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### THE EMERGING CHURCH.

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This relatively new movement (it is just old unbelief) is largely made up of (New) Evangelicals although some are in reality of the liberal or modernistic persuasion. As the term implies, they are “coming out.” Coming out of what? Basically, they are coming out of Bible Christianity - though most if not all of them have come out of it a while back. In a brief article like this I can just give some insights; but I think they will suffice for the true Bible believer. Following are some of their basic beliefs which are obviously not Scriptural.

The world is radically changing and the Church must learn to change with it. We need a new kind of Christian. We must reexamine and question every belief and practice in the Church.

Since there is no firm foundation for any beliefs, it is impossible to know any absolute truth. That means we simply cannot be dogmatic about any doctrine or moral standards.

Because we cannot know absolute truth, dogmatic preaching must be abandoned for dialogue.

People are not lost, just misdirected, etc. All are already “saved” or will be. It is a form of Universalism.

God loves you and accepts you just as you are. You are basically good, not sinful.

There’s great emphasis on “feeling.” Thus they have adopted “ancient” (Roman Catholic) forms of worship.

Use of candles, incense, mystical meditation, contemplative prayer, etc.

The ultimate goal is not the salvation of one’s soul but one of making the world a better place. Heaven and hell are not real places. Paradise is achieved through social activism (much like the old modernism).

Some of the names associated with this erroneous philosophy: Brian McLaren (the most noted name. One of *Time* magazine’s 25 most influential Evangelicals in America) - Tony Jones (Leader of Emergent, a network of churches) - Eddie Gibbs (Professor Fuller Theological Seminary) - Doug Pagitt (author of several books) - Nancy Murphy (Professor Fuller Seminary) - Rob Bell (Pastor and author) - LeRon Shults (Professor Bethel Seminary). Rick Warren has an affinity for these people. It is easy to see that most of these are in the Evangelical movement, which is pretty far gone when compared with the Scriptures. (We have two booklets on New Evangelicalism).

This philosophy is anything but Bible based. First, it is all feeling and fantasy. Not faith! God says, **“Without faith it is impossible to please Him.”** ~*Hebrews 11:6*. **“Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God...”** ~*Romans 5:1*. Then, Jesus said **“Thy Word is truth!”** ~*John 17:17*. Not only that - **“It is forever settled in Heaven.”** ~*Psalms 119:89*. It would be impossible to find anyone more dogmatic than Jesus! He did not dialogue. We are to declare His Word - not debate! Jesus said hell was a real place. The man in Luke 16 said, **“I am tormented in this flame.”** And he said that he didn’t want his brothers to **“come to this place of torment.”** Thank God, Jesus also said to His disciples, **“I go to prepare a place for you...”** ~*John 14:3*. Then, all are not saved - all are lost! **“There is none righteous, no not one...”** ~*Romans 3:10-12*. **“To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them.”** ~*Isaiah 8:20*. Clearly, there is no light in them!

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12 – 6:30

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**From Ohio:** Enclosed is a check for the *Cornerstone Challenge* and the books on “Revelation” and “Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.” We appreciate the *Challenge* every month...Continue steadfast and unmovable in the Lord’s work.

**From New Jersey:** We are so thankful for the *Cornerstone Challenge* and the truth in it. It has been a blessing and encouragement to us...

**From Connecticut:** I just finished reading your fine booklet, “*New Evangelicalism, the Deadliest Ism of All.*” I want to thank you. Your booklet opened my eyes to many things... God bless you and your ministry.

**From Arizona:** I would like a list of all your King James good books defending the pure Word of God.

**From North Carolina:** Thank you so very much for sending me a copy of your book “*Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.*” I’ve read it and am sending a check for \$---. Send me as many copies as you can. God bless you and your work. (A Pastor)

**From Nebraska:** Christian love and greetings...I am enclosing a check \$---. I’d like a few copies of the article on Christian dress and please keep sending the *Cornerstone Challenge*.

**From Florida:** My new address is above. I do wish to continue to receive the *Cornerstone Challenge*. Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list. (A prisoner)

**From Illinois:** We just left another church. There just isn’t any we want to attend. Women in pants, flip-flops, contemporary music, recorded music. Men don’t wear suits, sermons are boring; I could go on. Seems they all want to please the younger crowd. Wish we had a church like yours here. We appreciate the *Cornerstone Challenge*. (Ed. We’re are not perfect but we are trying to be faithful in these last days).

## YOUTH CORNER

**WRONG SENSE OF VALUES.** Listen to me young people - and older folks too! This is an all too common mistake. If life (and death) are going to come out right, you must have a right sense of values. I read three stories, all apparently true. First, a great fire swept over northern Minnesota. In its path lay a very wealthy home. The lady of the house went frantically from room to room seeking what to save. Finally, she had to leave; she escaped with a pale of sour milk in one hand and a ham bone in the other. Second: A retired army captain had a large trunk of souvenirs, etc. which he prized above all else. The room in which it was kept was remodeled and the trunk would not go through the door. Again there was a fire in the house. The firemen tried frantically to get the trunk out but couldn’t. There was a large picture window which if broken would have enabled them to get it out, but they didn’t want to break such a beautiful window. The trunk was destroyed in the fire. Third: A man and a woman had a little farm land a ways from their house. They heard there was to be a killing frost that night. She put her small son and daughter in a well-built enclosed play area and went to pick some tomatoes. When she returned the play area was empty. The boy was found but the little girl was never found. Sadly all these people had a wrong sense of values. It cost them dearly.

Unless you have a right sense of values, unless you put the things of God and eternity first, you too are going to have some tragic results. God says, “**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...**” ~*Matthew 6:33*. Tragically, many young people value the things of this world more than the things of God! Don’t make that serious mistake. Jesus also said, “**For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?**” ~*Mark 8:36*. If you are not saved, ask Jesus to save you right now. If you are a true Christian, don’t waste your life on this world - give your life to Christ - *Romans 12:1,2*. “**I beseech you therefore, brethren that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of you mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable will of God.**”

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### **MILITANT ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Our courageous friend Tom Trento ventured to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. last Tuesday to videotape a pro-Hamas demonstration. When you click on the link below to this must-see video, keep in mind, this didn't happen in the Gaza Strip – it took place right here in America. When you watch the video you'll see and hear things that are offensive, deeply disturbing, and, frankly, frightening. You'll see signs that say "Nuke Israel." You'll hear a woman yell at pro-Israel demonstrators, "Go back to the ovens!!" You'll hear vulgar profanities. In the midst of all of this you will see a Muslim leader at the demonstration being interviewed exclaiming that once people really understand Islam they will have "no choice" but to accept it. Remember that this latest round of violence began with Hamas breaking the cease-fire and launching hundreds of rockets into residential areas of Israel. That's not very clear from many of the news reports of the past week. Israel has responded to defend itself, as it has every right to do. -ACT (1/5/09).

**GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE!** The Federal Appeals Court in Atlanta has ruled that sectarian prayer is acceptable. The ruling written by Judge Bill Pryor said the government should have no role in parsing the content of public prayers, so long as they do not advance a particular religion or disparage another. A law professors from Georgia State University said the ruling followed a 1983 U.S. Supreme Court precedent and recognized that, for more than 200 years, chaplains have given prayers to open Congress... Our forefathers would be up in arms that such an issue should even be discussed. The first prayer of the Continental Congress was concluded in the name of Jesus. Our history is rich in special days called for special observances and acknowledging the name of Jesus. It is amazing that all the wrangle is over the name of Jesus. What about other so-called deities? Evidentially they don't seem to be a threat to anyone's religious belief. It is only the living God, Jesus Christ that seems to upset the intelligentsia.

-By Dr. Ron Bailey in *Sword of the Lord* - 12/26/08.

### **U.N. TREATY THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS**

Chancellor of Patrick Henry College, Michael Farris, is warning parents about a dangerous United Nations treaty. The Convention on the Rights of the Child was established about 20 years ago. Although the U.S. has signed the treaty, it has not been ratified according to

Constitutional mandate. Farris says if the treaty is ratified during the Obama administration, it would override all state laws regarding parental rights. "The biggest problem with this treaty is that we replace American law... with international law that is governed by a board of 18 child's rights experts in Geneva." Farris stated, the treaty is far-reaching. It treats all parents like criminals -- even before trial. "The child's wishes have to be considered by the government, and the government gets to decide at the end of the day -- when there is any conflict between parent and child, or any conflict between the government and the...parent -- ...what it thinks is best for the child." He points out. "That's in religion, that's in education, that's in 'do you let your kids put their real names on their Facebook accounts?' On every parenting decision you can imagine, the government gets to make the final call." Farris is certain that ratification of the treaty will be considered. He notes it will be up to the secretary of state--Hillary Clinton--to submit the treaty to Congress for ratification, a treaty Bill Clinton's administration favored. "And the chances that it is going to be attempted are 100%," Farris contends. "Barbara Boxer said so in a meeting before Christmas... every indication is there's going to be an attempt." -*OneNewsNow* (1/14/09). Ed. Note the Clinton administration already favored it! An ominous sign!

**DEPTHS OF EVANGELICAL COMPROMISE.** The dating site promoted by James Dobson (Focus on the Family) bows to a lawsuit and creates a special service. eHarmony has agreed to begin matching homosexual couples. Eric McKinley sued eHarmony claiming discrimination because it refused to accept his advertisement for a gay partner. As a result the company agreed to provide a service to gays and lesbians with listings labeled 'male seeking male' and 'female seeking female.' The dating site has agreed to pay the NJ Div. of Civil Rights \$50,000 and \$5,000 to McKinley. Also it will give a free one year membership to him and also provide a free six month membership to the first 10,000 users registering within one year of the same-sex service. eHarmony will post photos of same sex couples in the Diversity section of its website and also revise anti-discrimination statements. -From *WorldNetDaily*, (11/19/08).Ed. Sick! They are Christian?

*A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,  
neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.  
Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

*Matthew 7:18 & 20*

## ASLEEP IN THE BOAT

Many years ago at Niagara Falls, a young man was employed as a guide. Having nothing to do one day, he moored his boat well above the falls and lay down in it to rest. Rocked by the current, he fell asleep. Swayed by the current, the boat worked loose and began to drift downstream. Spectators along the shore, seeing his great danger, shouted loudly but he slept on drifting toward the falls. At one point the boat came to rest upon a rock that protruded midstream. The people on the shore cried all the louder, "Get on the Rock! Get on the rock!" But he could not be awakened. Soon the boat slipped away from the rock and headed for the falls. At last the young man awakened by the roaring sound of the water going over the falls. But it was too late and he plunged to his death. How terrible - asleep in the boat and despite the cries of those on the shore, he perished. How many people today are doing the same thing! They go along, asleep to their eternal danger, asleep in their sins. Many are lulled to sleep by the pleasures of this world; others by their supposed good works, etc. If you are not a true born again child of God through faith in Jesus Christ who died for your sins, we plead with you - "Get on the Rock." In Ephesians 5:14 it says, "**Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ will give thee light.**" Wake up to your peril! There is a judgment for sin. But thank God, Jesus Christ paid the price of your sin and if you will trust Him, He will save you. "Get on the Rock!" There is only One - Jesus Christ! "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" ~Acts 16:31.

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## WHAT IS GOD LOOKING FOR?

Some years ago, a young man went to Mr. Ridgeway, a business acquaintance, looking for a job. However, the business man said that they had no openings, but that he would recommend him to a friend. The friend had said to the other that he was having difficulty getting a young man who would do just what he told him to do. So, Mr. Ridgeway said, "When you apply for the job tell him I sent you, and you do whatever he tells you to do. Don't put up any argument but jump into the Brandywine (creek, stream) if he tells you to." He took the advice and later when Mr. Ridgeway saw the other business man, the man said, "Bill, I have got a fellow at last who will do whatever I tell him to do." The young man advanced with the company and went on to do very well for himself in the business world. My Friend, that is exactly what God is looking for: individuals who will just do what He tells them to do. It is said of Noah, "**Thus did Noah; according to ALL that God commanded him to do.**" ~Genesis 6:22. The same was true of Moses, Joshua and others. However, I am afraid God, too, has a problem finding believers like that. Many will obey some of the Word but not all of it. Others will obey most of it, but they cut corners here and there. Remember: "**It is the little foxes that spoil the vine.**" As I have often said, there are no short cuts to spirituality! If you want to be used of God you are going to have to be *fully surrendered*. *God is looking for some Christians who will do whatever He tells them!* Will you be one?