Here is a Video Clip of The Larry King interview mentioned in this post: (http://www.bible.ca/billy-graham-Larry-king-Jan-1997.ram) Larry King interview

In our first installment, we'll be looking at some of the teachings, opinions and quotes of Dr. Billy Graham, evangelist extraordinaire and member of the Southern Baptist Convention. For years, Dr. Billy Graham has been probably the most popular Protestant personality in the world. In the below expose, taken from many documented magazines, television programs, interviews, etc., Graham has many interesting things to say about many different subjects. One has to conclude, from his own words, that Dr. Billy Graham holds many views and beliefs that are not a part of fundamental Christianity as taught by Jesus Christ and the Apostles. So, let's start our study.

**SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

Billy Says:
"I used to believe that pagans in far-off countries were lost--were going to hell. I no longer believe that. I believe that there are other ways of recognizing the existence of God--through nature, for instance." (Billy Graham, McCall Magazine Jan. 1987).

"I respect other paths to God," (Billy Graham, Parade Magazine, Oct 20th 1996)

Jesus Says:
John 14:6-7...Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

**CREATION & EVOLUTION**

Billy Says:
"How you believe doesn't affect the doctrine. Either at a certain moment in evolution God breathed into one particular ape-man who was Adam, or God could have taken a handful of dust and blew and created a man just like that" (Billy Graham, "United Church Observer" 'Sunday Magazine' June 1966).

God Says:
Genesis 1:26-27...Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7... The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the
breath of life, and the man became a living being.

HOMOSEXUALITY

Billy Says:
Â“I find it is emotional, with strong arguments on both
sides of the issue. I intend to stay out of national
and local politics while here. God loves all people
whatever their ethnic or political background or their
social orientation. ... I never speak against other
groups" (Billy Graham regarding his position on
homosexuals, 22 September 1992 The Statesman Journal)

Â“sodomites are born sodomites, it is in their genesÂ”
(Billy Graham, December 1994 on the Larry King Live).

God's Word Says:
I Corinthians 6:9-11...Do you not know that the wicked
will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be
deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters
nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual
offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor
slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of
God. And that is what some of you were. But you were
washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the
name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our
God.
Romans 1:27.. In the same way the men also abandoned
natural relations with women and were inflamed with
lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with
other men, and received in themselves the due penalty
for their perversion.

QUOTES ON THE POPE

Billy Says:
Â“John Paul II is almost an evangelist because he calls
to people to turn to Christ, to turn to Christianity”
(The Star, June 26, 1979, reprinted in the Australian
Beacon, August 1979, p. 1).

"The pope came as a statesman and a pastor, but I
believe he also sees himself coming as an
evangelist... The pope sought to speak to the
spiritual hunger of our age in the same way Christians
throughout the centuries have spoken to the spiritual
yearnings of every age--by pointing people to Christ."
(Billy Graham, in an interview with The Saturday
Evening Post Jan-Feb. 1980)

"We had a spiritual time“ (Graham visiting with the
88).

Â“John Paul II is the moral leader of the world“ (Billy

"The Pope is a bridge builderÂ…Pope John Paul II has
emerged as the greatest religious leader of the modern
world, and one of the greatest moral and spiritual
leaders of the century“ (Billy Graham Saturday Evening
Post, Jan.-Feb. 1980).
A Word from Pastor Paul Separk „Jr.
The kind words that Dr. Billy Graham has for the Pope are quite suspicious. He makes the Pope sound like a regular ol' southern "pastor" or "evangelist." In future articles in this APOLOGETICS forum, I'll discuss the beliefs and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, but for the topic at hand, it will be enough to say that the Roman Catholic Church says the Pope is practically Jesus Christ on earth holding the keys of heaven and hell and deciding who gets out of the mythical place called purgatory. The Pope also boasts the power to hear confessions and forgive sins. In addition, the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church support praying to Mary (in the false Roman Catholic Doctrine, Mary is co-equal with Jesus and a mediator as the "Mother of God") and dead saints, Celebacy of the priesthood (a "priest" is a mediator. There is only ONE priest JESUS CHRIST), repetitious prayer (the rosary) and many other unbiblical teachings.

CONVERTING CATHOLICS AND JEWS

Billy & Company Says:
"Anyone who makes a decision at our meetings is seen later and referred to a local clergyman, Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish." (Billy Graham, Sept. 21, 1957, in an interview with the San Francisco News).

"Names of Catholics who had made decisions for Christ were provided at that meeting by Rick Marshall of the Graham organization." (Sept. 2, 1983, The Florida Catholic)

"If Catholic step forward there will be no attempt to convert them and their names will be given to the Catholic church nearest their homes" (David Cline of Brighouse United Church Vancouver Sun, Oct. 5, 1984).

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAUL SEPAR, JR.
It is unreal that a so called "evangelistic" crusade would not encourage a person to a belief in fundamental Christianity but, if they were of a token Catholic or Jewish background, would send them to a Catholic church or Jewish synagogue. Jesus is universal and it is impossible for anyone to be saved through any other system except Jesus Christ.

MORE ON THE POPE AND CATHOLIC CHURCH

Billy Says:
"The gospel that built this school and the gospel that brings me here tonight is still the way of salvation." "The gospel that built this school and the gospel that brings me here tonight is still the way of salvation." (Billy Graham, The Gastonian Gazette of November 22, 1967 addressing Belmont AbbeyÂ’s Roman Catholic college) 1966: "I find myself closer to Catholics than the radical Protestants. I think the Roman Catholic Church today is going through a second Reformation" (Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia, May 24, 1966).

"We have received wondrous support from the Catholic Church" (Billy Graham, Christianity Today, Dec. 30,
1977 sermon in Manila, Philippines).

"I found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Catholics we only differ on some matters of later church tradition. I find that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Roman Catholics" (McCall's, Jan. 1978).

"There was a pause in the conversation, suddenly the Pope's arm shot out and he grabbed the lapels of my coat, he pulled me forward within inches of his own face. He fixed his eye on me and said, "Listen, Graham, we are brothers." We are brothers! Graham said that was a great happening in his life, when the Pope took him by the lapels, pulled him into his cheek and said, "We are brothers." (Billy Graham, The Today newspaper, June 8, 1989)

"This past week I preached in the great Catholic Cathedral a funeral sermon for a close friend of mine who was a Catholic, and they had several Bishops and Archbishops to participate, and as I sat there going through the funeral Mass that was a very beautiful thing, and certainly straight and clear in the gospel. There was a wonderful little priest that would tell me when to stand and when to kneel and what to do." (Billy Graham, kneeling before the Mass wafer in Milwaukee October 21, 1973)

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAUL SEPARK, JR.
There isn't much I can add other than it is quite apparent that Billy Graham has quite a bit in common with the Roman Catholic Church. I guess it is pretty fair to say that Graham is a closet Catholic and certainly a major Catholic apologist pushing for the unity of the Protestantism and Catholicism.

***For the sake of time, I am going to let the rest of the quotes from Dr. Billy Graham speak for themselves. Needless to say, any novice Bible student to counter any of the erroneous statements that Graham has put forth below.***

INFANT BAPTISM
Billy Says:
"I have some difficulty in accepting the indiscriminate baptism of infants without a careful regard as to whether the parents have any intention of fulfilling the promise they make. But I do believe that something happens at the baptism of an infant, particularly if the parents are Christians and teach their children Christian Truths from childhood. We cannot fully understand the miracles of God, but I believe that a miracle can happen in these children so that they are regenerated, that is, made Christian, through infant baptism. If you want to call that baptismal regeneration, that's all right with me" (Graham, interview with Wilfred Bockelman, associate editor of the Lutheran Standard, American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Standard, October 10, 1961).

God's Word Says:
Acts 12:13...Simon himself believed and was baptized.

HELL
Billy Says:
"I know that God has a fire which burns but does not consume; one example is the fire of the burning bush which Moses saw. I know also, however, that in many places throughout the Bible, the term 'fire' is used figuratively to connote great punishment or suffering. The Bible speaks of fire set by the tongue" (Billy Graham being questioned regarding a literal fire of hell, News and Record, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 15, 1999).

ON RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Billy Says:
"Dear Philip: Your gracious and generous invitation to speak twice in Vancouver was deeply appreciated. ... I have tried to juggle my schedule but it is just too heavy at this late date for me to make the drastic changes that would be necessary for me to be in Vancouver. This will be only the second general assembly of the WCC that I have had to miss. I will certainly miss seeing you and many other old friends and fellowshiping with those from all over the world..." (telegram sent in 1983 by Graham to Philip Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Foundation, Vol. IV, Issue IV, Los Osos, Calif.: Fundamental Evangelistic Association, 1983).

'I have nothing but the warmest of relations with the World Council of Churches'. (Billy Graham, 1974, Lausanne Congress).

A QUOTE FROM THE "GOOD OL' DAYS"
Billy Says:
Â‘The three greatest menaces faced by orthodox Christianity are Communism, Roman Catholicism and Mohamedanism (Islam)’. (Graham, 1948 from Plains Baptist Challenger, July 1977)

COMMUNISM & THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Billy Says:
Â‘I think communism's appeal to youth is its structure and promise of a future utopia. Mao Tse-Tung's eight precepts are basically the same as the Ten Commandments. In fact if we can't have the Ten Commandments read in the schools I'll settle for Mao's precepts!Â’ (Billy Graham, May 28th 1978 in the Japanese newspaper 'Mainichi Daily News' from Plains Baptist Challenger, July 1977).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH
Q. Do you think a literal belief in the Virgin birth--not just as a symbol of the incarnation or of Christ's divinity--as an historic event is necessary for personal salvation?

A. While I most certainly believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, I do not find anywhere in the New Testament that this particular belief is necessary

BIBLICAL INfallIBILITY

Billy Says:

"I believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative word of God but I don’t use the word ‘inerrant’ because it’s become a brittle divisive word." (Billy Graham, Newsweek magazine, April 26, 1982, in a debate on the issue of biblical infallibility.)

Jesus Says:

II Timothy 3:16-17... All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. II Peter 1:20-21... Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

"World travel and getting to know clergy of all denominations has helped mold me into an ecumenical being. We’re separated by theology and, in some instances, culture and race, but all that means nothing to me any more" (Billy Graham, U.S. News & World Report, Dec. 19, 1988).

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

Billy Graham is probably one of the world's most popular and admired men - along with his friend Pope John Paul II, but the true prophets of old were never popular.

This is a word for word transcript from a 1997 TV broadcast of Hour of Power. In the interview, Graham told Schuller: In this interview, which I have on video tape as well, the following is said:

Graham: "I think that everybody that loves or knows Christ, whether they are conscious of it or not, they are members of the body of Christ. . . . is calling people out of the world for his name, whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world or the non-believing world, they are members of the Body of Christ because they have been called by God. They may not know the name of Jesus but they know in their hearts that they need something they do not have, and they turn to the only light they have, and I think that they are saved and they are going to be with us in heaven.

Schuller: "What, what I hear you saying, that it's possible for Jesus Christ to come into human hearts and soul and life, even if they have been born in darkness and have never had exposure to the Bible. Is that a correct interpretation of what you are saying?" Graham: "Yes, it is."
Schuler: "I'm so thrilled to hear you say this:
'There's a wideness in God's mercy'," and
Graham: "There is. There definitely is"

--"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN
SHEEP CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING
WOLVES." Mt. 7:15 --"BEHOLD, I AM SENDING YOU FORTH AS
LAMBS AMONG WOLVES." Lk. 10:3 Graham Has Changed His
Beliefs in the Last 25 Years

Re: Billy Graham exposed? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/12 1:55

Quote:
-------------------------Quotes and Beliefs of Dr. Billy Graham
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Personally I believe the debunking of this man that has been obviously used of God mightly is wrong. Much of this infor
mation is mis-quoted. I am not sure what you mean about the statement "Graham Has Changed His
Beliefs in the Last 25 Years" ?? :? I was tempted to delete this but I will let it be. But personal attacks on the character
of men has to be guarded against in most cases.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/12 3:02

Quote:
-------------------------But personal attacks on the character of men has to be guarded against in most cases.
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I was converted through a Billy Graham film (Souls in Conflict; anybody else remember that?) I have served as a couns
ellor and advisor at Billy Graham Crusades. I was part of the platform party when Billy Graham first preached in the Mos
cow Sports Palace. I am a life long admirer of the man and his personal integrity. I believe the man has exercised a fait
ful stewardship of a remarkable gifting.

But I am disturbed too. This assembling of quotations tends to support my own suspicions regarding fundamental shifts i
n his position on fundamental issues.

If the original posting was intended as a character assassination then it was clearly wrong, but if it was a 'heads up' on th
e drift within evangelicalism I think it may serve a useful purpose.

Re: - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2005/1/12 9:44

Such reports about Billy Graham have become somewhat frequent of late, it seems. I don't doubt that there is some (or
much) exaggeration from those desiring to perform character assassination, but I also don't doubt that there is some trut
h to the idea that Graham has become quite a bit more ecumenical/inter-faith than is a good idea (or even orthodox).

In the past my assessment was with harsher words, of which I repent. Better simply to continue to praise God for the wo
rk He did through Billy, and pray that God deal with His servant and bring him back from any waywardness.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/12 11:03

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rough Billy, and pray that God deal with His servant and bring him back from any waywardness.
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I agree wholeheartedly. I watched the video interview and noted a certain sluggishness in Billy Graham's speech. I kno
w of his Parkinson's condition but he is now an old man, and I try to put as charitable an interpretation on his answers as I can.
Re: Billy Graham exposed? - posted by J_A_Olver (), on: 2005/1/12 13:16

Let's be wary about what we say about men. Especially men who have been (and are being used) by God.

A GREAT book to read that I always suggest when this topic comes up is A Tale of Three Kings by Gene Edwards.

It is great guidelines for people who are in leadership and are under accusation and criticism AND for people under leadership that is accusatory and critical. I Highly recommend it. Easy read and very challenging.

Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/1/12 18:00

I agree with you brother. I wonder would we blush and run to the altar where our lives "exposed"? Has our theology changed any at all? God sees all and no one "gets away with" anything at all.

Re: - posted by tedlock (), on: 2005/1/12 23:57

My intention in writing this post is not to defame the name of a man. There is a trend that I have witnessed in this day and age that because a man is popular and has a large ministry people will follow him like sheep. There are many hugely popular ministries today that are heretical when compared to the standard of the Word of God. People are holding the teachings of men as their final authority but they "say" that the Word of God is their final authority. They love their favorite preachers or their denomination's doctrines so much that when they see that the Bible says something different they are unwilling to change their doctrine or call a man a heretic if he is a heretic. They easily accept lies and half truths to explain away the TRUTH of the Word.

We are living in an age where most have turned toward teachers who will tickle their ears and tell them what they want to hear to fill pews and generate large numbers of followers for themselves or statistics of "decisions" for Jesus. Today's evangelist will come to town, get "decisions" and offerings, then leave the "new converts" to figure out whom to follow. This does not fulfill the Great Commission. We are to evangelize and make disciples (not converts), taught to obey Jesus' every command, Matt 28:19-20. Discipleship is required. We are not to make our own permanent disciples but to make them disciples of Jesus Christ and they will seek to learn from and follow Him directly thru the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

Most "Christians" today are Bible illiterate because they think that having made a decision in a meeting and getting baptized meets the requirements for sealed salvation from hell; which, has many believe there is no need to know for them elves what the New Testament says because they trust men. Today's form of "American Christianity" does not even remotely resemble New Testament Christianity. We have man's formula for salvation being preached at alter calls instead of Jesus' requirements that are clearly stated and require the work of the Holy Spirit to draw men to true repentance not mere converts with a tendency to become twice the children of hell.

Humble yourself, Read the New Testament, believe that God ment every word of it and Obey. Jesus said that man doesn't live by bread alone but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Love in Christ,

Re: - posted by alanrepent, on: 2005/1/13 5:17

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (2 Th. 2:10, 11)

If we do not love truth and find the humility to be completely honest with ourselves, GOD (note: God NOT satan) will send us strong delusion so we should believe a lie.

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (Jn. 3:19-21)

Let us step back and take a look at things from a biblical perspective. God refuses the argument that "you can't deny the impact Billy Graham has had for the kingdom, so we can't just say he's wrong." There are two things horribly wrong with this argument:
1. It is pragmatic: the end justifies the means. "Lots of people are getting saved, so it must be OK."

2. This argument supposes that "gain is godliness." (condemned in 1 Tim. 6:5)

Stay away from anyone who has a mindset that "The more converts we win, the better the ministry is." This is a doctrine from satan and will plant its seed only in the minds of carnal men who neglect the ways of God.

I attended a Billy Graham training session to train for the crusade which was coming up in our location. I left weeping. It was far from the gospel of Christ. I hope, brethren, that we have this burden on our hearts for those who have been led astray by the Billy Graham ministry and not just a railing judgment. Keep sober-minded and remember God will show light to those who love truth.

The Billy Graham Crusade arrived in our location, and several thousand people responded to his altar call and signed commitment cards. I highly doubt that anyone reading this post honestly believes that over 2,000 people forsook their families and their own lives (Lk. 14:26-33) and radically lead victorious lives in Christ Jesus (1 Jn. 5:4). I doubt anyone reading this post believes that over 2,000 people crucified the flesh and its desires (Gal 5:24). I doubt anyone reading this post believes that over 2,000 people died to themselves. That they were filled with the powerful grace (Ti. 2:11-15) of the Living God. That they were filled with the same Holy Spirit that gave Jesus victory over sin while he dwelt in the flesh (Jn. 3:3-7). That they lost their lives (Mt. 16:25). That they were persecuted for godliness (2 Tim. 3:12). That they were freed from sin (Jn. 8:31-36; Rm. 6, 8; 1 Jn. 3:4-9). That they walk just as Christ walked (1 Jn. 2:6). That they keep all of God's commandments (1 Jn. 2:3-4). That they bring forth good fruit (Lk. 3:9).

In case any of you still believe this happened at the Billy Graham Crusade here, I will inform you that it did not. But what did happen was this: OVER 2,000 PEOPLE WERE TOLD THEY WERE GOING TO HEAVEN.

Do you see the contrast between the standard Jesus set and the standard of western Christianity today? In today's ChristianitY, it would not take much searching to find a preacher to tell you that even if you continue to look at women with lust, you will go to heaven. Jesus clearly had a higher standard, and by his word it can be understood that the aforementioned idea is false (Mt. 5:28, 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die." (Gen. 3:4)

So why are there SO MANY teachers who will tell us that lukewarm Christians can go to heaven even when Jesus says they cannot (Rev. 3:15,16)??

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires." (2 Tim. 4:3)

Ah, now it is starting to make sense. But, come on, Alan, you really think Billy Graham could be one of these end time false teachers?

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Lk. 6:26)

Yes, Billy Graham is a false prophet. I have seen Christianity, and I have seen the devil's counterfeit of Christianity. I have lived in both, the latter for 4 years of my life before the Lord gave me light. In fact I was a leader and speaker of the same false gospel that is luring millions astray through the teaching of Billy Graham. "For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." (Mt. 7:13)

I saw JUST FIVE people become Christians in my hometown, and the entire town turned upside down. It was the most amazing thing to see authentic Christianity unfolding in such a biblical way. Every promise Jesus made about discipleship with him was made a reality in this town.

After the Billy Graham Crusade, those 2,000 people returned to their normal lives and simply "added" or "invited" Jesus. There was no victory. There was no kingdom that "turned the world upside down." Trust me, when 2,000 people became Christians in the Bible, it was no small thing. Look at this example of 3,000 people turning to Jesus in Acts 2:41-47. What happened after the Billy Graham Crusade looked nothing like this, I am sorry to say.

Worst, thousands, possibly millions, have been led to think they are going to heaven, when they have not even met Jesu
s's standards for his kingdom (Mt. 5-7). They are assimilated into churches, as though their simple decision or emotiona
l experience had brought them to a true knowledge of Jesus Christ. The leaven is just fed into the churches and the sta
ndards only become lower as more and more people tolerate sin.

Look at the Christians who are being persecuted in China. This is real Christianity.

I hope, brethren, that we will not ignore these warnings of Jesus as they unfold right before us. We are recovering from
an apostate Christianity, but the only way to experience revival is to come out from among them and get back to the trut
h that Jesus taught. It is radical and narrow, and this remnant must come out and stop trying to make friends with the w
orld (Jm. 4:4).

Some of you reading this may think it is wrong for me to say that just because all of Mr. Graham's converts did not meet
the criteria mentioned in the scripture-soaked paragraph above, it means they were not legitimately born again. Could t
his be because possibly you have never met with Jesus in this way, and you are defending your own idol of Jesus Christ
that allows you to follow him without paying the price?

Re: posted by J_A_Olver (), on: 2005/1/13 13:33

I think I'm going to withdraw from this discussion. I don't know very much about this side of Billy Graham's ministry, so I
have no room to talk about it. It's not my policy to get involved with something I have no idea about. If lies and hypocrisy
and false prophecy are revealed to me or I discovered it or comes from a source with a high level of integrity, believe me
I would be following the guidelines in Titus chapter 1 and making sure no one else got mislead. I've never been to a Billy
Graham Crusade, nor have I heard him speak therefore I can say nothing.

JAO