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**NEW AGE TEACHING AT IT'S BEST - NO, AT IT'S WORST!**

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Excerpted from *TBC Today* (8/23/07): Part of what is called the emerging church freely embraces new age gurus such as Neal Donald Walsch. Consider the following from his newsletter: *The Will of God - Why we continue the Journey*. The idea that you were somehow imperfect was a fiction, a conceit of your cultural story, a concoction of your religions, which would have you believe that you are the imperfect creation of a Perfect Creator. This idea -- the thought of your own Perfection -- is theologically revolutionary. It eliminates the need to do anything at all to render yourself worthy of heaven, to prepare yourself to be reunited with God, or to elevate yourself to a place of higher consciousness wherein Nirvana and Bliss may be experienced. This idea -- the thought of your own Perfection -- is startling in its implication and forms the basis and the foundation for a new kind of spirituality -- a spirituality born not in sin but in celebration, not in redemption but in recreation, not in the need for salvation, but in the invitation for the full expression and experience of Who You Really Are. All of the world's great Masters have been trying to tell us this through all the Ages of Man. The Buddha said that all we had to do was drop our utterly fictionalized account of our relationship to All That Is. Moses invited us to live in a new way, to rise up above the lawlessness and the hedonism of our primitive human culture and to live as gods. Jesus showed us what that looked like, then opened the door for us to have the same experience. Just do as he did, he said. Just follow his example, he urged. He pointed out that it was in the books of the Old Testament in which it was written, "Ye are gods." Yet we have determined and decided to become Children of a Lesser God. By twisting and turning and misunderstanding and distorting the messages of our holiest teachers, we have convinced ourselves that we are born in sin...

Under the New Age philosophy, man is god. As Kenneth Copeland (and others) says, You're already a god; you just don't know it. Multitudes are swallowing the devil's lie: "Ye shall be as gods." If they believe his false gospel, they'll end up for eternity in the Lake of Fire with that monster of evil - **Revelation 20:10-15**. While they do not go this far, you can see how "seeker friendly" churches, with their self esteem gospel, fit in here. Their primary focus is to build up self esteem, inflate the ego. The Bible seeks to tear down your false self esteem and then, if you receive Christ, makes you a child of God and gives you the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. God says, "**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.**" ~1 John 4:1. Maybe it seems unkind to you, but I include Rick Warren, et al. in that declaration about false prophets. Surely, a man is a false prophet who majors in psychology and self esteem rather than salvation from sin through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible nowhere says God seeks to build up a person's self esteem, to feel better about himself. God is trying to show man his sin, that he is full of pride and not good, and needs of a Savior: **Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 14:2,3; 53:2,3, Romans 3:10-12;** etc. The devil is a great deceiver and men love to be deceived - the truth is, they love to deceive themselves: "**Men love darkness rather than light.**" And they also "**wrest the Scriptures to their own destruction.**"

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 temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which  
 ye have of God, and ye are not your own?  
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 God in your body, and in your spirit,  
 which are God's.*

*1 Corinthians 6:19*

**IT'S TIME TO GET SERIOUS.** A surgeon on an ocean going vessel told this story: "On our last trip a boy fell overboard. I didn't know who he was, and the crew hastened to save him. They worked on him for sometime doing all they knew to do; I came to see if I could be of assistance. They said he was dead, beyond help. I turned away as I said to them, 'I think you did all you could.' But an impulse came upon me to go and see if I could do anything. When I looked into the boy's face, I saw it was my boy! Well, you can believe I did not think the last thing had been done, I threw off my coat and began to breathe into his mouth; I turned him over and over working on him and asking God to spare his life. After four hours of frantic work, I could see him breathing and knew he was alive." It is time that we got serious about winning the lost to Christ! I do not believe that the average Christian is doing all he can to save somebody's son or daughter, etc. Most Christians are doing very little! Christian young person (and adult) God says: "**And that knowing the time, that it is high time to wake out of sleep...**" ~Romans 13:11. It is time to throw ourselves into reaching the lost.

### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

The reason some people cannot find opportunity is  
 It goes around disguised as hard work. -Copied  
 When you live better than the Pastor preaches, then  
 you can criticize his sermons. -Copied

Every really great person has learned to obey -  
 then, he learned whom to obey! - Copied  
 If you want to set the world right, a good place to start  
 is with yourself!

God is looking for those who are great enough to  
 see how really small they are.  
 All it takes to blow your own horn is a little wind.

**MOODY ON TOBACCO.** When D.L. Moody was in  
 Glasgow he held a "Question Meeting" and about  
 5,000 were present. One of the questions was: "Are  
 there any verses in the Bible against the use of  
 tobacco?" Moody thought, and said:"No, but I can  
 give you one in favor of it ." They were breathless. He  
 continued: "He that is filthy, let him be filthy still."  
 ~Revelation 22:11.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

**"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has  
 ever given to man. All the good from the  
 Savior of the world is communicated  
 through this Book."**

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**MORE ONE WORLD ENDEAVORS.** “If Pres. Bush and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have their way the United Nations may soon see an expansion of its authority that is as vast as the seas.” With support from the White House, the Committee voted in October to approve US participation in the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea and sent it to the full Senate for ratification where it failed to pass due to some conservative members. However, the treaty remains a goal of the Democratic leadership. It would give the United Nations the right to charge mining fees, tax profits of mining companies, adjudicate disputes between nations. Even the U.S. Navy seems to think that is a good idea. Pres. Bush has made it a priority. - *World* (Jan.26-Feb.2, 2008). Ed. Though defeated for the present, you know this issue will not die, but proponents will work on it till they get it. Of course, this fits in with all the other one-world mania. The only thing that is missing is the antichrist, but it can't be long until he makes his appearance. Of course, if you are saved, you will miss that. Praise God!

**WHERE WAS THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA?** On Dec.22, pro-life clinic counselor Ed Snell was standing on a platform on the roof of his car, parked with permission, on private property adjacent to a seven-foot fence surrounding an abortion clinic in Harrisburg, Pa. He tried to persuade a woman to keep her baby instead of aborting it. The woman's male companion charged the fence, climbed over it, climbed up on Snell's car and sent the 69-year old Snell flying backwards. Snell landed on his head and back, fracturing four vertebrae and sustaining a bleeding head injury. “*No major media covered the story.*” This was the second serious attack on a side-walk counselor in four months. Had pro-lifers been the attackers, the mainstream media would have been all over it. -*World* (1/26-2/2/2008). Ed. The liberal media (about 90%) gives you the news they want you to have and withholds what they oppose. Then, the reporting is rarely free from their liberal bias!

**NOW WE HAVE A ‘GREEN’ BIBLE.** *HarperOne* is scheduled to release what is the industry's first environmentally themed Bible, The Green Bible (NRSV), in fall 2008. The release will focus on the caring of the Earth through green-inked Scripture passages as well as input from Christian conservationists, theologians and practitioners and a “green trail guide” of Christian leaders

through history. “The Bible carries an important message about caring for the earth,” said Mark Tauber, vice president and deputy publisher of *HarperOne*. “Going green has become a top concern among many Christians as they begin to see protecting all of creation as a biblical obligation. Our Green Bible offers them a new lens to identify how caring for creation comes right out of the Scriptures.” The Bible will be produced on special eco-friendly paper and cover material. -*TBC* 1/28/08). Ed. This is too ridiculous to comment on.

**OBAMA'S PASTOR: DESTROY THE WHITE ENEMY.** Rev. Jeremiah Wright in interview last year on ‘Hannity and Colmes’ Barack Obama's suddenly radioactive pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, has defended himself against charges of anti-Americanism and racism by referring to his foundational philosophy, the “black liberation theology” of scholars such as James Cone, who regard Jesus Christ as a “black messiah” and blacks as “the chosen people” who will only accept a god who assists their aim of destroying the “white enemy”. “If God is not for us and against white people,” writes Cone, “then he is a murderer, and we had better kill him. The task of black theology is to kill gods who do not belong to the black community.”

Wright has not talked to media since video segments of his sermons over the past decade surfaced last week – including one in 2003 that encouraged blacks to damn America in God's name. But in a 2007 interview replayed on the Fox News Channel's “Hannity and Colmes” show Friday, he repeatedly fended off Sean Hannity's questions with an appeal to authority, asking if the host had read any of the books of Cone, professor at New York's Union Theological Seminary, or Dwight Hopkins, professor at the University of Chicago's Divinity School, notes the Asia Times columnist who writes under the pseudonym Spengler. Obama, who has spoken of his pastor of more than 20 years as his mentor and moral compass, “wants to talk about what Wright is, rather than what he says,” notes Spengler, by referring him as a “respected biblical scholar, and as someone who taught or lectured at seminaries across the country, from Union Theological Seminary to the University of Chicago.” (*two of the most radical liberal seminaries you can find*) -*WorldNetDaily* (3/18/08). Ed. While Obama denied Wright's radical statements, he has claimed Wright was his pastor and mentor for the past twenty years. Obama is still member of his church.

## YOU ARE THIRD!

**“To me to live is Christ and to die is gain.” ~Philippians 1:21. “...I made myself servant to all.” ~I Corinthians 9:19.** A preacher said he walked into a certain man’s business office for the first time, and noticed a motto on his desk. Done in beautiful needle-work, it was enclosed in a modest frame and stood in a prominent place. It said: “I am third.” It was only after several more visits that he ventured to inquire: “What is the meaning of that motto?” The owner hesitated for a moment and then said: “My mother was a devout woman. No better Christian ever lived. My father was a good Christian also. It meant downright sacrifice for them to put me through school and to help me get a start in the business world. It was the night when I left home for the first time that mother brought me this motto. When I asked her about its meaning, she said, “Son, no matter where you go, no matter how high you climb, or how low you fall, always remember: God is first; others are second and you are third.” When you are third; Jesus first, others second and you are really last! Everybody is included in the first two. We have no doubt all heard of the acronym JOY - Jesus...Others...You. That is much easier to say than do. In order to do it you’ve to be crucified with Christ; you have to really die to self. **“For I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.” ~Galatians 2:20.** That is not a very common sight these days in the average Fundamental Baptist Church.

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## REMOVING THE STOP SIGNS

Some years ago, one man was killed instantly, and two others were critically injured in the state of Florida. The assistant maintenance engineer for the State Road Department said it was apparent that the fatal accident was the work of misguided pranksters who had removed a STOP sign at the intersection. A check by the police revealed that several other signs were missing also. Such a report brings a shock to any sensible person. How could anyone be so heartless as to put people’s lives in jeopardy. I think it is also strange that people who would not think of doing such a thing physically, have no problem doing it in the spiritual realm. Many who call themselves Bible believers do not want anybody to put up STOP SIGNS in the spiritual realm. They want to be saved and go to Heaven, but they do not want to have any restraints on what they can do, where they can go, etc. They don’t want to hear about sin, separation, worldliness, etc. They want to be a Christian and go merrily along, doing their own thing. No restraints! If you happen to be one of them, I want to tell you that you are headed for an accident. People don’t want anything that is considered negative. Just be positive...preach self esteem...no STOP signs. But I want to tell you, that is not reality! That is not what the Bible says! My friend, SALVATION MEANS SEPARATION! There are many do’s and also don’ts. II Timothy 3:16 says, **“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”** Did you notice there are two negatives things there? You had better obey the STOP signs. One of the saddest things today is that many Fundamental preachers (so called) are removing God’s STOP signs or just ignoring them.