

BOOK REVIEW: *PHYSICS OF HEAVEN: Exploring God's Mysteries of Sound, Light, Energy, Vibrations and Quantum Physics* by Judy Franklin and Ellyn Davis with many other contributors

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All quotations were taken from the New American Standard Bible, 1995 edition unless otherwise noted. Sometimes I make comments in the middle of quotations using brackets [] or [[]] to make them more obvious. I am using straight quotation marks ("), hyphens (-) instead of dashes, and a few other things like this because some of the internet sites where I post these articles require it.

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1. MY INTRODUCTION AND SOME CONCLUSIONS. The book was published in 2012 by Destiny Image Publishers, Inc. The book is solidly tied to Bethel Church, Redding California. Judy Franklin is administrative assistant to Bill Johnson, the Senior Leader of Bethel Church, Redding California. The Foreword of the book was written by Kris Vallotton who is Senior Associate Leader of Bethel Church and cofounder of Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM). Bill Johnson wrote two of the chapters in the book and a section in chapter 14; his wife Beni, who also is listed as a Senior Leader of the church, wrote one of the chapters and a section in chapter 14. ((I won't comment on what Bill Johnson said in this book. Neither one of his chapters [chapters 4 and 16] were written for this book; chapter 4, "Recovering Our Spiritual Inheritance," was adapted from one of his audio series, and chapter 16, "Pulling the Tomorrow of God into Today," was excerpted from one of his books. Most of what he says in these chapters is not directly related to the things I'm interested in for this Review/paper. I won't comment

at all on chapter 14 which is not directly related to what I'm interested in for this Review/paper. Most of what Beni Johnson says in chapter 15, "The Clarion Call," is in the same category, but I'll comment on what she said about the sound from heaven on the Day of Pentecost.)) The book is still being sold at amazon.com, for example, and in the Bethel Church bookstore.

One primary reason this book is so important is that Bethel Church is so influential. (This makes my Review/paper all the more important.) And some of the leaders of that church, very much including Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton, frequently speak and minister other places and are often seen and heard on the media. Brian Liebacher, who is the Jesus Culture Director, endorses this book and the ministries of Judy Franklin and Ellyn Davis with a paragraph at the front of the book. I am not very familiar with Jesus Culture, but I know that they are very influential, especially with young people. "Jesus Culture is an American international Christian revivalist youth outreach ministry that was formed at the Bethel Church of Redding, California. Jesus Culture Ministry hosts conferences and operates a record label, Jesus Culture Music, to share its message and spread worship" (Wikipedia).

It is significant that the things I am discussing in this paper are not at all limited to Bethel Church. They are widespread in the Christian church of our day. Many or most of the writers in this book are not part of Bethel Church. Most, or all, of the writers of this book would fit under the label "prophetic ministries," not that all of the people who fit under that label would necessarily agree with the things that are taught in this book. Another label that would fit most, or all, of the writers of this book is the "apostolic and prophetic movement."

I believe the gift of prophecy is for today, but not at all on the level of our Biblical foundation. I also believe that God calls some Christians to be apostles and prophets, but again, they are not on the level of the foundational apostles and prophets that God used to lay the foundations for new-covenant salvation. And it must be understood that just because people say that they have been called to be apostles or prophets doesn't make it so, and there is no guarantee that what they say and/or do is of God. I believe that we desperately need the gifts of the Spirit in our day and a pure flow of God's supernatural involvement with His people. It should be super-obvious that the devil shouldn't be the only one working miracles, etc. in our day, and *he is* working miracles.

I'll quote the first paragraph on the back cover of the book: "Some of the most influential and prophetic voices of the Spirit-empowered movement have joined together to help you start hearing the sounds of heaven and discovering how natural elements - sound, light, energy, vibration, and even quantum physics - are supernaturally bringing Heaven

to Earth." As I will discuss in this paper, I don't believe that these writers are able to demonstrate that "natural elements - sound, light, energy, vibration, and even quantum physics" are supernaturally bringing Heaven to Earth.

I kept hearing about this book over the past few years, and I recently got motivated to read it and to read some more of what others say about it. I don't know much about Bill Johnson or Bethel Church, but I have to say that I'm shocked by much of the content of this book. Bill Johnson considers himself a Bible-believing evangelical Christian who is willing to push the envelope with the goal of producing more results. He doesn't want to quench the work of God. One thing is very clear; he is highly motivated to see everybody get healed. I believe he is a sincere evangelical Christian, but much of the content of this book is far from solid Bible-based Christianity.

I want to make it very clear that I am not critiquing the writers of this book or their ministries. I don't have the information or insight or competence to do that. I am limiting myself to critiquing some of the content of this book. Also, it is possible that some of the writers have changed what they believe. For one thing, there has been a lot of serious criticism of this book, but it is still being sold, including at Bethel Church.

Amazon sells the book and they have 126 reviews of the book. Eighty-two of the reviews are positive; 46 are negative. I agree with a lot that is contained in the lengthy negative reviews that I read. For one thing, they were not rejecting the book because the writers are Pentecostals or Charismatics. As I mentioned, I believe we need the gifts of the Spirit in our day, but we must be very careful that we don't abuse them, which has so often happened. And we must be even more careful that we don't tap into the supernatural of Satan's kingdom, which I believe is happening a lot. I believe this book I am reviewing is helping in a big way to open the door to that very serious problem. There are quite a few critiques of this book on the internet, positive and negative critiques.

My Primary Concerns as I Write this Review. My primary concern is that the readers of *The Physics of Heaven* are exhorted to become risk-taking explorers and search the New Age/occult world and modern science, with an emphasis on quantum physics, for things that we need to function at a powerful level, including having an end-time revival that will far surpass what happened at Pentecost. I agree that we need much transformation of much of Christianity in our day, but (in agreement with most Christians throughout the history of Christianity) I BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE NEED IS TO REPENT WHERE REPENTANCE IS REQUIRED AND TO COME INTO ALIGNMENT WITH WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES AND WALK BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED!

God's grace has been provided for us to know what we need to know and to walk in the truth, righteousness, holiness, and power of God with the victory over all sin and demons. We don't need something new. And I believe the Bible makes it clear that we are forbidden to look to the New Age/occult world or to science, very much including quantum physics, for help in becoming what the New Testament calls us to be and to do. It insults God for us to look elsewhere than to Him for the things we need to live in the center of His will, which is what we are called and enabled to do. One thing that we desperately need is to rightly interpret the Bible, especially the New Testament, that will enable us to see that we are called and enabled to walk with the victory over all sin and demons and to appropriate the powerful, sufficient grace of God (through the all-powerful Spirit of God who dwells in all true Christians) that will enable us to be what He has called us to be and to do all that He calls us to do.

I don't know much about any of the writers of this book, and I would like to believe that some/many of them understand that it isn't right for us to look to the New Age/occult world for things that we need. But I'll quote part of what Ellyn Davis, who is one of the two primary authors behind this book, says on page 18 of her chapter 2, "Extracting the Precious from the Worthless." The title includes going to the New Age/occult world, realizing that much there is demonic and worthless, but looking for the precious things that we need. "They [all of the Christian leaders who contribute to this book] all agree that the next move of God will cause a shift at the deepest level of who we are - perhaps at the very 'vibrational level' that the New Age movement has been exploring. They also all agree that there are precious truths hidden in the New Age that belong to us as Christians and need to be extracted from the worthless." Some writers in this book (as I demonstrate in my Review/paper) believe that by going to the New Age/occult world they are simply taking back things the devil and his people have stolen from God, which supposedly makes it OK. However, I believe it is clear (and I discuss this point in some detail in my Review/paper) that at least most of the supernatural things they are doing originated with the devil and were not stolen from God and His people.

As I read this book I was frequently surprised by how often obvious misinterpretations of the Bible were used by these writers to support what they were saying. I trust that all, or at least most of the writers, realize the super-importance of the Bible, but it is probably also true that many of them put more of a priority on walking in the supernatural with miracles, revelations, visions, etc. If we aren't careful we can fail to keep the priority on the Word of God. I am reminded of something I heard Kenneth Hagin say: He said that back in the days of the healing/deliverance revivals of which he was a part, that many of the ministers were basing their ministries almost totally on gifts of the Spirit and minimizing the emphasis on understanding, teaching, and living the Word of God. He

said he watched many of those ministers eventually fall by the wayside. He also said that he agreed with Smith Wigglesworth, who had a powerful Pentecostal ministry, that we must be people of the Word of God and the Spirit of God, but keeping the priority on the Word of God.

When I finish this Review/Paper of *The Physics of Heaven*, I'm going to review the book *Experiencing the Heavenly Realm: Keys to Accessing Supernatural Encounters*, Expanded Edition by Judy Franklin and Beni Johnson (Destiny Image, 2016), 217 pages. I have read this other book, but I haven't spent much time getting into the details yet. However, I have to say that I am shocked by the content of this other book as much as, or more than, by the content of *The Physics of Heaven* by Judy Franklin and Ellyn Davis. Maybe I am missing something, but I'm afraid I am not missing much. One of the most shocking things to me is that I haven't seen hardly anyone who has commented on the internet or on amazon.com book reviews who sees any problem with the content of this other book. I desperately want for us to appropriate everything that God makes available to us, and I want to be totally fair to the authors, but, for one thing, it is very important that we don't work things up in the flesh, or, very much worse, end up falling for clever demonic deceptions that are guaranteed to never work for ultimate good, but quite the opposite. I believe we are obligated to check out what is happening here. It could prove to be a great blessing for Judy Franklin and everybody else who might be/get involved.

I'll quote a paragraph from the back cover of *Experiencing the Heavenly Realm*, adding some comments in brackets: "Discover how to: Activate your capacity to see into the supernatural [[which includes being caught up into the heavenly realm to see, communicate with, and interact with the Lord Jesus. Based on her experiences that she shares in the book, Franklin's experiences went far beyond seeing, communicating with, and interacting with the Lord Jesus: She has also often seen, communicated with, and interacted with God the Father, including sitting on His lap, and with the Holy Spirit, including dancing with Him. Judy leads groups to close their eyes, visualize Jesus, and begin to interact with Him. I don't believe the Bible offers any support whatsoever for doing these things, and we need to know that the occult world has been using visualization for thousands of years to make contact with demons who impersonate people (or other beings, like those who supposedly come here on UFO's, for example) for their evil purposes, including impersonating the Lord Jesus, or Mary.]] Experience a love in the third heaven realm like you have never known before. Be touched and healed by the Lord, emotionally, mentally and physically. [[I believe the things mentioned in these two sentences and the next sentence are readily available to Christians. However, the Bible doesn't indicate that being caught to the third heaven is available, except on very special occasions initiated by God, not to mention seeing God

the Father and God the Holy Spirit and interacting with them. Many Christians don't believe God the Father is, or ever will be visible. In agreement with many Christians, I believe the Bible shows that we will be able to see Him after we are glorified and that this is important. (I wrote a paper on this topic, *Will We See God the Father after We Are Glorified?* It is on my internet site: Google to Karl Kemp Teaching.) And there is widespread agreement that the Holy Spirit is invisible.] Go from knowing about Jesus to knowing Him on an experiential level." I believe we are called to know God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit on an experiential level through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

1.1 I'LL BRIEFLY COMMENT HERE ON ALL OF THE SECTIONS OF THIS BOOK (FOREWORD, INTRODUCTION, AND THE CHAPTERS). Many of them are discussed in much more detail in later chapters of my Review/paper. Some of them are not discussed in later chapters.

The "Foreword" of the Book by Kris Vallotton. (This Foreword is discussed in more detail in chapter 1 of my Review/paper.) I know that Kris Vallotton's ministry is greatly appreciated by many, and I'm not suggesting that his ministry is not mostly quite good (I don't know much about him), but he missed it here: Whether he intended to do so or not (for one thing, he may not have known much of the content of this book when he wrote the Foreword) he strongly recommends that his readers follow the risk-taking explorers who wrote this book. One major problem is that he seriously misinterpreted Eph. 3:9-10. (Actually, he said Eph. 3:8-9, but he quoted and commented on 3:9-10.) A major problem is that he failed to quote Eph. 3:8 which is part of the sentence and necessary to understand what the apostle Paul was saying, and what he wasn't saying, in 3:9-10.

What Paul was saying in context was that the mystery of the gospel of new-covenant salvation had been revealed to him and he was sharing this gospel with all that he could, with an emphasis on him being the apostle to the Gentiles. But Vallotton interpreted these verses (along with Rom. 1:20: "Since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made....") to refer to God's revelation, very much including His end-time revelation through the creation: "Creation itself is like heavenly breadcrumbs strategically placed on the path of life to lead us into understanding the depths of God." This supposedly justifies looking to science for the "heavenly breadcrumbs." And then he interpreted Eph. 3:9-10 of the saints - in our day - bringing these things to light. BUT THE APOSTLE PAUL, IN CONTEXT (AS EPH. 3:8, ALONG WITH 3:1-7 AND 3:11-13 SHOW), WAS SPEAKING OF THE FACT THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD ALREADY BROUGHT THESE THINGS TO LIGHT. THE REVELATION THAT WE NEED HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN. We don't need to go to

science or the New Age/occult world, or to revelation given in our day to get it. There is room for God to reveal some end-time details, but the heart of the gospel has been given and this is where we need to put all the emphasis.

"Introduction" for the Book by Judy Franklin. Franklin has a serious misinterpretation of 1 Cor. 15:46 which she offers for support of a dominant theme of this book. She says, the "sole purpose of this book is to share what we have discovered so you can go on your own journey with God into the realms of sound, light, energy, vibration, and quantum physics. [These things go with looking to science, especially quantum physics.] Why? Because I believe what the Lord has been showing both of us [her and Ellyn Davis] is the absolute truth that will help us bring God's kingdom to this earth. [This makes this search quite important doesn't it?] The Lord is ready to use sound, light, and energy in ways we never dreamed, but we first have to have some foundational understanding" (pages vii and viii).

I'll comment briefly on her misinterpretation of 1 Cor. 15:46: "First Corinthians 15:46 says, '[However,] the spiritual is not first, but the natural [things like sound, light, and energy]; then the spiritual [things like a revival greater than what happened at the beginning].' We believe that there's a lot we can learn about God by looking at the natural world. ... We believe that God is revealing things in the sciences, particularly in quantum physics, that can be directly related to the spiritual realm." The problem with her interpretation is that when the apostle Paul said, "the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual" in his context he was speaking of the fact that now we have a natural body, but it will be transformed into a spiritual/glorified body at the end of this age when the Lord Jesus returns. All of 1 Corinthians chapter 15 deals with the resurrection/glorification of our bodies. The thing that initiated this teaching was the fact that some Christians at Corinth were denying the future resurrection/glorification of our bodies. Some thought in terms of getting rid of the physical bodies and being pure spirits, but God determined to resurrect/glorify our bodies.

Chapter 1 of the Book, "The Power of the Zero-Point Field," by Judy Franklin. She started this chapter with a serious misinterpretation of Rom. 8:18-22. To be brief here, the apostle Paul was prophesying of our being glorified at the end of this age when the Lord Jesus returns, but Franklin says that Paul was prophesying of our being transformed by a "sound from heaven that will literally change the structure of how we think. This new sound will transform us like the transformation spoken of in Romans 12. Our minds will be renewed so that we think like Him and are no longer conformed to this world but conformed to the will of God. [What Franklin said here is a perfect introduction for a dominant point that I am trying to make in this Review/paper. We have already been given the call and the grace to think right, especially in our hearts, and not be

conformed to this world. We don't need anything we could get from science or the New Age/occult world to have and walk in the truth, righteousness, and holiness of God.] Bringing heaven to Earth is our mandate [I don't see the New Testament teaching that we have this mandate. The Lord Jesus will return to save and to judge, and to some extent He will bring heaven to earth in the millennial kingdom. Then, after the great-white-throne judgment at the end of the millennium, He will bring heaven to the new earth in a full sense.] and to do that we need to think more like heaven." (page 2).

Franklin went on to make a point that is made several times in this book, that the sound of the wind on the Day of Pentecost enabled those early Christians to begin to think right. However, it wasn't the sound that enabled them to think right but the all-important prophesied pouring out and reception of the Holy Spirit. The sound attended the Spirit's coming, but the sound didn't change the believers.

Franklin says that we all have "zero-point field" power within us. If this natural power that is supposedly built into the universe even exists, there is much doubt that we could ever tap into this power to do anything. Keep in mind that Franklin has already taught us in the Introduction that the natural comes first. The primary point I want to make is that the power (all the power) we need is in the Holy Spirit, not the natural world. (For the record, I doubt that Franklin understands the zero-point field; I don't claim to understand it: A quick look at "zero-point field/energy" on the internet will show how theoretical and controversial this topic is with the scientists.)

Chapter 2 of the Book: "Extracting the Precious From the Worthless," by Elyn Davis.

This chapter title comes from two lines of Jer. 15:19, but we have a big problem here in that she seriously misinterpreted what is being said in that context. (See my discussion of this chapter in chapter 5 of this Review/paper.) Davis used these misinterpreted words from Jer. 15:19 to support the idea that it's OK for Christians to look in the New Age movement for the "precious" that will help us. She says, "I just wanted to find out if maybe they had found some truths the church hadn't. The strange thing was, much of what I saw and heard embodied biblical principles and could be backed up by Scripture." I believe she is being very much overly generous regarding how much of what they are doing can be backed up by Scripture. She understands that there is very much wrong there at a foundational level that must be categorized as "worthless" - actually it's worse than "worthless," it's demonic.

The foundation of the New Age/occult world is entirely different than the foundation of Christianity. They don't agree with hardly any, if any, essential doctrines of Christianity, including, for example, what the Bible teaches about God (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), the devil and his kingdom, the fall of man, sin, spiritual death, repentance, faith in

God, His Son, and the gospel of new-covenant salvation, the all-important atoning death of the Son of God and His resurrection, the judgment to come, and hell. And they clearly don't believe that the Bible is the very Word of God and the foundation for what they believe. Also, as I discuss in this paper, God's people have been forbidden to look anywhere but God for the things that we need to live in His truth, righteousness, holiness and power, by grace through faith. And we certainly have been forbidden to look to Satan's kingdom for things like healing or revelation/information, or power, or anything else.

Chapter 3 of the Book: "Vibrating in Harmony with God," by Bob Jones. Bob Jones didn't say much in this chapter that is relevant to the primary topic of my Review/paper, so I won't discuss what he says here, with one exception. I'll comment on his misinterpretation of Isa. 66:2 in chapter 6 of my Review/paper.

Chapter 4 of this Book: "Recovering Our Spiritual Inheritance," by Bill Johnson. As I mentioned, I won't comment on this chapter. It wasn't written for this book but was excerpted from an audio series, and it isn't directly relevant to the primary topic of my Review/paper.

Chapter 5 of this Book: "Authentic vs. Counterfeit," by Jonathan Welton. Welton uses the word "counterfeit" some 57 times in this chapter. He says, "Throughout the Bible we see that everything Satan does is a counterfeit of something from God's kingdom" (page 42). And, "This brings us to the most important point of this chapter. If there is a counterfeit, there is an authentic that we need to find and reclaim" (page 42). On page 49, under the subheading "Counterfeits to Reclaim," he mentions that the New Age Movement is a primary place to look for the counterfeits that reveal the authentic, since "they have been trafficking in the church's stolen goods for a long time. I have found throughout Scripture at least 75 examples of things that the New Age has counterfeited, such as having spirit guides, trances, meditation, auras, power objects, clairvoyance, clairaudience, and more. These actually belong to the church, but they have been stolen and cleverly repackaged."

Welton makes it clear that we want to be careful that we don't end up with a counterfeit instead of the authentic. But he also says, "We need to be much more concerned about reclaiming from the enemy than about being afraid of the deception of counterfeits" (page 45). He encourages us to not be afraid to go there to reclaim the authentic. He says, for one thing, that God is well able to protect us. I don't believe we can rely on God's protection when we are going places where we are forbidden to go.

A dominant point that I make when discussing this chapter in chapter 7 of my Review/paper is that I don't believe most of the supernatural things that are taking place in the New Age/occult world are counterfeits of God's workings, but rather these are things that the devil has been doing among people from the beginning. Satan has quite a bit of supernatural power to offer those who will look to him. I strongly suggest that the devil tempted Eve with occult power. We have to violate God's commandments to look to Satan and his kingdom for occult, demonic power, revelations, healings, etc.

Lastly, I need to mention that Welton also includes a serious misinterpretation of the Bible. He wrongly takes the apostle Paul's words of 1 Thess. 5:21 of testing all things and holding on to the good out of Paul's context and extends them to testing the counterfeit in the New Age/occult world, for example, "so we can reclaim the authentic." In context, the apostle was speaking of testing things like prophecies being given in the Christian church. That's quite a difference! What Welton says in this chapter goes along with a prominent theme that is often mentioned in this book.

Chapter 6 of this Book: "Good Vibrations," by Ellyn Davis. I'll quote the first two paragraphs from what I say in my discussion of this chapter (chapter 8 of my Review/paper): First I'll comment on page 52 that is titled "God's New Sound Is Coming." I'll quote part of what they say here (it is surprising to me): "...we [Ellyn Davis and Judy Franklin] got the idea to find out what Christian leaders might think about our suspicion that not only is God up to something new, but this new 'something' may involve sound, frequency, vibration, or energy.

We began interviewing all the [Christian] leaders we could find, and were amazed to discover we weren't the only ones crazy enough to be exploring these subjects. [Based on what they go on to say, it is obvious that *the only leaders they could find to interview* were a rather select group of Christian leaders.] Every leader we interviewed had already been exploring the realms of frequencies, vibrations, and quantum physics. So we were in good company, even if we were all a little strange." They went on to ask their readers to share "what you have discovered in your own journeys into the realms of sound, light, vibrations, frequencies, energy, and quantum physics."

A big part of this chapter is devoted to meet the need of her readers "to have a basic understanding of sound, light, and energy to appreciate the topics presented in the following chapters." So this chapter doesn't have much to say that is relevant to my primary interest in this book.

I won't comment on Chapter 7 of this book, "Sound of Heaven Symphony of Earth" by Ray Hughes. For one thing, this chapter was not written for this book but was excerpted

from a book of his. There are some things I could comment on that I have to disagree with, but I have to draw the line somewhere. So too for Chapter 8, "The God Vibration," by Dan McCollam (his chapter was excerpted from a manuscript of his) and Chapter 9: "Angelic Encounters," by Cal Pierce.

Chapter 10, "Spiritual Synesthesia," by Larry Randolph. Many writers in this book put a strong emphasis on all that "sound" can do. Randolph, like a few other writers in this book, speaks of the sound of a heavenly wind on the Day of Pentecost causing the things that followed. (I'll discuss these things in more detail when I discuss this chapter in Chapter 9 of my Review/paper.) For example, "What they heard caused them to see fiery tongues, which caused them to feel drunk, which in turn caused them to speak in a heavenly language." That sound didn't cause the things that followed. The wind attended the coming of the all-important pouring out of the promised Life-giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit of God, which (based on the all-important atoning death and resurrection of the Lamb of God) enables Christians to be born again and begin to walk in the truth, righteousness, and holiness of God with the victory over all sin and demons, accomplishing the will of God. (It is significant that the Greek noun *pneuma* can be translated Spirit/spirit or wind [or breath].) The tongues of fire, which God enabled the disciples to see, pictured the powerful sanctifying work of the new-covenant Spirit. I won't discuss it here, but although the disciples were obviously filled with joy upon receiving the Spirit, I don't believe they acted like they were drunk. Anyway, the primary thing that took place on the Day of Pentecost was the reception of the Spirit, which Randolph didn't even mention, and the reception of the Spirit, like the other things, very much including the speaking with tongues/other languages, was not caused by the sound. The all-important coming of the Spirit caused the other things.

Like I mentioned, Randolph didn't mention the all-important coming of the Spirit, but he strongly emphasized the "sound." I'll quote some more of what he said here (pages 97-98): "The bottom line is that they heard a 'sound' like a mighty rushing wind that lead [led] to a number of other different experiences. As stated, the 120 in the upper room heard a sound, which caused them to see something, which caused them to feel something, which caused them to release something.

So, how can hearing a sound of a wind create such a unique chain reaction? Again, the answer is clear: a heavenly 'sound' can create a heightened level of synesthesia [we'll discuss this word in the fuller discussion of this chapter; based on what I have read, it isn't something that we need] that opens our senses to extreme encounters with the supernatural. As a result we are enabled to experience God with every fiber of our being." I don't follow what he says here. What we need is to receive the Spirit and then

walk by the Spirit on a continuous basis in line with the Word of God by grace through faith.

Randolph says we need "to start recovering the truths that are currently held captive by many unbelievers. Many New Agers, for example, have already begun to explore the phenomenon of synesthesia and are desperately trying to 'tune in' to multiple realms of spiritual reality. ..." (page 103). He goes on to strongly exhort us to take back what has been stolen from us.

Chapter 11 of this Book, "Strange Things Are Afoot," by Ellyn Davis. I'll just quote the first paragraph from chapter 10 of my Review/paper, where I discuss chapter 11 of the book: "Davis says that quantum physics (which deals with energy and matter at the atomic and subatomic level) has discovered that some strange (unusual, unexpected) things take place. 'Because of the great deal of "strangeness afoot" in quantum physics, it has inevitably attracted metaphysical interpretations. Most of that interpretation has leaned toward using quantum physics to reinforce eastern mystical beliefs about the nature of the oneness and the power of human consciousness to create and manipulate that reality' (page 113)." We don't need any of that!

Chapter 12 of the Book, Quantum Mysticism," by Ellyn Davis. I'll quote part of what I said when discussing this chapter in chapter 10 of my Review/paper. I believe what Davis says here should suffice to convince Christians they cannot go looking for truth, power, reality, healing or anything else in the New Age/occult world: "On page 127 she comes to the subheading 'Compatibility with Christianity.' I'll quote the four paragraphs that she has here: "It's obvious that the New Age has used quantum physics as part of its belief structure. But are any of the ideas advanced by quantum physics compatible with Christianity.

Yes, they are. I think the beliefs of quantum mysticism are compatible with Christianity in many ways but are totally incompatible in a few, most important ways.

[This next paragraph says enough to convince me that the New Age/occult world is off-limits for Christians. The fact that you can find some things in the New Age/occult world that are compatible with Christianity doesn't make it acceptable for us to go hunting there. We don't go to the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Mormons or the Moslems for help, but they have many things compatible with Christianity.] Christians and quantum mystics part ways over four issues [issues of key importance!]: (1) where God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit fit into the picture. [The New Age/occult world doesn't have any room for the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit as they are presented in the Bible. This is, to say the least, a gigantic problem!]; (2) what constitutes sin [For one thing, they have no room for

our total, desperate need for the all-important atoning death of the Son of God to be set free from the guilt of sin and bondage to sin and demons.]; (3) where the Bible fits into the picture [They clearly do not consider the Bible the foundation for what they believe, which is another gigantic problem!]; (4) what happens after we die. [They don't believe what the Bible teaches about judgment and heaven and hell! I know that reincarnation is a widespread belief among them. And it would be easy to add many things to this listing of incompatibilities.] I won't go into these incompatibilities here, but you may read them on the website www.heavensphysics.com. [I just went to that website, but that information isn't there (January 2020).]

However, there is much that we can agree on. In fact, as the authors of some chapters of this book have mentioned, all truth is God's truth and there are many precious 'God truths' hidden in quantum mysticism for us to claim as our own. We'll delve into just a few of them in the rest of this chapter." I don't find anything there that we don't already have in Christ for us to claim, and, again, I believe it is clear that we have been forbidden to go there. I discuss what she said in the rest of the chapter in the fuller discussion of this chapter in Chapter 11 of my Review/paper.

Chapter 13 of this Book, "Keys to Taking Your Quantum Leap," by David Van Koevering. Van Koevering seriously misinterprets 1 Cor. 1:28. I believe it is an obvious misinterpretation. I'll wait to discuss his misinterpretation under the fuller discussion of his chapter. The only other problem I'll mention here is that he takes a page and a half propounding the view that the speed of light has been slowing down. In the discussion of this chapter, I show that that view is clearly wrong.

Chapter 14, "Whole Lotta Shaking Going On." I won't discuss this chapter in my Review/paper beyond what little I say here. I'll quote the introductory paragraph that the authors (Franklin and Davis) have in italics: "Many men and women of God have experienced physical shaking and 'vibration' and seen bright light when undergoing a deep spiritual transformation. Others have described sensations like electric shocks when encountering God's presence. Here are just a few stories from contributors to this book and others who have had transformative experiences that involved vibrating, electrical sensations, and light.

They go on to quote from Bill Johnson, Beni Johnson, Cal Pierce, Ellyn Davis, Celeste, and John (The last names were not given for Celeste or John). What they share doesn't relate to whether it is OK for Christians to look to the New Age/occult world or science, especially quantum physics, so it is easy for me to skip this chapter.

Chapter 15 of this Book, "The Clarion Call," by Beni Johnson. I won't comment on this chapter except for the brief comments I'll make here. Beni, like two previous writers in this book, uses what happened on the Day of Pentecost to try to show what "sound" can do. Keep in mind that the subtitle of this book is "Exploring God's Mysteries of Sound, Light, Energy, Vibrations, and Quantum Physics." After quoting Acts 2:1-7, which mention the tongues of fire, being filled with the Spirit, speaking in tongues, and the gathering of many Jews, she said, "Look what a sound from heaven could do: first fruits and harvest! The church started that day, many were filled with the Holy Spirit and fire, and as far as we know, it was the first of the harvest of souls. Look at verses 38-41 of Acts 2" (page 165). She went on to quote part of Peter's sermon and the fact that "that day there were added about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

It would hardly be possible to overstate the importance of what happened on the Day of Pentecost, but in no way did the sound of the wind do it, or cause it. That sound was just something that attended the all-important pouring out of the promised Holy Spirit. (As I have mentioned, it is relevant that the Greek word *pneuma* can be translated Spirit/spirit or wind [or breath]. *Pneuma* is translated "wind" and "Spirit" in John 3:8.) I believe that God could have skipped enabling the disciples to hear the sound, and to see the tongues of fire, without sacrificing any of the glory of new-covenant salvation. (I'm thankful that He didn't skip those things. They add a lot to the scene, but the often prophesied, super-important, totally essential thing was the pouring out and reception of the promised, Life-Giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit, who was given through the all-important atoning death and resurrection of the Lamb of God, that enables believers to be born again for the first time since the fall of man, and to be enabled to walk with the victory over all sin and demons, and to be empowered to take the gospel to the world (Acts 1:8). It wasn't essential for the disciples to see the tongues of fire, but it was essential for them to be sanctified (and empowered) by the fire of God.

Chapter 16 of this Book, "Pulling the Tomorrow of God into Today," by Bill Johnson. I won't comment on this chapter. It was excerpted from his book, *Dreaming with God*, and this chapter doesn't directly deal with the things I am interested in for my Review/paper.

2. "FOREWORD" OF THIS BOOK BY KRIS VALLOTTON (pages i-iii).

Some Important Preliminary Comments. I have to strongly disagree with much that Kris Vallotton says in this three-page Foreword, but I don't want to be understood to be writing him off - to be saying that his ministry is invalid. I am not critiquing Vallotton's ministry; I am only critiquing what he said in this book. For one thing, even though his Foreword encourages the acceptance of all the content of this book, he may disagree

with a lot of that content. It is quite possible that he was surprised to eventually learn some of that content.

I don't know much about Vallotton or his ministry, but the few times I have seen him in videos I have never heard him say anything like what is written in this book. We must be slow to judge others, even as we want God to be slow in judging us. God doesn't appreciate our writing off ministers that He hasn't written off. Many, or most, Christian ministers have things mixed in that are wrong. This isn't OK - we need to deal with these things, but we need to go slow about rejecting other Christians and saying things like "I know that they are not real Christians," or "I know that they are false apostles or prophets." The Christian Church of our generation needs to do a lot of repenting.

Some Calvinists, for example, are quick to write off all Arminians, and the other way too. I believe what we need is the balanced truth that is found between those differing viewpoints. It isn't good enough to have a set of verses that fit what we believe and teach, and dogmatically say that we hold the balanced truth of what the Bible teaches. We all need to fairly deal with the other verses too and come to the balanced truth of what the Bible teaches. Typically it is easy to see the problems in other ministries and not see the problems we probably have. (Based on what I have observed the last fifty years, I believe that most - if not all - ministers have room to correct some things that they believe and teach and are doing or not doing, and some of these things are quite important.

I know that Vallotton has quite a bit of insight into spiritual warfare and the work of demons. (That makes him even more a prime target for Satan. Satan is always trying to introduce errors in doctrine and trying to get us into and keep us living in sin.) For one thing, I have heard him share how, as a recently converted Christian, he was intensely attacked by demons for a lengthy period of time, trying to shut him down. I appreciated his honesty in sharing that. If he has renounced the things, or some of the things, that he wrote in this Foreword I haven't heard that, and, as I mentioned, the book is still being sold, including at Bethel Church.

Vallotton (Senior Associate Leader of Bethel Church and co-founder of Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry) says this book is "a divine invitation to join these supernatural explorers, who like Columbus before them refuse to believe that the world is flat. [I don't believe the world is flat, but I cannot join these supernatural explorers.] Leaving the safe haven of conventional thinking, they set sail in uncharted waters with a passion to discover new lands. ... If you are tired of being a settler, existing on the shores of tradition and riskless living, this book is for you" (page ii). This book is not for me!

I am quite disappointed with the state of Christianity in our day, but I don't believe we need to become risk-taking explorers searching science and the New Age/occult world for foundational help that we need. (Vallotton doesn't mention the New Age/occult world in his Foreword, but searching the New Age/occult world for things we need is often spoken of throughout this book which he is recommending.) What we need is to come back to the Word of God, to make it a top priority to really understand it, and then to live it, by grace through faith, solidly manifesting the truth, righteousness, holiness of God and the fruit of the Spirit, accompanied by the manifested power of God that Kris Vallotton, Bill Johnson and many others, including me, want to experience, to the glory of God. Of course we cannot make the Word of God top priority without making God Himself and His Son and the Holy Spirit top priority.

One *great* problem in our day is misinterpretations of the Bible. (Another *great* problem is a trend to minimize our total dependence on the Bible as the foundation for what we believe and what we do and don't do.) This book, chapter after chapter, contains many very important examples of serious misinterpretations of the Bible. This Foreword includes a very important example, as I will demonstrate. This example is all the more important since this misinterpretation attempts to justify that which we keep reading about throughout this book: the need for us to seek for the truth and Christian reality that we desperately need in places like the New Age/occult world and science. I don't believe that Vallotton misinterpreted these verses on purpose, but that he interpreted these verses to fit what he thinks (knows) is the truth. I'm confident that he is sincere and wants to glorify God and be a blessing to His people. (I assume this is true for all those who wrote chapters in this book. But we need more than sincerity.) I'll quote the two paragraphs that contain Vallotton's serious misinterpretation (from pages i and ii):

"This book is a foretaste of things to come, unearthing what the great apostle Paul penned nearly two thousand years ago. 'Since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made...' (Romans 1:20). [Apparently Vallotton was quoting from the NASB; if so he dropped the word "For" at the beginning of the verse and inserted the word "God's" instead of the word "His." If this is what happened, he didn't alter the meaning of these words, but it is good to quote word for word.] What a profound revelation! Creation itself is the heavenly breadcrumbs strategically placed on the path of life to lead us into understanding the depths of God. [[I'll make several comments here in a double bracket before I continue to quote from Vallotton. (This double bracket continues for four paragraphs.) It is necessary to understand that the apostle Paul was not speaking of "heavenly breadcrumbs strategically placed on the path of life" to progressively lead us in our day (here at the end of this age) to the truth

and Christian reality that we need. Vallotton is undoubtedly including the idea here that science, including quantum physics, is involved in discovering and interpreting these "heavenly breadcrumbs" for us.

God's creation does reveal a lot about God. For example, His infinite wisdom and power are manifested, along with His divine order, and His requirement for divine order among angels and people; He is totally for love, faithfulness, obedience, and beauty. One thing God's creation demonstrates when we really see what is happening is that He always ultimately blesses those who submit to Him and His righteousness and divine order and that He always ultimately judges those who rebel against Him and His righteousness and divine order. These things are built into His creation. It must be understood, however, that we are totally dependent on God's *special* revelation contained in the Bible to understand what went wrong (the devil's rebellion and man's joining that rebellion against God - sin) and what we need to do about it: We desperately need to understand the problem and to submit to God and His spectacular new-covenant plan of salvation and appropriate the fullness of His saving grace by faith. Judgment day is coming!

The apostle Paul wasn't speaking of God's progressively revealing the truths that we need to be victorious, faithful, fruitful Christians. Vallotton said, as quoted above, "Creation itself is the heavenly breadcrumbs strategically placed on the path of life to lead us into understanding the depths of God." In context Vallotton was referring to the things that are supposedly being revealed to the end-time risk-taking explorers that are spoken of throughout this book. **HOWEVER, PAUL TELLS US IN SEVERAL OF HIS WRITINGS, INCLUDING HERE IN EPHESIANS 3:1-10, THAT THESE THINGS HAD ALREADY BEEN REVEALED TO HIM (and other apostles and prophets; I should mention that some super-important parts of the New Testament were given to other apostles, including, for example, the writings of the apostle John) THAT ENDED UP BEING RECORDED IN GOD'S WORD. THE BASICS THAT WE NEED HAVE ALREADY BEEN REVEALED, but there is a little room for Him to yet reveal some details regarding the end of this age and His second coming. THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO GO TO THE WORLD - the devil is the god of this world - TO HELP MEET OUR NEEDS! The Bible puts a very strong emphasis on this point: WE ARE FORBIDDEN TO LOOK TO THE WORLD FOR THE THINGS THAT ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE!**

VALLOTTON'S NEXT PARAGRAPH IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO SEE THE WRONG FOUNDATIONAL IDEAS ON WHICH THIS BOOK IS BASED (I'll continue to quote from Vallotton):]] The apostle Paul went on to say that the Saints are to, '...bring to light...the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the

rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places [*places*] (Ephesians 3:8-9)." There are several problems here, some of them super-serious. For one thing, although the info at the front of the book says they always quote from the NKJV unless they include "NASB," he was quoting from the NASB here but didn't mention it. No big problem. He said he was quoting from Eph. 3:8-9. Actually he quoted most of Eph. 3:9 and then all of verse 10. This causes a very serious problem! For one thing, he didn't quote verse 8, which is part of the sentence (the sentence that starts at verse 8 and goes through verse 10; actually the sentence continues through verse 13 in the Greek) AND IS NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT PAUL WAS SAYING HERE, AND WHAT HE WASN'T SAYING. I'll quote all of Eph. 3:1-13 as we continue, so you can see what Paul was saying in 3:8-10, and what he was not saying.

Vallotton says that Paul was speaking in Eph. 3:9-10 of things like those which the authors of this book are learning (and then revealing to all who will listen) from science and the New Age/occult world and from their present gifts of revelation (one big problem here is that many "revelations" don't come from God). (I believe in the gifts of the Spirit for today, but the foundational teaching that is the basis for Christianity has already been given, and we don't need any new revelation or authority or power that will enable us to believe and to live as we are enabled and required to believe and to live, or to be healed.)

Once we include Eph. 3:8, which is part of the sentence, it is very clear that Paul was speaking in Eph. 3:8-10 of the things that God had already revealed to him (and other apostles and prophets in his day) when God was revealing the glorious gospel of new-covenant salvation to those who would, for one thing, record these foundational truths in the New Testament. And it is significant that Eph. 3:1-7 confirm that the apostle was speaking about *his* ministry of revealing the gospel of new-covenant salvation, not of risk-taking Christian explorers in our day (or any other day) searching for these things, things that have already been revealed and given.

For one important detail, we have to understand that Paul was using the word "mystery" in Eph. 3:9 of things that had been hidden in God - in that sense they were a "mystery" - BUT HAD NOW BEEN REVEALED TO THE APOSTLE PAUL, and some others too, SO NOW THEY WERE NO LONGER UNKNOWN TO US, THEY ARE NO LONGER A MYSTERY IN THAT SENSE. The glorious revelation regarding God's salvation plans for the Gentiles was especially given to Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. What Paul said in Eph. 3:6 is especially relevant here: "*to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." This was totally unexpected by Israel, but for which we Gentile Christians are eternally thankful!

I'll quote Col. 1:25-27, which is one of quite a few passages where we can see how Paul used the word "mystery," then I'll quote Eph. 3:1-13, which is even more relevant since Vallotton quoted from Eph. 3:9-10. This is important, and I believe what I'm sharing here is obvious once we read God's word in context. I don't believe it is possible to disagree with what I am saying here once we read 3:9-10 in their context, keeping in mind that 3:8 is part of the same sentence with 3:9-10. We always need to read words and verses in their contexts. It is all too easy to misinterpret God's Word, and the devil is always anxious to help us misinterpret God's Word. Good, sincere, intelligent Christians can misinterpret the Bible, as has so often happened. (I always quote from the NASB unless I mention otherwise.)

Colossians 1:25-27. "Of *this church* I [the apostle Paul] was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the *preaching of the word of God*, (26) *that is, the mystery that had been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints*, (27) to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory [the glory that we will receive when we are glorified at the end of this age; Col. 1:5 speaks of "the hope (of the glory) laid up for you in heaven"]."

Ephesians 3:1-13. **For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles** [Paul was literally a prisoner in Rome at that time because of his faithfulness to Christ and the gospel.] - **(2) if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given me for you; (3) that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.** [As I mentioned, the mystery refers to the glorious gospel of new-covenant salvation that was formerly hidden in God but was now being revealed through Paul (and others in those early, foundational days) - he was not speaking of future revelation; everything we need to understand the gospel and to faithfully live in agreement with the gospel has already been given. And the apostle certainly wasn't speaking of, or including, the idea that here at the end of this age we will need to be risk-taking explorers going to the New Age/occult world or science to learn and receive things that we need to be fruitful, faithful Christians. Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles (cf., e.g., Rom. 11:15; Gal. 1:7-9), but he also ministered to Jews quite a bit.] **(4) by referring to this** [to what the apostle had already said in his epistle to the Ephesians], **when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ** [and new-covenant salvation in Him, very much including God's unexpected plan to fully save Gentile believers along with Jewish believers with a super-full salvation], **(5) which in other generations was not make known to the sons of men, as it** [the mystery] **has now been revealed** [not

will be progressively revealed in the future] **to His holy apostles and prophets in [by] the Spirit; (6) to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel** [The mystery was not at all limited to the important detail mentioned here in verse 6, but that detail was/is super-important to Gentile Christians.], **(7) of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.** [[It is very important to see that the truth that we need and the power that worked through Paul and works in believers came/comes by the grace of God in Christ through faith. God must receive all the glory for every aspect of our salvation. We certainly don't want to share His glory with the world (and its god) by looking to science (secular and often hostile-to-God-and-Christianity science) or the New Age/occult world for the truth or authority or power we need to be victorious, faithful Christians.]] **(8) To me, the very least of all saints** [for one primary thing, Paul had intensely persecuted Christians before he was saved (cf. 1 Tim. 1:12-16)], **this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, (9) and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God** [[This verse clearly shows in what sense Paul calls the gospel of new-covenant salvation a mystery: It had been hidden in God until it was revealed to Paul (and others, but as I mentioned, Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles). It doesn't remain unknown after it has been revealed by Paul (and others). The apostle didn't say anything here about future revelation, and certainly not revelation that Christians need to go exploring in the world for. We are not called to search for "heavenly breadcrumbs strategically placed on the path of life to lead us into understanding the depths of God," which Vallotton stated on his page i. We haven't been called to be such risk-taking explorers in the world. THERE IS NO REAL RISK IN SUBMITTING TO GOD, HIS SON, HIS WORD, AND HIS NEW-COVENANT SALVATION. THAT IS THE ONLY SUPER-SOLID, SUPER-SECURE FOUNDATION THAT WILL STAND IN THIS AGE AND IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT THAT IS COMING.]; **(10) so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.** [[The rulers and authorities in the heavenly *places* (which includes those faithful to God and those faithful to Satan and allied with him) learned through the church of the manifold wisdom of God's plans - plans that center in the Lord Jesus Christ - to save all who submit to Him in faith and to judge and remove all who persist in rebellion, very much including Satan, the evil angels and demons. The truth resides in the church through the revelation that was given to the apostle Paul (and other apostles and prophets in his day). Paul worded this verse in a way that helps demonstrate the supreme privilege of being a member in the Body of Christ, the church. The rulers and authorities in heavenly places had to wait to learn the details of God's new-covenant salvation plans. For one thing, it was necessary for God to keep much of this information hidden lest evil powers try to frustrate His plans. "but we [the apostle

Paul said] speak wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory [my emphasis]" (1 Cor. 2:7-8).] **(11) This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He [God the Father] carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him [in Christ Jesus]. (13) Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf [in his role as apostle to the Gentiles], for they are for your glory.**

3. "INTRODUCTION" OF THIS BOOK, "A GLIMPSE OF THINGS TO COME," BY JUDY FRANKLIN (pages v-xi). "This book is a conglomeration of the things Ellyn [Davis] and I have learned about sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics [my underlining for emphasis]. It also shares insights God has shown others. ..." (page vii).

The following paragraph on page vii is under the subheading "First the Natural." I'll quote part of the first paragraph she has under this subheading: "First Corinthians 15:46 says, **...the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.** She quoted this verse (from the NASB) to try to lend Biblical support to the idea often spoken of throughout this book, that it is good and necessary for us to study the "natural," which includes "sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics," things that are related to science, to learn things that will enable us to become powerful, super-effective, healed Christians here at the end of this age. A primary point I want to make here is that 1 Cor. 15:46 offers ZERO support for that idea. There is a serious, widespread problem in this book with misinterpreting the Bible.

Everything we need to become/be powerful, totally effective Christians has been provided in new-covenant salvation, including the things we need here at the end of this age. The authority and power that will enable us to become, and to be, what we are called to be as Christians and to do what God calls us to do have been provided by Him in new-covenant salvation. (Of course I am not denying that it is proper for us to use natural/physical things like computers and modern communication and transportation systems, but those things cannot set us free from sin and demons and enable us to come into, and to live in, divine order, including revival.) We are not saved through the natural, which includes science - science typically states that they are limited to the natural world, things they can test; however, many scientists in our day wrongly and dogmatically state that the universe was not created and that there is no God; life didn't come from God and humans just evolved as natural/physical beings who do not owe anything to the supposed God of creation and the God of the Bible. Nevertheless,

Christians know (we know because we believe the Bible is God's Word) that God did create everything that exists through His Son and that we are saved by God through His Son and His infinitely powerful, outpoured, indwelling, Life-Giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit. The power we need to function as powerful, totally effective Christians comes from the Holy Spirit through the Lord Jesus Christ. We don't need to look for truth or power that is part of the natural/physical world to live in the center of God's will and to do all that He calls us to do.

We will look at 1 Cor. 15:46 in its context to see what the apostle Paul was saying here, and what he wasn't saying. I'll quote all of 1 Corinthians 15:42-58 (NASB) because this is an interesting passage that deals with the future resurrection of our bodies, when we will be glorified at the end of this age. (The apostle Paul was dealing with the resurrection of our bodies throughout this entire chapter because some Christians, including at Corinth, were denying the resurrection of our bodies.): **So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown [buried] a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*: (43) it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; (44) it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.** [Note how the apostle uses the words "natural" and "spiritual" in this passage. He is using the word "spiritual" of our future glorified existence as opposed to our present existence which he calls "natural." Even though we are born again and called and enabled to walk by the Holy Spirit now, most of the glory of our inheritance is reserved for the time of our future glorification, which includes the resurrection and glorification of our bodies, when we will be glorified and begin to reign with God and His Son in a never-ending reign.] **(45) So also it is written, 'The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL [Gen. 2:7].'** **The last Adam [the Lord Jesus Christ] *became a life-giving spirit*.** [We are born again through the indwelling Holy Spirit of Life that Christ (on the basis of His all-important atoning death and resurrection) poured out on believers, starting on the Day of Pentecost, but the apostle Paul is speaking here, in this context, of Christ catching us up into the fullness of eternal life and glory, including our having glorified bodies, at the end of this age.] **(46) However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.** [[So, and this is very significant, 1 Cor. 15:46 offers ZERO support for Franklin's interpretation that we need to look to the natural (sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics) for part of what we need to become, and to do, all that God calls us to become, and to do, here at the end of this age. The writers of this book speak of a mighty revival that will strongly surpass what started for the early Christians with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. I don't see that mighty end-time revival spelled out in the New Testament, but we certainly need revival and the more the better.

I have to disagree with the idea that a revival will come in whole, or in part, from things we learn through science (or from the New Age/occult world that is often spoken of in this book). It is significant that many modern scientists have begun to look to the occult world. They have verified that supernatural things actually take place there. But many of those same people totally reject the God of the Bible, His Son, and the need for new-covenant salvation. For one thing, if God did exist, they would owe Him everything and would need to repent and submit to Him and His plan of salvation. Their lives would have to drastically change with a new foundation.]] **(47) The first man [Adam] is from the earth, earthy; the second man [Christ Jesus, the Son of God who always existed with God the Father] is from heaven. (48) As is the earthy [Adam], so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly** [referring to us after we are glorified when Christ returns at the end of this age]. **(49) Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly** [after we are glorified; this includes the resurrection of the bodies of the believers who have died before Christ returns and their glorification and the glorification of us Christians, including our bodies, who will still be alive on the earth when He comes]. **(50) Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.** [This verse strongly confirms that the apostle has been speaking of our inheriting the kingdom of God in its ultimate glorified form after, *only after*, we have left our flesh and blood bodies behind and been glorified.] **(51) Behold I tell you a mystery** [referring to things that had been hidden in God but now have been revealed to the apostle Paul (and others in his day) which he reveals to us]; **we** [referring to true Christians] **will not all sleep** [Some of us Christians will not "sleep," that is, we will not die, but we will still be alive, living on the earth, when Christ returns], **but we will all be changed** [We (all true Christians) will all be changed/glorified. The believers who have died before Christ returns will be resurrected and glorified. The believers who will still be alive when He returns will not need to be resurrected, but we will be glorified.], **(52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye** [in the *blinking* (rapid closing and opening) of the eye, which doesn't take long], **at the last trumpet** [I believe this is the same trumpet as in Matt. 24:31; 1 Thess. 4:16, and Rev. 11:15. It is significant that the trumpet of Rev. 11:15 is the seventh and LAST trumpet of the book of Revelation. See my books, *The Mid-Week Rapture* and *Introduction to the Mid-Week Rapture* (both are available at amazon.com and on my internet site [Google to Karl Kemp Teaching].); **for the trumpet will sound, and the dead** [the Christians who will have died before the Lord Jesus returns (although Paul probably did not mention them here, I believe that all of the believers who lived in the days before the new covenant was established in the atoning death of Christ and His resurrection will be resurrected and glorified at this time too)] **will be raised imperishable, and we** [the true Christians who will still be living on the earth when Christ returns] **will be changed** [glorified]. This verse also makes it clear that the

apostle has been speaking of things that will take place when the Lord Jesus returns, *not before He returns*. And, significantly, like I said, 1 Cor. 15:46 offers ZERO support for Franklin's idea that we will learn part of what we need to know, and receive part of what we need to receive, from the natural (sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics) to be powerful, effective Christians here at the end of this age.

I'll include a few excerpts from this Introduction to show what Franklin means by the "natural" that comes first, but much of this book deals with this concept: "We believe that God is revealing things [things that we supposedly need to appropriate to become the powerful, totally effective Christians that we need to be here at the end of this age] in the sciences, particularly in quantum physics, that can be directly related to the spiritual realm. [The "spiritual realm" includes Satan's kingdom too. We must be very careful that we do not appropriate Satan's "help."]

The revelatory connection between quantum physics and the spirit realm poses an uncomfortable challenge. Christianity has traditionally rejected much of what scientists propose because their conclusions haven't necessarily been drawn from a biblical world view. [[Christians are certainly obligated to reject the science that rejects God, His Son, His Word, His creation of our universe including us humans, and new-covenant salvation through repentance and submission to Him and new-covenant salvation; they totally reject the idea that we are obligated to live for Him in accordance with His laws and that we will be judged by Him. Scientists are not competent, and they have no authority to say the Bible is wrong about the things I just mentioned. And we must realize that some anti-God, anti-Christian scientists are motivated by demons. Science cannot give us what we need to become powerful, totally effective Christians here at the end of this age. These things must come from God through His Son and by His all-powerful Spirit; these things have already been provided through new-covenant salvation to be appropriated by grace through faith. And God must receive all the glory for what happens.]] We like science when it makes discoveries that improve our health or lifestyle, but we are uncomfortable when it comes to entertaining some of the ideas science has drawn from quantum physics. [As I mentioned, science, including quantum physics, is totally unable to improve the basic spiritual truths and saving power that have been provided by God in His Son and by His indwelling Spirit in new-covenant salvation. God does not try to improve new-covenant salvation through science here at the end of this age (or through the New Age/occult world, which is often spoken of in this book).] (page vii).

"The Lord is ready to use sound, light, and energy in ways we never dreamed of, but we need some foundational understandings. [Then she included a prophecy. I agree with what I heard Mike Bickle say recently about prophecies in our day. Mike was a key

leader in the prophetic movement for many years. He said that although he believes in the gift of prophecy and that some prophecies are from God, he doesn't believe that most prophecies are from God. (I agree that at least "many" prophecies in our day are not from God. Some are of the flesh, and clever, deceitful demons are quite active in this area too.)] A WORD FROM GOD. Here is a prophetic word the Lord gave me about the coming importance of sound; 'Just as the people were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, when suddenly there came from heaven a noise [sound], and this noise was like a violent rushing wind, there will come again a noise that I will release from heaven. This noise - this sound - will be released and, just as the people in that upper room were changed [I need to make the important point that those people were changed by the all-important prophesied pouring out and reception of the all-powerful Holy Spirit, which is a big part of what new-covenant salvation is all about, and that that Spirit is still here, dwelling in all true Christians. **THEY WERE NOT TRANSFORMED BY THE NOISE/SOUND.**], people who hear this sound that I will release will be changed. ... This sound that I will release will cause people to think differently [I don't believe that a "natural" "sound" is going to bring about this change. I don't know of anything in the Bible that prophesies of that change, and the Spirit has already come. He enables us to think right (cf., e.g., Rom. 8:5-9), especially to think right in our hearts.]' " (page viii).

I'll quote one last sentence under her last heading in this chapter, "About the book [*Physics of Heaven*]." "This book is just the precursor to the revelation that God is going to give us when he releases a new, transforming sound." Keep in mind that this "new, transforming sound" is supposed to come from the "natural" (sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics) which supposedly comes before the "spiritual."

4. CHAPTER 1, "THE POWER OF THE ZERO-POINT FIELD" BY JUDY FRANKLIN (pages 1-9). I'll quote what Franklin says at the beginning of this chapter. Here again we are confronted with a serious misinterpretation of the New Testament that is being used (I trust it is being sincerely used) to try to give Biblical support to a dominant idea being presented in this book, that here at the end of this age God is calling us to a spectacular revival that requires us to learn truth and receive transforming miracle-working power through science and the New Age/occult world. "Have you ever read a passage in the Bible and found yourself coming back to it again and again? It's like there is something in those particular verses that somehow latches on to your spirit and you just have to understand what they mean. [Yes, but, as we will discuss, she seriously misunderstands what these verses mean.]

That's the way it was with me several years ago when I read Romans 8:18-22. [These are very important verses, in a very important chapter, in a very important book (one of the most important books, if not the most important book, in the New Testament) written by the apostle Paul. I'll quote the verses she mentioned and add the next three verses, 8:23-25, which are relevant to our topic. Romans 8:18-25, quoted from the NASB.] **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.** [As we discussed above (in Section 3 of this paper), when discussing 1 Cor. 15:46, "the glory that is to be revealed to us" is the glory that will accompany our being resurrected and glorified (if we have died) and glorified if we are still living on the earth when the Lord Jesus returns, and our beginning to reign with God the Father and His Son. The apostle confirms this interpretation as he continues with these verses. Franklin, however, interprets these prophetic words of the glory we will begin to appropriate in the end times, before the Lord Jesus returns, through the truth, power, etc. that will come to us in part through quantum physics and the "natural," physical dimension. That's quite a difference! Verses like Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 3:4; and 1 Pet. 5:4 confirm the totally widely accepted interpretation that I am giving here. I believe it is totally clear what the apostle Paul is saying here.] **(19) For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.** [We will be revealed (manifested) when we are glorified at the return of the Lord Jesus, not before. The "anxious longing of the creation" is based on its knowing that when Christ returns at the end of this age and we, the sons of God, are glorified, it signals the time when the creation itself will be glorified, first in the millennial kingdom, then in a much fuller sense in the eternal state that follows the millennium.] **(20) For the creation was subjected [by God] to futility** [This includes all of the curses that came on the creation through the rebellion of man (cf. Gen. 3:17-19), very much including the fact that Satan became the god of this world. This includes everything like animals killing one another and sometimes killing people; the weather yielding too little rain and too much rain, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, too hot and/or too cold; germs, viruses, bugs that attack people, and animals that kill one another and people.], **not willingly** [the creation, being personified here, did not will for these things to happen, quite the contrary], **but because of Him [God] who subjected it, in hope** [The primary point here is that the creation knows that these curses are temporary. The creation *hopes* ("hope," as the word is used here, and often, doesn't include any doubting) that the desired transformation will be initiated when Christ comes to glorify His people and remove the unrepentant by judgment, which will lead to the millennial kingdom (cf., e.g., Isa. 11:6-9; 65:25).] **(21) that the creation itself will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.** [The good news is that the "pains of childbirth" will yield, will give birth to, the glorified creation at the right time. (As I mentioned, I'll add verses 23-25 to the verses

Franklin quoted; they are relevant to our topic.)) **(23) and not only this** [that is, it isn't just the creation groaning and suffering the pains of childbirth throughout this age, we Christians have to endure some suffering the pains of childbirth too as we await our birth into the fullness of eternal life, when we will be glorified at the return of the Lord Jesus.], **but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit** [We have the glorious first fruits of the work of the Holy Spirit now, during this present age, which includes the new birth and the authority and power to live for God now in His righteousness and holiness, which includes the fruit (Gal. 5:22-23) and gifts (cf. 1 Corinthians chapter 12) of the Spirit. Now we have the "first fruits of the Spirit," but we will experience a much fuller dimension of His work when we are glorified and begin to reign with the Father and the Son.], **even we ourselves groan** [note that verse 22 spoke of the creation *groaning*] **within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons** [It is clear that we have already become the children of God in a preliminary sense in that we have been born again, but much of our salvation is reserved for the time of our glorification, when the Lord Jesus returns and we will be born into the fullness of eternal life and glory. So much of our salvation is reserved for the future that the apostle Paul can speak of our only having the "hope of eternal life" now (Titus 3:7) and 1 Pet. 1:5 speaks of "a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." There are a large number of verses that make this same point.], **the redemption of our body.** [And it is clear that our bodies will be redeemed when we will be glorified, including our bodies.] **(24) For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?** [You wouldn't hope that you might be glorified, including your body, if you had already been glorified. At the present time all we can do is hope for that reality, but hope does not infer that there is any doubt about it, assuming, of course, that we stay faithful by the grace of God through faith until the end.] **(25) But if we hope for what we do not see** [that is, we do not yet see and experience having been glorified], **with perseverance** [which includes persevering to stay faithful now by God's sufficient grace by faith] **we wait eagerly for it.** We obviously have to wait for God's time to glorify us. Franklin offers a totally different interpretation of these verses. She believes that these verses prophesy of the change that will take place that will lead to a gigantic revival that is spoken of often in the *Physics of Heaven before* the Lord returns. This change will supposedly take place to some extent through the sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics that are spoken of in the *Physics of Heaven*. I'll include some excerpts from this chapter to demonstrate how she interprets Rom. 8:18-22:

"The next thing the Lord told me was that soon He would release a sound [Based on what I have read, this would be a natural/physical sound.] from heaven that will literally change the structure of how we think. This new sound will transform us like the transformation spoken of in Romans 12 [cf. Rom. 12:2]. Our minds will be renewed so

we think like Him and are no longer conformed to this world but conformed to the will of God. [[According to Rom. 12:2 (and other verses, very much including Rom. 8:5-9) we are called, and enabled, to think this way now. I'll quote Rom. 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing [better, "renewal" (see the BAGD Greek Lexicon and the Greek Lexicon/Dictionary in the back of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament under *anakainosis*)] of the mind [or, "of the way of thinking"]." Romans 8:5-9 show that we are called, and enabled (by the Holy Spirit), to think right in our hearts now, and therefore to live right, in the truth, righteousness, and holiness of God now. We don't have to wait for God to do something new in the end times, but many of us need to begin to fully think and walk by the Spirit, in agreement with the Word of God, as we are called, enabled, and required to do [cf. Gal.5:16.]] ...

I agree, of course, that we will continue to grow in knowledge as we live for the Lord Jesus (and to grow more like Him), but if we walk by the Spirit on a continuous basis, by grace through faith, in agreement with the basics of the gospel that we can and should know even as recently converted Christians, we will be living with the victory over sin. I'll quote Gal. 5:16, **But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the [sinful] desire of the flesh.** Also see Romans chapter 6, for example. The apostle Paul didn't just write these words to those who had been Christians for a long time. I'm certainly not suggesting that victory over sin is automatic or always easy, but God has provided a lot more sanctifying grace than most of us have been appropriating by faith. God hates sin, and He paid an infinite price in the Sacrifice of His Son to set us free from sin, spiritual death, and demons. I'm sharing good news, very good news! See my books *Holiness and Victory Over Sin: Full Salvation Through the Atoning Death of the Lord Jesus Christ* and *Righteousness, Holiness, and Victory Over Sin.*] ...

I began thinking about the day of Pentecost. One hundred and twenty believers were in an upper room in Jerusalem when they heard a sound [a natural/physical sound] like a mighty rushing wind. It wasn't a wind [there could have been a literal wind too], it was a sound. And when that sound ended, the thinking of those men and women was completely changed. [IT BEGS TO BE SAID THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF THE NOW INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT THAT ENABLED THEM TO THINK RIGHT, NOT THE SOUND.] Instead of hiding themselves in an upper room, they spilled out onto the streets boldly preaching about Jesus.

This whole idea about a transforming sound has been mulling around in my spirit for years and I have been studying everything I can find about sound, vibration, and frequency [which are "natural" things; remember she believes first the "natural" first, then the "spiritual"]. I don't understand all that it means, but I feel like the Lord has told

me if we will place our hearts in an upper room posture, He is again releasing a sound that will transform the way we think. I believe that sound is going to empower us to do greater works than He [Jesus] did.

The more I studied, the more I became convinced God is preparing to reveal kingdom insights about sound; and if we will embrace these insights and revelations, we will finally become the children of God that creation has been eagerly awaiting. [This last sentence is built on her misinterpretation of Rom. 8:18-22.]" (pages 2-3).

Franklin goes on for several pages to present the idea, the idea that is theoretical and confusing, that our universe is packed with unseen "zero-point field" light/energy. "I was stunned. We live in a God-created universe sustained by an 'underlying sea of quantum light' of immeasurable energy. One square yard of the zero-point field contains enough energy to boil all the water in the world. [There are many unknowns, but it seems there is widespread agreement that this energy, if it even exists, is not available to use.] I believe that energy, that power, that light released by God at the beginning of time [the time that began when God created our universe.] is what is in us and around us right now. That's God's power. [My primary concern here is that natural/physical power is not what we need, even if this energy exists and could be harnessed, which is totally unlikely. We need the power of God's Spirit, which is already available for us to use to accomplish His will.]

The Bible tells us, 'If you have the faith of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain "be removed" and it will be removed' [Yes, and this has always been available to Christians. The power of God (by the infinite Spirit of God) moves these mountains, and we didn't have to wait for end-time discoveries re. sound, light, energy, frequencies, vibrations and quantum physics (or anything we can learn from the New Age/occult world) for us to move the mountains that need to be removed.]" (pages 6-7).

"We have the zero-point field within us. [In the sentence right before this sentence (which was the last sentence of the preceding paragraph), Franklin spoke of the power of "this 'sea of quantum light' that undergirds everything."] ... So we truly have the power within us and around us to move many mountains" (pages 7-8). The power to move mountains is in God. It was in God for the early Christians and that same power is still available to us today to move the mountains that need to be moved by faith, faith in God. We don't need some special end-time insight about zero-point field energy to move mountains by the power of God, by grace through faith. This seems totally clear to me.

Lastly, I'll quote the last paragraph in her chapter: "In this book, you will not only learn about the mysteries of sound, light, vibrations, frequencies, and energy [don't forget quantum physics, and the book also puts a strong emphasis on our need to take back what the New Age/occult world has supposedly stolen from the kingdom of God.], but you will also read the experiences of Bill Johnson, Beni Johnson, Cal Pierce, and others who were shaken by vibrations from God in such a way that they literally changed the way they thought." I agree that God can change the way we think in significant ways through interacting with us in spiritual experiences, but we need to be careful that we don't interact with demons and the kingdom of Satan. We must always think in line with the Bible.

5. CHAPTER 2, "EXTRACTING THE PRECIOUS FROM THE WORTHLESS," BY ELLYN DAVIS. I'll quote her first paragraph: "In Jeremiah 15:19, God says [God says to Jeremiah], "If you extract the precious from the worthless, you will become [or, "you will be"] My spokesman. [[Davis just quoted the third of the verse that she was interested in. SHE TOTALLY MISINTERPETED WHAT GOD SAID TO JEREMIAH HERE IN THIS CONTEXT. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT! A PATTERN OF MISINTRPRETATIONS IN THIS BOOK IS BEING ESTABLISHED. (For one thing, those who put the emphasis on experiencing the supernatural are sometimes weak in understanding the Bible. We need both, but the Bible, rightly interpreted, must be our foundation.) I'll quote the entire verse later and discuss this verse in some detail in its context. She quoted from the NASB.]] We may have to delve into areas we previously considered off-limits to extract the 'precious' from the 'worthless' and recover lost truths that belong to the people of God" (page 11). I believe the Bible makes it clear that these "areas" always were, and always will be, "off-limits" to the people of God, and I believe I will say enough here to demonstrate that Davis doesn't offer any valid scriptural support for her viewpoint.

I believe I will be able to demonstrate to your satisfaction that Jer. 15:19, in its context, offers ZERO scriptural support for the way Davis interprets the words she quoted from Jer. 15:19. She uses these words in Jer. 15:19 to try to demonstrate that it is proper for Christians to go looking for the truths and help that we need by *extracting those precious things* from the New Age/occult world and quantum physics, while rejecting the *worthless things* she admits you find there - she admits there are some demonic things there (page 15). "I decided to examine New Age thought and practice for anything 'precious' that might be 'extracted' from the worthless. ... At that time, I could not find a single Christian leader who shared a similar interest in finding out if there were truths hidden in the New Age" (page 15). Of course the New Age movement has some truth mixed in with the error, but there isn't anything there that we need, and I don't believe God gives us liberty to go looking there. In fact, throughout the Bible He strongly forbids

His people to go looking elsewhere, than to Him, for the things we need and He provides. He didn't tell those listening to Him that the other religions and occult world didn't have any reality and power, but that any supernatural reality and power there came from the kingdom of evil and evil spirits.

I have to totally disagree with what Davis said after she began to look to the New Age to see if she might find some "precious" things that we Christians need: She said, "The strange thing was, much of what I saw and heard embodied biblical principles [It's true for example that the New Age likes to speak of "Christ"; they speak of "faith"; they are big into "healing," and they like to quote verses of the Bible as long as they don't lead to the truth] and could be backed up by Scripture" (page 14). The widespread serious error in what they teach isn't backed up by a proper interpretation of the Scripture. As I mentioned, the Bible forbids us to look to all forms of the occult world. "This book just touches the tip of the iceberg of what is being discovered about sound, light, energy, frequencies and vibrations" (page 19). It could be relevant to some extent that Davis was fully immersed in the hippie culture before she became a Christian.

One dominant point that I want to emphasize in this paper is that God has provided everything we need to be what He calls us to be and to do what He has called us to do. I'm speaking especially about spiritual things that deal with salvation, truth, righteousness, holiness, guidance, etc. He also wants us to look to Him for the things we need like healing, a place to live, food, and clothing, but it is clear that it is proper for us to function as part of this world as we look to God and stay faithful to Him. We are in the world but not of it. It is totally inappropriate for God's people to look to the world (which includes other religions, the New Age/occult world, secular science, and the philosophy of men [cf. Col. 2:8]) for learning the truth or receiving the authority and power that we need to live as we are enabled and required to live in His truth, salvation, righteousness, and holiness. It is totally inappropriate for us to try to supplement what God has already supplied for us in new-covenant salvation, which includes the outpoured, indwelling Spirit of God.

Many Christians in our day have many needs. We especially have a need to appropriate the grace that God has made available for us to faithfully live for Him in His truth, righteousness, and holiness. We must understand that the things we need have been provided for already, including direction, wisdom, righteousness, holiness, and the gifts of the Spirit. It is totally inappropriate, and serious sin, for us to look to the world (which includes all of the things that don't come from God) for the help that we need. Many need to repent and become what God has called us to be and to do what He has called us to do. When we do things God's way, by His grace through faith, in agreement with His Word, we are enabled to live in the center of His will and to glorify Him.

As I mentioned, Davis takes a line from Jer. 15:19 (**If you extract the precious from the worthless, you will become [be] My spokesman**) out of context and totally misinterprets these words in an attempt to give Biblical support for what she says in this chapter and for much that is written throughout this book. (I'm not questioning her motives or her intelligence; I believe that she is sincere and intelligent; but I am saying that she seriously misinterpreted these words.)

We will look at Jeremiah 15:19 in its context. I'll quote from the NASB: **Therefore, thus says the LORD** [Yahweh in the Hebrew], **If you return [repent], then I will restore you - Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become** [or, **You will be** (with the NIV, for example); Jeremiah had been God's spokesman for a long time already.] **My spokesman. They** [the people of Judah that Jeremiah was commissioned to prophesy to] **for their part may turn to you, But as for you, you must not turn to them** [[Jeremiah must repent as required and be faithful to God; he must not alter the message(s) God has given him in any way ((He must not proclaim anything other than what God has given him to proclaim; God certainly wasn't telling Jeremiah to gather a lot of information from the world (including the many false prophets in Judah) and extract that which was precious to add to his message; the prophets were called to deliver God's message(s).)) or to back off from delivering the unaltered message(s) that God had given him, trying to satisfy to some extent the people he was sent to minister to, who were in serious rebellion against God and not open to serious repentance. Many hated Jeremiah, and some wanted to kill him.]].

The NIV translation of Jer. 15:19 is helpful: **Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you** [with repentance toward God], **but you must not turn to them.** Jeremiah must stay faithful to God by His grace no matter how difficult this proved to be. We need to settle it in our hearts that the only legitimate option we have is to stay faithful to God no matter how difficult this proves to be. Sometimes this is quite difficult, but we must do it by His grace through faith. The more difficult it is, the more we glorify Him.

Jeremiah had been a prophet of God for a long time by the time we get to chapter 15, but he had become discouraged, was doing a lot of complaining, and had become unfaithful in his very difficult, very important ministry. God was calling him to repent and be faithful to Him in his ministry. Jeremiah needed to faithfully speak the things God had given him to speak, and only the things God had given him to speak. No more backing

off from speaking the message(s) God had given him to speak; no more complaining, etc.

THERE WAS NO IDEA HERE WHATSOEVER THAT JEREMIAH WAS TO GO SEARCHING FOR TRUTHS, POWER, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT HE NEEDED TO FAITHFULLY FULFILL HIS MINISTRY, AS DAVIS MISINTERPETED THESE WORDS OF JEREMIAH 15:19. There was no idea whatsoever that he needed to go searching among the "worthless" to find the "precious." He just needed to repent and become faithful to God by His grace, which required him to drop all of the "worthless" things he had been saying and stick with the precious message(s) God had given him. He certainly didn't need to listen to the many false prophets who were contradicting him or the people who were rebelling against God, including those with occult powers. The **precious** that Jeremiah needed to faithfully proclaim was the word that God gave him to proclaim. Jeremiah always understood that, but he backed off some under pressure.

A prime example of "worthless" things Jeremiah had begun to say is found in the preceding verse (Jer. 15:18): **Why has my pain been perpetual And my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?** [Jeremiah is complaining about the "pain" and "wound(s)" that had resulted from his proclaiming the message(s) God had given him to proclaim.] **Will you [God] indeed be to me like a deceptive stream with water that is unreliable?** These last words are a very serious charge to bring against God, that He seems to be unreliable, "like a deceptive stream" that has no water. Jeremiah was seriously doubting God and his assigned ministry at that time. We cannot be doubting the reliability of God and stay faithful to Him, especially when what He is calling us to do is quite difficult and continues for a long time. We must determine in our hearts in advance that we are going to stay faithful to God by His grace through faith no-matter-what happens. There is no other reasonable option!

We must understand that the ministry that God called Jeremiah too was very difficult. Year, after year, after year Jeremiah was required to proclaim that very intense judgment was coming to Judah, especially the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. Essentially everybody hated Jeremiah (hating him was easier than repenting) and many wanted to kill him. One factor that made his ministry all the more difficult was that, although some judgments took place throughout the years Jeremiah was prophesying (including, for one well-known example, the exile of some Jews to Babylon, which included Daniel and his three friends, by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 BC), God withheld the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple until the end, which made Jeremiah look bad for a long time and he was mocked for his supposed obvious false prophecies along with being hated. Jeremiah was hated first and foremost because he kept prophesying the intense judgment of Judah. Didn't Jeremiah know that they were

God's special people? God's special people cannot get by with continual rebellion against God without serious repentance!

The destruction of Jerusalem and the temple finally took place through King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians in 587/586 BC, but Jeremiah was called to be a prophet in 627 BC. That's forty years! See Jer. 1:2, and Jeremiah chapter 1 shows that from the beginning of his ministry his prophetic message included God's coming intense judgments of Jerusalem and Judah. A large number of false prophets continually mocked Jeremiah saying he was a false prophet and an enemy of the people of God. For some very serious complaining, see Jer. 20:14-18, for example. Jeremiah was called to a very long, very difficult ministry, but God always provided the grace for him to remain faithful, as He will always provide that grace for us to be faithful too, but sometimes it is quite difficult, but never too difficult.

I'll quote one last paragraph from Davis and make a few comments: "I was familiar with the principles that 'whenever you see a counterfeit, it means that a real exists' [[That principle works OK when you think of counterfeit twenty-dollar bills for example. Nobody would make counterfeit twenty dollar bills if genuine twenty-dollar bills did not exist. However, when it comes to Satanic occult powers/workings, at least most of them have not been counterfeits of powers/workings of God. Consider powers/workings of Satan's kingdom like necromancy (having demons spirits impersonate those who have died), the different types of divination used by the occult, including killing animals and inspecting their inward parts to discern the future, or using Ouija boards, for example, or putting curses on people, or the different modes of healing. In some, if not many, cases of occult healing it just involves removing sicknesses that they had caused to come on people. So, at least many or most occult powers/workings that have been manifested throughout the history of man aren't a counterfeit of something that God had done or was doing. I will further discuss this very important point as we continue with this paper (see Chapter 7 of this Review/paper).

I strongly suggest (as I discussed in my paper on Genesis chapters 1-3) that Satan tempted Eve with occult powers/workings. God was not offering similar supernatural things to man at that time, but He made it very clear that for them to eat of that forbidden fruit was full-scale rebellion against Him and would result in their death. Such occult powers are very tempting to man, thousands of times more tempting than an apple. I can't believe that Eve and then Adam would have rebelled for an apple, or anything equivalent to an apple. (Now continuing with Davis' sentence)]] and that a lie just proves the existence of the truth" [I don't believe it is reasonable to say that a lie *proves the existence of the truth*, but it is true that a lie is the absence of the truth. The truth comes from God and exists. We didn't need the devil's lies to prove the existence

of the truth. God is true and what He says is the truth.], so I decided to investigate what was going on [with New Age/occult world miracles, etc.] and bring my scientific background and my faith in Jesus Christ into the mix of my search for truth. I decided to examine New Age thought and practice for anything 'precious' that might be 'extracted' from the worthless." I don't believe we have any Biblical basis to do this, and that we have been warned not to do this.

6. I'll JUST COMMENT ON ONE PARAGRAPH OF CHAPTER 3: "VIBRATING IN HARMONY WITH GOD," BY BOB JONES (pages 21-27). He doesn't say much that is directly related to the things I have been discussing. I'll just comment on Jones' last paragraph that includes another obvious misinterpretation of a verse:

"Isaiah 66:2 says, 'I will look to him who trembles at my word.' The word 'trembles' in this verse can be vibration. And everything vibrates. But when we get in harmony with God everything will vibrate in tune with us. Total authority was given to man. [[God gave Adam authority over all the earth to "rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (Gen. 1:26), but that wasn't "total authority." Anyway, that changed with the fall of man.]] Do you have any idea what everything vibrating in harmony with God would do in the earth?" However, it is clear what the word "trembles" means in the context of Isa. 66:1-6, and Isaiah was not speaking of a vibrating in the sense that everything is vibrating: For one thing, when we read this word in context with all that is said in the second half of Isa. 66:2 the meaning of this verb is rather obvious. We always need to study words and sentences in their contexts:

I'll quote the second half of Isa. 66:2: "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite, and who trembles at My word." The one who is humble and contrite, and who trembles at God's word, unlike the large number of rebels in Israel who are spoken of in Isa. 66:1-6, have a reverent, humble and contrite submission to God and His word. For one thing, they have a reverent fear of sinning against God. The use of this Hebrew verb (*chared*) here is comparable with its use in Ezra. 9:4 and 10:3.

7. CHAPTER 5, "AUTHENTIC vs. COUNTERFEIT" BY JONATHAN WELTON (pages 41-51). The word *counterfeit* was used 57 times in this chapter. His misuse of this word lends support to the serious misunderstanding that permeates this book: That it is proper and good for Christians to look to the New Age/occult world (and/or to science, especially quantum physics) for things that we Christians need here at the end of this age. He says that all of the miracles and other supernatural things we find in the New

Age/occult world are *counterfeits* of God's miracles and other supernatural things. ("Throughout the Bible we see that everything that Satan does is a counterfeit of something from God's kingdom" [page 42].) And "This brings us to the most important point of this chapter. If there is a counterfeit, there is an authentic that we need to find and reclaim." So, it is good and proper to study the New Age/occult world to find the authentic miracles and other supernatural things that we need.

This may sound reasonable at first. For example, no one would bother to make counterfeit hundred dollar bills if real hundred dollar bills didn't exist. And no one could counterfeit famous paintings, etc. if the original paintings did not exist. But this reasoning is big-time wrong when we think of all of the miracles and other supernatural things that are taking place in the New Age/occult world as being "counterfeits" of God's miracles, etc. Those New Age/occult world miracles are real (this is not to say there are no fake miracles there), but they are forbidden to God's people because they originate from Satan and his kingdom of darkness. They were not stolen from God and His kingdom - they are not counterfeits in that sense! There are two kingdoms, God's and Satan's, but it must be understood that God is God and Satan is an inferior, created being who rebelled against Him and that he and his kingdom will be judged and totally overthrown at the right time (soon), God's time. It is important to see that at least most of Satan's miracles are not counterfeits of God's miracles, etc.

Satan has been working miracles, etc. throughout the history of man (to the extent that God permits) as part of his seduction of mankind, to try to keep them from the God who created them, to join him in his rebellion, and he wants to be glorified by the worship of man to the fullest extent possible and to take as many people as possible to hell with him. There are two kingdoms and both of them have the supernatural, miracles, etc. God is the Creator, and Satan is a being (a fallen seraph [one of the seraphim]) who was created good by God but who rebelled through pride and who has been leading a major rebellion against God since before Adam was created. Revelation 12:4 shows that a third of God's angels followed Satan in his rebellion that took place before Adam was created. God allows Satan's kingdom to exist until the end of this age, and then he allows him to be released from the abyss for a short period at the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:2-3), but he will be cast into the lake of fire at the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:10) and everything that belongs to his kingdom will be totally removed forever. It is clear that at least one reason God's allows Satan's kingdom to exist throughout this age is to test mankind, who will they worship, etc? God is God, and He could destroy Satan and his kingdom at any time.

I'll quote the introductory paragraph of this chapter (Chapter 5 of *The Physics of Heaven*) that is in italics. This paragraph was not written by Jonathan Welton. It

undoubtedly was written by one or both of the two primary authors of this book. I cannot agree with what they say in this paragraph. "...But as his anointing teaches you about all things...that anointing is real, not counterfeit..." [the ellipses are theirs] (1 John 2:27). [(This double bracket continues for two paragraphs.) This very much abbreviated translation of 1 John 2:27 causes problems. For one thing, at the front of this book they say that unless otherwise noted they always use the NKJV and that when they use the NASB they mark it NASB. It is clear that they sometimes use the NASB in this book where they don't mark it NASB. They clearly did not use the NKJV here. The words "but as His anointing teaches you about all things" are in the NASB, but the words that follow are not in the NASB. The NASB continues with the words "and is true and not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him [or better, with the margin of the NASB, "abide in Him," without the word "you abide in Him."]

I don't know where they got the words "that anointing is real, not counterfeit..." Maybe they took them from a different translation, or maybe they supplied the words trying to demonstrate the contrast between the authentic anointing and truth of God and the supposed counterfeits of the devil. Anyway, it is clear that there is nothing in 1 John 2:27 to support the idea that it is OK to look to the New Age/occult world (or to science, with an emphasis on quantum physics) to learn of God's miracles, etc. The apostle John was speaking of the truth of the gospel in 1 John 2:27, the truth that we must know, understand, and have faith in; the truth that was being attacked at that time by the false gospel of the Gnostics (and all other false teachings). (Now I'll continue to quote from their paragraph in italics at the beginning of their chapter 5.)] Jonathan [Welton] teaches that whenever there is a real, there is sure to be a counterfeit. [[Actually, he teaches that where there is a counterfeit, there is an authentic. On page 42, for example, he says, "This brings us to the most important point of this chapter. If there is a counterfeit, there is an authentic that we need to find and reclaim. ...a counterfeit is evidence that an authentic exists." And earlier on page 42 he said, "Throughout the Bible we see that everything Satan does is a mere counterfeit of something from God's Kingdom." As I mentioned, I don't believe this is true, and that this wrong idea leads to serious error. I will discuss this important point further as we continue.]] We shouldn't be afraid to examine the counterfeits because God's power to keep us is mightier than the devil's power to steal us away. [I don't believe we should have confidence that God will keep us safe when we are going places we have been forbidden to go. (I'll substantiate this statement as we continue.) That would be big-time presumption on our part!] Jonathan tells us that we need be much more concerned about reclaiming all our stolen goods from the enemy than about being afraid of the deception of the counterfeits."

On page 44 Welton quotes another verse to try to demonstrate that we have nothing to fear as we search for the authentic among what he calls counterfeits in the New

Age/occult world. I'll quote his paragraph (Welton says more along this line, but I won't quote that): "Personally, I have a lot more faith in the Lord's ability to keep me than in the devil's ability to steal me away. Jesus said that He has us in His hand and no one can snatch us out. 'I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand' " (John 10:28). I don't know if Welton believes once saved, always saved, but most (or at least many) of those who believe that doctrine realize that there are things they cannot do (or, at least, they must seriously repent if they have been doing them) very much including looking to and associating with the occult world. I recommend reading my paper, *Once Saved, Always Saved?* on my internet site (Google to Karl Kemp Teaching). I believe I give a very balanced presentation. One of a rather large number of passages in the New Testament that clearly shows that born-again Christians can lose their salvation is Revelation chapters 2 and 3, where the Lord Jesus is speaking. He is powerfully warning true Christians who need to repent that if they don't quickly repent they will lose their salvation. (See my paper for the details.)

On page 45 Welton said, "We need to be much more concerned about reclaiming all of our stolen goods from the enemy than about being afraid of the deception of the counterfeits." Again, for one thing, I believe it is clearly wrong to think that the New Age/occult world is tapping into the supernatural by counterfeiting what God does. Most of what they do has been part of what Satan has been doing throughout the history of man, not something he is counterfeiting. I'll comment more on this crucial point as we continue.

I'll quote four paragraphs from what Welton says on pages 45-46 under the subheading "The Test" and comment in brackets as I frequently do: "One reason it has become increasingly difficult to discern the counterfeit from the authentic is that the New Age movement has been adopting Christian language for the past several decades. They honor Jesus as a good prophet, claim to interact with the 'white light' of the Holy Spirit, and they speak of God as their Father [but it will be clear that they cannot be speaking of God the Father of the Bible, or of the Son of God, or of the Holy Spirit if they are part of the New Age/occult world.] This can confuse a Christian who does not recognize the subtle but important differences [the differences are gigantic] between their language and the truth of God's Word. [(This double bracket continues for two paragraphs.) I can agree that modifications like that make it easier for "Christians" who don't understand much at all about Christianity to associate with the New Age/occult world. However, Christians are called to submit to God, His Son, and the gospel of new-covenant salvation in accordance with His Word and to be faithful to Him. We must be born again and begin to walk in the truth and righteousness and holiness of God with a top priority, by the grace of God through faith. The indwelling Righteous, Holy Spirit enables us to live righteous and holy lives. This walk isn't automatic or always easy, but this must be a

top priority, and if we should sin we need to run to God with repentance and be forgiven through the cross of Christ.

We must believe the basics of the gospel, including believing that the Bible is the Word of God, who created all things and beings, including Satan, the evil angels and demons (but He didn't create them evil); we must believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; in the all-important atoning death and resurrection of Christ; in the judgment to come and heaven and hell. No one who is committed to the New Age/occult world is committed to, and living in the light of, these essential truths. The primary test includes: Do they hold the basic truths of the Bible and are they living in line with these truths with a top priority. The fact that the New Age/occult world can produce miracles etc. is no evidence at all that they are God's people. As I mention throughout this paper, I don't believe we have any reason/excuse/basis to go to those who aren't associated with God through His Son and new-covenant salvation to learn how to tap into God's supernatural. We don't need the devil's help! He may seem to help people for a while for his purposes, but his help never works for ultimate good. He is a totally committed enemy of God and of all who submit to God, and he doesn't love or care for those who submit to him, quite the contrary. (Now I'll quote the last sentence of Welton's paragraph and then quote his next three paragraphs.)]] I have stated that the main difference between a counterfeit and the authentic is its source, but we need to be even more specific about how to discern between the two.

The test of what source a person is operating in can be boiled down to the question, 'Is Jesus the Lord of their life?' According to Romans 10:9-10, a person must acknowledge that Jesus was raised from the dead and that Jesus is the Lord of his or her life. If a person will not agree with these two things, then it is a fact that they are operating from a source other than the true Jesus of the Bible. [[(This double bracket continues for two paragraphs.) I appreciate what Welton said here, but I have learned from experience that we still have a gigantic problem. We need a whole lot more than having a person agree that Jesus was raised from the dead and for them to confess that Jesus is the Lord of their life. For one thing, they need to actually be born again and living from their heart with Jesus as the Lord of their life by the indwelling Holy Spirit. And they cannot be a solid Christian if they are not grounded in the truths of God's Word, especially the basic truths regarding new-covenant salvation. I am totally sure that the apostle Paul would agree with the required basics that I mentioned in this paragraph and the preceding paragraph.

Many have so diluted the gospel in our day that multitudes believe they are authentic Christians when it's clear they don't know, or believe, or live in line with many of the essential basics that are required of Christians. For one thing, there is no Christian

reality if the gospel and the Holy Spirit are not indwelling our hearts and lives. Many believe all that is required is for them to say a sinner's prayer. We have to go slow about saying that another person is, or is not, a real Christian, but God knows what we believe and if we really have made Him the Lord of our hearts and lives. These things are too important to treat casually! We must make these things top priority. Shallow Christianity is very widespread in our day and very dangerous!]]

Spiritual practitioners who access and operate in the spirit without Jesus as the Lord are trespassers in the spirit realm. [But, and this is a key point in my Review/paper, we must understand that there are two spiritual realms/kingdoms, and we dare not go the realm/kingdom that is headed up by Satan.] Jesus put it this way. 'I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber' (John 10:1). [And we are not going to learn, or receive, anything we need from the thief and robber who don't know the truth and are motivated and filled with the wrong spirits, not the Holy Spirit. We will receive things that ultimately hurt us and that constitute serious sin against God.]

So, to answer the question, 'Are psychics and New Agers operating in real power?' The answer is yes, but they have climbed in as trespassers. They have not accessed the spirit realm through Jesus." [This is the end of Welton's four paragraphs.] And Jesus is the only way to the Father and new-covenant salvation through His all-important atoning death and being indwelled by the Holy Spirit of life. I believe it is clear that the New Age/occult world is of a different, ultimately evil kingdom. We must see that there are two supernatural kingdoms! I agree that Satan can make his realm look good on a temporary basis but the end thereof is death. Welton said enough here to show why we cannot go to the New Age/occult world for help. But he justifies going there based on the wrong idea that their miracles, etc. are counterfeits of God's authentic miracles. And even if it were true (and I'm sure it isn't true) that they were moving in counterfeits of the authentic, it seems totally clear to me that we still could not go there looking for the authentic and help.

I'll quote a paragraph from page 43 where Welton quotes and misinterprets 1 Thess. 5:21. These frequent misinterpretations of the Bible that I have been pointing out are a very serious problem in this book. (I have found a serious misinterpretation in every section/chapter of the book we have discussed so far.) "We have been commissioned not to throw out all things, but to 'Test everything. Hold on to the good' (1 Thess. 5:21)."

The NKJV has "Test all things; hold fast what is good." The NASB has, "But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good." We need to include 1 Thess. 5:19-20 to establish the context here (I'll quote from the NKJV): "Do not quench the Spirit.

(20) Do not despise prophecies." In verse 20 the apostle Paul says "Do not despise prophecies." One problem with the gift of prophecy then, and in our day too, is that there always was the potential for so-called prophetic utterances to originate more from the flesh than from the Holy Spirit. (In a worst-case scenario there was the potential for a Christian or one that wasn't a real Christian, to give a prophecy that originated with an evil spirit.) Since the potential for error is there, what Paul said in verse 21, could be limited to the idea of *testing* prophecies before accepting them as being from God. In 1 Cor. 14:29 he spoke of the need for prophecies to be judged. However, in the light of 1 Thess. 5:19, Paul could have been including the idea of testing other manifestations/gifts of the Spirit in the Christian church too, where there was potential for error. They were being called to test all these things, not to reject them and thereby "quench the Spirit."

HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANTLY, WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL SPOKE OF TESTING ALL THINGS, HE WAS NOT INCLUDING TESTING THE THINGS THAT WERE BEING DONE IN THE OCCULT KINGDOM. There is nothing here to begin to support Welton's third and last sentence in his paragraph which I'll quote now:]] Therefore, if we see a counterfeit [in the New Age/occult world], we must test it and find out what it counterfeits so we can reclaim the authentic." The apostle Paul would totally reject this idea. He didn't leave any room for Christians to look to the occult world or other religions for the truth, authority, and power that we need to think and live as Christians. In Acts 19:19, for example, they burned the expensive (fifty thousand pieces of silver) occult writings: They didn't preserve them that they might learn some things that might help them function in the supernatural. We are forbidden to look to, or associate with, the demonic supernatural in any way (cf., e.g., Acts 16:16-18; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 1 John 4:1-6; and it is very significant that we have been strongly warned of powerful deceptions here at the end of this age [cf., e.g., Matt. 24:11, 24-28; 2 Thess. 2:8-12 with Rev. 13:2, 11-18])!

It was the same in the Old Testament: God's people were forbidden to look to, or in any way participate in, the Satanic supernatural which was totally widespread in that ancient world (as it is in our day; but in our day very often it is much more subtle, hiding behind the label scientific or the equivalent). For example, see Ex. 22:18, 20; 34:11-17; Lev. 19:31; 20:1-8, 26-27; Num. 25:1-9; Deut. 11:27-28; 12:2-3; 13:1-18; 17:2-7; 18:9-14. This is important!

I'll quote a paragraph that Welton has under the subheading "Counterfeits to Reclaim." I'll repeat a key point of my Review/paper first: I don't believe it is at all accurate to think of the manifestations of demons to be "counterfeits." The devil has been doing these things throughout the history of mankind. Some would disagree, but I'm confident that

the evil, forbidden fruit that the devil tempted Eve with, a fruit that involved direct rebellion against God and His commandment of Gen. 2:17 that promises death for violating this commandment, was the very-tempting-to-mankind fruit of tapping into the devil's supernatural powers. It is full-scale rebellion to turn to Satan, who has been rejected by God and hates God and His people. Eve didn't understand all the details, but she knew that she and Adam had been forbidden to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. For one thing, they had only tasted of God's *good* before eating of the *evil*, forbidden fruit; after eating of it, they fell from innocence and became spiritually dead sinners who needed salvation, and they began to experience *evil*. I have a very hard time accepting the widespread idea that Eve, and then Adam, were willing to directly rebel against God for an apple (or the equivalent of an apple).

"I have found throughout the Scripture at least 75 examples of things that the New Age has counterfeited, such as having a spirit guide...(page 49)." (In Section 7.4 of this paper, I'll finish quoting this sentence and make a few comments.) As I have stated, I don't believe the New Age/occult world has counterfeited the supernatural things they are doing from God's authentic workings, but that Satan has been doing these things throughout the history of man. I would like to discuss the first item that Welton listed here, "spirit guide(s)." God has used angels on occasion to interact with His people and help them in various ways, but that is quite different than how demons readily offer themselves to become "spirit guides" on a rather permanent basis to everyone who will receive their "guidance" and other "help." Spirit guide demons may actually guide and help people in some ways at least for a while for Satan's evil purposes, but, with no exceptions, they are required by Satan, and motivated, to hurt mankind.

In our world today having "spirit guides" has become very popular. Many consider having spirit guides, or whatever they call them, to be scientific. Many want to think of them as tapping into a great unconsciousness or something like that, but the Bible warns those with ears to hear that these things are part of Satan's kingdom, which is in total rebellion against God and wants to keep people from God, to use them, and to take them to ultimate destruction.

I'm not an expert on the occult or spirit guides, but I know that getting spirit guides is as simple as entering an altered state of consciousness through demonic meditation, drugs, hypnosis, types of music and dancing, etc. and then receiving the spirits that make themselves available to "help" you. Over the years I have heard of programs where spirit guides are even being given to school children to "help" them.

One of very many ways to get spirit guides in a respectable manner has been through Silva Mind Control. We will discuss Silva Mind Control in some detail as we continue,

including some direct input from its founder, Jose Silva, but now his daughter, Laura, continues his work under the name Silva Method. She clearly boasts of and builds on the work of her father, and his teachings are readily available today, but I haven't been able to confirm that her method includes getting spirit guides. If not, they are still invited to very deeply tap into the supernatural world that is opposed to, and an enemy of, Biblical Christianity, without spirit guides.

7.1. SOME EXCERPTS FROM, AND COMMENTS DEALING WITH, A SIX-PART ARTICLE ON THE INTERNET TITLED "SILVA MIND CONTROL," PUBLISHED BY THE JOHN ANKERBERG SHOW IN 1986. His four guests for this show were Jose Silva (the man who originated Silva Mind Control), Dr. George DeSau (a clinical psychologist who worked with Silva); Dave Hunt and Dr. John Weldon (both Christians who did a lot of research in areas like this one).

I'll quote John Ankerberg's introductory paragraph: "Welcome! We're glad that you joined us tonight [for the weekly television program]. We're going to examine the Silva Mind Control Method. One of our guests is Jose Silva. Silva claims that any person who will take their 48 hour, four-day course will develop psychic powers. In the course, a student is shown how to enter an altered state of consciousness...and in that state you will be allowed to tap into higher intelligence in the universe. You will be able to function, after four days in the course, psychically, clairvoyantly [perceiving things supernaturally]. You'll be taught how to invite counselors or psychic guides [spirit guides] into your mind to help you with your problems. [Silva repeatedly states throughout these programs that the really important thing is to have the resources to solve problems. We don't have a sin problem; we just have an ignorance-lack-of-resources problem; we don't need a virgin birth, an atoning death, etc. We needed Jesus to teach us these techniques so we could solve problems.] By the third day of the course, students are supposed to be able to operate psychically enough so that they can project their awareness outside of their bodies. They can have out-of-body experiences. Their minds are supposed to be able to tap any source in the universe for the information, including the minds of other men, alive or dead. [Much, or most, of this they can do without using their spirit guides.] On top of all this, Jose claims that God sent Jesus to teach us all this."

I'll add part of what Ankerberg said in his introductory comments for Program 2: "...in the third day, every student is introduced to the use of 'counselors' or 'psychic guides' that they introduce into their mind [They can see and communicate back and forth with these demons (to use my word) who are impersonating people]. ...the students are asked to pick two counselors that they would like to have as their counselors. [Later we are told

that one is to be male and one female, and we are informed that you cannot always get the counselors you ask for. There probably is a limit to how many demons can adequately impersonate popular choices like Jesus or Mary whenever they are called upon.] The lecturer explains how to invoke them. And in the last session, during meditation [this *isn't* Christian meditation] two counselors appear in the laboratory of the mind of the student that they have created [the "laboratory"], and they [the "two counselors" (spirit guides) are to be available from that point on whenever the student needs them. [This certainly has not been *counterfeited* from God's supernatural.] ... And you [Ankerberg] speaking to Silva] also say - and I want to find out why - that a Mind Control graduate, mentally, in his laboratory where he is in this altered state of consciousness with his counselors, is a person with immense power to benefit himself and others." Elsewhere in these programs it is mentioned that at that time [1986] Silva's program was already in 71 countries. They promoted providing this method to children too.

I'll quote part of two paragraphs at the beginning of page 2 of Program 1. Silva has been speaking, but here Ankerberg turns to Dave Hunt, saying, "in your book...[*The Seduction of Christianity*], you make this quote: 'Visualization [Ankerberg says to Silva, Jose, you're using visualization quite heavily in SMC (Silva Mind Control)] and guided imagery [where a person is guided, for example, to visualize Jesus and then for Him to begin to communicate with them, or to give them a hug, etc.] have long been recognized by sorcerers of all kinds as the most powerful and effective methodology for contacting the spirit world in order to acquire supernatural power, knowledge, and healing.' And you're saying 'such methods are neither taught nor practiced in the Bible [these things and most other occult techniques are not *counterfeits* of things God is doing], and those who attempt to do so are not following the leading of the Holy Spirit or the Word of God, but are practicing an ancient, occultic technique.' Do you think, Dave, that Jose, in teaching this course to these grade school students, that these students are getting their information from demons? Or is it possible that Jose has really uncovered a new experience - psychic abilities for every man?

I'll quote part of Hunt's answer from the next paragraph: "Well, he has not uncovered a new experience, that's for sure, because this sort of thing has been going on down through history. It's known as 'shamanism' or witchcraft. It's been practiced in every culture in every area of history."

I'll quote a few sentences from what Ankerberg said on page 3 of Program 1: "Alright, gentlemen, I'd like to get us right down to part of the technique, which is visualization. Jose, in your book you've said, 'By visualizing with conviction in alpha and beta [states of consciousness], you are causing, that is, creating.' And you talk about how to do

psychic healing when you get into this altered state of consciousness [I think he means alpha state here]." On page 2 of Program 2 Silva said, "We have psychic surgeons in Mexico, Central America, the Macumbas, you name them." I'll give an interesting and important example of psychic healing in Mexico City that was related to Silva Mind Control to some extent when I finish with these six programs by Ankerberg. I believe it is clear that a demon was doing those very supernatural healings, and that those healings had not been counterfeited from God's authentic healings.

On page 2 of Program 2 Silva tells us that he has had spirit guides all his life. They talk to him, and this is "why I got the idea to pass them on to others, because I was being helped by this source." On page 4 of Program 2 when asked if his spirit guides still speak with him he answered, "Yes, When I go to 'the laboratory level,' when I decide I want to talk to them."

I'll quote a paragraph from what Weldon said on pages 4-5 of Program 2: "I have to ask who are these spirits? What are they? When you look at the philosophy, the worldview of the healers, the messages of the spirits themselves, again, they are distinctly anti-biblical. [The same thing is true for the entire occult world, including those who supposedly visit our world in UFOs.] That gives me a clue. When I look at the impact of the psychic involvement in the lives of individuals, there is a high degree of tragedy, of suicide, of mental illness, and that's documented in the studies of Dr. Kurt Koch, a German theologian, who's counseled about 20,000 people. I look at the damage that is done in psychic healing; I look at the source; I look at the claims of the psychics themselves, where they got it; and it all comes back to spiritism [which is forbidden in the Bible]. I look at the nature of the spirits, and it seems to me that we're dealing with a demonic phenomenon."

I'll quote two comments by Ankerberg and Silva's response from page 2 of Program 4: "You've also said that we are to create it just like the Creator. In other words, we are to create even animate and inanimate matter. We can move it around just like God does in the universe; we do here on this earth's plane." Silva answered "Yes." Ankerberg said, "I get the idea that you're saying that we're to do it if it's to get done. You[re] saying, Jesus is not coming back, so we've got to do it. But He gave us the keys, He gave us the message. Look inside, find this power, you've got the power and you can make earth 'paradise earth.'" Silva answered, "You've got it right. You've got it right."

Hunt makes an important comment at the end of page 5 of Program 4: "Jose says, 'We get a lot of good results.' But there's one result that overshadows all of the apparent good of healing bodies and so forth, and in my opinion that's going to damn souls, because they have rejected the only solution. And all of this good that seems to be done

is leading them away from the sacrifice of Christ for their sins upon the cross. They don't need that anymore; all you need is alpha in your right brain."

I'll quote two paragraphs from what Ankerberg says on page 1 of Program 6 that will, for one thing, help introduce the next section of my paper. He is speaking to Silva: "Okay, When she [referring to Johanna Michaelson] was on our program, she told us about the fact of when she invited her spirit guides into her life, she invited Jesus to be one of those spirit guides [under Silva Mind Control], and that the end result of her story was that after many years [I believe it was less than two years] she felt that she had been deceived by this guide impersonating as Jesus. And there came a time in her life when those guides tried to kill her [when she began to reject what she had been doing to become a Bible-believing, living-for-God Christian]. And it was only the fact of counselors at L'Abri with Francis Schaeffer that helped her in coming to know the real Jesus, the Jesus who is very God [God the Son who always existed with God the Father and the Holy Spirit], the One who died on the cross, and the One who had power over all the other 'guides' and all the other spirits who were afflicting her at that point. [I heard Dr. Schaeffer speak many times and read several of his books. He was a solid evangelical Christian.]

Now, what I'm saying here is that if you don't know - and you claim that you don't know who these guides are, and you don't know what their source is - and that a student, as you have said in your book, can ask for a specific person in past history or up to date, they can request this person to be their counselor, their guide, but they don't necessarily get that person. With all that as background, how can you be sure that when you ask for Jesus that this is not a demonic being that is there to deceive you? He could put on his 'Jesus suit' to say 'Here I am.' "

Silva went on to say that there was something wrong with Johanna Michaelson's mind (he had to say something, and he knew, of course, that the problem wasn't with Silva Mind Control), which wasn't true after she became a solid Bible-believing Christian. He couldn't fully explain these spirit guides, but he was obviously convinced that they were not demons or he would have put a stop to spirit guides and at least most of what he was doing. He was satisfied with the fact that he was getting a lot of seemingly good results and helping others to do so.

I'll include one last quotation from page 4 of Program 6. Hunt is speaking: "Okay, well, wait a minute. Let's read from Jose Silva's, *Keys to the Kingdom*, page 15: 'Christ came with the message that we were created to be able to solve our own problems and do not need to turn to a supernatural power [at least not to the God of the Bible and salvation through the all-important atoning death of His Son] to solve them for us.'"

It must be understood, of course, that I have only quoted a very small part of what was said in these six TV broadcasts, but I believe I have included enough to demonstrate what I believe needs to be understood. What I have presented here is a prime example of how easy it is to obtain spirit guides in our modern, "scientific" world. They are eager to be received and to "help" people in a way that accomplishes the devil's evil work. Significantly, I believe it is obvious that these spirit guides are not something the devil counterfeited from God's kingdom. Also, the New Age/occult world is packed with other supernatural things that don't involve spirit guides.

7.2. SOME COMMENTS ABOUT, AND EXCERPTS FROM, THE BOOK, *THE BEAUTIFUL SIDE OF EVIL*, BY JOHANNA MICHAELSON (Foreword by Hal Lindsey, who was married to Kim, Johanna's sister; Harvest House Publishers, 1982). This book is out of print. I downloaded a pdf copy of this book from academia.edu. I don't have the original page numbers, and some of the chapter numbers and titles are missing from this pdf. I'll use the page numbers of this pdf.

One reason that I wanted to comment on this book is to further demonstrate the super-important point that, in general, Satan's supernatural wasn't/isn't counterfeited from God's supernatural, and it certainly isn't OK for us to go to the New Age/occult world (or science, with an emphasis on quantum physics) to learn more about tapping into the God's supernatural. Many Christians are quite naïve and have very little insight regarding all of the things the devil is doing in our day, which quite often leads to sincere Christians (along with large numbers of non-Christians) being deceived by his work. All-too-often sincere Christians get involved with what looks good, but isn't. Johanna's book is titled *The Beautiful Side of Evil* because much of what was taking place in her life when she was involved with Silva Mind Control and psychic healing seemed *beautiful* and good, but it wasn't. Isn't healing always good? Not if it comes from the devil's kingdom, and his kingdom is doing a lot of healing, and many other seemingly good supernatural things, in our day. This never can work for ultimate good, and it is sinful for Christians, and very dangerous.

Johanna became involved in a powerful manifestation of psychic healing (and many other occult things), while believing she was serving God. Those involved with the psychic healings were very often exhorted by Hermanito (the name the demon that was doing the healing was typically called, but they didn't believe he was a demon; more on this as we continue; Hermanito means "little brother" in Spanish) to pray to God for His help, and there was an occasion (page 81) where part of the instructions that the demon gave Johanna regarding a desperate need for healing (not her need for healing)

included her saying, "May the most precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which when only represented in Egypt brought freedom to the Israelites by the strong arm of God, free us and favor us against all evil. Amen." Then she was to recite the Lord's Prayer. I'm not an expert on these things, but I know enough to not be surprised by these instructions. Many in the occult are not afraid to speak of God and Jesus, or to carry and quote from the Bible, or to speak of the precious blood of Jesus, or to sing songs about His blood. From the devil's point of view, these deceptive things work for good as long as people don't really understand these things.

They had a crucifix on the altar and a picture of Jesus also. The devil wasn't being worshiped, at least not directly, and Hermanito, who was doing the supernatural things, wasn't demanding worship or perfect obedience to his directions. Once, when he was being profusely thanked after doing an "operation," he said, "All thanks belong to my father above" (page 87). Everyone assumed he meant God the Father, but surely that's not who he was referring to. Some well-respected surgeons, doctors, and other leaders, including some priests and nuns, promoted this healing "ministry." And some of them actually participated in the operations, even getting their hands bloody when they were directed to put their hands into the bodies of the "patients" who had been cut open, in order to help with the operation. Several people were directly involved in these operations along with Hermanito, who had taken possession of an older woman named Pachita to do his supernatural work.

But there were powerful indicators that something was wrong too, and if Johanna (or other "Christians") had any discernment at that time, she would have run from that place. If I understand Johanna, she believes she was a deceived, born-again, true Christian when she was involved in that psychic healing. For one thing, in her first week at college, she had read "The Four Spiritual Laws" distributed by Campus Crusade for Christ and had invited Christ into her heart. Also, near the time she was finishing college, she went to church for a while and was impressed with the need to stop taking drugs, which she did. (These things all took place before she got involved with Silva Mind Control or psychic healing.) I'll leave that detail with God, whether she was a born-again Christian while involved with the psychic healing (and other occult things); if she was she was a very backslidden one. It may be relevant that Johanna doesn't believe it is possible for real Christians to lose their salvation. Anyway, she would obviously admit to being totally ignorant of a big part of what the Bible teaches when she was so directly involved with the occult world.

They also had an occult bronze statue in the center of the altar that was relevant to the psychic healings that were taking place. When Johanna first visited that "operating room," a glow was coming from the statue and the crucifix beside it, and she was

instructed to put her finger on the statue three times. When she touched it the third time there was a mild shock and she felt light and detached. The statue was of "Cuauhtemoc, the Aztec prince who had defiantly borne torture and death at the hands of Spanish *conquistadores*. At its feet lay a pair of surgical scissors and a rusty hunting knife" (page 7). Wikipedia on the internet says he was the last Aztec Emperor and that he died about AD1525 at the age of 27-28.

The spirit of Cuauhtemoc (actually a demon impersonating him) entered the body of Pachita on a regular basis for many years, and he would do quite supernatural healings through her. It was clear that *he* was the one doing the work while possessing her; it was not her. Johanna was being prepared to take over for Pachita who, for one thing, was getting old and wasn't healthy. Hermanito had started using Pachita when she was young. Johanna finally became convinced that it was a demon and totally rejected the psychic healing and all of the other occult things she was doing. I'll share a little about her enlightenment and conversion as we continue.

What about the pair of surgical scissors and the rusty hunting knife? These were the only instruments/tools that Hermanito used in his very large number of supernatural operations. This was all taking place in Mexico City, Mexico. Johanna grew up with her father, mother, and younger sister, Kim, near Mexico City, but they were Americans. There were no anesthetics used when these supernatural surgeries were taking place, and quite often there was no pain, or very little pain. They did use alcohol as an antiseptic. These tools were used to cut, very often deeply cut, into people's bodies to do things like remove cancerous tumors; remove defective vertebrae and replace them with vertebrae that had been acquired from the morgue; to remove things that had been put there by demonic curses (that are very real in Voodoo and Macumba, for example); to remove cataracts; and on and on. I'll give an example later of the removal of a cancerous growth from the brain area. It was very supernatural! Many have a hard time believing that these things actually happened. Large numbers of people were healed there and quite a few people were there to watch these "operations" take place year after year.

We must understand that many supernatural things that look good, including healings, are taking place through the devil's kingdom. Many of those things are genuine miracles, not fakes. It is totally necessary to understand that genuine miracles don't begin to prove that God was/is involved. This is extremely important! **MANY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED AND ARE CONVINCED THAT GOD MUST BE INVOLVED IF GENUINE MIRACLES ARE TAKING PLACE.** That is very wrong, very dangerous thinking!

An Example of One of Hermanito's Operations. (From pages 87-89): "... The knife and scissors had been wiped clean after the last operation and lay ready beside the cotton.

Perry was a former army officer who had lived in Mexico since his retirement. For several years now he had suffered from an inoperable brain tumor which had increasingly tormented him with blinding headaches and nausea. The pain had become almost unbearable over the years and he was sure he didn't have long to live.

'Tell him to lie on his side facing you my daughter [speaking to Johanna],' Hermanito [who had taken possession of Pachita] instructed me. 'Hold his hand and keep him talking.' Hermanito stood behind Perry, with Dr. Carlos [a well-respected surgeon who had his own practice, but sometimes assisted Hermanito with the psychic healings, not that Hermanito needed his medical advice/help], beside him. Hermanito extended his hand and I placed a small block of alcohol-saturated cotton in it. He rubbed it all over the top of Perry's head. [Apparently there wasn't much hair, if any, on Perry's head.] Again he extended his hand and I reached for the scissors [the surgical scissors that was one of his two operating tools].

'No, little one, hand me the knife first time.' In a single, violent motion he plunged it into Perry's skull.

The man on the table gasped.

'Do you feel pain, Perry?' I asked him anxiously.

'Oh, no' he replied with a faint smile, 'but I can feel something moving inside my head - it's so strange!' he laughed nervously.

Hermanito worked inside the head for several minutes [using the hands of Pachita], snipping and cutting with the scissors I handed him. [Don't ask me how he got inside the head with one violent plunge of the hunting knife into Perry's skull. This was supernatural.] Then a stench, like the kind I had smelled so often during cancer operations, rose from the gaping hole in Perry's head as Hermanito pulled a stringy, dripping blob and dropped it into a large piece of cotton Dr. Carlos held for him.

'I can't see very well,' Perry said as the wound was about to be closed. Hermanito looked up at me.

'Little one, look into Perry's eyes...have they become crossed?' They had. Totally.

'Well, that certainly won't do, will it?' Hermanito reached a hand back into the skull [referring to one of Pachita's hands; very often Hermanito would have Johanna, or others, reach their hands into parts of the bodies that he had cut open in order to help with the surgery; their hands would be covered with blood] - and Perry's eyes snapped back to their normal position.

Several days after the operation, I [Johanna] called him to see how he was doing. He told me his headaches were completely gone for the first time in years, as was his nausea. He was eating and gaining weight. His color was back. In short, he felt wonderful. In fact, even the toothache he had during the operation had been healed that night. Almost a year later when Daddy ran into him, he reported he was still doing beautifully. None of the old symptoms had returned."

Some people were not healed by these operations. For one thing, people needed to have faith in what was taking place there. Also, the more people had Christian reality, the more there was power hindering Hermanito's operations.

How Johanna Got Involved with Psychic Healing. Johanna had much contact with the occult from the time she was young, starting when she was eleven. Much of that initial activity involved demons harassing her and causing her much fear. In college she was in the weird category in many ways and into drugs, a Ouija board, interactions with various demons, etc. By the time she graduated from college, she was in a mess and seriously depressed. She eventually discovered that one of her great grandmothers had been very deeply involved in the occult world and that she had predicted that someone from her third generation would inherit her "talent."

The primary thing that led to Johanna's getting involved with psychic surgery was Silva Mind Control, which I discussed earlier in this paper. She received her two counselors. For the male counselor she chose Jesus. In general, whenever she went to the laboratory she had been instructed to create with her mind, she could see and communicate with him, a demon impersonating Jesus, which so often happens in the occult world. There was one problem: In the early days of her involvement with Silva Mind Control, "Jesus" would sometimes appear in grotesque ways, like with a werewolf's head. Somehow she didn't catch the idea that something was big-time wrong. We can typically find an excuse for just about anything if we are committed to something.

Johanna proved to be a gifted student, and eventually the leader of that Silva Mind Control work in Mexico City took Johanna to meet Pachita and to view Hermanito's

operations. Before long it was declared that she would soon become a full trance medium and eventually take over for Pachita.

Some Comments on Johanna's finally leaving that "ministry" and the occult world. She eventually became a serious, Bible-believing Christian who has a ministry that, for one thing, warns against the sometimes quite subtle work of the occult that makes it a top priority to infiltrate and to do as much damage as possible to Christians and Christianity. She finally became convinced that Hermanito was a demon, not the spirit of Cuauhtemoc. By the way, there is ZERO room for Bible-believing Christians to accept the idea that the spirit of a person who died could come back and do things like what Hermanito was doing. The Bible forbids communing with the dead, which is called necromancy, where demons speak through mediums impersonating those who have died. For one thing, these demons are able to provide detailed information about those who have died to try to prove that they really are the spirits of those who have died. Necromancy is one of a very large number of things that the New Age/occult world did not counterfeit: It originated in Satan's occult world, and God's people, including in the Old Testament, are forbidden to go there.

I'll quote part of the first paragraph that Johanna has on page 91. "By September 1972 I had been working with Pachita [and Hermanito] for over fourteen months. I had washed the blood of over 200 operations from my hands. I had seen everything from the removal of brain tumors to the replacement of vertebrae and lung transplants. I had seen things materialize and [be] removed from the human body during *dano* (curse) operations [removing things that had been caused by curses that had been put on these people through occult powers] which further defied belief and logical explanation...."

"Things had become too hectic. The vision was no longer as clear as it had seemed when I first arrived. I needed to get away for a while, to spend time alone where I could commune with God and find my way again" (page 94). She went to say goodbye to Pachita September 1972. It turned out that before long she had become a solid, Bible-centered Christian and she never returned to psychic healing and the occult world.

Her sister Kim, who knew a lot about what Johanna was into but who had become a solid, Bible-believing Christian, was significantly used by God to help Johanna begin to seriously doubt that the things she had been doing were of God. And Kim convinced Johanna to visit the Christian ministry center, L'Abri, that Dr. Francis Schaefer had established in 1955 in Switzerland. (Dr. Schaeffer had originally lived in St. Louis. I heard Dr. Schaeffer speak quite a few times and read several of his books. He was a solid evangelical Christian and, for one thing, he was able to minister to intellectuals from around the world on their level, dealing with philosophy, other religions, the arts,

etc. For one thing, Dr. Schaeffer came to speak at Covenant Seminary when I was there.)

One reason they were able to help Johanna at L'Abri was that at least two people on the staff had some experience dealing with the occult and casting out demons. She certainly needed their help when the demons tried to kill her as she was rejecting them and solidly turning to and accepting the Lord Jesus. She went on to get grounded in the Bible attending a Bible school started by Hal Lindsey.

I'll quote a little of what Johanna says about Yoga. Many Christians think Yoga is safe for Christians to practice. "As a committed Christian, Kim [her sister] was certain that all my pet activities namely Yoga, (I had been teaching Hatha Yoga and learning Raja Yoga for about a year, [Silva] Mind Control, and psychic surgery, were of the devil, and said so. I was equally assured of the fact that she, on the other hand, was a narrow-minded, bigoted, Bible-thumping evangelical, who wouldn't know a genuine miracle from God if it ran her down in the street. ..." (page 96).

"The practice of yoga had given discipline and structure to my life. Hours of exercise and meditation [this eastern meditation that uses a mantra to go into altered states of consciousness is very definitely off-limits for Christians] were opening my mind and spirit to a closer realization of my unity of the Light of God [the occult world emphasizes the unity of all things] - with the consciousness of the Christ force [which is often spoken of in the occult world but has nothing to do with the Lord Jesus Christ and new-covenant salvation], and that realization filled me with a confidence and a peace that I had never before experienced. ... During meditation vivid scenes of at least fifteen different incarnations [the incarnations go with reincarnation, which teaching clearly goes against the Bible but is widely held in the occult world] had filled my mind, expanding and adding to those I perceived years before giving me a deeper understanding of what I needed to sacrifice in order to achieve perfect unity with God" (page 97).

[[Further Discussion about Yoga. I'm certainly not an expert regarding yoga for Christians (yoga for Christians; yoga supposedly modified to make it safe for Christians), but I am concerned that it can, and sometimes has, hurt, very seriously hurt, Christians. It clearly is wrong to offer worship to other gods in any way, or using mantras, or doing eastern meditation that includes going into altered states of consciousness, or tapping into supernatural (demonic) abilities to do things you couldn't do otherwise. There are quite a few relevant articles on the internet. I'll quote five paragraphs from one of the articles on the internet and then a few other excerpts on this topic.

"Why 'Christian' Yoga?" by Candy Gunther Brown PhD in *Psychology Today*, posted August 23, 2019. "Psychological research shows that 'brand extension advertising facilitates parent brand recall.' If yoga is a 'parent brand' and [so called] Holy Yoga is a 'brand extension,' then positive experiences with Holy Yoga may encourage sampling of other yoga brands and beliefs about the divine. For some, this is a positive development, while for others [Christians] it is tantamount to apostasy.

Christians who initially intend to worship Jesus through yoga may gravitate toward other religions and spiritual traditions. Survey research shows that longer-term yoga practitioners are less likely to identify as 'Christian' and more likely to identify as 'spiritual but not religious' or 'Buddhist.' For instance, Kristin grew up Catholic in Indiana and tried yoga for the physical 'stretches.' She now prefers Astanga's [Astanga is a type of yoga that is discussed earlier in this article] 'eight limbs' to Christianity's 'Ten Commandments.'

How Can Yoga Practice Change Religious Beliefs?

Ashtanga developer Pattabhi Jois and Pentecostals John Lindell and Corinna Craft [both mentioned earlier in this article: John Lindell is "an Assemblies of God megachurch pastor in Missouri (who in November 2018) provoked emotional reactions by telling his 10,500-member congregation that yoga opens Christians to 'demonic' oppression." "Pentecostal and former yoga instructor Corinna Craft argues that simply relabeling yoga as Christian fails to make it so..."] offer similar answers: Yoga postures have already been dedicated to deities other than Jesus. Thus anyone who performs yoga postures, regardless of intentions, attracts the presiding spirits. [Demons will certainly do all that they can do to gain access to Christians and draw them away from the truth, righteousness, and full reality of new-covenant salvation. That's their assignment.] The debate here is over whether these spirits are good or bad. [Bible-believing Christians have to agree that yoga was initiated by spirits who are in rebellion against God. One of my primary concerns is a gradual shift away from a priority on the God of the Bible, His truth, and living for Him in His righteousness and holiness. Demons work in any way that they can against Christianity and Christians. Let's not open any doors for them!]

Whether or not spirits exist or act in the physical world [and Bible-believing Christians know that they do exist], yoga postures affect beliefs because the human body and mind are connected. People practicing postures become more aware of sensory experiences and want to explain them.

Teachers and ideas circulating in the broader yoga culture - ideas such as chakras ["The seven **chakras** are the main energy centers of the body." (from the internet)] and non-religious spirituality - guide interpretations of experience. When people enjoy yoga, they are receptive to the ideas they encounter while practicing."

I'll Include Several Excerpts Dealing with Yoga from *Occult Invasion: the Subtle Seduction of the World and Church* by Dave Hunt (Harvest House Publishers, 1998), 647 pages. "As part of the most massive missionary effort in history - aimed directly against Christianity - every guru who has come to the West (from Maharishi Mahesh Yogi to Baghwan Shri Rajneesh to Baba Muktananda) was sent here by his guru specifically to win converts to the Hindu/Buddhist pantheistic faith. Yogananda, for example, founder of the Self-Realization Fellowship (SRF) and one of the forerunners of this massive evangelism campaign, personally initiated more than 100,000 disciples into *kriya yoga*. Maharishi has initiated millions into his TM brand of yoga. Yet the missionaries from the East all protest that they are teaching the *science* of yoga, health, and higher states of *consciousness*, not *religion*."

We can register no legitimate complaint against those who seek to persuade others of what they sincerely believe to be important truth. However, they should not lie about their product or their purpose. And that is exactly what the gurus from the East have done. Yoga is a Sanskrit word meaning 'yoke,' and its aim is to yoke with the Hindu concept of God through self-realization: to achieve the enlightenment of realizing that *atman*, the individual soul, is identical with *Brahman*, the universal soul - i.e., that one's true self is God. Yet yoga instructors solemnly swear that yoga has nothing to do with religion, when in fact it is the very heart of Hinduism" (pages 220-21).

"Yoga was developed to escape from this unreal world of time and sense and to reach *moksha*, the Hindu heaven. With its breathing exercises and limbering-up positions, yoga is promoted in the West for enhancing health and better *living* - but in the East it is understood to be a way of *dying*. Yogis claim the ability to survive on almost no oxygen and to remain motionless for hours, free of the 'illusion' of this life" (page 222).

"Hatha yoga, known as *physical* yoga, is alleged to be devoid of the mysticism in other forms. Not so. Yoga is yoga, and all of the positions and breathing exercises are specifically designed for yoking with Brahman, the universal All of Hinduism. If the goal is physical fitness, one should adopt an exercise program designed to that end, not one designed for reaching godhood. In one of the most authoritative Hatha Yoga texts, the fifteenth-century *Hathayoga Pradipika*, Svatanmarama lists Lord Shiva (known by Hindus

as 'The Destroyer') as the first Hatha Yoga teacher. No wonder yoga can be so destructive!

The average yoga instructor does not mention the many warnings contained in ancient texts that even 'Hatha Yoga is a dangerous tool.' [Georg Feurstein, "A Brief History of Hath Yoga, Part II," in *Yoga Journal*, September/October 1987, p. 43.] In an unusually frank interview in *Yoga Journal*, Ken Wilber (practicing mystic and yoga enthusiast, often called today's 'Einstein of consciousness') warns that any form of Eastern meditation, even done 'correctly,' involves 'a whole series of deaths and rebirths; extraordinary conflicts and stresses...some very rough and frightening times' [Catherine Ingram, "Ken Wilber: The Pundit of Transpersonal Psychology," in *Yoga Journal*, September/October 1987, p. 43.)] ..." (page 223). (end of the discussion on yoga)]

And, I'll include one last quotation to show how far from the truth of God that Johanna had become before she escaped from the occult world to live for God as a born-again, Bible-believing Christian: "But above all stood my belief in Jesus Christ. He was my guru, my guide, my counselor and Lord; the Holy One of God who stood far beyond all other *avatars* (incarnations of deities); the One who deigned to come into my psychic laboratory to commune with me, giving me visions of inexpressible ecstasy." She went on to say that he was her way to salvation through his teaching and example...but not necessarily everyone's way." This shows a serious lack of understanding of the gospel of new-covenant salvation; according to the New Testament the only way of salvation is through the all-important atoning death and resurrection of the Son of God who always existed with the Father, and through whom all things were created, and through receiving the life-giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit of God who enables us to be born again and live in the righteousness and holiness of God.

7.3. SOME COMMENTS ON, AND EXCERPTS FROM, THE 51 PAGE BOOK, *WITCH DOCTOR: THE STORY OF ARLINDO BARBOSO DE OLIVEIRIA*, BY LESTER SUMRALL (published by World Temples, Inc. in 1963; a newer publication is available through Lester Sumrall ministries; I assume the content is still the same, but I don't have the newer publication). Lester Sumrall (1913-1996) was a bold, powerful Pentecostal evangelist who ministered around the world. He was noted for his effectiveness in setting people free from Satan's power and establishing churches. He wrote many books, including many that deal with victory over the occult. Some of his encounters with demons are so powerful and unusual that they are hard to believe. I have followed his ministry enough, including being in meetings where he ministered, to say that I am sure that these things did happen.

One was the deliverance of a boy in the Philippines who would become invisible under demon power. Another case that had far-reaching positive consequences for Sumrall's ministry in the Philippines was his setting free a young prostitute in a Manila prison. She would begin to scream when two demons she could see would literally bite her. Nobody could see the demons but her, but everybody there could see the bite marks on her body with blood and saliva at the wounds. The call went out on the media for someone to help when the medical community, police, religious communities, etc. were not able to help her.

The Lord Jesus sent Sumrall, who was in the country to minister and establish a church, to set her free, which he did. The news of the problem and how she was set free was broadcast far and wide and it resulted, for one thing, in the authorities helping Sumrall's ministry in the Philippines. Sumrall made movies that deal with these two last-mentioned victories in Christ ("The Invisible Boy" and "Bitten by Demons.") For many years he pastored a church in South Bend, Indiana; he started a Bible college; and his ministry eventually owned quite a few Christian TV stations, radio stations, including short wave radio; and he established a humanitarian ministry.

One reason that I wanted to comment on Sumrall's book about the Macumba witch doctor here is to further demonstrate the super-important point that, in general, Satan's supernatural wasn't/isn't counterfeited from God's supernatural, and it certainly isn't OK for us to go to the New Age/occult world to learn more about tapping into the God's supernatural. When I first read this (short) book in the late 60s or early 70s, I found this information to be important and interesting. Lester Sumrall wrote the book after meeting Arlindo in Brazil and learning his story. Sumrall established an evangelistic center in Brazilia, where Arlindo lived.

Arlindo was "baptized to the devil while in his mother's womb" (page 7), and he was a Umbanda-Macumba witch doctor for forty years before he was set free and became a thankful, born-again, Bible-believing, dedicated, witnessing Christian. At the age of three "he went into a trance and revealed he had the power to call up spirits. [This was very unusual at this very young age, and a witch doctor requested that these things be postponed until he was seven, and this happened.] ... When he was seven Arlindo went into trances, talked with spirits and practiced spirit healings. Though he could not read or write at the time, he was able to write prescriptions which a pharmacist could read and fill. He wrote demon-inspired prescriptions for those who came to his mother's house. Soon he was recognized as a boy wonder among the Macumba worshippers" (page 15).

(The following is not dealing with when Arlindo was young.) When people came to Arlindo with a need, sometimes a spirit would give him the answer in an audible voice. If the need was more involved, "I would go into a trance to get a reply...[which] would last from 30 minutes to 72 hours. Many things would take place in a trance. Sometimes I would cut myself with a knife on my arms, face and legs" (page 17). He went on to mention that he still has the scars. Arlindo didn't explain why he would sometimes cut himself while in a trance (I don't believe he knew why he did this, but it was clearly the work of demons; for one thing Satan and his demons will use people, but they certainly don't love them; they want to take them to hell), but on pages 5-6 he speaks of how "when the spirits were angry with [him]" he would do things while in a trance like walk on broken glass with his bare feet without being cut, or eating mouthfuls of crushed glass without being hurt, or putting fire in his mouth in various ways without being harmed. There were no scars from these things.

"In Macumba...we always had an altar like the Catholics. We had African gods and Catholic saints together with candles" (page 33). "When I was a Macumba witch doctor, I personally knew of over 100 [gods/spirits; they worked through him], Oxala is the one we called the big god" (page 34).

How Did Arlindo Get Saved? "In the beginning, God led me slowly and kindly. It was 1952 - my last year as a witch doctor - that I dreamed a most wonderful dream. I saw a beautiful white man with lovely blue eyes [Arlindo made it clear in this book that he believes it was Jesus that he saw. I believe the evidence is super-strong that it was Jesus that he saw, but I don't know about the blue eyes; most people believe Jesus had brown eyes. Arlindo was black.] and long hair - a man about 33 years of age. He came to me in my dream and said, 'Arlindo, do not follow this witchcraft any longer. It is all bad and it is evil.'

I answered...'I don't know you, but please believe me. Macumba is not bad. I help men find jobs, I heal the sick.' Looking at me tenderly, He said, 'Yes, Arlindo, it is all bad and it is not the work of God.'

I was disturbed. I said to Him, 'Please tell me how it is bad.' He answered me in these words: 'It is enchantment and witchcraft and it is the devil's power and not God's power' (pages 41-42). Arlindo wasn't at all convinced, but, for one thing, Jesus appeared to him in dreams some thirty times during the next year. Slowly he began to see the evil in witchcraft and wanted to leave it. He knew the spirits would try to destroy him, but though he was attacked by the spirits, he persevered by the grace of God. He mentioned that after eight years he still had to resist the evil spirits. All true Christians have to resist the devil.

The Assembly of God pastor across the street from Arlindo's sister's home helped Arlindo come to a solid, Bible-based salvation in the Lord Jesus.

I want to emphasize the point that Arlindo thought he was doing a lot of good through witchcraft. (The more deceptive Satan's work is, the better to seduce people to join his kingdom.) For one thing, "Arlindo told me [Sumrall] several times, 'Please explain to the people that as far as I know I never cursed a person by witchcraft. Many times I relieved curses that other witch doctors had placed on people'" (page 8). He went on to mention though that he is not aware of many things that took place when he was in trances.

I'll give an example of a healing that took place through Arlindo. It looks good, the deceptive *beautiful side of evil*. "One god [one of the demons that worked through Arlindo when he was in trances] had me offer a dove [as a sacrificial offering] and this was always a good omen. I offered this blood and told the person to go to the Roman Catholic church and as the priest was raising the host [the wafer used in a Roman Catholic eucharist] at the altar, he would be healed. That is exactly what happened" (page 34).

This is dated but back then (1963) Arlindo was one of the 7,500 *Chefe de Terreiros* of [the one city] of Rio de Janeiro who boss, lead and guide one-third of the total population of four-million souls in Rio de Janeiro. These modern witch doctors speak words of life and death to their thousands of followers in the strangest rituals of demon worship" (page 14).

7.4. FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPPOSED COUNTERFEITS. (This section builds on 7.0. in this Review/paper.) I'll quote the paragraph that Welton has on page 49-50 under the heading "Counterfeits to Reclaim": "I have found throughout Scripture at least 75 examples of things the New Age has counterfeited, such as having a spirit guide, trances, meditation, auras, power objects, clairvoyance ["Clairvoyance is the ability to gain information about an object, person, location, or physical event through extrasensory perception" (Wikipedia).], clairaudience ["Clairaudience means psychic hearing" (taken from the internet)], and more [a lot more; he mentioned he had found 75 examples]. These actually belong to the church, but they have been stolen and cleverly repackaged. These examples have been included to stretch you and get you thinking differently about some of the ways that we have reacted when we see the counterfeits. Now whenever you see counterfeits [which, according to his understanding, would cover essentially everything supernatural that is done in the New Age/occult world, since these things were all supposedly stolen from God's kingdom], I

hope you will ask yourself these questions, 'What is that a counterfeit of? What is its source? How can I have the authentic?'

I have already mentioned that I believe Welton is seriously misunderstanding what is happening in the New Age/occult world. The New Age/occult world is no place for Christians to go to learn things and receive help here at the end of the age. Essentially all of the occult things that Satan's kingdom has been doing throughout the history of man are original with him and have not been stolen from God's kingdom. We have already discussed demonic spirit guides, trances, and healings to some extent. I believe it is clear that these things were not stolen from God's kingdom. It's true, of course, that God can, on occasion, guide us by His angels, but that is totally different than having a demonic spirit guide on a rather permanent basis. And it's true that on occasion, as God wills, His apostles, prophets, and other believers have experienced trances and that God does a lot of healing by many different methods, but that doesn't mean that Satan's healings are counterfeits of God's healings. For one thing, many of Satan's healings involve taking away sicknesses, etc. that he has put on people.

Let's briefly consider some of the ways that those in Satan's kingdom/the occult obtain knowledge, wisdom, direction [which can be called "divination"] help, healing, etc.; it is clear and quite significant that all of these ways were/are forbidden to God's people; they were not counterfeits of the workings of God and His kingdom (cf. Lev. 19:26; Deuteronomy 18:9-14 ((I'll quote these verses from the NASB: **When you enter the land** [the land of Israel] **which the LORD** [the four capital letters show that the Hebrew word is "Yahweh"], **you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. (10) There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire** [child sacrifice to offer worship and seek the help of demons], **one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft** [which covers divination, trances, healings and a whole lot more], **or one who interprets omens** [which includes discerning the future by interpreting omens/signs], **or a sorcerer** ["a person who claims or is believed to have magic powers; a wizard" (taken from the internet)], **(11) or one who casts a spell, or a medium** [for demons to communicate through pretending to be the spirits of people who have died], **or a spiritist** [I'll quote what Merrill Unger says on the meaning of this Hebrew word (*Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament* (Vol. 1), "one who possesses supernatural knowledge through communication with the evil world of supernaturalism."), **or one who calls up the dead** [necromancy]. [[I'll quote part of what P. C. Cragie says under Deut. 18:10-11, "...a comprehensive list of the types of religious and magic functionaries who were to be forbidden in Israel. The exact significance of all the terms employed is now uncertain, but the emphasis of the list is to be found in its character as a blanket prohibition of all types of divination, magic, and consultation with the spirit world, such as would be

typical of the religion of the Canaanites" (*The Book of Deuteronomy* [Eerdmans, 1976], page 260).]] **(12) For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you. (13) You shall be blameless before the LORD your God [by believing the things they were required to believe and doing the things they were required to do and not doing the things they were forbidden to do.]. (14) For those nations which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.))**

Divination includes such things as analyzing the entrails of a sacrifice, information obtained directly from demon spirits, necromancy (which includes information obtained from demons impersonating those who have died), Ouija boards, crystal balls, tarot cards, astrology, reading tea leaves, casting lots, etc., etc. Casting lots is one thing that God's people did do in the Old Testament on occasion (we don't find casting lots for direction in the New Testament after the Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost), but I doubt that Satan even stole casting lots from God's kingdom. Again, it is very important that we have the right perspective on these things: I believe we must understand that it is totally off-limits for Christians to go to the New Age/occult world (or science, with an emphasis on quantum physics) for anything we need to supplement what God has already provided. However, a dominant point of the *Physics of Heaven* is that we should be risk-taking explorers looking for things that we need there. I am highly motivated to write this Review/Paper.

8. CHAPTER 6, "GOOD VIBRATIONS," BY ELLYN DAVIS (pages 53-63). First I'll comment on page 52 that is titled "God's New Sound Is Coming." I'll quote part of what they [Ellyn Davis and Judy Franklin] say here (it is surprising to me): "...we got the idea to find out what Christian leaders might think about our suspicion that not only is God up to something new, but this new 'something' may involve sound, frequency, vibration, or energy.

We began interviewing all the [Christian] leaders we could find, and were amazed to discover we weren't the only ones crazy enough to be exploring these subjects. [Based on what they go on to say, it is obvious that *the only leaders they could find to interview* were a rather select group of Christian leaders.] Every leader we interviewed had already been exploring the realms of frequencies, vibrations, and quantum physics. So we were in good company, even if we were all a little strange." They went on to ask their readers to share "what you have discovered in your own journeys into the realms of sound, light, vibrations, frequencies, energy, and quantum physics."

A big part of chapter 6 of *The Physics of Heaven*, which we are discussing, is devoted to meet the need of her readers "to have a basic understanding of sound, light, and energy to appreciate the topics presented in the following chapters. For one thing she speaks of "sound vibrations [traveling] through air, water, and even some solid materials." So it is clear she is speaking of physical sound. She takes several pages to discuss the electromagnetic spectrum, going from radio waves on up to x-rays and gamma rays. She probably knows this, and it isn't important for her chapter or my paper, but what she says about black holes isn't fully accurate: On page 60 she says, "Many things in space emit X-rays, among them are black holes, neutron stars...." Actually, x-rays, and the rest of the frequencies of the electromagnetic spectrum, cannot escape from the extremely powerful gravitational attraction of black holes, but what can be observed are the x-rays emitted from very hot things close to the black holes.

"...other prophets are finding that sound, color, and light have healing frequencies in them. What if there really are 'good vibrations' that God has imbedded into everything He created and we just need to be open to experiencing them? ... Could it be that there are things that we can better understand about God through things He made such as vibrations and frequencies" (page 54)? I don't believe we are going to learn things that will help us become faithful Christians who are walking in the truth, righteousness, holiness, and power of God by grace through faith. As I have mentioned, God has already revealed the truth we need to know and given us the authority and power to live in His will and to do the things He requires us to do. I don't believe anything we learn from the New Age/occult world or science, including quantum physics is needed or is able to supplement what we have been given in new-covenant salvation.

If we were walking in line with God's Word and by His Spirit by faith, we wouldn't need to be looking elsewhere for the victory or for things that will enable us to have the greatest possible revival. Every true end-time revival will come by God's grace, not by something we learn or receive from the New Age/occult world or science, including quantum physics. I'm not discounting that science can develop new healing techniques and things like this, but the New Age/occult world or science is not going to help Christians walk in the truth, righteousness, holiness and power of God with the victory over sin and demons. I believe we insult God by looking to the world for the things that we need to be humble, powerful, effective Christians. Israel always got in big trouble with God when they looked elsewhere than to Him for help that only God could provide, very much including looking to other religions and the occult world or the armies of other nations. And God wants us to look to Him first and foremost for healing and other things that we need too.

9. CHAPTER 10, "SPIRITUAL SYNESTHESIA," by LARRY RANDOLPH (pages 95-106). The authors of this book comment that this "chapter was adapted from an interview with Larry Randolph." I'm not making an attempt to cover nearly all that Randolph says here. He says a lot, but, if I understand him, not much that I can agree with. "... I'm weary of sermons and teachings that only restate our need for transformation. What I'm hungry for is to experience something fresh from heaven. Now! Not later!" (page 96). I could agree with Randolph if he was putting the emphasis on our being *transformed* by the grace of God in Christ to living in the truth, righteousness, holiness, and power of God through understanding the gospel of new-covenant salvation that centers in the all-important atoning death and resurrection of the Lamb of God; and the outpoured, indwelling Spirit of life, righteousness and holiness; and walking by faith in line with this truth of God's Word with the victory over sin and demons for the glory of God. Randolph may agree with this, but he seems to put all the emphasis on supernatural experiences that don't have much to do with the heart of the gospel, which is being greatly distorted in our day. WE CERTAINLY CANNOT ASSUME THAT MOST CHRISTIANS IN OUR DAY UNDERSTAND AND ARE LIVING IN LINE WITH THE BASICS OF THE GOSPEL OF NEW-COVENANT SALVATION. And I have to disagree with many things he says in this chapter. I'll give some examples.

In his next sentence Randolph says, "For several years, I have been praying about the purpose of this 'new sound' and what it might look like." It is significant that the Bible doesn't prophesy of this "new sound," including a new sound in the last days before we are glorified. I believe God wants to manifest His presence in our midst in these last days, but it seems clear to me that many are so busy seeking the supernatural that they are opening themselves up to the devil's supernatural. (We desperately need God's supernatural, and He is the One we must look to.) They even justify looking to the New Age/occult world for help. Randolph, like some other writers in this book, is doing some of this as the following excerpt shows:

"... Perhaps the most significant thing we can do to position ourselves for the 'new sound' is to start recovering the truths that are currently held captive by many unbelievers. Many New Agers, for example, have already begun to explore the phenomenon of synesthesia [[I'll quote part of what Randolph says on the meaning of this word, "Synesthesia, meaning, 'to perceive together,' causes a person neural (adjective; "of a nerve, nerves, or the nervous system") pathways to be cross-wired in such a way that their five sense interact with each other. This unusual mingling of their senses allows them to hear colors, smell numbers, taste sound, and so forth" (page 97). Is this what we need?]] and are desperately trying to 'tune in' to multiple realms of spiritual reality. In a small measure they have succeeded in this spiritual quest. [It

seems to me that our being interested in this quest of the New Age demonstrates that we have strayed to a significant extent from Christian reality.]

So what does this mean for us? I believe that many of the spiritual discoveries of the New Age movement could be likened to the time in the Old Testament when the Philistines stole the Ark of the Covenant from Israel. In both cases, then and now, that which belongs to the church fell into the hands of unbelievers. So in order to posture ourselves for the next move of God, like King David, we must take back what is ours. Certain dynamics such as synesthesia, quantum physics, and 'vibrations' are God-stuff, and we must not be afraid to seize what belongs to the Creator of all things.

However, I suspect that many have a fear of being deceived by things they may not understand. [We should be afraid to go places we have been commanded not to go. As we continue, Randolph continues with what he said in his last paragraph and seriously misrepresents what happened in ancient Israel regarding getting back the Ark of the Covenant and how this justifies our going to the New Age to supposedly take back what the enemy has supposedly stolen.] Like Israel in the Old Testament, they are quick to relinquish anything that appears different or 'spooky' in the spirit realm to the hands of the Philistines. [Because of all the sin in Israel/Judah, God allowed them to be defeated in warfare against the Philistines and for the Ark to be captured. However, it didn't take long for the Philistines to realize that the Ark was too hot to handle so they sent it back to Israel (see 1 Sam. 4:1-7:2).] In which case, we need the spirit of David and declare, 'I'm taking back what belongs to God!' " (pages 103-104). I won't quote any more of what Randolph says here, but I need to make the point that what Randolph says here offers ZERO support for the idea that we need to go to the New Age/occult world to take back what has been stolen from God. Nobody, including David, went to the Philistines or the occult world to take back what had been stolen. (And the Ark wasn't really stolen: God was judging sinful Judah). As I mentioned, the Ark of the Covenant was returned to Israel. The Philistines returned it because God was cursing them in obvious ways, and it didn't take the Philistines long to decide they needed to return the Ark to the people of God, even including a "guilt offering." (See 1 Sam. 5:1-6:21.)

I'll quote a paragraph from page 97. I cannot agree with what Randolph says here. For one thing, he, like several writers in this book, is fixated on "sound." He says, "Recently, I've been pondering the similarities between the sound of God's voice in Genesis and the sound of a heavenly wind on the day of Pentecost. I began to realize that just as the sound of God's voice to Adam was merely an introduction into other realms of encountering God, those in the upper room also heard a sound that opened them up to other realms of supernatural phenomena. What they heard [sound] caused them to see fiery tongues, which caused them to feel drunk, which, in turn, caused them to speak in

a heavenly language. So the sound of wind which they initially heard seemed completely unrelated to what they saw, experienced and released."

I believe what Randolph said here requires a thorough response. He didn't mention the giving and receiving of the Holy Spirit, which is the most important thing by far that took place on that occasion. I don't believe it is true that the sound of the wind "caused them to see fiery tongues, which caused them to feel drunk, which, in turn, caused them to speak in a heavenly language." The "noise [sound] like a rushing mighty wind" that accompanied the Lord Jesus' pouring out the all-important Spirit on the Day of Pentecost didn't cause those other things. The noise/sound and the tongues of fire and the speaking in a heavenly language resulted from the often-prophesied, all-important giving/pouring out of the Life-Giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit that is a big part of what new-covenant salvation is all about.

The all-important atoning work of the Lamb of God opened the door for believers to be forgiven AND to receive the often-promised Spirit. The Life-Giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit enables us to be born again and to live in the righteousness and holiness of God. His "fire" (note the "tongues of fire") destroys sin and drives out demons. Many verses prophesied of His all-important sanctifying/purifying work that drives out sin and demons (cf., e.g., Isa. 32:15-17; Ezek. 36:25-27; Matt. 3:11-12 and note the "fire"; Matt. 12:28), and many verses in the New Testament speak of His sanctifying/purifying work (cf., e.g., Rom. 2:29; 8:2-14; 15:16; Gal. 5:16-25; 2 Thess. 2:13).

I'm not suggesting that the noise/sound like a rushing mighty wind that filled the whole house where they were sitting [Acts 2:2] wasn't significant. For one thing, the Greek noun *pneuma* that is often translated "Spirit," referring to the Holy Spirit, also means "wind" and "breath." (See John 3:8; *pneuma* is used of the Spirit and the wind in John 3:8. However, *pneuma* was not the noun translated "wind" in Acts 2:2.) The noise/sound like a rushing mighty wind added an intense awesomeness to the occasion, and it is possible that that noise contributed to gathering together a large number of Jews who were in Jerusalem, including large numbers of Jews who had come to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. However, apparently "this sound" of Acts 2:6 just refers to the speaking with tongues mentioned in 2:4.

It was the all-important coming of the Spirit, not the sound like a rushing mighty wind, that resulted in the things spoken of Acts 2:3-4: "and there appeared to them [the "gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons" in the upper room (Acts 1:15)] tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. [They could have received the all-important new-covenant Spirit without the tongues of fire, but the tongues of fire served to powerfully demonstrate the all-important

sanctifying/purifying dimension of the new-covenant Spirit's work.] (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."

I need to discuss one more detail that Randolph mentioned in his paragraph. He said that the sound "caused them to feel drunk." I have already said that I don't believe the sound resulted in/caused any of the things that took place on the Day of Pentecost, but we need to consider whether those Christians really were feeling (and acting) drunk. Many in our day interpret Acts 2:5-15 that way, but, in agreement with many commentators, I believe they are misunderstanding what Luke said here. Notice that Acts 1:5-12 indicates that many of the Jews who were gathered were astonished and quite open to what God was doing. (Acts 2:41 shows that after Peter preached that day "there were added about three thousand souls.") They were intrigued by the speaking in other tongues/languages, especially because they were hearing them speak with supernatural (it was obviously supernatural) tongues/languages that, on that occasion, were languages that the hearers understood, and it was understood that those speaking with tongues/languages didn't know the languages. And the tongues/languages "were speaking of the mighty deeds of God" (Acts 2:11).

However, that positive response to the supernatural tongues/languages wasn't the only response, which isn't surprising. I'll quote Acts 2:13, which speaks of Jews who were rejecting what God was doing on the Day of Pentecost: "But others were mocking and saying, 'They are full of sweet wine.' " In Peter's sermon, which starts in the next verse (2:14), he said (in Acts 2:15), "For these men are not drunk, as you [addressing what the "others" of Acts 2:13 had said] suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day [nine in the morning]." It wasn't that the Christians were acting drunk (but they certainly were manifesting joy), but these "others," at least most of them, were not open to the Lord Jesus Christ and the things that were happening.

I'll quote a closely related paragraph from Randolph's page 98 and then several closely related sentences from his page 102 (I cannot follow his reasoning on "sound" and "vibration" and "synesthesia"): "However, if sound is vibrational, then we must understand that it can stimulate our other senses. What if the men and women at Pentecost had only embraced what they heard? It's possible that they would have missed God altogether. Instead, after hearing the sound, they were willing to allow that sound to create a synesthetic response in them. [I don't believe this sentence, or the next sentence, describes what happened at all.] Through this cross-wiring of their spiritual senses, the neural [nervous system] pathways of the spirit realm created a myriad of spiritual encounters."

Now from his page 102: "... Clearly, one of the greatest revivals in human history - the vibration of heaven in Acts - set all kinds of things in motion. Why? Because the 120 believers in the Upper Room didn't get hung up on sound alone. They let the sound take them somewhere else [As I mentioned above, it wasn't the sound that took them somewhere else.], triggering all their senses to the point that they were drunk from the vibration. [I don't believe this is an accurate description of what happened, not at all, but it fits an emphasis of Randolph's chapter.]"

I'll include one last sentence from Randolph that may help show how he is greatly overstating "sound." "... Through the 'sound' of God's voice, divine energy was released, splitting the atoms [Splitting atoms hardly explains what God was doing when He created our universe.] and forming a heaven and earth suitable for the habitation of created man. ..." (page 96). The point I want to make here is that although God's voice was a significant aspect of creation, the idea wasn't that His voice embraced within itself the power of creation. For one thing, God the Father created everything that was created through His Son (e.g., John 1:1-3), and we cannot skip the all-important infinite wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit in creation. It gives a very wrong impression to speak of God's voice (sound) accomplishing the work of creation itself by its inherent vibrational power.

10. CHAPTER 11, "STRANGE THINGS ARE AFOOT," BY ELLYN DAVIS (pages 109-119). Davis says that quantum physics (which deals with energy and matter at the atomic and subatomic level) has discovered that some strange (unusual, unexpected) things take place. "Because of the great deal of 'strangeness afoot' in quantum physics, it has inevitably attracted metaphysical interpretations. Most of that interpretation has leaned toward using quantum physics to reinforce eastern mystical beliefs about the nature of the oneness and the power of human consciousness to create and manipulate that reality" (page 113). We don't need any of that!

On page 114 she mentions that "Several early quantum physicists were inspired by mystical ideas, including Niels Bohr, Wolfgang Pauli (who worked with Carl Jung [who was a psychoanalyst who had a spirit guide] on the theory of synchronicity) and Erwin Schrodinger. Later quantum mysticism became a part of mainstream thought when Deepak Chopra's 1999 book *Quantum Healing* used quantum concepts to propose his theory of psychosomatic healing." He is a prominent leader in the New Age/occult world.

Davis went on to mention the 2004 New Age film *What the #\$*! Do We Know?* that "was based on teachings supposedly channeled from Ramtha, the 35,000 year old spirit of a warrior from the lost continent of Lemuria." And the 2006 film, *The Secret*, that "was

based on New Thought teachings from the early 1900s and, like *What the #\$*!*, was influenced by channeled messages from disembodied entities." And "*A Course in Miracles*, a self-study curriculum which aims at helping its readers achieve spiritual transformation through embracing mystical interpretations of quantum physics. Helen Schueman wrote the book based on what she called an 'inner voice' she identified as Jesus. Over two million copies of *A Course in Miracles* have been distributed worldwide since it first became available in 1976. We certainly don't need any of this!

There is nothing in this chapter by Davis that would make Christians want to check out the New Age/occult world or begin to justify our going to the New Age/occult world to "extract the precious from the worthless," which is the title of chapter 2 of *Physics of Heaven*, which was written by her. There is nothing in this chapter that I have seen that offers true Christians anything they need to become maximized Christians. God has already provided everything that we need, and I believe it is clear that God has forbidden us to go there. Her last sentence in this chapter reads, "However, many quantum concepts appropriated by the New Age are actually distortions of Christian spiritual truths as you will discover in the following chapters" (page 116). That last sentence doesn't motivate me at all to check out what the New Age/occult world has to offer either, but I'll read and comment on the "following chapters."

11. CHAPTER 12, "QUANTUM MYSTICISM," BY ELLYN DAVIS (pages 121-131). Pages 121-127 are under the subheading "Metaphysical Interpretations of Quantum Physics." I don't see anything that she mentioned in this chapter that we need. On page 127 she comes to the subheading "Compatibility with Christianity." I'll quote the four paragraphs that she has here: "It's obvious that the New Age has used quantum physics as part of its belief structure. But are any of the ideas advanced by quantum physics compatible with Christianity.

Yes, there are. I think the beliefs of quantum mysticism are compatible with Christianity in many ways but are totally incompatible in a few, most important ways.

[This next paragraph says enough to convince me that the New Age/occult world is off-limits for Christians. The fact that you can find some things in the New Age/occult world that are compatible with Christianity doesn't make it acceptable for us to go hunting there. We don't go to the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Mormons or the Moslems for help, but they have many things compatible with Christianity.] Christians and quantum mystics part ways over four issues: (1) where God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit fit into the picture. [The New Age/occult world doesn't have any room for the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit as they are presented in the Bible. This is, to say the least, a gigantic problem!];

(2) what constitutes sin [For one thing, they have no room for our total, desperate need for the all-important atoning death of the Son of God to set us free from the guilt of sin and from bondage to sin and demons.]; (3) where the Bible fits into the picture [They clearly do not consider the Bible the foundation for what they believe, which is another gigantic problem!]; and (4) what happens after we die. [They don't believe what the Bible teaches about judgment and heaven and hell. I know that reincarnation is a widespread belief among them. And it would be easy to add many things to this listing of incompatibilities.]. I won't go into these incompatibilities here, but you may read them on the website www.heavensphysics.com. [I just went to that website, but that information isn't there (January 2020).]

However, there is much that we can agree on. In fact, as the authors of some chapters of this book have mentioned, all truth is God's truth and there are many precious 'God truths' hidden in quantum mysticism for us to claim as our own. We'll delve into just a few of them in the rest of this chapter." I don't find anything there for us to claim that we don't already have, and, again, I believe it is clear that we have been forbidden to go there.

Her first subsection (pages 127-128) of four subsections deals with the fact that the Bible (especially the Lord Jesus Himself) teaches us that we can change things, etc. through faith. The primary point I want to make here is that there is nothing that we need to learn from the New Age/occult world here. It's true that they speak of changing things, etc. by faith, but they are *not* speaking about faith in the God of the Bible, or His Son, or the Bible. It is an occult faith. They are doing things by occult, demonic power. The things Christians do are by God's power, and in accordance with His will and for His glory. We are limited to moving mountains that God wants moved. We are not moving mountains by tapping into some power that is built into us as humans or built into the universe.

Her second subsection (pages 128-130) deals with the fact that our "Thoughts and Attitudes Are Powerful." We certainly don't need to go to the New Age/occult world, including quantum physics, to learn this or to confirm this. They need to become Christians because walking in new-covenant salvation by the Holy Spirit is the only way to get our thoughts and attitudes and motivations, etc. in line with God's will.

Her third subsection (pages 130-131) deals with "A Oneness Connection." It is widely understood that the New Age/occult world puts a strong emphasis on the oneness of all things. Based on what Davis says here she seems to accept this belief to some extent. I'll quote one sentence: "We also know that we all share some mystical connection with each other, with all things, and with ultimate consciousness because we've had

unexplainable experiences of connectivity like feeling someone else's pain or thinking of an old friend we haven't seen for years and suddenly running into them at a restaurant." God isn't one with the universe that He created and we aren't either. He is distinct from what He has made. However, we are one with God through new-covenant salvation, but we are not one with Satan or his kingdom, and although we live in the world we are not of the world (John 17:14). Again, the New Age/occult world isn't offering us anything that we need here.

Davis' fourth subsection deals with "Different Levels of Reality" (page 131). I'll quote her first paragraph here: "We already know that there are vast unseen realms populated with beings of varying degrees of consciousness and power and that the 'real' dimension of ultimate reality isn't on this earth. The Bible speaks of different 'levels' of spiritual habitation (the third heaven, for example) which could all be different levels of reality. So we should have no problem embracing theories about the 'other side' and multiple dimensions of reality."

Why should we embrace such theories? The Bible teaches us all we need to know about reality: We know, for example, about God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. We know about the angels that were created by God. We know that two-thirds of the angels stayed faithful to God but that one-third of the angels followed the devil in his rebellion against God through pride. We know that they hate God and do everything they can possibly do to draw mankind from God to their religions and occult world. We know what we need to know about humanity. We know about the fall. We know of God's new-covenant plan of salvation, which is God's full (and only) solution to the sin problem. We are called to repent and submit to God, His Son, and His new-covenant plan of salvation by faith. We know that the day of judgment is coming and that some will spend eternity in heaven but those who will not repent and submit to God and His Son will inherit hell. Again, we know all we need to know, and I'm sure that the New Age/occult world doesn't have anything that we need, and again, God has put everything like that off-limits for His people.

12. CHAPTER 13, "KEYS TO TAKING YOUR QUANTUM LEAP," BY DAVID VAN KOEVERING (pages 133-144). ("This chapter is excerpted from an article by David Van Koevering titled "Keys to Taking Your Quantum Leap.") I don't doubt that Van Koevering is intelligent and sincere, but, again, I don't see that he offers us anything we need to improve Christianity. I'll give an example of a verse that he seriously and obviously misinterpreted and a serious, obvious scientific error here, and briefly comment on another of his paragraphs, but I won't deal with a lot that he says in this chapter that I cannot agree with. Some of it is more science fiction.

"First Corinthians 1:28 says, '...God (has) chosen...things which are not (the invisible) to bring to naught things which are (the visible).' [Apparently Van Koevering took his abbreviated translation from the KJV.] This Scripture makes sense only when you understand it at the atomic and subatomic level. Everything is made up of atoms, which are frequencies of energy. [I don't know about this, but everyone agrees that atoms are made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons and that protons and neutrons are made up of quarks.] These frequencies of energy are the voice of Jesus causing all things to be! [This sentence has to be considered pure speculation!] Atoms are made up of subatomic particles, and subatomic particles are made up of superstrings [I don't know much about superstring theory, but it is theoretical.], tiny donut-shaped packets of energy that spin at a specific frequency - or sing in a pitch.

None of this is real in this dimension because they exist only in a state of possibilities until someone observes them. Then, at that observation, the potential becomes a thing - a particle or wave. [I don't believe many scientists would agree with this.]" Anyway, I quoted this to make the primary point that Van Kouvering totally misinterpreted this verse. I doubt that you could find any Bible commentator in the world to agree with how he interpreted 1 Cor. 1:28. WHEN YOU READ THIS VERSE IN ITS CONTEXT, WHICH WE MUST ALWAYS DO, THE CORRECT INTERPRETATION IS OBVIOUS: I'll quote 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (KJV) (1 Cor. 1:18-25, 30-31 are relevant here too):

For ye see your calling, brethren, that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called* [The apostle Paul is speaking of being called by God unto salvation [cf. 1 Cor. 1:24]: **(27) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty; (28) And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: (29) That no flesh should glory in his presence.**" Pride, with unbelief, is the root of sin. We all need to humble ourselves before God, to repent, and to submit to His new-covenant plan of salvation. God doesn't call people because they are worthy to be chosen. He calls people who will humble themselves before Him and who want to be transformed by His grace. We are saved by grace through faith based on God's plan of salvation that centers in the Sacrifice of His Son. Can you imagine the people of Paul's day understanding 1 Cor. 1:28 the way Van Koevering explains it?

We need to discuss what Van Koevering says under the subheading "Light Is Slowing Down" (pages 136-137). This statement is clearly wrong! There is no real basis for this statement, as I'll demonstrate, and I doubt that you can find any scientists in our day

who believe it. I'll quote part of what he says here: "... When man fell, the speed of light slowed down. ... It is believed that the speed of light is 186,000 miles per second. Physicist Barry Setterfield and mathematicians Trevor Norman and Alan Montgomery have measured light and proven that the speed of light is slowing down. [This is wrong as I'll demonstrate, and, as I mentioned, I doubt that you can find any scientists in our day who believe this. I'm surprised that Van Koevering said these things in 2012. He says on page 139 that he is "a scientist and inventor."]

This means that light may have been ten to thirty percent faster in the time of Christ; twice as fast in the days of Solomon; and four times as fast in the days of Abraham.

It would also imply that the velocity of light could have been more than ten million times faster prior to 3,000 B.C. This possibility would also alter our concepts of time and the age of the universe. The universe might actually be less than 10,000 years old! That sounds like a quantum leap to me!"

Van Koevering continues with this theme for several more paragraphs, but I won't quote any more. I'll quote some of what Dr. Hugh Ross said in his 1994 book, *Creation and Time*, that totally refutes everything that Van Koevering said about the speed of light slowing down. Ross believes the scientific evidence is overwhelming for an old universe and he believes in the infallibility of the Bible. Some Christians will insist on a young universe and earth based on their interpretation of the Bible, but they cannot honestly use the argument that light has slowed down to help support their belief in a young universe and earth.

I'll quote from Ross' chapter 9, "Scientific Evidences for the Universe's Age" (pages 99-102), under the subheading, "Challenge 3: Light may have traveled faster a few thousand years ago" (pages 97-99). (Chapter 10 of *Creation and Time* is titled, "Is There Scientific Evidence for a Young Universe.") "Reply: The work of two Australian [young-earth] creationists [By the way, Ross agrees that God created everything that exists, including His creating man; life did not evolve on the earth and humans did not evolve from animals or anything else.] has been widely publicized among proponents of a young universe. [As I mentioned Ross published this book in 1994.] Barry Setterfield and Trevor Norman teamed up to propose that the reason the universe appears old is that light used to travel much faster than it does today. [Ross has an endnote: "Norman, Trevor and Setterfield, Barry, 'The Atomic Constants, Light and Time,' *Stanford Research Institute International, Technical Report* (August 1987). This report was published without the permission of SRI International."] Given decay in light's velocity [if it were true, but it isn't], the present value of the velocity of light would yield an inaccurate measure of the size and age of the universe.

The basis for this claim is a misinterpretation of data from speed of light measurements made over many years. What the data actually show is the increasing refinement of measurements not a change in velocity.

The first calculation of the speed of light was attempted in 1675 by Olaus Romer, a Danish astronomer. His figure was about 3 percent higher than the modern measurements show. But the uncertainty of his measurement exceeded 3 percent. Recently, three American physicists reworked Romer's calculations. They found that if Romer had had more precise data for one part of his calculation, his speed-of-light figure would have agreed with the modern measurement to within 0.5 percent. [Ross has a footnote: "Goldstein, S.J.; Trasco, J.D.; and Ogburn III, T.J., 'On the Velocity of Light Three Centuries Ago,' *Astronomical Journal* 78 (1973), pages 122-125."]

Apparently the article describing this research was misunderstood by the Australians. They took the 1675 speed of light decreasing by 0.5 percent since 1675. [Ross has two footnotes: "Fackerell, Edward D., 'The Age of the Astronomical Universe,' *Ex Nihilo Technical Journal*. Vol 1 (1984), pages 90-91." And, "Norman and Setterfield, page 11."] Actually, more than fifty measurements of the velocity of light have been made since Romer's, and when the uncertainties for each of the measurements are taken into account, the velocity shows itself constant through the more than 300 years since ground-based measurements began.

Using other types of measurements, the speed of light proves constant over many more years. Studies on a particular spectral line of hydrogen from nearby galaxies shows its constancy over the last 18 million years. New measurements on that spectral line in very distant galaxies extend that confirmation to 14 billion years. [I'll skip his two footnotes here.]

Let me add a practical consideration. The existence of life in the universe requires the constancy of the speed of light. A significant change in the velocity of light would so radically disturb such things as the luminosities of the stars and the relative abundances of the elements as to ruin the possibility for life anywhere, anytime in the universe. Since the c in Einstein's equation, $E=mc^2$, stands for the speed of light, a change in that figure would necessarily mean changes in the m (matter) or E (energy) or both, an alteration contradicted by abundant observations."

I'll just quote one more paragraph from Van Koevering. "Here is a quantum leap for someone: If you know something coming from your future, let's say a vision, a revelation, desire, or even a creative idea, that information has to move faster than the

speed of light to reach you" (page 137). He says quite a bit more along this line in this chapter. He totally loses me here. Since God is above time, He knows the future and He doesn't have to reveal things to us faster than the speed of light.

13. CHAPTER 15, "THE CLARION CALL," BY BENI JOHNSON (pages 163-169). Most of what Beni Johnson says in this chapter is not directly relevant to the primary topic of my Review/paper, but I'll quote part of what she said about the "sound" on the Day of Pentecost under the subheading "A Sound Like a Wind" (pages 164-166). I believe she substantially confuses the issue by saying that the "sound like a wind" produced the results that took place on the Day of Pentecost. Keep in mind that this book puts a strong emphasis on "sound."

She said, "Look what a sound of heaven could do, first fruits [which in the fullest sense would include the tongues of fire, the all-important pouring out and receiving the Holy Spirit, including the speaking with tongues/languages] and harvest [harvest of souls into the kingdom of the Lord Jesus; into the glory of new-covenant salvation]. The church started that day; many were filled with the Holy Spirit and fire, and as far as we know, it was the first of the harvest of souls" (page 165).

I agree that "the church started that day." For the first time since the fall of mankind in Adam and Eve, believers could be born again and through the power of the indwelling Life-Giving, Righteous, Holy Spirit believers could begin to walk with the victory over all sin and demons. THIS IS SUPER-IMPORTANT! But it isn't true that "sound from heaven" produced these super-significant results. The sound came first (Acts 2:2). God used this sound to announce the all-important promised coming of the Spirit, which, based on the all-important atoning death and resurrection of the Lamb of God, opened the door for us to receive the Spirit. (It is significant that there is correlation between the Spirit and wind. See John 3:8; for one thing, the nouns "wind" and "Spirit" were both translated from the Greek noun *pneuma* in John 3:8.)

The sound announced and attended the coming of the outpoured Spirit, but that is very different than the sound causing or producing the things that followed, especially the coming of the Spirit. Again, Johnson said, "Look what a sound from heaven could do." So too, the sound did not produce the tongues of fire or the speaking with tongues/languages. The tongues of fire pictured the cleansing/purifying dimension for recipients of new-covenant salvation by the Spirit, and the speaking with tongues/languages attended the reception of the new-covenant Spirit. It was often prophesied that the new-covenant Spirit would enable new-covenant believers to be

righteous and holy by grace through faith (cf., e.g., Isa. 32:15-17; Jer. 31:31-34, especially verse 33; Rom. 8:1-17; Gal. 5:16-26).

14. SOME EXCERPTS THAT DEAL WITH THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT/OCCULT WORLD. (Taken from *Occult Invasion: The Subtle Seduction of the World and Church* by Dave Hunt (Harvest House Publishers, 1998), 647 pages. (I received permission to quote extensively from this book by Mark Vander Ark at The Berean Call.)

I'll quote the first two paragraphs from chapter 3, "What is the Occult" (page 39). "The word *occult* comes from the Latin *occultus*, which means 'concealed' or 'hidden.' It involves mystic knowledge and magic powers received from the spirit world and dispensed for the benefit of devotees or directed destructively at enemies by those who have been initiated into its secrets. The masters of occult power are known as medicine men (or women), witch doctors, witches, psychics, priests, sorcerers, astrologers, gurus, yogis, shamans, mediums, seers, or healers.

Some of those involved with occult powers attribute them in [to] a variety of deities, others to a 'Force' inherent within the universe with a 'dark' and 'light' side which humans can tap into. Still others claim they are simply using a normal power of the mind which can be cultivated in a special state of consciousness. There are also those who attribute occult powers to the God of the Bible."

I'll quote most of what Hunt says on pages 116-118 under the heading "New Thought - Forerunner of the New Age Movement." "Christian Science is part of the New Thought movement that developed during the last half of the nineteenth century. Phineas P. Quimby (1802-1866), whose 'studies in mesmerism (early hypnotism), Spiritism and kindred phenomena...laid the basis for a new structure in the world of thought [Horatio W. Dresser, ed., *The Quimby Manuscripts* (Citadel, 1980), p. 9.]...was regarded as the founder of the [New Thought] movement.' [Charles S. Braden, *Spirits in Rebellion: The Rise and Development of New Thought* (SMU Press, 1966), p. 20.] New Thought's basic teaching is (like Hinduism) that everything is in the mind. We create our own world of good or evil, of health or sickness, of prosperity or want by our thoughts. The practice of hypnosis, which Quimby pioneered in America, seemed to demonstrate this. Mary Baker Eddy was one of the early patients to be 'healed' and her new interpretation of the Bible was actually based upon Quimby's teachings - a fact which she refused to admit.

[Two quick testimonies: Back when I was working as an engineer in the space field (in the 60s), I was sent to an interesting cryogenic, thermodynamic conference at

Oklahoma State University. Another engineer from our department was sent there too. He was a Christian Scientist. We had a very interesting discussion. He would tell me what a verse meant from the Christian Science point of view, and I could typically show him that the surrounding verses demonstrate that he was misinterpreting that verse. His simple, confident answer surprised me: Their book, "Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy tells what verses are true, and he showed me that their book proved that the verses I referred to were not true. That's one way to misinterpret the Bible.

Also, I got involved with self-hypnosis looking for some answers and help as a young man a few years before I became a Christian at the age of 26. I took a class led by a professional hypnotist that I met in a psychology class (as I said, I was looking for answers that I knew I needed), I read quite a few books on hypnotism, and I spent many hours practicing their techniques. The end result was that I never received any benefits from self-hypnosis. I thank God that it didn't do much for me. But looking back after becoming a born-again Christian, I believe I opened doors for demons that strongly worked against my becoming a Christian and against my trying to live a fully victorious life as a young Christian. For one thing, it took me five years to become a born-again Christian after being solidly confronted with the gospel and wanting to be a true Christian. I was blind to the simple truth.]]

New Thought was the forerunner of today's New Age, which has popularized the same delusion under new labels. New Thought was forced out of mainstream Christianity and became the basis for a number of cults, which include (in addition to Christian Science) Unity School of Christianity and the Church of Religious Science (Science of Mind). Like Unity founders Myrtle and Charles Fillmore, Ernest Holmes patterned his Science of Mind on the same attractive delusion: 'Man, by thinking, can bring into his experience whatever he desires....' [Ernest Holmes, *The Science of Mind* (textbook), p. 30.] In a proud prophecy that has come to pass, Holmes declared, 'We have launched a Movement which, in the next 100 years will be the great new religious impulsion of modern times...[destined] to envelop the world....' [James Reid, *Ernest Holmes: The First Religious Scientist* (Science of Mind Publication, Los Angeles), p. 14.]

... This 'spiritual philosophy for the New Age' offers a 'specific method by which anyone...may relate consciously to the Creative Life Force ['God'] of the universe...for the purpose of achieving whatever constructive objective is desired.... Health, abundance, security, love, peace, and happiness are...within the immediate grasp of all who apply...principles...which the Science of Mind explains.' [From the brochure 'What is the Science of Mind?'] Having reduced God to a Universal Principle that can be utilized according to scientific laws, the creature has become the Creator!" This isn't the sovereign God of the universe and the God who gave us the Bible, the God who

answers prayer and must be glorified, the God who will judge at the end of this age. This is man trying to run the show by tapping into power and energy that is built into the universe and works according to occult laws. That's a gigantic, totally unacceptable difference.

Then under the subheading "Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller," Hunt said: "Norman Vincent Peale, a 33-degree Mason, and his chief disciple, Robert Schuller, kept New Thought alive within mainline Christianity - so that its tenets are even widely embraced among evangelicals today. Schuller calls Peale 'the man who has impacted and influenced my thinking and my theology and my life more than any other living person....' ["The Plus Factor," published excerpts from a Peale talk on Schuller's 'Hour of Power,' copyright 1986 by Robert Schuller, p. 3.] Peale borrowed from Fillmore [mentioned above] the phrase 'Positive Thinking' (that made Peale famous) [Braden, *Spirits*, p. 390.] and credited Holmes with making him into a positive thinker. [Reid, *Ernest Holmes*, p. 14.]

Charles S. Braden's definitive work on New Thought identifies Norman Vincent Peale as the one man 'through whose ministry essentially New Thought ideas and techniques have been made known most widely in America.' [Braden, *Spirits*, p. 186.] Peale continually spoke of the universe as 'mental,' of God as 'energy,' and of 'prayer' as the scientific technique for releasing God-energy according to definite 'laws.' The following statements reveal Peale's basic Science of Mind Teaching:

'The world you live in is mental and not physical. Change your thought and you change everything. [Ibid., p. 387.] Your unconscious mind...[has a] power that turns wishes into realities when the wishes are strong enough. [Norman Vincent Peale, *Positive Imaging*, (Fawcett Press, 1982), p. 77.] Who is God? Some theological being...? God is energy. As you breathe God in, as you visualize His energy, you will be reenergized! [Norman Vincent Peale, *Plus: The Magazine of Positive Thinking*, Vol. 37, no. 4 (Part II), May 1986, p. 23.] Prayer Power is a manifestation of energy. Just as there exist scientific techniques for the release of atomic energy, so are there scientific procedures for the release of spiritual energy through the mechanism of prayer.... New and fresh spiritual techniques are being constantly discovered...experiment with prayer power. [Norman Vincent Peale, *The Power of Positive Thinking* (Fawcett Crest, 1983), pp. 52-53.] Prayer is a procedure by which spiritual power flows from God...releases forces and energies...and brings many other outstanding results. As in any skill or science one must learn step by step the formula for opening the circuit and receiving this power. Any method through which you can stimulate the power of God to flow into your mind are legitimate...[any] scientific use of prayer [Norman Vincent Peale, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, New Condensed Edition (Center for Positive Thinking, 1987), p. 17.]."

I'll quote the five paragraphs under the heading "Entering a Forbidden Realm" (pages 50-51). One would not expect occultism to gain a foothold in the Christian church, since the Bible forbids it in both the Old and New Testaments. Nevertheless, the church has been enticed as well as the world. Much that is now practiced in evangelical circles is the old shamanism (a universally adopted word for witchcraft and other occult practices) under new names. [I'm thankful I can say that, based on what I have observed, many evangelical churches have avoided the occultism (and New Age Movement) that Hunt is dealing with in this book.]

Anthropologist Michael Harner, himself a practicing shaman, is one of the world's leading authorities on shamanism. A number of the basic elements which he says have been at the heart of shamanism worldwide for thousands of years are widespread within the church: visualization [which includes the occult technique of bringing things to pass by concentrated visualization of the things coming to pass and coming into contact with demons who are impersonating Jesus, Mary, ascended masters of the universe, those who have died, those who came here on UFO's, etc.; you can see them, learn from them. and interact with them in various ways], hypnosis, psychological counseling [that uses occult techniques], [occult] Positive Thinking, [occult] Positive Confession, and Eastern meditation techniques. [Harner, *Shaman*, p. 136.] To what extent these involve the occult, and why, will be dealt with in the following pages. Multitudes of those who call themselves Christians are involved in the occult, many of them unwittingly.

... The Bible lists divination (tarot cards, Ouija boards, crystal balls, pendulums, etc.), observing times (astrology), enchantment (hypnosis), witchcraft, charming (another form of hypnosis), consulting with 'familiar spirits' (mediumship, séances, channeling), and wizardry or necromancy (communicating with the dead). The Bible forbids each of these occult practices.

The fact that some people are seemingly healed through occult powers or become successful through occult practices does not prove that the purpose behind them is to bless mankind. [That's for sure!] There must be some bait on the hook or no one would bite. Even if the intent is evil [and the devil's intent is always evil and against God and man; he would like to take all mankind to hell with him and his angels] one would expect *some* apparent good as a means of enticement. Mankind would hardly be drawn to something that was clearly and totally harmful.

In one's enthusiasm for embracing mysterious phenomena, one dare not ignore the question of ultimate purpose [the source of the things that come to pass]. We will attempt to face this vital concern carefully and honestly."

Some Excerpts Dealing with the Consistent Messages Received from the Occult World (pages 161-163).

"...Australia's New Age News notes the 'remarkable agreement, even unanimity, among the various channeled entities.' That fact is emphasized repeatedly by Jon Klimo in his definitive book on this subject. The major theme, as Klimo points out, is our alleged oneness with God [but clearly not the God of creation and the Bible], our ignorance of this oneness, the necessity to realize this oneness through 'enlightenment,' and our return to earth through reincarnation many times in this long evolutionary process of attaining our true or higher self. [Klimo, *Channeling*, 150-151.] ...

It was shattering for atheist Helen Shueman when she began hearing a voice saying, 'This is a course in miracles; take it down!' As well as teaching medical psychology at Columbia University, Shueman was Assistant Head of the Psychology Department at Presbyterian Hospital in New York. Far from diagnosing her as suffering from delusion, her equally atheistic colleagues told her to follow the instructions. When the dictation finally ended, the 'Course' ran to an astonishing 1100 pages and has been acclaimed for its brilliant insights by psychologists and theologians [many "theologians" have very little respect for the Bible; we have to be very careful who we listen to] alike. [Oprah Winfrey has pushed "A Course in Miracles."]

The voice dictating *A Course in Miracles* claimed to be Jesus Christ Himself, intent upon correcting errors in the Bible that have offended unbelievers because of their 'narrow-mindedness.' The *Course* explains that 'forgiveness' is simply recognizing that sin does not exist and therefore there is nothing to forgive. The *Course* is popular with those who want to call themselves Christians while rejecting sound biblical doctrine. It has been taught at Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral.

The dictating 'Jesus' contradicted nearly everything the Bible says about Him. That fact is admitted by Kenneth Wapnick, the head of the foundation that publishes the *Course*. ["A Matter of Course: Conversation with Kenneth Wapnick," in *SPC Journal*, vol. 7, no. 1, 1987, pp. 7-19.] Not surprisingly, what this 'Jesus' said was in perfect agreement with the messages being communicated by a wide variety of entities through thousands of 'channels' around the world. Yet Shueman was ignorant of the phenomenon of 'channeling' until it suddenly happened to her.

When insurance supervisor Jach Pursel tried Eastern meditation at the prompting of his wife, he thought he kept falling asleep. She found herself, however, talking with the strangely accented 'Lazaris' when Jach was in this state. 'Lazaris' ' themes echo A

Course in Miracles, Seth (recorded in numerous books over a 24-year period through Jane Roberts), 'Ramtha,' and many other channeled entities. All is One and part of God but unaware of that great fact and on a journey of enlightenment to realize who we really are. [Klimo, *Channeling*, p. 48.]

The 'higher Self' of Meredith Lady Young, a New Hampshire publisher, channeled through her *Agatha: A Journey to the Stars*. Once again the message was positive thinking, evolutionary advancement to perfection, the oneness of all, that 'God' is an energy, and that man is God: 'We [channeling spirits] are multidimensional beings from another more spiritually evolved plane. Our aim is one of positive reinforcement to further man's development ... The human race must recognize its deeply buried bond with Universal Energy or no significant spiritual growth is possible.' [Meredith Lady Young, *Agatha: A Journey to the Stars* (Stillpoint Publishing, 1984), p. 31.]"

Further Excerpts Dealing with the Same Topic (pages 236-238).

... Showing the influence of Eastern mysticism, a recent poll revealed that 71 percent of Americans, 64 percent of those who claim to be 'born-again,' and 40 percent of self-described evangelicals do not believe in absolute truth. [What we mean by "absolute truth" needs to be carefully defined.]

That denial of God's truth is promoted in all communications from entities claiming to be spirits of the dead, Ascended Masters, space brothers, 'Jesus,' or whoever is the most appealing to the particular recipient. Judith Skutch, the publisher of *A Course in Miracles*, attests to the fact that 'the same perennial philosophy or ancient wisdom' is expressed consistently through 'different voices.' [Jon Klima, *Channeling* (Jeremy P. Tarcher, 1987), p. 149, quoted from Klimo's interview with Skutch.] ...

It can hardly be coincidence that 'Ramtha,' who channels through J.Z. Knight, preaches the same...gospel from the East. Those who have rejected the Bible as 'myth' turn right around and swallow the wildest tales - and there is none wilder than Ramtha's.

Having allegedly lived in mythical Atlantis 35,000 years ago and having 'ascended into the Seventh Heaven, where he and God became one...[Ramtha] is now part of an "unseen brotherhood" of superbeings, who love us and hear our prayers' ["The world according to Ram," *Utne*, p. 80.] The top business leaders of the world accepted Napoleon Hill's [author of *Think and Grow Rich* and other very popular supernatural books] story of a Temple of Wisdom run by a school of Masters on the astral plane, so why not Ramtha's delusion as well? Indeed, Ramtha's followers include some of America's brightest and most highly educated.

Ramtha's teachings even influenced 'managers and executives of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) whose decision-making and judgments have the greatest impact on the agency....' Ramtha's influence came through a stress management course for FAA executives over a period of years at a cost of 1.4 million dollars to taxpayers. The bizarre training, which resulted in lawsuits against the FAA, was given by a California psychologist who is reportedly a follower of Ramtha and has even conversed with him. ["The Guru and the FAA," in *Newsweek*, March 6, 1995, p. 52; see also Ruth Larson, "Unethical conduct found in FAA probe," in *Washington Times*, March 29, 1995, pp. A1, A18.] The amoral nature of the training and its relation to the rejection of sin and absolute truth reflects Ramtha's blatantly anti-Christian teachings, which echo to a large extent *A Course in Miracles* and have been summarized as follows:

'God is neither good nor bad. ... He is entirely without morals and non-judgmental. There are no divine decrees. Is-ness is his only business [and many wonder if He "is"]. Hell and Satan are the "vile inventions" of Christianity, a product of "your insidious Book [the Bible]," which Ramtha advises his listeners *not* to read.

There is no such thing as evil. Nothing you can do, not even murder, is wrong.... I AM... "does not even have the ability to judge you." There is no forgiveness of sins because there are no sins to forgive.

Every vile and wretched thing you do "broadens your understanding." If you want to do any one thing, regardless of what it is, it would not be wise to go against that feeling....

"Everyone...whether he is starving, or crippled...has chosen his experience for the purpose of gaining from it...." Why condemn the Holocaust? Every murdered Jew *chose* to be killed, and Hitler was merely undergoing a learning experience.' ["World According to Ram," *Utne*, p. 80.]

That seemingly sane and well-educated people by the tens of thousands have become followers of Ramtha (and of other entities who speak the same lies through various channels make the Heaven's Gate suicide cult member seem rational by comparison."

One Last Excerpt; It Shows the Gigantic Difference Between Western and Eastern Meditation (page 232).

"It is essential to understand the vastly different meanings given to the word 'meditation' in the West and in the East. [But it is changing in the West.] Meditation in the West has always been synonymous with *contemplation*, or thinking deeply about something. Christian meditation involves seeking deeper insights into God's Word (Psalm 1:2),

pondering God Himself (Psalm 63:6), reflecting upon God's works (Psalm 77:12), and considering what our responsibility is and what our response should be (1 Timothy 4:15).

In contrast, Eastern meditation...involves ceasing to think, and emptying the mind. It is a prelude to possession. Through repeating over and over a word or phrase (a mantra) or focusing on a candle or upon one's breathing, the mind goes blank and one enters an altered state of consciousness."

This is the end of this Book Review/Paper. May the will of God be fully accomplished and His people be edified! In Jesus' name!