

Philippians 3:17 -21 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

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For those of us concerned with the effects of deception leading to compromise we are asking how many Christians are seeking God willing to cultivate obedience in their lives responding to His Word? This is a question that should not even be considered in the lives of believers. However, as revealed by Scripture, confirmed by what we are witnessing even among Christian leaders there is a growing multitude of believers giving heed to the doctrines of demons in a departure from the faith. This departure is of such a nature He told us that even the elect might be deceived. These end times in the world today are marked by unparalleled spiritual pressure exerted by false prophets with false doctrines. These are the things we are concerned with when deception becomes more appealing than truth.

Sound doctrine competes with false prophets who are being promoted as workers of righteousness working miraculous lying signs and wonders. To be able to resist deception in these times I believe it is a spiritual imperative to cultivate a humble and contrite heart open to the simplicity of the Gospel receptive to the voice of gentle conviction. This involves our pride issues asking Him if I might be one of the elect deceived or whether I might be influenced by one of those deceived. It is of the utmost importance to determine if we're being led by the Holy Spirit or if we're seeking the gifts offered in an irresponsible manner.

When satanically inspired apparitions come appearing as angels of light, bearing gifts, working lying signs, wonders and miracles how are we able to discern who the giver is when our leaders claim these spiritual manifestations are proof of God's endorsement? In relation to false prophets in these end times, which of our leaders are puffed up with foolish pride and which ones are humble servants blameless before God? When satan comes as an angel of light seeking whom he might devour who are those leaders we can rely upon to test every spirit in order to protect us from spiritual compromise and doctrines of demons? Although this is a critical criteria laid out in Scripture, His Word continues to be overshadowed by the prominence given to spiritual manifestations. When signs, wonders and miracles appear are they occurring through the working of the Holy Spirit or is other authority being allowed to operate?

Many years ago when the charismatic movement began to be more pronounced it brought with it compounding promises of ways to get closer to God. There was a competitive excitement as to where the newest forms of spiritual manifestations were taking place from church to church along with the church movements being formed as a result. An array of charismatic personalities appeared some who made little effort to hide their New Age affiliations. Distracted by the excitement many did not care as long as they could tap into the spiritual energies to experience what was being offered. Along with many throughout the Christian community I was also excited by the demonstrations of God's power and joined the throngs seeking each new move of God. However, as a Christian who had gone into the occult having recently been redeemed I had an appreciation for the deception satan utilizes to snare believers. Although the Holy Spirit was doing a work there were things I questioned in these meeting. In response I was told I had to receive by faith or I'd miss God's blessings being poured out. I was told I had a critical spirit and was warned not to touch God's anointed or I would be cursed. What caught my attention the most was how quickly loving Christians could turn into angry condemning people threatening curses with any element of caution I would attempt to discuss. Not wanting to be ostracized from these meetings I'd quietly sit seeking God's blessings like everyone else but I continued to notice things that seemed to contradict Scripture. Being confused I began to pray a simple prayer during those meetings, "Lord, keep

me from what's not of You." Having said that, is there even one believer who can find fault with such a simple request? Although I didn't know if the leaders and organizers of these meetings had tested the spirits promoted in their meetings I was asking God for protection from spiritual influence when such had been neglected.

As a professing Christian I had once entered into the occult distracted by the good works of the lodge. I was taught to seek more light with every degree, which turned out to be the same light new agers are seeking. In fact, the prestigious Scottish Rite Journal was once called the New Age Magazine up until the 1980s. This in itself should alert those involved in contemplative spirituality as to the source of light they encounter. The New Age incorporating Masonic influence has had a great impact compromising Christianity through contemplative traditions from eastern mysticism. One of the things I learned in my journey into the occult is how easily Christians can be distracted from truth when we're dazzled by nicely wrapped gifts. However, these nicely wrapped gifts are often the source of a deadly deception. An example of this is found in one of our articles, [First Lodge Night](#). It dialogues how I entered into a covenant relationship with the god of Freemasonry called The Great Architect Of The Universe through Masonic ritual my first night. In the upper degrees it is revealed that he is also called Lucifer another name for satan. Its my opinion that I was still a Christian but spiritually compromised attempting to serve two masters having become double minded and unstable in all my ways according to Scriptural definition. This is what I believe occurs when Christians accept gifts from the spiritual sources that have not been tested.

In relation to what I believe from personal experience involving distraction from truth by spiritual compromise I'll mention Todd Bentley, someone who I believe has a sincere heart for God. Many years ago I sat with Todd and others at the back of church gatherings seeking God for freedom from the bondage and oppression in our lives. At that time I had become a former Mason with some spiritual authority still operating in my life from the occult. It took time through the Holy Spirit to shut doors I'd given spiritual authority to during various rituals. Todd and others were dealing with the spiritual issues in their lives. During the struggles of those years I was prayed over by some of the same people who prayed over Todd. With full conviction I can say that God started a good work in Todd with a plan and a purpose. However, as a Christian who had once fallen into deception I'm asking if there has been a deviation from God's plan and purpose in Todd's life? A simple question to consider; do you agree with everything Todd says and does? It just asks for reflection in relation to the standard of God's Word. Personally I love to see tattoos in the church and to hear the testimonies of where Jesus has brought various people from. The uglier the tattoos the more my heart rejoices being reminded of where I've been brought from. When I look at Todd's new fiery tattoos my heart doesn't rejoice. I sense a grieving being reminded of the lake of fire where even some of the those who call themselves Christians will end up. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of the heavens, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in the heavens. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity". Matthew 7:21-23.

I've always been a bit confused and troubled by what Jesus is saying in this Scripture. Who are these people that know the Lord yet end up being rejected by Him despite performing great works and even casting out demons in His name? On occasion I have reflected upon where I've been brought from wondering if I might be one of those rejected as I once rejected Him in my journey into the occult. However, watching the Contemplative Movement unfolding I have gained greater insight into the spiritual dynamics Jesus is referring to. In relation to Todd I've watched spiritual dynamics unfolding with growing concern being mindful of past chastisement not to touch God's anointed upon penalty of being cursed. Asking God for some discernment in this matter to help resolve confusion, my answer came from a TV program, Its A New Day recently broadcast. As the program guest Todd began

promoting contemplative spirituality in an endorsement for the spiritual growth in his life and the transformations taking place. In relation to the Contemplative Movement this probably explains the sense of grieving I felt over his new tattoos in tangent with his new spirituality.

We have various articles and resources on our web site explaining what the Contemplative Movement actually is in its assault on Christianity. Briefly, various forms of the Contemplative Movement are being introduced into the Protestant faith by agents working for the Roman Catholic ecumenical movement and New Age sources. The common origin for both sources is from Eastern mysticism rooted in ancient Babylon. Ancient Babylonian occult mystical practices are identified by God as the practise of witchcraft and sorcery forbidden throughout Scripture. During the early history of the Roman Catholic Church Eastern mysticism was adopted as a part of Church Tradition through the various cultures assimilated within Roman Catholicism. By using human terminology God tells us that He hates these things so much they are a stench to His nostrils. You'd think from this we would get the picture He is illustrating for our benefit. Confirming His Word in these matters He sent the prophets warning Israel prior to captivity though He promised to preserve a remnant called by His name through which the nations would be blessed. Not through the Roman Catholic Church promoting witchcraft and sorcery whose end has been recorded in Scripture. One of our articles [Roman Catholicism And Contemplative Spirituality](#) helps to provide some insight in ways the occult is being brought into the Protestant faith. For those who don't understand the impact of Church Tradition it is one of three levels of Roman Catholic authority. The other two levels of authority are God's Word and Papal Infallibility. When there is a conflict between Scripture and the Pope, the Pope uses Papal Infallibility and Church Tradition to trump God's authority. The impact of the contemplative being adopted by the Protestant faith through ecumenical sources cannot be minimized when God's authority is secondary subject to Roman Catholic manipulation. This compromise is noted within the Emerging Church Movement while the impact has become increasingly apparent in Todd's ministry involving Church Tradition promoting the contemplative by way of ecumenical influence. As a result we now have mystical apparitions diverting our attention away from Jesus as He told us it would be. For those who would like to investigate the ecumenical impact on Todd's ministry further we would direct you to research his association with Jim Goll.

Earlier I had asked; do you agree with everything Todd says and does? The next question I would ask; how much do you know about the Contemplative Movement he promotes? In recognition of what God says would it be too much to investigate and test the spirits promoting Contemplative Spirituality? "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1. Not only is He asking, He is specifically telling you to do so. You can therefore obey or reject His counsel for your protection from spiritual contamination. Protection from false prophets, doctrines of demons, lying signs and wonders that have been given authority to operate in the church. "And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, and that now it is already in the world." 1 John 4:3. The spirit of antichrist, which is now being promoted even from within Protestant denominations.

While God provides explicit instruction to guard against deception does it therefore seem reasonable to reject His counsel for a warm fuzzy ecumenical love message that ignores the need for repentance from our sins? As a result of the ecumenical deception many of us end up involved in witchcraft and sorcery chasing the next mystical high. Some of us end up jumping or rolling around to waves of ecstasy while a drunken facilitator rolls around on stage laughing hysterically. As a former member of the occult I've come to believe that truth is a journey involving sacrifice that will cost us our lives surrendering to the work of the Cross. The Cross where Jesus paid for our sins through His blood atonement that we might have life. He paid the required cost because no one else has ever been worthy or acceptable before God to do so. Our Creator came in the flesh to pay the price Himself. Having paid the price we can now receive salvation, a free gift by grace and not by works or any other pagan doctrine, Roman Catholic or otherwise.

Although the greatest gift possible Jesus made it clear that many would endure trial and tribulation for the sake of the Gospel. That some would love not their lives unto death. This means that following Him could be difficult and at times a dirty journey through trench warfare surrendering to His plan and purpose for our lives. He told us it would be a narrow path that few would find. Instead of being taught God's Word calling for repentance for the remission of sin we receive an ecumenical love message with a party thrown in to distract us from the Gospel message. It was party time at one of the Todd Bentley meetings I attended where he told us to wrap our arms around an imaginary beer keg hoisting it up until we were drunk in the spirit. Standing in the crowd, choosing to observe, people were rolling around laughing hysterically while others staggered to the music. As Todd rolled around too drunk to speak with tattoos and piercings we were being shown how to be a spirit filled party animal. In context to this Jesus Himself provided an example for His followers pierced for our sins as He wept for those who had so easily forsaken Him.

Towards becoming a spirit filled party animal who has bothered to try the spirits invited to the party? With all of the spiritual intoxication, rolling around to manifestations is this a party Jesus would attend? Does it seem reasonable to imagine Jesus hoisting a kegger, rolling around, covered in tattoos, and laughing hysterically? "Jesus speak up, you're too drunk to understand". Unless of course we're too drunk from the party to be able to hear the Gospel in a contemplative state involving witchcraft and sorcery. I suggest that a different Jesus, a contemplative Jesus, showed up for the party.

Jesus came to help those unable to help themselves offering life through His blood atonement. He says that there is no other way to the Father except through the acceptance of His free gift. In the contemplative context, does a kegger relate to the cup of the Lord or the cup of demons from which to spiritually partake? If the spirits invited to the party have not been tested are you willing to gamble on an ecumenical love message that ignores repentance when the wages of sin is death? The salvation message is one requiring repentance for our sins accepting Jesus as the Son who paid the price we could never pay. Jesus is the love message not an ecumenical love message calling humanity together in a global church with other ways to God. Scripture is clear. It's either the cup of the Lord or the cup of demons. We can't have both. Do you believe Him or the spirits invited to a party with some spirit filled mystic promoting Eastern mysticism condemned by God? Are you willing to place your eternal hope into the hands of a spirit filled drunk who can't even stand up let alone speak God's Word?

Having said all of the above it's important to understand and recognize that Todd loves Jesus. However, he also loves the contemplative endorsing a counterfeit spirituality. Its kind of like King Solomon, the wisest man in history, who loved God but also loved women from the nations forbidden by God for intermarriage with the Hebrew people. As a consequence to Solomon's compromise idolatry was brought into Judah by the women he loved. Having been enticed by a similar seduction Todd's new spirituality incorporates contemplative New Age mysticism competing with his love for Jesus. Enticed by the mystical are those around Todd testing the spirits in these matters? When Todd reports visiting Abraham at his cabin in the heavenlies is it reasonable for us to question the spiritual dynamics? When Emma and other alleged angelic beings guide Todd in promoting a new spirituality is it reasonable to question the spiritual sources as Jesus told us to do? Paul, through the Holy Spirit told us that in the end times seducing spirits would entice many to depart from the faith. In dealing with alleged angelic beings he makes it clear "... or an angel from heaven, were to preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be anathema". Galatians 1:7. Apparently God takes all of these things seriously which means we should endeavour to do so likewise. King Solomon's compromise was so complete he even built altars to other gods for his wives. In the realm of spiritual dynamics is Todd's new spirituality anything less?

Now we'll have a look at what the spirits actually say about New Age contemplative occult mysticism. For those like Todd who don't understand what the spirits promoting the contemplative are working to achieve the following should provide a major wake up call and a challenge for prayerful investigation. The Contemplative Movement is the spirituality promoted by Alice Bailey who coined the term New Age under direction of her spirit guides. Using Alice Bailey as a conduit these spirits dictated what they wanted written preparing the world for mystical distraction away from Jesus and the Gospel message. This is the major goal of contemplative mysticism. Diverting attention away from salvation through Jesus by mystical seduction. In a few moments we'll see how Todd has fallen into this trap but first we'll examine a brief dialogue from the spirit realm dealing with what Christians involved in the contemplative are actually endorsing. In her book *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* under the subheading, *Religious Organizations in the New Age*, beginning on page 510 as dictated by her spirit guides Alice Bailey writes the following. "The Christian Church in its many branches can serve as a St. John the Baptist, as a voice crying in the wilderness, and as a nucleus through which world illumination may be accomplished". In other words the Christian Church will be used to promote global occultism. In relation to what we are witnessing even within Protestant denominations these words should be sounding the alarm for those who have not been previously warned about the occult invasion currently in progress. These spirits are telling us that Christian churches are being influenced to become temples of demons.

On page 511 her spirit guides add the following. "The prime work of the Church is to teach, and teach ceaselessly, preserving the outer appearance in order to reach the many who are accustomed to church usages". In other words the Protestant Church will look like any Pentecostal or Baptist Church etc., on the outside which will serve as a spiritual trap for those who trust in outer appearances while being indoctrinated into the occult by way of occult manipulation from within. To view an example of this go to our article [Contemplative Spirituality And Roman Catholicism](#). There you'll see Pastor Rob De Cotes a Baptist pastor teaching on contemplative traditions in preparation for Lent. Pastor De Cotes promotes a Roman Catholic organization called Imageo Dei with Spiritual Directors providing spiritual direction for Muslims, Catholics, Jews and Christians. He teaches in our local Christian universities and colleges. One of the attachments in this article shows Imageo Dei receiving an award from the Roman Catholic secret society the Knights of Columbus. Regarding doctrines of demons, does it get any more transparent than this? View the article and judge for yourself.

Continuing on page 511 Alice Bailey's spirit guides dictate the following. "The three main channels through which the preparation for the new age is going on might be regarded as the Church, the Masonic Fraternity and the educational field... But in all of these movements, disciples of the Great Ones are to be found and they are steadily gathering momentum and will before long enter upon their designated task". When you consider the Southern Baptist Convention with possibly up to 40% of their pastors who are Masons this statement takes on alarming dimensions in relation to pastors subject to the Luciferian worship of Freemasonry. We are informed on the same page that; "The Masonic Movement... will meet the need of those who can and should, wield power. It is the custodian of the law; it is the home of the Mysteries and the seat of initiation. It holds in its symbolism the ritual of Deity, and the way of salvation is pictorially preserved in its work. The methods of Deity are demonstrated in its Temples and under the All-Seeing Eye the work can go forward. It is a far more occult organization than can be realized, and is intended to be the training school for the coming advanced occultists". Additional to the Southern Baptist Convention there are Masonic pastors in virtually every Protestant denomination with the possible exception of the Seventh Day Adventist. However, they are being inundated by contemplative occult influence as with all other denominations.

Regarding the three main channels for the New Age, the Church, the Masonic Fraternity and the educational field Alice Bailey's spirit guides share the following on page 512. "In all these bodies there are to be found esoteric groups who are the custodians of the inner teaching and whose uniformity in

aspiration and in technique is one". We've discussed two of these groups, Imageo Dei and Freemasonry. Imageo Dei will appeal to a certain number of Christians and pastors while the Masonic Fraternity serves to compromise others. Ray Yungen the author of *A Time Of Departing* published by Lighthouse Trails, has spent 25 years researching the New Age and Eastern Mysticism impacting contemporary Christianity through occult influence making the Contemplative Movement possible. It has been my practice to order 10 copies at a time for the cost break, giving copies to pastors and others seeking tools against the waves of destruction impacting every Protestant denomination. Most of the people I've given copies to have in turn ordered multiple copies themselves to help spread the warning of destruction from within. One pastor told to me that he has received a number of important books during his lifetime but Ray's book was one of the most important he's received. That up until reading Ray's book he knew something was terribly wrong but didn't have the labels or definitions for what he had been witnessing. We will provide contact information for Lighthouse Trails Publishing at the end of this article. Lighthouse Trails Research resources are currently being used by more than 20,000 people daily. As the battles intensify in these end times its good to know where you can obtain reliable biblically based information tested against God's standard for our defence of the Gospel.

Earlier I mentioned that Todd had fallen into the mystical trap of having his attention diverted away from Jesus. In achieving this, the spirits have accomplished deception with someone who actually loves Jesus and who would never do such a thing except for compromise that even King Solomon gave way to in his life. To explain the potential depth of Todd's compromise it was necessary to view what Alice Bailey's spirit guides are teaching in conjunction with the contemplative, which he now promotes. This helps us to understand how the contemplative is designed to divert our attention away from Jesus using mystical dynamics and spiritual manifestations. Posted on May 25, 2008 Todd said, "[Forget about Jesus](#)...get people to believe in the angel". This is found on the battle4truth blog, along with a number of other meetings in which Todd diverted attention away from Jesus to mysticism and mystical apparitions.

"Forget about Jesus ... get people to believe in the angel". Is it possible that God would have instructed Todd to say such things? If we say no, we acknowledge that there is a problem with his ministry and the contemplative influence. Who gave Todd these instructions? Was it Abraham, Emma or the spirit guides who instructed Alice Bailey what to teach? Those of us who respond to what Todd teaches will be impacted in different ways. For some it will involve a compromise of our effectiveness for the Gospel as our attention shifts from Jesus towards mystical manifestations. For others it could involve salvation issues pursuing the mystical path introduced by Todd away from Jesus. The spirits being endorsed by Todd seek to introduce the weaker brethren in the faith to the Great Ones or the coming saviour Alice Bailey came to endorse in her path away from Jesus. Although Todd loves Jesus the same spirits involved in the contemplative that found fertile ground in Alice Bailey have impacted Todd's ministry. Possibly similar if not the same spirits that induced King Solomon with seduction that was able to compete with his love for God.

Did healings and salvations taken place at Lakeland through Todd's ministry? I have no doubt that the Holy Spirit responded with compassion doing all of these things and even more than what was asked for. Even though the spirits involved in the contemplative were given authority the ruling spirit is the Holy Spirit to which all authority must submit. There is no spiritual source that can hinder the work of the Holy Spirit. However, we are required to make a choice as to whom we will submit to. King Solomon made his choice the same as Todd. Each of us is required to make a choice in whatever competes with our love for Jesus. There will be those during Todd's meetings who sought Jesus while others sought the gifts offered by a mystical Jesus endorsed within the contemplative. The contemplative Jesus offers gifts and a mystical party to distract attention away from repentance for the remission of sin through the blood of Yeshua our Messiah.

The doctrines of demons and works of darkness can be summed up as the plans implemented to divert attention away from Jesus. Only through Jesus redeemed from sin and death can we be set free from Satan's dominion. Those lured by the gifts he offers fail to discern the trap by way of these things. He hates every member of mankind because we are created in God's image something he can never attain. Those he is able to entice, including Christians, into his kingdom will be a source for fanatical revenge on God's creation created for a loftier estate than even his own creation. His fanatical revenge will be in response to his own eternal torment. Reaching out with beguiling gifts Satanists and all others deceived by demonic workers, have failed to appreciate Scriptural identification of Satan as the father of all lies who comes to steal kill and destroy. "Thou hast defiled thy sanctuary by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy trafficking; therefore I brought forth fire from the midst of thee, which has consumed thee, and I brought thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those that behold thee. All those that knew thee from among the peoples shall marvel over thee; thou hast been [greatly] disturbed, and thou shalt not exist again forever." (Eze 28:18-19 JB2000)

We note in the above Scripture that Satan is identified as a 'disturbed' creation being 'consumed' by virtue of his iniquity. This is a Scriptural definition describing what we recognize as a mental instability or psychopathic condition in which an individual destroys himself from within. Responding to his own internal torment a psychopath feels no empathy to those around him. Devoid of all moral restraint he uses an array of cunning devices and manipulative schemes to lure his victims into mutual destruction. Those who serve Satan either directly or indirectly need to understand they are serving a psychopathic entity whose only joy will be in the sadistical torment of those created in God's image. His demons fearing the wrath of their master's psychosis attempt to please him shielding themselves from his wrath by tormenting lost souls with innovative and compounding levels of torment. This is the eternal estate for those lured by demonic schemes away from Jesus distracted by mystical seduction. The Satanist who believes he will escape Satan's wrath is deluded by the same spirits promoting the contemplative. Created in God's image the Satanist subject to a psychopathic master has only one hope of escaping eternal torment from a psychotic master. To accept Jesus, who continues reach out to him. No matter the lies from deceiving spirits, Satanists are being redeemed by Jesus into God's Kingdom everyday.

Eastern mysticism condemned throughout Scripture as the practice of witchcraft and sorcery forms a major component of Church Tradition assimilated by the Roman Catholic Church. Recently Pope Benedict made a global proclamation that the Roman Catholic Church is the one true church in preparation for the one world religion foretold in Revelations. In keeping with doctrines diverting attention away from Jesus the Roman Catholic Church adheres to this policy by creating a false gospel. Rather than leading Catholics to the free gift of salvation through Jesus indulgences, salvation through the sacraments and the Virgin Mary were created. Known as the Queen of Heaven she is condemned by God in Jeremiah chapters 7 and 44. Most Roman Catholics would not know this as up until recently they have been forbidden to own let alone read the Scriptures. With bibles altered by Roman Catholic doctrine Catholics have been taught to believe only the priest can interpret Scripture. Few Catholics turn to God's Word as their spiritual authority accepting Church Tradition and Papal infallibility as their source of authority. With titles such as Queen of Heaven, the Virgin Mary, she is adored by Catholics as the Co-Matrix and Co-Redemptrix who attained her own means of salvation by her own works as co-redeemer. Receiving the prayers of Catholics it is taught that she intercedes on their behalf to Jesus so their prayers might be received. Without the Immaculate Lady there is no hope of intercession except for those Roman Catholics who have read Scripture and know that "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men in which we can be saved". Acts 4:12. "For there is only one God and likewise only one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus". 1 Timothy 2:5.

In these end times we are warned of the delusions designed to deceive even the elect so it comes as no surprise that Marian apparitions are appearing with greater frequency. As noted by the messages Todd

Bentley received to focus on the mystical these apparitions are designed to distract our attention away from Jesus. The same delusions appearing in Catholicism now appear to Protestant believers attempting to focus attention away from Jesus appearing as angelic beings offering mystical gifts. Those swayed by untested spirits are vulnerable to these gifts prepared by the demonic realm. How many of those introduced to Todd's alleged angels will be enticed by these spirits away from Jesus? If rolling around too drunk to speak in spiritual ecstasy or whatever is any indicator we might expect the numbers to be considerable. "Be temperate (sober) and vigilant because your adversary the devil roams as a lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour..." means nothing to those in the sway of contemplative ecstasy pursuing spiritual unity with the spirits promoting mysticism. Under these spiritually charged conditions the distraction away from Jesus becomes more effective and complete for those enticed by their introduction into a mystical journey.

As noted, Roman Catholic Church Tradition has introduced us to contemplative spirituality by way of the Ecumenical Movement. One of the first Protestant organizations targeted by the spirit realm through Rome was the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International. As a result of Roman Catholic agents within the FGBMFI this Protestant organization now fails in it's witness to Roman Catholics giving an appearance it endorses the Roman Catholic gospel. The introduction of Roman Catholic influence has in turn introduced contemplative spirituality from Church Tradition to every Protestant denomination within the FGBMFI organization in its global outreach. The compromise has been so complete that we now have Protestants celebrating Lent, RC liturgy and in some cases even the Eucharist. For those unfamiliar with the Eucharist it is the communion mass in which the wafer is transubstantiated into the flesh of Jesus eaten in communion service along with the wine turned into the blood of Jesus. This is another example of doctrine in which the spirit realm diverts attention away from Jesus. While Roman Catholics have a Eucharist Jesus, the Mormons have a Jesus who is the brother of Lucifer. Freemasonry generally promotes Jesus as a great reformer like Buddha and Confucius. Even the New Age has a Jesus customized at random for individual appeal. For some he is one of many gods and female deities. For others he is the Christ-consciousness of our divinity within. Tapping into the spirit realm new agers receive whatever confirmation necessary to maintain a diversion away from Jesus. Lighthouse Trails provides resources from Warren Smith and other former new agers who escaped spiritual delusion from seducing spirits. The so-called angels who counselled Warren Smith, those seducing Todd with mysticism, were revealed to Warren as malevolent beings that sought his eternal destruction.

The list of religious organizations goes on with one central theme, diverting attention away from Jesus and His free gift of salvation. Todd who loves Jesus has had his attention diverted by the same spirits working in the occult organizations mentioned. Unfortunately Todd's influence has had a spiritual impact on those vulnerable to mysticism and the weaker brethren in the faith defined as those who are foretold to depart from the faith. While we can rejoice that Todd is saved his endorsement of the contemplative embodies the witchcraft and sorcery adored in Church Tradition; the Eastern mysticism introduced to us by the Ecumenical Movement, which found fertile ground in such organizations as the FGBMFI. As an executive member in our local chapter it's a Scriptural requirement (Ephesians 5:11) to expose deception so it won't flourish unopposed. As a former member of an occult organization deception with its deadly consequence is something I've experienced during my journey into the occult. Although it is often uncomfortable exposing deception the Virgin Mary cannot save those Catholics placing their trust in her within the FGBMFI. Although it may be uncomfortable to defend the Gospel involving salvation issues God takes these things very seriously no matter how much we might attempt to justify silence to avoid our discomfort. However, our silence is an endorsement for darkness to flourish by the seal of approval we convey. The FGBMFI in failing to stand firm on the absolute authority of God's Word conveys a seal of approval to Roman Catholic contemplative Church Traditions assisting the spirits to implement doctrines of demons into Protestant denominations. The Queen of Heaven cannot save Roman Catholics

any more that the mystical apparitions appearing to Protestants towards encouraging a departure from the faith or for those who give heed to seducing spirits. How many around Todd convey their approval by their silence? How many souls will end up in eternal torment because it was uncomfortable to challenge the spirits of contemplative mysticism diverting attention away from Jesus?

In our local FGBMFI chapter the Holy Spirit makes His Presence known by way of peace, joy and compassion along with gentle conviction as necessary to prompt us in areas where forgiveness or repentance are necessary for release from bondage. His Presence is felt in our meetings and banquets as a gentle confirming love. With miracles and healings we are encouraged in our trials and tribulations. We have never been subjected to so-called angelic apparitions because our prayers are lifted up to Jesus prior to our meetings asking for His protection from all demonic interference that would seek opportunity to hinder. In our local chapter I have never witnessed the things occurring at the Todd Bentley meetings or some of the other meetings I've attended. These things do not occur during our meetings even though we live in the same community as Todd, which should be a witness to our FGBMFI leaders. While there are some who would like to invite mystical apparitions to show up God has remained faithful to the prayers of our executive. This of course cannot be said for other FGBMFI chapters that have embraced the mystical as legitimate spirituality or those failing to test the spirits they invite into their meetings.

With everything that's been said about Todd's compromise into mysticism we need to recognize that Jesus loves him with a plan and a purpose for his life. We need to extend compassion and prayer that he will return to an uncompromising love for Jesus to receive restitution in his life. With a marriage separation involving heartache for his children we pray God's compassion towards a total restitution of his family and freedom from occult influence. We need to recognize that the seducing spirits such as Emma and the other so-called angelic apparitions in Todd's life have worked for his destruction without mercy for his family as they seek for any unprotected areas in each of our lives. God started a good work in Todd, which will continue when he closes the doors to the occult in his life and over his family. As to the prophetic spoken over Todd including that of Rick Joyner its clear false prophecy was exposed. It is our hope that those who thought they heard God speaking to them when they prophesied will renounce authority to contemplative occult influence, take spiritual responsibility and avoid the temptation to make excuses. We hope that Rick Joyner will take a prayerful look at his membership in the Knights of Malta competing with his love for Jesus. If God did not speak to him there is influence that needs to be dealt with. Rick needs to understand that God cannot bless the ministry of those involved in occult organizations. When false prophecy is proclaimed the voices heard come from the demonic realm through the authority invited into our lives. Although there is no Scriptural record that King Solomon dealt with compromise in his life resulting in destruction for his people we pray that Todd, Rick and all of us will submit to the authority of God's Word and the gentle conviction of the Holy Spirit. We pray that Todd, Rick and others like Rick Warren will come to love Jesus more than the gifts offered through contemplative occult mysticism. This is a reminder to all of us to seek out those things that compete with our love for Jesus.

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