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Is this a Christian Prayer ?, on: 2006/3/4 7:05

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.

Re: Is this a Christian Prayer ? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/4 7:29

It's not the way I would pray, but I suppose it depends on the heart of the one who prayed it.

These words: Light, love, power, plan, point of love could mean different things to different people. They can be quite nebulous and foggy in the minds of many. On the other hand in themselves they are authentic, because they are indeed authentic words used to describe our Lord.

Is that a good answer??????? rather nebulous??
Diane

EDIT: I read it again, and rather like it in part - as an appeal to God to shine his glory on us. Actually I can pray for some of these things from my own heart.

Quote:
-----centre which we call the race of men

Not sure what this is supposed to be.

Re: - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2006/3/4 9:55

Absolutely not, any one who prays like that neither knows the scripture nor the power of God. That prayer neither exalts Christ nor glorified God. It seems to be the prayer of a "New Age" believer. Remember the model prayer our Lord gave the disciples that's how we are to pray.

Re: Is this a Christian Prayer ? - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/3/4 12:40

NO

Re: Is this a Christian Prayer ? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/4 14:31

Its words are beautiful but it does sound new agey to me.

As I understand the scriptures, God desires a prayer that radiates from the heart. Having said that, the Psalms contain prayers and if you feel so led they can be your prayers too. That is a very meaningful exercise...when it comes from your innermost being.

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/3/4 17:21

SMOKEY ~ (rotflmho)

Is that how you talk to your family ??? Ha !!!

I wish I knew how to make posts colored and change the font on this site, but maybe it's better that I don't ... :-P .

Listen Smokey ... I appreciate you taking the time to answer my silly thread question ... but I was hoping for answers ... like "Why" it's not good to you or 'why' it is good for others.

And don't come back with "**Because I said so !!!**" neither, in some other size or color. :lol:

Edited to elaborate.

Re: - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/3/4 23:31

Hello MeAgain

Sorry about ruffling your feathers ;-) But NO is an appropriate answer to your question, "is this a christian prayer". Whenever someone in my family gets too close to the edge of a cliff, yes I do react strongly..

The following line from the poem is the best example of "new age" thinking that I have seen in a long time. I was involved in the "new age" movement for several years, so I do have an understanding of their terminology.

"The purpose which the Masters know and serve."

This would be a quote right from "new age" theology..The term Masters is frequently used to refer to spiritual leaders who are on a "higher spiritual plane" than you are.
The word of God NEVER calls anyone, your spiritual "Master". There were times when one of the followers of Jesus would call him master, but that was a statement of respect, not something demanded, or even expected, by Jesus..

I hope this helps clear this up for you..

Thanks Greg

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Re: Bingo Bro !, on: 2006/3/5 0:11

I knew you'd come through for me brother.

After you yell STOP at the loved one by the cliff, then it helps to explain why you had to yell.
8-) Amen !

I won't keep this going, but I just wanted to prove a point about last days deceptions.

We read this "prayer" called The Great Invocation in an AoG Church 12 years ago and asked them the same question and 100% of the members said, it was a "nice prayer".

I'm sure you could also tell us why it sounds so nice.

The website it came from is from the Lucis Trust which used to be called "Lucifer Trust Publishers", with the writings of Alice Bailey, Annie Bassett, and Alice Blavatzsky's books there, etc..
They changed the name to Lucis Trust for obvious reasons way back when.

Theosophy, which the Alice's and Annie taught is a step deeper into the dark side than just New Age in general ... that becomes obvious just by the former name of the group and how "Love and Good Works" is their message also just as Good Works is the cover for the Masons and Shriners and the UN.

I was reminded of this prayer, as the subject of the "Masons" had come up and Alice Bailey's name came to me as also being a Mason in the female side of it.

Now, you'll have to look well to this Site, because this is no rinky dink operation here.
This is big and where Mystery Babylon has launched itself Globally, through the World Good Will and the United Nations.

I'll leave the link for you to look at and tell us what sticks out at you.

Thanks to all of you.

<http://www.lucistrust.org/index.shtml>

Someday you could teach me how to color and enlarge the font ... then they'll all be over to the Anxiety Forum where I hang out. :-D

(Only kidding :)

Re: - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/3/5 0:27

Type your message in the small box above the regular post reply box, and you can change and alter it to suite your needs. Click on Add to bring it into the regular box, and then post it.

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 2:53

Thanks Smokey.

Anyhow, what should pop out just for two topics ...

The 'Links', as in linked with

<http://www.lucistrust.org/goodwill/links.shtml>

Two on "The Reappearance of Christ and The Coming One"

<http://www.lucitrust.org/arcane/roc.shtml>

http://www.lucitrust.org/arcane/coming_one.shtml

Re: - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/3/5 10:16

MeAgain

Why exactly are you posting links to this new age site??

Greg :-?

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/3/5 11:29

Annie,

Not wanting to misunderstand here, these are questions not accusations...

First off, why did you post this originally with the title you did, knowing the answer obviously before hand? (Guess that is an accusation, just not with ill will attached).

Quote:

-----I won't keep this going, but I just wanted to prove a point about last days deceptions.

If it was to see if anyone was paying attention ... I don't know, that seems a bit problematic, but would prefer you to clarify it. It seems quite overt from where it stems from. Was this a good tactic to take, here, on SI?

Quote:

-----We read this "prayer" called The Great Invocation in an AoG Church 12 years ago and asked them the same question and 100% of the members said, it was a "nice prayer".

With the same motivation? Knowing ahead of time where it came from? Again, not sure this a good way of going about things...

Which will lead only to the next important question. Having not perused this and not motivated really to do so, (that is neither here nor there) is this of some particular interest as far as scope of things go? What of this is of particular interest or how much sway has this aptly titled '*trusting Lucifer*' construct in real life application as you mentioned below?;

Quote:

-----Now, you'll have to look well to this Site, because this is no rinky dink operation here. This is big and where Mystery Babylon has launched itself Globally, through the World Good Will and the United Nations.

Is that speculation or in fact? Is this in the realms of 'conspiracy' (again, not pointedly) or actuality? How big is "Big"?

Perusing through the nonsense is spiritually depleting. It is a bit too overt to be missed and sounds far too cult like to be of any real notice. Wouldn't 'last days deception' be a bit less obvious? Again, that would hinge somewhat on just how prevalent and of what sort of heed is being given to all this nonsense.

Re: reclaim the words - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/5 16:04

Quote:

----- Light descend on Earth.

Love within the Heart of God

Will of God

Let the Plan of Love and Light work out

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Do you know what? These words were stolen, weren't they? - stolen right from the Bible? So why follow the lure. Walk away from this "investigation" into Satan's domain, and reclaim the fractured truth - those words that God gave us. Give them back to God and pray them back to God in the spirit and way that they should be prayed.

Is not God our Light and Love? Then place the words right where they belong - in HIS domain.

Shine Jesus Shine!
Fill the land with the Father's Glory.

I grieve that so many beautiful God-given words are claimed by Satan and distorted by those using them. They are not only hijacked by those on the outside, but also by Bible-believing conservative Christians. I stand against this!

Even the Lord's Prayer has been hijacked - prayed as a ritual formula every Sunday in countless churches. Does that mean I stop praying it? Of course not! We need to reclaim that one too, for its implications are astounding. Ex: THY Kingdom come.. THINE be the glory.

"And lead us not into temptation... Including the temptation to follow after Satan's bunny trails.
Diane

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 16:33

Smokey, your question confuses me.
Why did you yell NO ? And "how" did you KNOW to yell NO.
You said, to save someone from falling off of a cliff and that is how you saw the New Age movement and the ONLY way you knew it 'was' New Age, was 'because' you 'had' studied it.
The others in our Church back when did NOT have the "education" that you had ... that is why this prayer deceived them

See ?
Edit to answer your asking why did I post that site ... that site is where this "prayer" came from Greg.

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Diane, you are completely right.  
A Counterfeit is "to fool" and is made up of so much of the Truth. Otherwise, it would have no Power to Deceive.  
Glad you see this.

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Mike, I don't understand any of what you've said and am questioning all of your questions.

One I will answer is .. yes it is big and yes documentably so and yes it is part of the one world religion and linked with the same religion written for and held in keeping in the UN.

We are to warn each other over ANY deceptions that are here or headed our way and I feel that a Moral obligation and only posted it as I had, to show just how deceptive these things can be ... if GOOD Christians do not outright see the counterfeit from the real, because the producers of these counterfeits know exactly what they are doing by merging terminology and appealing to "love and good will & works", then the only way to show that is a fact is to first present it to them without the warning attached.

That is the appeal or attraction to this and will be all the more so, as we travel along in these days.

There is no better way to find "truth" then to be exposed in a "safe" environment to Error.

Many speakers coming into Churches and on the Internet and if we are familiarized with some buzz words of theirs and The Agenda of their main source of 'doctrine' (such as this website I gave - where the false christ is being waited upon and is solidly rooted in places we thought were just governmental.) then it is well they we do not perish for a lack of knowledge regarding these later times 'we' of all Generations will have to spiritually survive through.

To not show this deception, would be callous, uncaring and not out for the protection of His Body. We should all share

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what we know, with others in mind, for the 'long haul' of this life.

There are many Christians who were in the New Age and other "Orders", who have been called by God to have Ministries expressly for the purpose of educating the innocent sheep of the devices of those who may endanger them, from their own past experience.

I see no wrong in this and feel it 'is' a legitimate Call of God.

We are to protect and not just provide good pasture as shepherds. Our ministries should be all inclusive.

Would that God would give understanding.

His Love.
Annie

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/3/5 16:52

Dear friends, I have been watching this thread and I resisted the temptation to respond initially even though I knew where it was going, and I think Diane and crsschk have summed up exactly why I avoided it.

Quote:
-----Perusing through the nonsense is spiritually depleting

and from Diane..

Quote:
-----"And lead us not into temptation. " Including the temptation to follow after Satan's bunny trails.

I am directing this post to no one, I just want to use the opportunity to share something that I think really hindered the purpose of God in my life. Perhaps it will help someone else.

A few years ago I spent a lot of time looking into this stuff and I regret it because in the process I believe I imbibed a lot of junk that was harmful to my spirit. All the while I was researching this stuff I believe I was missing the purpose God had for me where I was. My wife even told me that one day in so many words when I was sharing with her what I was learning.

To sum it up I used to try to tell people about the coming world government and secret societies and all the like and yet in the end I realized one great truth that I was withholding from them in the process: the end of the world comes to every man when he dies.

When I realized that suddenly it didn't matter so much to me how many people were going through the tribulation or would be raptured what mattered most was where they were in the Savior when THEY died. What I had to deal with was right here and right now, and happening right before my own eyes.

Supposedly over 150,000 people are dying every day. And if they die without the Savior my understanding of scripture tells me they will face God's wrath.

I personally wasted a lot of time. And I think I got hurt in the process. Unfortunately I most likely placed unfounded and holy doubt upon the integrity of some of our Founding Fathers in the process. God forgive me for this grievous error and have mercy upon me.

Diane, God bless you for this understanding..

Quote:
-----Is not God our Light and Love? Then place the words right where they belong - in HIS domain.

Amen.

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 16:55

Just as leaving, a visual came to me with Scripture verse

I saw a fattened sheep fall off of a cliff and the fatter it was the harder it fell(hit).

"To much is given - much is required" or all the more is required.

Those who educate themselves the most on the Classics, etc., are "given more", and more is required of them in the area of Discernment - in God's judgment.

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 17:05

Hi brother Chris,

Your post wasn't there when I posted.

You may have had this experience because it was not your 'calling' to go looking into these things to protect the sheep. That may not be your Ministry. Charles Finney wrote a whole book about the Masons. That was not the Calling of every Saint of his education and blessed ministry.

But to say that because this type expose is not for all to embark on, makes these exposes wrong, is to decry the Ministries of many.

We are back to the arm saying to the hand, I don't need you.

If a person gives the "Balanced" message of full training in The Gospel to Salvation First, Bible Study, growth in the Lord, etc. etc. ... then there falls a mandate on 'some' out there to also warn of things to come and how it will disguise itself, then no one should see fault in them, as there are and were many called to do so since the First Church.

I may not be called to Open Air Preaching, but I dare not decry it based upon my own calling.

If what you and possibly others are saying, is that we do not need Discernment and Apologetic Ministries to expose the fraud/counterfeits, then I can't disagree more.

And if we say our Lounge cannot afford a warning of these things from time to time but can afford other frivolous discussions, then again I am at a loss for an answer.

God help us to see how the Lord works through many members.

Re: Discernment ministries - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/3/5 17:29

Hi MeAgain, you could very well be right about this...

Quote:

-----You may have had this experience because it was not your 'calling' to go looking into these things to protect the sheep.

And the motive could have a lot to do with it. I have realised that insight into spiritual matters does not exist and isn't given to satisfy our curiosity.

And that is one potential pitfall I see in the way these things were often discussed and presented(I'm not saying you have done this). Looking back I remember a lot of websites seemed like they were promoting that - curiosity, that and I think

an unhealthy focus on future events that seemed to revolve around ever changing scenarios based on current events, sort of like pin the scripture(tail) on the headline(donkey).

Jesus said

Quote:

-----see that ye be not troubled

Nor do I think he intended for us to use today's headlines to play a sort of prophetic guessing game. Know what I mean?

I should have been more specific in what I was talking about. You are right, there is a place for watching and warning: a perfect example I think is in the case of the cults, like JW's and Mormons, Masons too. I guess like everything it can be misused and abused, especially if it becomes all consuming.

I agree, may God give us understanding.

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 18:08

Hi brother Chris,

I've been on this forum since July of last year, taking but a three month Sabbatical in between.

I know what you are talking about, having been on much less 'mature' Forums.

If one had to look at all the posts I've done since last July, I doubt that one could honestly say that I am obsessed with any one topic except Christ and that He is 'The' Truth.

And I love eschatology, only because it is our "Blessed Hope" and don't give it any more attention than the Bible itself does... which percentage wise, actually, I give less attention to it than the Bible does.

The headlines 'are' to be considered Eschatologically, Biblically, But also without "guessing games" ... we should be well grounded Scripturally to obey Christ's warning to "watch the signs" and to know what those signs are that He gave us to watch.

We are not to be entangled with the affairs of this world, except where it affects the Salvation of others, the preaching of the Gospel, to see where Saints are being persecuted, the things which Christ told us to watch for and to see what may need prayer ... such as in man's inhumanity to man ... but not to just discuss politics.

We are not to "look into the practices of the pagans" unless we are called to do so.

In the hands of someone like Finney ... Masonry was exposed and saved many a man out of it and from it.

That is my Only point.

Love Wesley too.

Lord Bless.

Re:, on: 2006/3/6 6:04

Two Christian Sites.

<http://www.letusreason.org/NAM16.htm>

<http://www.crossroad.to/index.html>

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Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/6 8:20

Quote:

----- I think is in the case of the cults, like JW's and Mormons, Masons too.

I think that Satan would like us to believe that these are the most threatening forces to our faith. How many people here, do you think, are at risk of being lured by these faiths. Likely not many.

So we cannot hide behind our pet heresies and miss the subtle \hat{A} — our own bent to stray, and Satan \hat{A} 's deceptive work AMONG us. \hat{A} — ie within our own mindsets. Satan takes what we believe \hat{A} —and then draws us off by giving us convincing lures to which we can say, \hat{A} “Amen \hat{A} ”.

Since I started here, I think just about every favorite sin and cult out there has been discussed. Now I wonder: How has that strengthened God \hat{A} 's people? I don \hat{A} 't assume it has not, because I think a lot of good came out of much of the discussion. But we need to think deeper and ask: What is God teaching us through these heresies?

Or we could ask: What draws people to follow these things? Why do people leave the Christian faith and join heretical groups, or seek answers in New Age Philosophies (which are really very old)?

Perhaps these people remind the Christian community to examine its own failures to be the Light, and Love, to reveal the Will of God, to reveal Christ \hat{A} — (concepts that are incorporated in this prayer.)

Who knows, but someone may be reciting this prayer, really wondering: \hat{A} “What is the LIGHT? Where really is this divine LOVE? And who knows, but God himself may reveal his Light and Love to the desperate seeker. And, consider this: He might want to do it through us!

We can all too easily throw darts at the New Agers, not realizing that people follow the \hat{A} “movement \hat{A} ” because they are seeking, and they believe that the church does NOT have the answers.

Why complain about those who are eating junk food while never giving them something nutritious to eat?

Jesus tells us how to do that in all kinds of ways: though we may have to get our feet muddy walking through their turf.
Diane

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/3/6 9:50

Hi Annie,

Have mixed thoughts about all this...

To re-put the question(s) again, maybe in summary form. Isn't this just a bit too obvious? Regardless of whichever eschatological constructs one is holding to is this really a 'deception'? Isn't a counterfeit more difficult to ascertain from the true?

Just to clarify. It is not many of the other issues you brought up. Discernment, false teachings, associated ministries so on and so forth. These certainly are needed and have their place and their particular callings even. As you would know from going through many of these things a lot it is purely speculation and many get quite carried away with their concepts and conspiracy's. But all that is getting away slightly from the questions raised earlier.

Why? Why should we be concerned about the aforementioned group that you had intimated was "big"? It is a true question, not a point of dispute, that wasn't where I am coming from. I did afterwards check out the UN site out of curiosity The only response for either of the names was a listing amongst an awful lot of names (<http://www.un.org/documents/ecosoc/docs/1997/e1997-inf4.htm>) UN Search Before this goes too far, that point isn't a conclusive answer and there might be much more to all this...

It is an awfully long list, what makes this one new age group stand out above the rest?

I do share Chris's earlier concerns, that one can be tainted by being caught up in all this sort of thing. Even the recent links above need a caution attached to them just for that same reason. Of the two, the one drawing similarities in the realm of Theosophy again begs the question. Why give this any particular heed? Who is this guy and frankly who cares? Sorry, I am not degrading anything Annie, I am just trying to understand what makes this any different from a thousand other quasi-religious constructs? Why was this brought forth in the first place? Maybe if it was in an answer to a question, but you put it forth as a test originally and that I have again mixed feelings about. Most times a source is given for or sought for when we happen upon things of this sort; "Who said that?" "Who wrote this?" "Where did this come from?" Most quotes even here have names attached to them, rarely are they anonymous. I do understand the reasoning behind the particulars as the invocation 'prayer' as a stand alone statement, that it is that which is deceptive. But again it has its author and its construct attached, am not aware of this being prevalent anywhere in the church, but perhaps I am naive and perhaps I am assuming too much here that this is so blatantly obvious as a construct to not be missed even by the youngest of new believers. The bit is misleading to be sure and clever enough to be perfectly muddying standing alone and I know that is what you were addressing.

Again and sorry for hammering home the point, the issue isn't one of being preoccupied with eschatology or not, not whether or not things need/should be exposed, but just rather in this instance, why should this be of any greater concern than others?

For what it's worth, while I don't personally 'hold' to one scenario over the other as to how things pan out and at that same time it is not to say that the study of eschatology is needless, not by any stretch ... Thus far, the pool of things being held in abeyance has grown larger not more concise. Perhaps it's a fortunate blessing to feel somewhat relieved of having to have an answer and a particular construct to crowd under in these things. For instance, I would share Robert's comments awhile back regarding the number of the beast, the embedded chips and so forth. Which is it? An allegory and a spiritual 'mark' or something truly physical, the ability of buying and selling? To be honest I am not sure either way, but I am watching and paying attention to everything. Watching what is going on in Israel and that in itself is a matter of much disputing as we have traveled well over the matter here. Art Katz's ideas and whether or not he is on to something, I just don't know, I neither assume it to be true nor outright discount it. It is not to be wishy-washy nor to ride the comfortable fence but is not having to be forced into someone's opinion. Good men can still be wrong. Of the many pre-post-pan-preterist-dispensational there can be found many an item that ... Remember that silly song awhile back something like "*Things that make you go hmmm*"? It's in that realm. One of the blessings in the series mentioned by Edward Parkyns elsewhere is in the 'historic' way he presents things, some of it in summary form, some of it going into a bit more detail. It is basically a tracing of things that happened in history and the prevailing thought of the times. And even by the time he has brought it somewhat up to date the sense is that he didn't reach a conclusion nor seemingly was that his intention. Found that very refreshing and honest.

So to finish this long thought... and without putting an exclamation point on it all... there's plenty of room for discussion most certainly... Will bring up again the same verse mentioned earlier and an additional one;

Mat 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mat 6:34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (ESV)

This promise as a guard;

Mar 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, **if it were possible**, even the elect.

In more ways than one;

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

One last footnote. Isn't the greater deception now in our day that of the turn of a phrase of scripture, the twisting of God's word to profit and selfish gain, the creeping humanism ala "Ten Shekels and a Shirt", the making the simplistic 'easy' when it is rather costly (an easy-believe-ism) the practical over the spiritual, (Relativism), the emphasis on here, now, the foreseeable future but not eternity? It seems more so that things are out of sorts by way of order, heading towards chaos a

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nd confusion by the compulsions of man, the surface is the deep, the pace to fast for contemplation, the attempt to simplify a comfortable lifestyle by more and more distractions and gadgets, *knowledge will increase*, certainly we have that in our day. To just look back over the last 100 years and see the changes as they have transpired globally, economically, wars and weapons, satellites, strategically, politicaly ... information... It's quite staggering really.

My sense of where we are in our day in the sun (as mere men, not saints) is heading towards just that which the Lord spoke of and even Peter's telling of it;

This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance; that ye should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandments of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles: knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God; by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2Pe 3:1-7

Along with 2 Tim 3 and a whole host of others. But again, that is not a conclusion just a particular surmising. It seems all that is really needed is for the Lord to withdraw His Presence from the planet and we will set the world on fire all by ourselves.

Sorry for the length, it is an early morning posting here, often times the day will prove me out foolish but felt compelled to address this. And I most certainly reserve that right of being wrong ... ;-)

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/3/6 9:54

Quote:

-----Why complain about those who are eating junk food while never giving them something nutritious to eat?

Hopefully that is the nutritional value of this place, you just have to travel some old paths to get there.

Re:, on: 2006/3/6 15:01

Hia Mike,

That is 'why' I gave the two Discernment/Apologetic sites in the last post of this prior page they are two of the most renowned and respected and I wouldn't give you junk.

Mike Oppenheimer and Berit Kjos are just two of the top and anyone knowing of these two, would know that.

You said you don't decry Discernment/Apologetic Sites and I've given those two sites you just saw at the end of this previous page to answer the questions posed in your first post there.

I'm not up to a super long post just yet today ... but if you will would you just take a look at just some of the headers on here and see where the Church is already in - ankle deep into what is being formed of a one world religion and gov. and how at the "letusreason" site, Mike Oppenheimer says everything about what I posted on in a few articles and not just the one I posted at the end of this last page.

<http://www.crossroad.to/text/articles.html#anchor972322>

Warren's PEACE Plan & UN Goals:

Part 1: The Emerging Global Church

Part 2: Equipping Leaders to 'Lead like Jesus'?

Part 3: Whom do we serve?

Those are just a few of the titles that - IF you know the basic 'form' of what is coming together and what so-called governing agencies are merging, (from first links and second links given) it will come together for a person clearer than a bell, and they will know what to not support and to "come out from".

I was not aware that this subject was Unknown here ... so forgive me if I assumed that there was already some exposure to good apologetic Sites.
I feel this is a vital message just as Mike Oppenheimer, Berit Kjos, Sandy Simpson, Dave Hunt and the other men of the Apologetics Coordination Team do.
These are Not fly by night Discernment/Apologetic names out there.

I would be glad to contact them or if you will just look into this a little further yourself, you may see why this concerns them and me and others and why we feel the need to show these things to the Body.
Much less has been posted here on the lounge.
Please give this a little more of your time ... as coming against me on this, you all are coming against some of the most highly respected, Godly/God ordained Ministries out there and that appears a bit strange. We are One Body under Christ and we need to shore up together before the divide.

With His Love.
Annie

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/3/6 16:07

Hey there Annie,

Real brief but ...

Quote:
-----I was not aware that this subject was Unknown here ... so forgive me if I assumed that there was already some exposure to good apologetic Sites.

no, no, no, that's not the issue at all Annie.

Quote:
-----Please give this a little more of your time ... as coming against me on this, ...

Annie, not in the least. Please don't read too much into this, there is no coming *against* you at all. How do we ever end up reading so much into things? (All of us at times)

Was honestly asking and perhaps wondering, verbalising, out loud the questions. In reference to the sites mentioned, the caution was in being taken up with it all as Chris intimated earlier, that's all. Not unlike some of the KJV only types things where it just becomes kind of all consuming...

Short here time wise, but wanted to clarify this. Annie, you have been very delightful of late and I don't know what it is exactly, just something subtle yet ... :-)

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/3/6 18:41

Quote:
-----So we cannot hide behind our pet heresies and miss the subtle \hat{A} — our own bent to stray, and Satan \hat{A} 's deceptive work AMONG us.

Its been said that the best way to spot a counterfeit is not by studying counterfeits, but by knowing the true or the truth.

With all the deception in our day and all of the different groups preaching different things, it would seem to be the most practical also.

I was talking to a group of guys today and one objection/problem one of them had was just this, all of the conflicting messages he saw.

I tried to tell him what Jesus had said and I think it applies:

Quote:

-----Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

Quote:

----- If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

I think there are two prevailing reasons for the rampant errors of our day and in America in particular

1. Biblical illiteracy(Hosea 4:6)
2. Suppression of truth revealed(Romans 1:18)

and one other thing...

Quote:

----- because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

I had a dear friend and brother in the Lord back in Baltimore who has a very powerful testimony of being converted and saved from drug addiction and being homeless. During the time of his initial conversion he told me of how it was not uncommon for him to be in the Word of God for many many many hours a day! I have no doubt of it as his Bible was worn out.

Chris

Re:The Emergent Church., on: 2006/3/6 22:34

"He that is not zealous against error, is not likely to be zealous for Truth." J.C. Ryle

(http://www.sliceoflaodicea.com/archives/2006/01/emergent_church_19.php) **The Emerging Church.**

"The point we need to focus on right now is this: Do we not see the Lord prompting men like Dr. John MacArthur to correctly point out that Evangelical Christianity is fighting for its very life. But for now I wonder, can we afford to almost rule out the spiritual side of our faith while we waste our time arguing about some nebulous concept of essential doctrines as opposed to non-essential ones ?

Could it be that while we're caught up in discussions about whether cessationism is true or not true, perhaps we are in danger of forgetting that at least this much is true: Christianity is a supernatural faith and whether or not God is using certain gifts or not is really not the main point at this critical time.

Could it actually be possible God the Holy Spirit may be trying to alert our Lord's Church to a pagan cult which has been growing right under our very noses where even their own pastors aren't being told the whole truth by these Emergent leaders they trust? Man can become God; I know I've heard that somewhere before. Ah yes, here it is: Genesis 3:5 - Ye shall be as gods. Where are the voices being raised against this oldest lie in the Book? And why are these men being allowed to teach as Evangelicals at the Zondervan"

(<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/emergingchurch.htm>) **The Emerging Church and Contemplative Spirituality**

y - More Connected Than You May Think !

"'Emergent' folks are Christians who are impatient with rigid megachurch formulas and noisy doctrinal in-fighting.... They're hammering out a theology that's friendly to ancient faith practices (contemplative prayer, labyrinth, hospitality) in a postmodern world of quantum physics, 24/7 media and coffee-house culture."

On the Emerging Church:

"In the young people that I have spoken with from various backgrounds and various fellowships, there is a keen lack of discernment for the dangers that we all face as believers,"

by Steve Muse

Eastern Regional Watch

(<http://www.understandthetimes.org/commentary/c29.shtml>) **Revival or Return to Darkness ?** by Roger Oakland

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(http://www.bereanbeacon.org/The_Emergent_Church_pdf/The_Emergent_Church_Markets_Catholicism.pdf) **The Emerging Church Markets Catholicism**, by former Priest.

The Lamb is rarely seen there in the emerging church.

There is no sense of gospel wonder.

-Geoff Thomas

Re: Perception - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/3/7 10:13

Annie.

I can see precisely where you are going with this and fully understand and appreciate it. The earlier effort to borrow a well termed sentiment of our own Philologos was to "*Play the ball and not the man.*" No need to throw a blanket over everything due to a question on a particular point, even a couple of questions. It is not a matter of hunting for holes in the logic, to go about disproving something perhaps greater that you had in mind by narrowing the focus to an instance or instances raised by;

1) The *manner* used originally to draw attention to the issue (A bit deceptive to draw attention to deception?)

2) Whether the names originally mentioned were worth paying all that much attention to as entities within themselves (The Lucis Trust, World Goodwill) as I found it quite overt in it's expressed motivations by not hiding much of anything with it's new age philosophical mumbo-jumbo....

That's all.

That it did serve up a warning only by way of the 'nature' of these things can be far too much of a distraction IF one is given into it **too** much as Chris warned earlier by his particular experience and by sentiment, my own.

Having said all that let me also turn this back towards the 'greater' issue at hand. You are most certainly right in that there is a great danger right now in so many forms of quasi-religious constructs, mysticism Will come back to this momentarily. Annie, let me express that I do pray for you in this matter. It is an exceedingly difficult thing to get down into the muck and mire of all this by way of shedding light on it and exposing it. You would likely be familiar with Tricia's site which she has now since withdrawn from, though the archives are still active <http://www.intotruth.org/index.html> Bring this up only that not only was she a great help as I unraveled the WOF peccadillo's and other spurious notions as I made, (make that 'was led' to this Old School wonder of wonders SermonIndex) my way through but as time went on a realization dawned upon me; Those who are closet to this sort of thing are in need of a great deal of prayer and appreciation and support ... Still have a bit of the correspondence from a few years back;

Felt an impulse to write briefly, noting the nature of what you are dealing with is often repulsive to the spirit, at least it is to me. What you are doing is helping so many and in return I wanted to extend my thanks and my prayers for you, that the Lord will continue to undergird your efforts.

May He give you His peace, that passes all understanding.

Did bounce through some of what you linked and ...

Whew, it's bad out there, really bad. This 'newish' idea of mixing and accepting all kinds of psychological, mysticism ... Forced myself to read a bit of the "The Enneagram" even with my own suspicions of where it was going. This 'emergent' church business and swallowing everything and gaining nothing. Frightening.

And to think this 'mere' website here (SermonIndex) is not profound? These old stalwarts who tread old paths, who held to a normal Christianity at it's it core.

The hair rises on my arms to think of what we have here in our possession. The resources, the messages, the help and sharing of those much elder and wiser that participate here... The old books recommended, dear God do we understand just how important this is? O My soul, I have had a real hard time shedding outward tears of late, the groanings are inward and constant, but they just broke moments ago, cracking the eye duct's a little...

I thank God everytime I remember not only what is here, this gem, but the high privilege it is to be of any part of it whatsoever. In this day and age we find ourselves, this and the few others like it are a precious commodity, a rarity, there is untold treasure for the soul here.

May God continue to protect it and us as we weather the storms of this modern world and the church slipping away from it's foundations.

Pray for this place. Pray for Greg and pray for each other. And pray for this fool as well if it comes to mind, a fool for the Lord's sake and for you all. And don't forget Annie and others like her, it is a dangerous area to walk through, may the Lord grant wisdom and understanding, balance, perception, protection and peace.

Re:, on: 2006/3/7 14:17

Hia Mike,

Yes, I do know Tricia Tillin and I highly recommend her site to all.

On the left of her page, click on "Globalism".

And yes, I certainly do pray for SI and will continue of course.

The Lord has called some of us midgets into the "dangerous" and you could possibly run this thread through to Tricia for her perspective.

She is one of those who "had" a Forum, that I spoke of yesterday (or was it very early this morning ?) Ha. My days and nights are reversed.

God Bless and He WILL protect ... as every hair on our head is numbered.

Thanks Mike.

Shalom !

Annie

Re: All Coming Together., on: 2006/3/10 21:53

THE NEW AGE INFLUENCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS

In recent years, we have seen an alarming rise of ecumenism and moral relativity in the western world. In an age where evangelical Christianity – and for that matter, Judaism – is seen as too “intolerant” or “divisive” for a civilized world, interfaith movements, the New Age Movement, and Unitarian Universalism are gaining in popularity. Nowhere is that more evident than within the United Nations. In researching this article, I have become convinced that influential powers at the United Nations are now paving the way for the Antichrist. What you will read in this article will be but a sampling of some of the most insidious evil I have ever read. If you are a Christian, you may find this article unsettling. However, I feel very strongly that it is imperative to make Christians aware of the powerful New Age influence at the United Nations. One other important point – I did not base this article on research performed by so-called “conspiracy theorists”. The reams of documentation from which this article is based came from official sources – the horse’s mouth, so to speak.

Let me lay some brief groundwork here. The United Nations (which was started on October 24, 1945) exists as an official pseudo-governmental body. There are however, scores of advisory committees, boards, and other non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) upon which the U.N. relies heavily. The two organizations I will be discussing in-depth are NGO’s that provide assistance, advice, and counseling to the U.N. officials and staff. They are the Aquarian Age Community and the Lucis Trust. The Aquarian Age Community (AAC) holds their meetings within a conference room at the United Nations building. How involved is the AAC at the U.N.? Take your answer from the AAC itself:

We have an informal network at the UN, a humanity underground. It consists of those who are committed, aware, and striving to bring the New World to birth. It consists of people in high places and in low-of the patient secretary who has been 30 years with the UN, but lives with the vision and the spirit; of the professionals, and undersecretaries and heads of departments who are acting out the imperatives that their own inner vision gives them. Some few are conscious of the sources of their inspiration; most are not. They are the Karma Yogis of our time-those whose path of spirituality is to achieve through doing-to grow through serving. They are found not only in the secretariat but also in the delegations to the UN, among the diplomats and their staffs, and also among folks like us, representatives of non-governmental organizations around the UN.¹

So what does the AAC believe? What is its theology? To what form of “spirituality” do they refer? The AAC is a New Age organization. The only form of divinity they recognize comes from within each person, when they are at “oneness” with everyone and everything else. They practice meditation and astral projection, and accept direction from spirit guides. One of their most revered spirit guides is referred to by many names, and was the spirit guide of Lucis Trust founder Alice Bailey. This spirit guide is called “The Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul”, or sometimes just “The Tibetan Master”. The AAC meets regularly at the U.N. and discusses New Age spirituality. They open their meetings with meditation. One of their purposes as outlined in their mission statements is to “promote the work of the United Nations as it seeks to uplift and improve life on our planet”. Another purpose they list is to “cooperate and collaborate with the worldwide community that is actively preparing the way for the reappearance of the World-Teacher – the Christed (Anointed) One, the true Aquarian.”¹

Don’t be fooled by their use of the word “Christ” or “Christed”. They do NOT recognize the deity of Jesus Christ. They believe Jesus was a great teacher, and more in touch with his godhood than most humans are. The AAC believes in evolution – both physical and spiritual. They believe that humans have evolved physically to this point, and the next step in human evolution is spiritual. These people admire Jesus as having been more evolved than most, but do not be confused when they speak of Christ. Be assured that they are not referring to the same Christ we know. If fact, when they refer to “the Christ”, they say this:

“From direct experience of the shifting energies, it is possible to recognize that we are progressively moving toward the long awaited Aquarian Age-the Age in which we expect and look for the reappearance of the World Spiritual Teacher. This Great Being has been referred to by such names as the Christ, the Bodhisattva, the Lord Maitreya, and the Imam Mahdi. Many today realize that His interest and concern is not restricted to the field and department of religion, but is concerned with the whole of Life. He is known to be the great Lord of Love and Compassion, the Master of the Masters, the Instructor of the Angels and the “One for Whom all the nations wait.” And, this Great Being is also known under such additional titles as the True Aquarian, the Pilgrim, the Healer and the Thinker.”¹

Christ is “the embodied soul of all love within our planet”.

Christ as a Great Initiate appeared on our planet 2,000 years ago and this same great Being will reappear again. He is the only such Teacher who will have been with humanity during two astrological cycles--the Piscean and the Aquarian.

This time, there will also be an awakening from within many individuals so that the Christ will not just be an outer manifestation, but it is also a great inner happening. The Christ nature which is another way of referring to spiritual love will awaken in humanity. This must happen before there can be the reappearance of the Great Teacher in physical form.

He, or She, may return in the field of science or politics or finance, and most likely not in the field of religion. Certainly this Great Being will work in an arena where the highest good for the whole of the planet can be accomplished--where greater numbers of His/Her workers can be found preparing the Way by laboring for the common good. 1

The reappearance will take place on many different levels. There will be a Great Being who will be recognized as the World Spiritual Teacher. Also, this Great Being will bring a vortex of planetary and cosmic energy that will be available to those who can respond to it, inspiring and strengthening the cause of all that which is Good, True and Beautiful. The reappearance also refers to the expression of the Christ or love nature within humanity. It refers to the birth of the Christ nature (the soul) within the "cave of the human heart" (the physical plane). 1

It is my contention that this "great teacher" or "great being" for which the AAC waits will indeed appear. However, unlike the grand personage they describe, the one they describe will be the Antichrist. For further evidence of this, the AAC states that those of us looking for the second coming of our Lord will not recognize the teacher for whom they wait:

He has been for two thousand years the supreme Head of the Church Invisible, the spiritual Hierarchy, composed of disciples of all faiths. He recognizes and loves those who are not Christian but who retain their allegiance to their Founders--the Buddha, Mohammed, and others. He cares not what the faith is, if the objective is love of God and of humanity. If men look for the Christ Who left His disciples centuries ago they will fail to recognize the Christ Who is in process of returning. 1

The AAC also gives us a clue as to the location from which they see the Antichrist originating:

It may interest you to know that the Christ has not yet decided what type of physical vehicle He will employ should He take physical form and work definitely upon the physical plane. He waits to see what nation or group of nations do the most work, and the most convincing work, in preparation for His reappearance. 1

The AAC sees the United Nations as a great catalyst for bringing about the New World Order and paving the way for the return of their great teacher (Antichrist). For instance, take heed of their words of vision of and for the UN:

The UN can be a place for education along spiritual lines (within the UN itself and in the world). 1

The UN is the largest publisher in the world and it can provide a vast amount of information about the planet and its people. 1

The UN should have oversight over all the armaments of the world. 1

The UN offers a place for group work; for learning the art of compromise; for breaking down nationalism and fostering a spirit of globalism;... 1

Also, as individuals, we can urge our government to pay its dues so the UN can move forward with its mission, which is essentially a spiritual one: to bring humanity together as a unified center of consciousness. 1

Another purpose of the UN concerns education; through changes in education such as introducing school children to the principles and values of the UN (which are inherently spiritual although not religious, per se) children can be assisted in their spiritual development. 1

Education is key. We should influence the government to teach goodwill in schools. Community access Cable TV programs are also a way to educate the public. We should utilize these means of helping to educate public opinion. 1

The time has now come when money must be reevaluated and its usefulness channeled into new directions. ...Until these things are in process of being righted, the return of the Christ is not possible. 1

In a few short years...the United Nations has succeeded in: acquiring a spiritual Initiate at its helm (thus acknowledging increasing perception, unconscious though it may be, on the part of world representatives) - re-orienting the attitudes of even the most recalcitrant delegates to consideration of the Whole, as demonstrated by the policies and actions taken to this end its main bodies - establishing branches worldwide that give hope and aid to the masses - giving rise to spiritual activities both through NGOs and UN staff, including senior delegates as well as delegates from international organizations such as the World Bank. 1

In case the above list got monotonous, please go back and read those items. The information within is startling and disturbing. The AAC is NOT shy about its New Age spiritual agenda, or that of the United Nations' official body. Probably the biggest obstacles to the absolute fulfillment of this New Age agenda are what the AAC views as divisive religions like Judaism and Christianity. Their solution for the UN to overcome these obstacles is as follows:

...the UN should hold a global conference on the new paradigm and the UN should encourage the spiritual development of its staff members; 1

Recognition of the One Humanity can be created through religious unification and realization of the One Divinity. 1

What is the spiritual purpose of the UN? To find the common ground in all religions and to create practices that unite the spiritual expressions of all cultures. 1

In other words, the AAC envisions one global religion based on their New Age beliefs, that would replace all existing religions - including Christianity. The information presented above is a sampling of information obtained from the AAC that clearly demonstrates their New Age beliefs and their involvement with the United Nations. Their goal of paving the way for the "Christed One" depends on the religious globalization efforts of the UN. How does the Lucis Trust fit into all this?

The Lucis Trust, incorporated originally in New York as the Lucifer Publishing Company, was founded by Alice Bailey - an occultist. Lucis Trust is a United Nations NGO and has been a major player at the recent U.N. summits. Later Assistant Secretary General of the U.N. Robert Muller would credit the creation of his World Core Curriculum for education to the underlying teachings of The Tibetan Master, Djwahl Kuhl via Alice Bailey's writings on the subject.

At one time, the Lucis Trust office in New York was located at 866 United Nations Plaza and it is a member of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations under a program called "World Goodwill".² Among the many sponsors of the Lucis Trust are: former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, the president of the World Bank, a member of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Thomas Watson (IBM, former ambassador in Moscow). Lucis Trust sponsors the following organizations: UN, Greenpeace Int., Greenpeace USA, Amnesty Int., UNICEF, and many others.

The New Age spirituality that pervades the U.N. is clear. It is also clear that forces are at work to pave the way for the appearance of the Antichrist. As Christians, we know that we will not know the day or the hour of our Savior's return, and to try to predict such a date is foolhardy at best. However, it is incumbent upon us to be aware of the speed with which the forces of Satan are at work in our world -- if for no other reason than to remind us that our time is getting shorter, and we must make the most use of the time left. There is a great harvest of souls to be made, and the harvesters are few.

May God grant you wisdom, strength, and courage as you contend for your faith.

#1 Taken from the official website of the Aquarian Age Community (sponsored by the U.N.)
aquaac.org

#2 Taken from the Lucis Trust website

General Topics :: Is this a Christian Prayer ?

Re: Is this a Christian Prayer ? - posted by Graftedbranch, on: 2006/3/15 12:34

While this poem is not devoid of anything true, its flavor is indeed "new age".

It implies a "plan for man" that has little to do with God's eternal purpose for man, Christ's redemption and resurrection and the indwelling Spirit of Christ for the accomplishing of God's purpose which is to regenerate many sons of God from among fallen man and to produce the body of Christ to be His eternal expression.

Absent is even the concept of man's fallen and dead condition before God and the need for redemption and regeneration. It seems to imply that all that is needed for man to get back to "The plan" is some light, knowledge and determination, not redemption, regeneration, sanctification, transformation, conformation, and transfiguration into the image of the First Born Son of God by the indwelling Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and ascended Christ.

Absent is God's eternal plan or economy of the fullness of the time to "head up all things in Christ".

Graftedbranch

Re: reach the heavens - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/15 13:36

Quote:

----- its flavor is indeed "new age"

I see you put "new age" in parenthesis, no doubt implying the really it is just a label.

This kind of thinking has been around since the beginning.

In Christ's times Stoics said that the way to get along in this life is to live clean and good according to the laws of nature, and not to wish to have too much.

Platonists said that the thing to do is to train oneself toward the good and beautiful and true until the self becomes one with these.

Cynics said that just plain goodness was what is really needed.

Maybe we'll never find a box for this poem because it is a prayer of a humanity in general, expressing man's yearning to reach the heavens, without the cross ... same motive as for the Babel Tower project... to reach the heavens.

Diane