

Peace is that deep yet creative stillness that comes upon the soul by the power of God. I will tell you a secret however, that peace is a person and that person is Jesus. Jesus does not simply give peace but He gives Himself and it is His peace we know, as we know Him and to the measure we know Him.

Imagine that you were a great supernatural being and you could give peace to humans. Yet, would you give yourself? To be able to inhabit the 'heart' of another person is a great miracle indeed. Jesus comes to us not as an invasive personality with a constant yaketty yak but as a divine Presence within giving peace and power over evil.

The peace of Christ is also a power:

It resists the miseries of the world and overcomes them. The realistic peace of Christ is not the peace preached by cults who think that if you put your hand in a fire you will produce a clenched smile and say, "Praise the Lord" to force yourself and others to believe you are spiritual. Christ's peace is like a flowing stream of life. If you have sorrows they will have a counter current in this stream of life from the Lord Jesus that gives peace and joy and love. The peace of Christ does not deny or take away your humanity or naturalness but rather empowers it and redefines it as something victorious over the world, and that takes great power. To have this peace, as I have said, is to have the Peaceful One.

Some problems you will likely encounter.

In seeking to establish this peace in your inner being or 'heart' you will have to overcome many difficulties because the road to a successful spiritual life is not instant like instant coffee or easily bought from a televangelist. It takes time and discipleship. Yet, on the other hand anyone who asks in faith for peace will have it but they will need to grow in it as the spiritual life is life and is therefore *ever growing*.

One problem will be distractions by Christian teaching.

Much present teaching is based on presumption or false analogy or pretense...

Churches are full of people who feel they should put on a good face and often feel from pride that they should be seen as spiritual. As part of this charade they teach rather than learn. What they teach is usually what others have taught and sometimes, often, they are just pushing the latest Christian fad or *in* teaching. Christian bookstores too are full of such books. So, when you see a book with a picture of a lightning bolt on the cover saying, 'The Power of God' or 'Spirit of Peace' or whatever, you are likely to have found fine sounding theories and emptiness.

Jesus said this,

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you and it is not as the world gives, that I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled or be afraid.” [John 14:27]

We see that whatever the world gives and however the world gives what Jesus gives He gives better. He does not give what evaporates under duress. Jesus does not give what costs money. Jesus does not take it back or only give it to the in crowd. You need not climb a mountain top, wear a long saffron robe and chant until that peace comes to you...

Jesus gives to ordinary people extraordinary peace. He does this because He loves you. He gives Himself and in giving Himself you will feel something of His peace, joy and love...

Other hindrances you will find within yourself but if you submit them to Christ you will find they are just fuel for the fire and eventually your inner light will glow brighter...

How do I know this for sure?

I am writing not as a theorist or as someone remembering what he has been taught. I am simply writing about the Jesus I know and the peace I feel. So, let me tell you a little more about the experiential side of things. Peace from Jesus of the Bible is like an underground watering system for a dry garden. The outside, the world, may be dry as a desert, but from within rises up the moisture that continually waters the garden. This is an analogy of course but it feels like that too. I really do, and you really can, feel the Living Waters well up from within. When things happen that would make 'normal' people go crazy or lose control I feel peace within myself and often am not disturbed by things that others cannot handle. Yet, I will be more honest than the pseudo spiritual teachers. I get a great deal of stress. I have lots of issues to deal with. I know what it is to suffer and be in a living nightmare. During the worst storms of life I feel peace within me still. It never leaves. It does not mean I never cry. It means I am very strong within myself, steady and enduring. I am also very, very grateful to the Lord Who has saved me. What would I be without Him?

The following prayer should be read and prayed if you feel you can. It is designed to help those who need peace:

“Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray you will give me the eternal peace of Jesus within my inmost being. I turn from all things that displease You. Please forgive my wrongdoings. I am Yours to command. I trust You will honour this prayer prayed in Jesus' Name, Amen.”

The Art of Happiness: A Christian's Response

Chapter Thirteen

His holiness the Dalai Lama and the American psychiatrist Howard C. Cutler are a unique team known for their books on happiness. This is my response to their book about happiness in a troubled world.

My expectations, standpoint and impression:

I had expected spiritual philosophy but to me it was more like reading sociology or social psychology. I wondered in past years why so little time and effort has been given to teaching people how to be happy. I am glad that the two authors have made a decent effort. I am concerned with the spiritual side of things - or rather I see all things as spiritually connected and so my comments will be both on the spiritual and the natural, which to me is one. The authors, in conversation, spoke a lot on alienation, disconnectedness, loneliness, lack of community, depression and put forward advice to tackle these problems worldwide. If they seem utopian and idealistic they are; but they do give practical guidance on combating these social ills.

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Summary of their book

It *seems* to me that the Dalai Lama has identified one of the greatest problems facing humanity and attempted to put forward an alternative; much like a doctor identifying a disease and offering treatment, if not a complete cure. Being a Buddhist monk the Dalai Lama is yet practical in his concerns and identification of life's problems. He sees that the world is full of failing communities and misery caused by lack of human connectedness and lives made drab due to lack of meaning. There is a dehumanising of society. The causes are not analysed but the MD in particular, Dr. Cutler, identifies problems such as lack of social interaction and belief in society as community, and the Dalai Lama identifies lack of awareness of our neighbour and lack of willingness to build bridges of friendship and hope. This in turn is due to not seeing the benefits of human interaction and strong community. Both put forward practical suggestions and the Dr. backs it up by quoting various studies by social scientists...

Among their simple and practical suggestions is to think of the benefits of health that come from better social interaction. These include such things as better mental health, less depression: Better physical health, less illness and greater life expectancy in those who are community beings. They tell us of our *need* to join groups, to take the trouble to know our neighbours and share in community life. Implicit is the idea, and ideal, of making the world a far better place to live in and its inhabitants a far happier and a more united race.

Some Observations

To me this philosophy is sound on the whole and has a strong note of communality as opposed to typical western individualism. We are not to be hyper individuals carving out our existence in a rat race but caring members of a wider community concerned with the welfare of all... This is actually far healthier, and as to the subject of their books, a far happier alternative life style.

Some criticisms

These are not really serious criticisms in the sense of trying to tear them down but some more cynical warnings or concerns. Hitler

built his Nazi Party on the promise of *Folk* or strong community identity. Often the poor and oppressed rebel by forming strong social groups that seek revolution, war, enslavement of others... Lenin's Bolshevik Revolution may be another example. They were idealists who painted utopian pictures for the masses. So, as with everything else we must be wary of how a good idea or practice can, and will be abused by some.

Another criticism is that the studies quoted in their book tend to assume that communities where there is greater social involvement have lower rates of crime and depression; rather than seeing that in communities filled with crime it is far harder for people to have successful social interaction- It can be just too plain dangerous! These are the only criticisms I want to make. Community is good when it is wholesome and moral.

Love and community

Love is the greatest human emotion and the greatest human ideal. It is also, perhaps the one most faked. Yet, on the other hand love is the most practical expression of humanity, from the mother's natural love for her newborn to the love of the saint for their God.

God is love. Therefore, in my humble opinion, a society filled with God, is a society filled with love in its power, grace and enduring character. That is what I aim at. It may be seen as more utopian but to me is more realistic. It is the love I feel and practice. Therefore I know it can be felt and practised and is successful. As has been said, talk of God is divisive: Yet, it is divisive as people do not choose the love God offers. Talking of God in faith is not intrinsically divisive, rather it is uniting: The greatest uniting force in the universe is God's love. This love is summed up in Jesus Christ the Lord of all, Amen.

Revolution

I have met various revolutionaries and I was just as ready to dismiss them as non revolutionary. This is because what they think of as revolution would leave people themselves basically the same. A selfish society based upon sin will always be corrupt no matter its religion, politics or utopianism. On the other hand the very worst kind of social system that experienced Christian revolution would inevitably become the very best.

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It is always the inner nature of a thing that really defines it. Everything the world offers is narrow and superficial and this is often covered up by use of dramatic, overreaching jargon. Christians, or rather I should say those Christ would see as His disciples, do not want to tinker with the world or its social-economic systems but to recreate them in the Image of God. We have also been promised in prophecy we shall be successful. We have proven in our hearts and families that love is greater than anything the world can offer. Wherever there have been true revivals of holiness, God's love has deeply affected communities, far more so than any revolution. **In microcosm these revived communities are like models for a better form of human society.**

Also societies in which it is the norm for people to be disciplined morally and spiritually; to be generous; to receive divine healing; to banish evil spirits; to care for the neediest in reality rather than on paper; to have enduring peace and to advance in all knowledge and sciences rapidly; is far more enduring, powerful and real than any revolution the world offers.

In the light of this, and it is light, the world offers alternatives *that include condemnation and misrepresentation of what is truly Christian.* The truth is portrayed as bigotry, sin, stupid evil, anti-scientific and irrational etc. The world steals the truths of Christianity and perverts them. It denies its proofs of which there are far more than any one would guess. **This is because we live in a world that has carefully rewritten history and suppresses the hard core facts of spiritual truth and reality on a daily basis to an unbelievable level.**

Therefore, can you have either truth or happiness ruling in a world full of evil people? No, but you can have revolution. I am the revolution. You are the revolution inasmuch as you abide in Christ. We are the truth; God's evidence that is undeniable to honest minds. We live the Bible, breath out its fires and tell its wonders in our lives... Christ is coming. Are you ready?

How to Receive the Power of the Spirit of the Spirit

Chapter Fourteen

“You shall receive power by the Holy Spirit coming upon you and you will be My witnesses in both Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
[Acts 1:8]

“Look! - I send the Promise of my Father on you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.”
[Luke 24:49]

I am concerned with what this power is and how to receive it. I am not going to invent rules to follow as if these could be deduced from Scripture. It is true that in the verse from Luke the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples after Jesus had risen from the dead but He

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still told them to wait for power from Heaven. This was because the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost was yet to come -*after the ascension*. In a very real sense the Holy Spirit was sent as the replacement for the physically present Christ who was now in Heaven. It is also true that the power spoken of in the verse from Acts primarily concerned power to witness effectively to the Gospel.

This power in my experience

We considered the Dalai Lama's teaching on happiness and social interaction. I said I found the basic idea sound - the social element. I also believe in something far more powerful than good social organisation -the power of Christ. Here I describe how applying this Christian belief affects a social group.

I had prayed for a church to be more effective. I noticed that afterwards the numbers of *visitors* and Christians increased dramatically. In the youth group specifically the numbers of conversions rose sharply. In other words the Gospel is a spiritual power that produces a social phenomenon. It does bring happiness and peace to many and how they relate to each other afterward is thereby changed forever.

Secondly I noticed that the nature of the fellowship within the church became more spiritual. People felt the Presence of God more and worship was more spontaneous and heartfelt.

Thirdly I found this phenomenon could be repeated from church to church.

Fourthly I found that the outpouring of the Spirit was misunderstood in Calvinistic terms, as an experience sent by God for them to enjoy, rather than as a call to greater faith and holiness. As a result the outpourings would cease after a period of months.

Finally and less importantly it was generally recognised by the believers that these were works of the Spirit because of the dramatic change and upsurge in numbers and the spiritual quality. No one took these things to be man made and they did not come

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from efforts to get up revivals. They were a sovereign work – Yet a work or call that required a response. This element was not taught from the pulpits. It was all grace but grace offered and acted upon means more grace is offered! This *principal* was missed. It is like feeding hungry children or teaching students who want to learn... It implies there could have been more and more growth.

When success is a failure

In these prayers I had guidance from God and understood that things would turn out pretty much as they did. To me these great answers to prayer were *also* great failures as the churches concerned, as I said, seemed not to know what to do in response to God's call. I put this down to the Lazy Grace attitude prevalent in churches. They did not see that these small scale revivals were just a demonstration and foretaste from God and He was waiting for a response. If the proper response had been given the revivals would have deepened, expanded and surpassed whatever they could have imagined. However this was not possible as their hearts and minds were so indisposed to the realities of the spiritual life that it was inevitable these revivals would be shallow and short lived – what they saw as Mysterious Grace.

Inner reality related to outer effect – by grace

All of these small scale revivals came as a surprise to the believers. They were no more expected than thunderstorms in summer. I felt a deep connection between the reality of the power of the Spirit within and the natural effect of it without. In other words I saw my reality impose itself upon the greater world, and Christian world, by faith and realised that whatever God had put within me was inevitably affecting the sphere in which I moved. The Lord's happiness was becoming their happiness as God's sovereign grace and power were understood and I responded in the right way. This presumption of mine was really faith and the faith was God's gift, so it was all of grace.

Almost as an affront to rationalism I could trace the power of faith in my mind and then upon the community. I suppose it is comparable to being a lightning rod but not the Lightning. I want to stress this, the knowing, the intelligence of it. God keeps certain things in balance and in tension, like a bow and arrow. The very

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real social and spiritual movement was simply the arrow hitting its target. Even very specifically I'd say and sense things that were to be, as I had been led, as I had prayed etcetera. I said once to a pastor, "The meeting will be slow but toward the end you will see God's power at work." This is just what happened: Or I'd tell a *brother*, "You will see an outpouring of the Spirit upon the assembly."

There are very many effects of the power of the Spirit and very many gifts in the Bible related to God's Power. In relation to the verses quoted I am confining this small chapter to revival power.

Success for Ministers

Here I mean those who serve or minister, whatever they may be called. In the first of these small scale revivals a tiny youth fellowship became the biggest and most successful in the capital city. It became the template for many other youth fellowships in the country. It was central then to the Christian youth culture and very influential. It carried with it its own momentum and gave to its participants in leadership, opportunities to prove themselves and build their reputations. This is not necessarily a bad thing if they are pure in motive. It's good to know who God really uses. The point I am making is that today many youth workers or evangelists and pastors follow formulaic plans related to leadership training or use of media... without a real understanding of the *primary role* of the Holy Spirit these methods ultimately fail or are an unspiritual success.

How to Receive this Power to Influence the Masses - Christian and Pagan.

A single prayer is all that is needed to have revival. Just as a single bolt of lightning is all that is needed to start a forest fire. This does not mean necessarily that the one reading this may pray one prayer and have revival. It means that a person who has this power needs but to pray and see it fulfilled outwardly, *as it was designed by God to be*. So, the person praying needs to be empowered. Their faith has to have a depth of truth and God-earnestness lacking in churches today. *Then* a single prayer can begin a revival.

If we are to use a rather poor and basic analogy: Consider a

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believer is like a battery and the power of God like the charge. A 12 volt battery will only carry 12 volts. A million volt battery will carry a million volts. In other words the believer needs the capacity to receive power, which is freely given by God. It is primarily the holy heart that can be filled with holy power from the Holy Spirit.

Once again we are driven back to the evangelical truth of the Bible that there is indeed a connection between personal holiness and blessing from God.

Before the carnal screamers cry out, "That is performance based religion!" let me say it is effective performance religion. That's what we are talking about; being effective witnesses, effective revivalists by God's power.

A heart stretched by God, emptied of Self, broadened by love has the capacity to receive what narrow, hard and carnal hearts cannot. It has the capacity to believe what they cannot.

The simple answer is this: To have power become a true saint. That is repent deeply, according to the light God gives, believe it fully. Practice it openly. Honour the Light completely. *The more light acted upon is the more light received* and this in turn is acted upon ad infinitum. It is discipleship. The growing Christian is the effective Christian. It is God causing you to do and will according to His good pleasure. The desire to act is simply the inspiration.

Receive by faith – not indifference

This advice is often given before the guidance about working on your own heart *in the light of the Holy Spirit*. Faith is believing the light you have. By standing steady in faith the light within shines in the darkness without...

A total lack of doing is reflective of total apathy. *Apathy is not grace*. Often these terms are abused so that when people say, "It is not by works but by grace", What they really mean is, "It is not by obedience but by its absence; not by inspiration but by indifference; not by drawing close to God but by resiting Him; not by grace but by its rejection." Similarly when they say, "That is Popish works and Phariseeism", they mean, if they could but be honest with themselves, "Holiness of life is dead religion." Yet, of

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their own lack of Christ likeness they say, "God knows we are but human and accepts us just as we are." If you understand them you know that they stand for the overthrow of the Gospel and a state of perpetual, church going sin as a state of grace: Since they neither believe, practise nor understand a life of holiness. It is the gospel of lukewarmness that they ferociously propagate, time and again denouncing true and powerful saints as heretics, based simply upon misbegotten dogma and their own defective spirit.

Of these hypocrites were the very people who crucified Christ and are doing so still in a spiritual sense. They know in their experience that God sends them no revival, they are not filled with His Spirit, they lack power over sin and in prayer, and yet they see this as a divine mystery for which they cannot question God. However God will exact answers from them upon the Judgment Day as this religion has been the basis for turning multitudes away from the true Way and into the darkness of Hell. It is the underpinning theological philosophy of the present Laodicean age that *leaves multitudes unsaved who could easily be with a proper preaching of the true Gospel.*

Consecration

Consecration to faith in Jesus to send the power of the Spirit implies rejection of the life of lukewarmness. That is a rejection of the common gospel preached to multitudes in favour of the Gospel of Discipleship. Consecrating yourself to Christ to serve Him in the Holy Spirit cuts you off, dramatically, from the carnal believers that fill churches in their multitudes. You will suddenly find you are walking a different path, another Way. On this way *the Holy Spirit will show you* many sins, wrong attitudes and beliefs that He hates. You will in turn reject them, and adopt His Mind. It is then you are ready to believe and receive power.

Receiving power

No Christian is a carbon copy of another. Whatever God does it will be different in you than in your neighbour. Having said that, just as all faces are the same yet different, so the basic principles of God's work are the same. God will empower you *in spirit* to operate your gifts successfully and to have an impact in prayer and in person on those whom you meet.

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A warning

There is so much taught on this subject today that you are bound to have, and to get wrong ideas. This is one reason why I kept this chapter narrow in scope, to focus on what's important. You need not have ecstatic or dramatic experiences to receive power. *Often it is unfelt but seen in its effects.* It is very much the *modus operandi* of the real Christian: Both in terms of their usefulness to God but also in terms of their **deep connection to reality itself.**

False teaching on the Spirit has the *opposite effect* on its practitioners. They have many big words and unsubstantiated claims and live in a dream world or a nightmare world if you really understand it for what it is. I would spare you that if I could. *It is not a state of mental passivity, this state of power with God.* It is a state of mental activity, of alertness in spirit and in truth. *As I said earlier it is a knowing intelligence.* So many see this as a threat as they want you to have uncritical acceptance of their wishy-washy, overemotional, hyper-spirituality...

Always stay focused on Christ

I am going to tell you a simple truth rejected by multitudes of Christians:

The reception of power from the Holy Spirit makes Jesus more real. That *is* rejected. Everywhere people are talking as if the Holy Spirit grows while Jesus shrinks. In some circles Jesus is hardly mentioned at all! *Whatever detracts from Christ is by its nature Antichrist.* No matter how spiritual the language, be sure to reject and totally reject, whatever does not put the centrality of Christ and His Cross as your life. Some of you reading this, I'm sure, will go on to receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. Just as I was sure that God would pour our His Spirit on those churches.

Praying in Spirit And in Truth And in Truth

Chapter Fifteen

Jesus said to him, "If you are able to believe - All things are possible to those believing." [Mark 9:32]

Faith and its scope

The nature of faith is such that prayers prayed in faith, purely, humbly and according to God's will, will not only gain effective answers but will grow in scope and power until the person praying becomes, inevitably, the most powerful person on earth. Faith unchecked would conquer the universe. That is the scope of prayer. I am not concerned with what praying people call realistic answers to prayer as these often are no answers at all. Neither am I concerned with the great saints of God and their great answers to prayer as I believe the Church should surpass them. I am concerned with the limitless degree of power available to the believers who pray in the will of God. This is not to be fantastic or dreamlike. It is a fact that there are, and will be answers to prayer equal to and beyond those recorded in Scripture. First let me

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discuss the supposed lack of realism in the above statements.

Books and stories about answers to prayer are usually limited to such things as praying for healing, revival or mass conversions to Christ; success in business and relationships, church building etcetera. Answers to these things are recorded but there are also claims made and books written regarding spurious, fictional and one sided accounts of spiritual power and answers to prayer put about by the unscrupulous. The net effect of these second types of teachings is to encourage unbelief, as those who practise their teachings find they don't work and often give up trying. *That is the real and underlying purpose after all.*

Here is an example of an answered prayer that goes beyond what is normally considered,

Even as a topic of prayer in most Christian circles.

Here is the background to the answer to prayer. Two young men were discussing faith and the Christian life. One said, "God doesn't expect too much of us. It's not as if He expects us to fly to the moon."

The other agreed and would even use the same analogy for what is not realistic in faith. "God asks us to pray according to His will. It's not His will for us to fly to the moon!"

Charles Finney the American evangelist said something similar when speaking of the life of holiness God expects us to lead. He taught that God does not expect us to live as angels.

The second young man a few years down the line felt the presence of Christ in prayer and it was as if the Lord almost spoke to him. He felt that Jesus would give him a great answer to prayer, even with his limited faith. He blurted out, "I want to stand upon the moon!" He sensed in spirit the Lord laugh. The Lord had, had something else in mind when He inspired him with a unique faith. However he felt his spirit lift up and stand upon the surface of the moon. He understood that the Lord himself was giving a commentary on his *former teaching about the limit of faith*. God's reply was in effect, as Scripture says, "Nothing shall be impossible to God."

This taught the young man that he should not say it is not God's will for this or that great thing to happen as it is unrealistic. Rather

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He should say, "God does as He wills and whatever you can believe He can do far more."

This is what the young man felt and saw as for a minute or two, with his fleshly eyes closed, his spirit stood upon the moon.

He saw the brightness of the stars above without clouds hindering the view; they were sharper, brighter... He *felt* the ancient nature of the moon rock. He saw the earth in the distance and it seemed smaller than he would expect. He *sensed* that in the future many would leave their footsteps upon the moon. He could not see clearly. It was like looking at a reflection in a glass. It passed. He then prayed according to the will of God for the thing the Lord had originally wanted him to pray.

Let us think of the realism

Versus the surrealism of this answer to prayer

Most Christians probably would state that though they agree the Bible teaches, "...Ask and it shall be done for you" [John 15:7]

It is expected the scope of these things to be within traditional, evangelical concerns. Another criticism would concern the pointlessness of such an experience. This is failing to see it as a comment by God upon limiting faith and His fulfilling, on a spiritual plane, the very thing the young men had considered impossible. The faith to pray such a prayer was itself a gift. The Lord's *felt* response of laughter did not equate with "No!"

Another criticism would be the weakness of the answer. The young man did not physically stand upon the moon, or fly to the moon, even if his spirit was literally present there. Also he did not see things as clearly as he would have in the flesh. However, this response neglects to acknowledge the spiritual abilities of sensing the nature of things around him and even sensing the future, as he was both in spirit and in the Spirit.

Another criticism, perhaps a more serious one is that there is no claim to the Lord actually speaking. The young man sensed and felt things in his spirit, in some detail, but he did not hear, see or touch materially the Lord.

Another criticism is relevance. How is this real to other Christians?

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Are we now expected to ask to travel to Mars and Jupiter in spirit? -And what for? The relevance is that it is like a parable for teaching we should not prescribe God's activity. Also it tells us about the nature of life in the spirit - how spiritual believers sense, feel and know things by God's inspiration and Presence. Finally of course it is an example used to open minds and hearts to God's limitless power; and the poor human response of tending to limit God.

To mainline Christians; those dogma bound; to those unable or unwilling to accept the spiritual realities of the Bible in experience; the prayer and its answer are purely sci-fi fantasy that would have a debilitating effect upon believers that follow this course. To those who have some first hand experience of sensing God's very real Presence and especially to those advanced in the Christian life in both spiritual knowledge and experience, *it will definitely remind them of some of their very own experiences of being in spirit before the Presence of the Lord.* In other words the most spiritual Christians will believe it!

We have a very potent symbol of a representative of Christ standing upon the moon and looking upon the planet Earth

Yet, what is its real purpose? Is it not a call, an evangelical call at that, to believers to exercise similar faith? - To do with that faith whatever God wills, whether it is healing the ozone layer, raising the dead or simply being a being of true and deep kindness?

Here is an even greater answer to prayer; or for many a greater example of vain imagination

A believer wanted to see the Lord Jesus. He was thinking of seeing His Spirit. He had wanted to seek the Lord. - A practise common to praying Christians; believing Christians. For three weeks he prayed on his knees. After three weeks Jesus did appear. This is what happened:

Seeing Jesus the Lord

Unlike the above answer to prayer in which the Lord Jesus was manifest as a felt Presence this time He was seen in Person, in Spirit. While the believer was in prayer Jesus appeared and stood in the doorway. Interestingly, He did not enter the room. When the believer realised the Lord was so humble He would not enter

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without an invitation the Christian asked the Lord to come in. For some time the Christian then prayed before the Lord.

This was also a strong/weak experience as Jesus did not speak but listened. What would it take for a believer to have a conversation with Christ? Yet the answer to his prayer was very strong. The Christian knew by first hand experience the manner and features of Jesus. Also the Lord stayed for several minutes, close to half an hour. As a matter of degree this answer to prayer, in experience and in fact was stronger, purer and greater than that of being upon the moon in spirit.

These are the only two answers to prayer I am discussing here as this chapter is simply an introduction to power in prayer for spiritually inclined believers. I hope I have opened the door by a crack to the wonder, the grace, the power and goodness of the Lord in Spirit and prayer to believers.

Deliverance Ministries: Their Tragedies and Their Triumphs

Chapter Sixteen

This is a short review of some types of Christian Deliverance ministries. It is based on those I have come across and read of over a number of years. I draw my own conclusions. Before we continue into our subject it would be a good idea to consider language, terms and concepts.

Deliverance ministry or minister

There may be different terms to describe this but Deliverance Ministry concerns exorcism of evil spirits from persons or places by Christian ministers and lay people.

Demon possession

: The control by evil spirits of the whole of a person. This includes control of the body, mind and soul.

Demonic oppression

As distinct from possession, oppression is an evil influence or attack upon body or soul by spirits.

Casting out demons

: Implies the casting out from inside a person the evil spirits that have possessed them.

In the Name of Jesus

: Implies faith in the full authority of Jesus Christ, Son of God over

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all forces of evil. Christian ministers use the name of Jesus to cast out evil spirits.

Legal ground

The concept that God's Spiritual Law by which He governs the universe is binding upon all creatures. Demons gain control over believers and others by legal ground. That is by use of deception or intimidation or temptation, causing a person to 'open a door' to the evil spirits, either knowingly or more likely unknowingly. In this sense evil spirits have used God's Spiritual Law to gain access, as God regards those who give legal ground as giving permission to evil spirits to work.

The Power of the Cross and the Blood of Jesus

It was through the Cross that Jesus personally defeated Satan and by shedding His blood that He provided the means of deliverance. This is all related to God's Law but it means in practise that deliverance can come specifically by faith in the Cross or the Blood of Jesus. The Blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin (legal ground) and the Power of the Cross is applied by the Holy Spirit against the Powers of Darkness.

The Powers of Darkness

Primarily Satan and his fallen angels, as well as demons but it can also include those who use dark arts or evil spirits; such as Satanists, occultists and so on. I will explain any other terms I use. This is only a brief introduction to the subject.

Types of deliverance ministries

Today evangelical Christians in various denominations would have gained ideas of Deliverance Ministry mainly from Charismatic or Pentecostal sources, including literature. Before considering these let's consider more traditional deliverance ministers. Many more traditional types of Christians know of Deliverance Ministry under different names.

Catholic Exorcists

The Catholic Church does have some ministers trained in performing exorcisms. In the Catholic Church there are set prayers and rituals that are gone through in cases of demon possession or other types of demonic activity where exorcism is required. Today there is also training in the areas of counselling and psychiatry and priests are trained to forward people with mental problems, who

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believe they are possessed, to qualified professionals. In practice it is very difficult to cast out evil spirits. Success is measured by the change that comes over the person being delivered or exorcised. The Catholic Church is failing to identify and free captives. Where there are earnest exorcisms the success rate varies according to God's free grace offered to all who pray and believe. In fact before going on I should say, contrary to conventional wisdom, that God often frees captives from pure kindness. As God indeed gives many blessings to people in the hope they will repent. Because of this principal of God's undeserved help and kindness, exorcists in other religions are sometimes successful and generally exorcists who invoke the Name of Christ have some measure of blessing from God.

Anglican exorcists

The Church of England also has ministers that are trained in deliverance. These few priests within Anglicanism that practice deliverance ministry are usually evangelicals. They too read prayers and sing hymns as well as using set rituals and language. Some of these ministers have been very successful. This is due to a lot of sound teaching in the area of shepherding congregations and following the basics of faith in Christ and His power over evil. They tend to reject as bizarre and purely frictional the kind of phenomena often depicted in Charismatic 'personal testimony' books. This caution is legitimate but they are also unaware, as almost all deliverance ministers are, of *many* of Satan's works.

Pentecostal and Charismatic deliverance ministers

How they conduct deliverance is based upon their religious culture; according to its assumptions and prejudices. They tend to be more hyper-active and have many rules and beliefs that in no way reflect reality, spiritual or otherwise. For example *many* have a cultural belief that Christians who have a demon will 'manifest' it, often by writhing as a snake upon the floor. People who believe they have a demon tend to do this. The ministers then shout; shouting is seen as being authoritative, something like, "We cast you out in Jesus Name!" This may be, and usually is, said over and over again. After a while the person delivered gets up off the floor to the praise of all. Often speaking in tongues, supposedly a spiritual language from God is used in deliverance as well as prophecy and other gifts.

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The tragedy of all this is that the whole spectacle is itself a delusion from beginning to end. Much of it is psychological. Much is psychogenic in terms of manifesting symptoms of possession *and deliverance* by the power of the mind. The apparent remedy is normally psychogenic as they believe they feel, and they feel as they believe.

There have been cases in history where demons caused people to writhe as a snake but generally this is not a symptom of most demon possession. Another tragedy is that there are many signs of demon possession and oppression that are seen as real manifestations of God's Spirit by practising Christian Spiritists. Among these are *confusion, passivity, paranoia, censoriousness, super-spirituality or religious pride, sexual immorality, petty blasphemies, strange illnesses, madness, hatred of holiness and the holy...*

These are disguised, excused and justified variously as righteous indignation, grace (i.e. "God knows we're only human"), freedom of the Spirit, anointing, natural etcetera. To go further into the subject I'd need to write a book but for now I will give you one or two real examples of Christian exorcism.

A Spiritualist's demon cast out

A young friend of mine complained that a spiritualist neighbour had been causing trouble for Christians and that they felt oppressed and believed an evil spirit was at work connected to the spiritualist. I prayed against the antichristian spiritualist and her demon. Into the room where I was praying an old woman entered. I could see her clearly but I could also see through her. She walked toward me with an evil sneer upon her face. I realised that she did not know I could see her. Behind her a great pit opened up in the floor. As I turned my head toward her she realised I could see her and as I commanded her to depart into the pit *in Jesus' Name*, she screamed in terror, fell back into the pit and it closed.

I am not going to defend, justify or explain this exorcism. It was after all, engineered by God. It was not what I had read or been taught. It was just reality. Few know it as fact. The demonic

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oppression of my Christian friends ceased.

The demons' ultimate terror

I have often not followed the rules in Christian books about casting out demons. Once I came up against an evil spirit and I said, "I command you in Jesus' Name to appear before the Father in Heaven and He will tell you what to do!"

I learnt from this that they fear going before God more than they do going down to the Pit. The evil spirit *rose up to God in great terror.*

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

[Matthew 10:8]

Slain in the Spirit

Chapter Seventeen

Among the several gifts used by the Charismatic and Pentecostal movements there is one called 'Slain in the Spirit.' This small chapter describes this gift as it is experienced and used.

Biblical basis

The expression 'Slain in the Spirit' is not in the Bible. The description of the experience is not in the Bible. The Biblical basis for the gift, according to Charismatic teachers, is when various saints and Prophets have lain prostrate before God or His Angels, often overcome with fear or awe. They are always lucid and their response to the revelation of God is always intelligent and meaningful. The description of the experience of Daniel the Prophet comes closest to the Charismatic understanding of being slain in the Spirit.

"I, Daniel, alone saw the vision as the men who were with me didn't see the vision. Yet, great trembling fell upon them so that they fled and hid themselves.

Then I was left alone and saw this great vision but there remained no strength in me. For my greatness was turned within me into nothing, and I lost my strength.

Yet I heard the sound of his words and when I heard the sound of his words I was upon my face, stunned, with my face toward the ground.

Look! - A hand touched me and set me, shaking, upon my

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knees and the palms of my hands.
He said to me, 'Oh Daniel, a man greatly loved,
comprehend the words that I speak to you and stand up.
For I have been sent to you.' When he had spoken this
word to me I stood, trembling." [Daniel 10:7-11]

The Vision of the Angel continues for the remaining chapters of Daniel. As Daniel fell upon his face in fear and his strength gone this is seen as a proof text, by Charismatics, of the gift of being slain in the Spirit; since in that gift believers fall down and lose their strength. They lose their motor skills and often their power of speech and lull about like rag dolls... Unlike Daniel, however these believers could not hold a lucid conversation or take in detailed information. Also Daniel did not lose his motor skills or become as a rag doll. He could control his body and movements and his mind. Also unlike Daniel, Charismatic and Pentecostal believers do not talk to great, holy Angels or have great revelations of truth that are calculated to make someone full of terror and awe. In fact apart from a *partial and superficial* similarity, in most aspects the experience of Daniel differs greatly from the experience of people being slain in the Spirit.

The historical basis

It is on record that in revivals that took place under Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley and Charles Finney it was common for large numbers of people to fall down under the power of God. In the writings of these great evangelical preachers however we have very clear descriptions of these events and in the case of Charles Finney in particular descriptions of deep convictions of sin coming upon the consciences of sinners so that they were overcome, often crying out, "Lord have mercy upon me, a sinner!"

When Finney's revival practices were criticised in his day he defended the revivals by saying that if God convicted sinners of the greatest truths, and these were applied to their hearts and consciences in great power by the Holy Spirit it was not unusual or unnatural for them to have a corresponding emotional response. He pointed out that the shock of a sinner's realisation that they might be going to Hell was good enough reason for them to cry in fear or

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to fall down in anguish. He further added that often, as they gave their hearts to Christ they would rise up praising God with great joy...

This is so strikingly different to the Charismatic 'slain in the Spirit' experience as to be obviously a different experience altogether. The use of these historical revivals as justification of the 'slain in the Spirit' phenomena smacks of desperation.

Loss of ability to function as a normal human being, resembling drunkenness, or partial anaesthesia is not an experience of revelation of truth from God that has a strong response from the believer.

The experiential basis

In Charismatic and Pentecostal assemblies the experience of being slain in the Spirit often and usually happens after people have been praising God, repetitively, when they begin to feel closer to the Lord. The experience seems timed in other words to happen at the crescendo of the meeting. As a result these undiscerning believers assume it is the work of God. It seems to them that as worship becomes more intense and spiritual there is an out flowing of this gift.

Timing

Here is another interpretation for this timing aspect of the gift in experience. It is true that as believers feel more adoration to God this gift strikes. This can be observed time and again. The real reason is to fool them into thinking it is of God and secondly the timing is to *stop* them from getting too close to God and *praying intelligently* to Him. They are turned into zombies! Often just at the point a believer feels they are opening up to God and ready to exercise greater faith they are suddenly zombified!

Slain in the Spirit in other religions

Whereas this gift is not found in the Bible or in great revivals of the past it is found abundantly in all kinds of Spiritist cults. Whether it is Native American spirit worship or Pagan Ritual; falling down in a state of mental and bodily passivity is common coinage of these religions.

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Other aspects of the gift

It is very common for there to be other aspects of the gift when the person has fallen down. These include strange body movements, jerking, shaking, laughing and screaming. Also sexual arousal, confusion, feelings of embarrassment, feelings of spiritual pride...

Techniques used to get people slain in the Spirit.

It is well known that repetitive singing of the same choruses over and over again induces a form of euphoria and this is useful to Charismatic and Pentecostal evangelists and pastors. Standard stage hypnotics and especially suggestion is used. Also, teaching them to open up to the experience by blind faith and with a *passive* mind.

Denials of negative aspects

I read a post from a female Pentecostal pastor who said that in over twenty years of ministry she had not come across anyone injured by being slain in the Spirit and she thought this was not possible. However this post was put on a forum after several pages of posts and dozens of Christians talking about how they were injured by being slain in the Spirit! There have even been some court cases. Since this pastor could not acknowledge what she had just read how reliable was her testimony about her decades of ministry? Where it is acknowledged to be a problem a glib dismissal follows that in such cases they can't have been in the Spirit!

The correct name for being slain in the Spirit:

Temporary Sudden Spirit Anaesthesia

This is the correct term. This is what really happens. Undiscerning, Christians *and many who simply believe they are Christians without ever having been spiritually born of God*, who are badly taught, poorly instructed and misinformed are invited to practice the very means Spiritists use to get entrance of spirits into their bodies: To open up blindly to the supernatural, regardless of whether they believe it is angels, demons, God, good spirits; spirits of what or whoever. Charismatics and Pentecostals take a stance of being immune to deception and possession and that the Christian orthodoxy of being slain in the Spirit is settled. They might as well claim to be immune to temptation or sin.

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Conditions for Temporary Sudden Spirit Anaesthesia

Another fundamental condition apart from euphoria induced by repetition and mental passivity as well as stage hypnotics; is to have low, unchristian, moral and spiritual standards. The various aspects of the false gift and its effects are consistent with Paganism and Spiritism but not with Biblical Christianity in either its moral or experiential aspects. Did Jesus and His Apostles fall down as rag dolls losing control of themselves and making a spectacle of themselves as being just like the Pagans they were trying to convert?

Resisting the Holy Spirit

The real Holy Spirit continually witnesses against this gift. He has also sent many teachers and many good books, which the churches that practise the gift have ignored, while suppressing the liberating information within them. (What I have written here they know but have rejected it and *will not inform new converts...*)

Lack of love

The concerns raised over Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement have been many and genuine but have been dismissed on the grounds that they are too spiritually superior to accept correction from those they see as opposed to the Holy Spirit. Spiritual pride and vindictiveness often come from this lack of love too.

A new religion

Those who base their religion, even if they say, "I'm not religious I'm a Christian", *upon false gifts and experiences* rather than upon Jesus Christ and His Word are practising a new religion. It is an experience based religion which puts faith in what they believe is the Holy Spirit but as we have seen is spiritual deception involving false teachers and demons. Some of them to be sure have some measure of faith and some measure of truth. No Charismatic or Pentecostal knows just how many of their fellows have never really been born again!

Cure for the disease

The cure is Christ. He can de-baptise you from what you thought

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was the Spirit and baptise you into the Spirit of Truth. You may adopt the old religion of Biblical Christianity. It is far better and you will inevitably feel it to be so. You can read about it in the Bible. All those things there that have been explained away or neglected are really true! Will you leave the Church of Babylon and join the Church of Christ?

Satan and his Secrets

Chapter Eighteen

This is a brief introduction to some of the things Satan does not want you to know. It is not an exhaustive investigation or a treatise but rather a tasty morsel of information that will appeal most to those who already have some firsthand knowledge of Satan and his activities...

Demon possession and psychiatry

In the 1800's as the new social/medical science of psychiatry was being developed the underlying liberal philosophy was both anti-spiritual and deeply antichristian, as with the other liberal 'sciences'. At that time and until today psychiatry tended to dismiss everything it could not explain. Yet rather than dealing with the 'possessed' or issue of possession they would divert and they would conveniently explain in psychogenic terms only illnesses that were easily seen to be mental illness. For example they would not speak of patients that accurately predicted the future or of appearances of spirits or the levitation of objects and other aspects of demon activity. They would, and do purposely relate only those things that they can easily explain and treat the rest as if it does not exist, even when they find it. Occasionally something gets through the net but even then it is simply labeled as if the labeling is itself an explanation. So, in the case of a young, uneducated peasant girl that suddenly received the ability to speak

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knowledgeably of the world and its history in fluent Latin; she was labeled as suffering from Multiple Personality Syndrome.

In the battle between the psychiatrists and the missionaries that gave to the world examples of verified demon possession; the missionaries clearly won the debate. However, the world does not listen to missionaries - and their works, largely out of print are buried in history: We have the pretensions of psychiatry.

See:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/3027319/-Rev-John-L-Nevius-Demon-Possession-And-Allied-Themes->

A modern case of demon possession

It was related to me by an honest and reliable relative that he, and several other people, saw a young woman who would sometimes have an evil green face materialize over her own face. They found it terrifying. It was something the girl had lived with all her life. The interesting thing about this 'illness' is that there were several witnesses and the event happened several times, often with different witnesses. Some of these witnesses were rationalists and atheists. I had witnessed a similar thing happen to another young woman. In journals of psychiatry you will not find such 'cases' involving seen spiritual phenomena as it is not easy for them to label a small community of diverse people as schizophrenic.

This example is simply given to show the reality of Satan's work and the kind of worldly philosophy he uses to cover it up. He is at the moment aiming at introducing another philosophy, already here but in its infant stage...

Satan's new religion with which he will enthrone the world is not the One World Religion or the New Age Movement that many preach but it will be centred in concern for the environment and planet Earth.

Environmentalism is good, I subscribe to it myself as should every person of conscience but all good things are debased by the evil one. In the future, wars will be fought and dictators will arise using the very terminology and concerns of saving the environment and taking care of our planet.

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Satan controls most of the Christian teaching and in particular spiritual teaching that comes out of the Church worldwide

In vague, general terms there is a similarity between the spiritual teaching of Christ and His Apostles and Greek philosophers, ancient and modern religions and modern cults. Like multitudes before me, and after me, I too teach a walk in the Spirit, but what I mean by that and what other Christians mean by that can be diametrically opposed. I teach death to Self as do Sufi poets and Hari Krishna devotees but what I mean by it and what they mean by it is very different. Christian sounding teaching by Christian seeming teachers and prophets is flooding out of Christian circles that reflects the mind, intent and subtleness of Satan.

Satan is preparing future science

To acknowledge the existence of God

Already, notable atheist philosophers and scientists are becoming theists and many Christians see this as a good thing not realizing that a movement to belief in an impersonal 'scientific' god is in preparation for the future fall of many present rationalist assumptions. More scientific discoveries and greater international communication via the Internet means that strict, atheistic rationalism and its 'science' is crumbling. Future generations will be both 'spiritual' and antichristian. This goes hand in hand with the environmentalism... These philosophies together will allow the world to embrace the Antichrist.

Some Christians will support Satan and oppose the servants of Christ

Due to the pseudo spiritual teaching I have already mentioned that has gripped Christianity many sincere and even zealous Christians will identify miracle working servants of God as false prophets while becoming ensnared into approving of those who really are wolves in sheep's clothing. Some will realize this too late but others will repent and get straightened out. These latter will become a great threat to the evil one. Already such ones are being targeted, attacked and neutralized.

Prophecies of the End abound when it is not due.

When the Lord really is about to appear few will be prophesying His

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coming as Satan's servants will try to distract the world from that immanent event. When they think they are in peace and safety that Day will close upon them like a trap... Conversely the many that are today prophesying the immanent return of Christ is itself a sign He is *not* about to return.

Satan never reveals his secrets.

In Christian culture the self proclaimed experts on Satan are usually ex-occultists who mistakenly believe the secrets they learned in darkness are the truth about Satan. He only ever tells them lies. When they expose these secrets after they become Christians they help Satan still. The secrets of Satan can only be revealed by God to godly men and women. These ones are known for their holiness, whatever they may have been before they were saved. It is the Holy Spirit Who is the Teacher, not the evil one. In consequence their teaching is genuine.

Conclusion

Simple, childlike love and devotion to Jesus as Lord is an antidote to all kinds of strange teachings and practices common to society today. His true people are known by their humility, holiness but especially their love. This is in sharp contradistinction to those who are proud, overly spiritual and cold - behind a false smile.

The Father's love is in His children and the faith of Christ is within them. As this is true there is evidence supplied by God to the world beyond that of their holy characters. They sometimes heal or cast out demons. Their effect upon society is positive bringing life and joy...

The Christian Spiritist religion claim to be such believers as these but they are the very wolves that tear these lambs to pieces when they find them. The Charismatic movement is the cloak of lamb's wool covering the body of the wolf Antichrist.

More traditional churches have severe reservations but cannot penetrate the spiritual depths to see the underlying threat posed by this Spiritism. They have a tendency to be cold and formal. As a result it is like the days of Jesus where the super-spiritual Pharisees and the cold, legalistic Sadducees both persecuted the Disciples of

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Christ. But where are the Disciples of Christ?

Afterword

To speak the truth in love is still to speak the truth. It does not mean to speak comforting delusions. That is neither truth nor love. The righteous judgment is the Lord's. What am I? Here ends the book of introductions to spiritual themes. Should the grace of God allow I may write a whole book on each theme I have covered and move beyond skimming the surface, which is all I have done.

In the depths of silence and peace who knows what dwells? God is so good. I am too blessed. There is such ineffable peace, such goodness... If I could take you on a journey with me I would take you into my heart. It has been caressed by both Heaven and Hell. It is now the dwelling place of God, as you know the scriptures plainly declare. What will He do next I wonder? I am less and less concerned as those who dwell in God's presence have a tendency to simply be happy being there. Isn't it ironical that in a world full of Hell's devices Heaven can dwell in a single human heart? Christ is so real.

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Postscript

In reading this you tried applying its teachings. Some of you have tried to abandon your mysticism or Pentecostalism or you have asked for signs to confirm what you thought God had told you- they didn't come and so you need to run back to your delusions. Run to Christ. He is no delusion.

The Achilles heel of the Protestants is Calvinism – the *fact* most of them fall away while believing they shall persevere. Their preachers lack the honesty to face the truth on this matter. It is time to acknowledge that Calvin was one of the world's greatest heretics. Christ is real and His work is real and if you cooperate with Him and remain faithful you can prove everything He really has

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taught you.

Answered prayer is a greater test of character and faith than inner lights that often come to nothing. Abandon all that charismania. Prayer that changes the world guarantees by its very power evidence of the faith within. God gave Moses great signs to perform to show the elders of Israel he was a prophet. Throw away all that nonsense about believing you are prophetic when you have nothing to show for it. Do not join the parade of fools who will all tumble down together.

If you were a prophet wouldn't the world be at your feet? Wouldn't people be marveling at how you spoke of important world events before they happened and you would not need to call yourself a prophet - they would do it? Don't call yourself a prophet or you may be judged as a prophet. The biblical prophets were sure of their message but look at how today's chattering prophets are always wondering if what they have said will really happen.

As I have tried to say, come in simplicity to Christ and love Him as He should be loved. That is essentially what a disciple is. In simplicity, love and faithfulness you will achieve more than all the deluded prophets and dreamers. One day then you may speak and it comes to pass. Let the word of God dominate your heart and mind. It is being neglected - the bible.

So, I as a visionary who has seen Christ and done some mighty things tell you to be wary of trying to be more spiritual than you really are. This actually hinders you from growing. I am the genuine article but I am not powerful enough to be a prophet or a great one. If I have seen and done things greater than these prophets who do not know what it is to fight demons or see God how can they be prophets? They would need to be stronger than me. They are children lost in the woods and eating at the ginger bread house, thinking it's all so good.

I have met prophets and apostles or those who call themselves such. They seem so weak and pathetic to me. I have seen some of the world's Christian leaders and recognized them as ravenous wolves tearing souls apart - while those victims grovel at their feet

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blinded by the false light like rabbits about to be shot. Haven't you seen that – how these great ones are surrounded by those who fawn over them? Their favourite bible quote is, '*Touch not the LORD's anointed, do His prophets no harm.*' They are anointed by another lord and prophets of delusion. Hell awaits them so do not follow them there.

Get back to Christ, get back to His bible and love God.

There is a river of life that flows from Christ – all that is true. It is all true you know, all those wonderful things the bible says. Do you really think that so called Christian leaders would be harping on about money all the time if they had this river of life? Their pursuit of wealth and power testifies to their spiritual emptiness. Men of the world often flee the vanity of riches and power to come to the peace of Christ. They value this peace more than their riches. What motivates those who preach covetousness and call it faith? Spiritual delusions suit them as they can use them to deceive the flock while they pillage and plunder with a syrupy smile.

You on the other hand, will you be the friend of Christ?

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