



THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE VS. THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

The unravelling of Society and the Church

In our day all that would be considered God's will is being fought against on nearly every front. In the times we live in we can expect the unexpected to happen more frequently than ever before.

It seems everywhere we turn there is something wrong and evil trying to intrude on our lives. With all this taking place we have a strong tower, the same one that is there for every generation. The Lord is our shield and our hiding place in times of tumult. He who lives inside the believer is "*greater than he who is in the world.*" The divide is evident "*They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God.*" (1 John 4:4-6)

The world is filling up with the knowledge of evil. The most insidious paradigm is now in place, calling good evil and evil good; light for darkness. As Jesus spoke, only those who are of the truth come to the light. Then they know the difference.

Churches have found themselves living in shades of gray by stepping out of the light of the word into the world's ways, not standing for what she knows is right and instead compromising. As the saying goes "try not to upset the applecart." Too many in the church try not to take sides to keep peace. Jesus walked into the temple and contended with the money changers by turning over their tables. We can use some of this reaction today. Time to upset the applecart's.

I have heard people in the church say we are all (still) searching for the truth. Actually, your search stops when you have found Jesus (or more accurately he has found you), who is the truth. If you continue searching. then you are looking for something else, and you will get a counterfeit.

There are those who teach the nation's gods are all the same god, (much like Masonry). Too many new agers are inside the churches wall who teach new ageism; The occult, yoga, meditation, mysticism and change their meanings christianizing the practices. It is unprecedented how many New Age spiritual practices are inside the church now. Reading, and studying the bible is put aside, and in its place they have you flat line the mind. Don't think, and just know. Become silent and enter into your Christ consciousness. To stop thinking you have to literally force yourself, but with enough practice you too can enter a Zen like state *just like their Jesus did.*

As a former new ager, if I entered some of the churches today I would be quite comfortable and never challenged in my beliefs. But thankfully at that time I was involved in New age spirituality there was a church doing an outreach to new agers. In fact they were showing a film called "gods of the new age" to equip the people. That week an old friend invited me to a Christian seminar with Dave Hunt and Johanna Michaelson that was exposing the new age movement. I heard and believed, repented and my life and my wife's were immediately changed to have eternal life with Christ. That was then, but now what churches do are very different. Instead of showing films against the new age they teach it, knowingly and unknowingly. We are harming ourselves because of a lack of knowledge.

The re-shapers of truth are well equipped in their arguments today, look at best sellers like *the Shack* that makes a mockery of Gods nature. Or *Shocked by the Bible*, the author Kovacs is telling people the church has lost its way and does not understand our destiny. He is saying God is a family (Father and Son), that we are to become gods added to his family (ie. Ps.82:6) and he even denies a physical resurrection. (we have posted a 4 part article on this book)

The confusion continues with a several small voices speaking as loud as they can to warn about those who mislead.

Are we Hot or cold? Or are we trying to be both – which makes us lukewarm?

Did you know in the world more people die from cold than heat; many more. But you would never know this fact from the global warming enthusiasts. <http://www.climatedepot.com/2016/06/22/data-reveals-many-many-more-people-die-of-cold-than-heat/>

Certainly the church can be cold at times. I personally have seen and experienced this. Usually it is by a few people's decisions at the top who have no intention of serving others unless they purposely pick whom they will serve. Unfortunately more people are affected by the church being cold then not. But you would never know this by the preaching over the many pulpits. Our love is cold to those outside, and at times even to those inside. Do we want big buildings and small hearts? We are told they build these buildings so that we can have more people in Christ but does this actually take place? Hardly, it certainly can become a status symbol for a pastor to make himself feel important while the people inside go on hurting in so many ways.

Recently I had a friend offer an idea of how to reach those inside the cults. I told him 25 years ago this may have gotten off the ground but not today, there's little interest. Too many have had their love grow cold. They don't care to be equipped to reach out. I hope you are some of the few that do. I pointed out that many do not know how to even explain the Trinity, the deity of Christ, a basic core doctrine, so how can we reach out to the cults who have this denial in common. Which reminds me, many years ago when speaking at a church on witnessing to the cults I was told by the pastor that his people are not ready to learn this. It takes leadership to have people grow in the truth.

It is absolutely appalling what is taking place by the media and politics today but what is taking place in the church, God's house is far more concerning to God. In the modern Latter Day - Neo Pentecostal movement we are watching the church be unraveled one string at a time by subtraction and addition. They have replaced the old apostles Jesus appointed with new apostles and new prophets they appoint. The new prophets change the scripture with fresh revelation and the apostles change the structure and ways of the church. They teach everyone has the same ability as Jesus and he is forming an army of signs and wonder, healers, called the manifest sons of God. They have removed a tribulation period, they have removed a rapture. What they are teaching is just as dangerous as Roman Catholicism did in the middle ages. In fact, if a man comes along showing signs and wonders like William Branham did, they would make him the leader of the church, just like a Pope. Guess who that will be.

Can we make the church healthy again? A church that can withstand the winds of doctrine that has had its protective walls damaged? That would mean a lot of stirring up of course. It will mean getting serious, calling certain teachings out, exposing and removing the cultic teachers in the pulpits. If we

don't they will soon become the majority, if they haven't already. The time is now, we may not have later.

The way of victory is to know thy enemy, both within and without. Don't just show your sword, use it, use it to save not destroy. Know the word and use godly wisdom to stand up for it to rescue those in need.

The Worlds Loud Voice

More and more people I hear from astute Christians that believe a delusion has come upon the people. That this is the only explanation for why people are acting the way they do. This just may be the rising waters that we are now knee deep in. It certainly has become apparent that people believe lies more than they do the truth. In fact the truth sounds like a lie to them.

We read in Scripture that because they do not believe in the truth God will send them a strong delusion. They who refuse the truth become locked into their own deception. They become myopic in their focus and all else is blurred. In our modern vernacular it is called being blinded, not being able to see beyond your nose.

This is all a prelude to the greatest deception of all. As the Spirit of the one who is to come enlists people ahead of his coming. The world will accept Antichrist as their Messiah. Once they do, they take the insignia of allegiance and it is over for them, there is no changing their minds or destiny.

America as nation changed at a certain point. It took just one crucial decision. Most see the decline beginning with life in the womb not mattering as it once did. The desensitizing of humanity was well underway. Now the lines are blurred, so many Biblical traditions once held are abandoned. The track has been laid, the train has left the station and it is on its way to its destination. Next stop sudden Destruction.

North Korea has this young immature dictator with evil intentions but is not certifiable. He is a god to his people. They are told that when he golfs he always gets a hole in one. Some Koreans of his country were interviewed and they believe he sent the hurricanes to the US. So what we are dealing with is a man who has deluded himself into thinking he cannot die. Okay, maybe that is certifiable. We pray that this will be worked out peaceably.

Yet, we don't need NK to threaten us with annihilation. We are doing a fine job of destroying ourselves. Of course our demise may come slower than the outcome of atom smashing but the end result will still be the same.

We are in the time of a great rebellion, just look at society and the news every day. There is no respect, loyalty is nearly gone, and honesty, ... just listen to the news long enough and you can be confused on its accuracy. Nearly everything that gets reported is politicized. A certain segment of the media is in competition trying to run the country. And in many ways they are more influential and successful than congress and the president.

The Lord told Jeremiah Jer. 9:5-6 *"everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.*" (see also

Jer. 7:28-29). When we ignore the mistakes and the trouble that came upon Israel we as a nation will repeat them. So many of influence are against the Lord and his ways and we are to live amongst this.

Liberalism's political correctness will have many more killed as they fight against common sense protective measures for the citizens of our country. If something really terrible takes place you can be assured they will blame the president who has the intentions of trying to protect us.

As the Islamic attacks increase in the world and on our soil we lose our freedoms for a false sense of protection. The leftists have already killed critical thinking and logic in our higher education schools, so should expect any difference from those who have the same agenda in the media?

We are told to ignore Islam as a cause of violence, they are instead called victims, so the media sides with them. CAIR and other political Islamic groups make people feel guilty for looking out to protect themselves by preventative measures. If you do not understand sin you will have an even harder time with evil. You never hear of the hundreds of thousands of people killed by their religion each year (mostly Christians). Not to mention those who are taken as slaves. Yes, Islam has slaves.

Islamists kill people they don't know and praise their god. Interesting that their praise to god is not for preserving life, just when they take it, which is what he is praised for in victory.

Say the magic word "allahu akbar" and you now have immunity as a Muslim protected by the liberal media. We now have vehicle murders like in Europe. Like clockwork, the journalist[s] and experts all came out assuring us that his saying this phrase had nothing to do with Islam. It's never about their religion.

We need to counter these *allahu akbar killers* with "**Our God is great.**" Let's do something good for people in Jesus' name -- show them the difference, show them the nature of the true God.

The Current Trends

We have seen the second deadliest mass shooting at a music festival. Here in America we had Orlando's Pulse nightclub in June of 2016, which left 49 dead and 53 injured. Overseas we have seen on Nov. 13, 2015, Bataclan a music concert in Paris where 130 were killed by several gunmen. A bombing on May 22, 2017 Manchester Arena that killed 22 and injured 59 at Ariana Grande's concert. All these are attributed to Isis.

But even with Isis taking credit in Las Vegas, the details we hear confuse and contradict. Which of course give impetus to conspiracies. The conspiracy promoters chime in on every event with their theories, but this time they may have some points because of the lack of veracity in the explanations. It's not possible in our day to be unknown like this shooter[s] was. There are many theories, but there are only these few apparent explanations, pharmaceuticals taken for mental instability, Isis or something else that is hidden right now. We still have no definitive answer in this late date.

The system continues to have failings in keeping people safe. As we have just seen an avowed atheist who had known mental problems get a gun and walk into a church and kill everyone he could, even babies up close. The inhumanity of this act was especially heinous and there is far too many of these occurring. People are losing control.

Why do we see so many bad or evil actions? The state of mind of many people is restless, unstable and all this produces a diminished logic and self - control. Certainly we cannot overlook an invisible enemy of God and man that is also involved in these actions, both secular and religious.

The world has changed and little seems normal anymore. We have heard of people calling the emergency number 911 when the fast food place runs out of their favorite food. People do snap, it is happening more often and it is for trivial things. As an example, a man pulled out a gun after being told by a McDonald's drive-thru worker there were no Egg McMuffin sandwiches left.

To say we live in different times is clearly a nondescript term for a world gone Kracy. The world, not just America is unravelling at a fast pace. And no matter what is done to counter it, it does not slow down for long. To think I grew up in a time when we did not lock our doors in our house, try that today! The biblical term for our time is the last days, the end times is what we are seeing come to a fruition.

No news can be good news

The alphabet media institutions have become politicized. We are watching a slow but constant vomit of anger and hate, what a friend of mine has called weaponized information. Unfortunately Social media is where most of the lies find life, and unfortunately this is where people get most of their news.

They are out to persuade people, having them react emotionally. This is done by diminishing the focus on the facts and using opinions in mass to counter common sense. Some have called this the Hegalian dialectic in action, and they have a point.

One of the ways the dialectic is used is by countering logic, the facts of obscured. This is done by saying the same words over and over. The more this is taken in by seeing and hearing new neurological pathways are made, and once they are forged the person views change, they see things differently. This same type of experience is used in certain churches. This is produced when someone is slain in the Spirit, (several times). This unbiblical experience is accepted to be the power of the Spirit and they can come up from extensive "slain in the spirit" experiences with a changed view of life and God.

So many are saying they have never seen so many disasters from the weather, Hurricanes, earthquakes, is it global warming, or something else. Is it a fallen world doing what comes naturally? There are no pat answers for these disasters. Some even say it's geo - engineering. Can the answer be what is happening to our country as being similar to what we see in the Old Testament, when God judged his people, Israel? Did not Jesus say we would see an increase in these things; that the seas would roar. But the end is not yet.

Still, God is at work. So many that are against God and His ways are trying to destroy our way of life, undermine our country; but their sin is being exposed. Unprincipled people become corrupted far easier than those who have principles. Yes even famous people of influence, those who play heroes on screen. What we see in Hollywood is basically an iceberg. What is hidden underneath will soon to melt from the heat. God is putting his finger on many things, corruption, evil is being exposed and it is one thing after another.

Ps 7:14-16 "Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown."

In communism government replaces God. There is no authority but the authority of government. To some Christianity is viewed as modern Nazis. They speak more against the church than the atrocities done by Islamists.

Many of us do not understand how much freedom we have taken for granted in our country, a freedom that is not found in other countries. A freedom that is protected by our constitution. But there is even a greater freedom that many do not know of. How Christ can set them free. A greater freedom is built into Christianity, and it is superior to the constitution because it deals with mankind's fallen nature, something we all share.

We should understand the people who are running most of the things are at best secular humanists, at worst they serve the god of this world who works in the sons of disobedience. They are amoral and ban people who stick up for morality. Many are haters of God and anything that is Christian. As we have seen, if you say something they deem detrimental, you are taken off social media.

In their way of thinking they were trained to think of darkness as light. To say one wants to make America great again is interpreted to mean returning to anything we did wrong (some even claim it means a return to slavery), proving how one has been educated, or, uneducated.

Change history, change reality

Or schools our news, nearly everything has been politicized with a certain point of view so we shouldn't be surprised when it infiltrates anything else like sports. And this is causing division in society like we have never seen.

America has both good and bad history, all of it is important in the world's history.

First came down the statues...

We have those that say the constitution was framed by those who owned slaves and it needs to be replaced. This point seems almost redundant as everyone in those times had slaves, even some blacks had slaves. Of course slavery was and is wrong. Yet they ignore a certain religion today who still has a huge slave trade going on. Instead they go back 150 years to make their argument, which seems illogical when it can be confronted where it is taking place today.

We are told taking the statues down will appease those offended. What it also does is remove history, it will erase how far the country has come from the civil war. We did have a civil war that among other things helped to stop slavery. The North lost over 200,000 fighting to free the slaves. Imagine taking the Nazis out of Germany's past, there would be a real gap in world history. Imagine removing the story of Eve and Adam from the bible? What do you think their end game is?

They have wanted to remove Washington, Jefferson and Franklin from the history books. Now they have pushed the envelope, where a church is forced to remove a plaque in a Pugh. A memorial to Washington our first president in the church he attended. The next target could very well be the statues in the Catholic Church. And don't think the Bible is not on the same table for it too mentions slavery. It is important to explain the right and wrongs of history, not remove its memory.

We can't go forward focused on the past like this, it is dividing the country. Which may be exactly what those who are investing in a new International order would want.

The new rebels want an overthrow of government[s] to transform the world into a new global unity, countries without borders. These are not atheists but the humanists, cultural humanists, environmental soldiers, new agers who have a goal. They will do whatever they deem necessary to bring the change to globalize the nations.

There is a cultural diaprax at work that brings division as it forges unity. The dialectic paradigm is far greater today than when it was used in communism. What has taken place is a focus on people's feelings. Feelings are then protected, not the person. This is what we see at the University's. They protest a speaker because of how it makes them feel. They have been trained to feel by a certain view of life. Instead of hearing other views to further their education it becomes a forced group think that has them take action.

We hear the word diversity often, but the way it is applied today ignores that the world has changed. To insist on doing things the same way and not scrutinize people entering our country from areas of concern, where Terrorism thrives or where disease outbreaks are taking place shows the same intelligence as knowingly swimming in a river filled with piranhas.

The Left is not Right

Nothing is new under the sun, copycats are everywhere and they depend on you not knowing what came prior in history to produce their new world order, which is really disorder.

When there is a societal revolution underway one of the first things done is to sever people from the past, change or remove history. The left has been far more violent in accomplishing their goals because they know dialogue can lead to knowledge and they cannot argue against common sense or the facts.

The cults easily persuade unstable people to join. In this political cult atmosphere they are persuaded to become violent for their cause. Many years ago when I took a police course on cults we were taught on the political cults along with religious cults. The political left does not apologize for anything they say, even outright lies (The right is not much better). The left can say and do anything they want. In their protected circle, they can be hypocritical and be safe. But things are changing as God is pressing his finger on those who are doing evil.

We are getting glimpses of the future, an era of spiritual socialism, especially with earth based spirituality. This paganism meets social justice to produce what? Biblically, it is seen as setting up the governmental system for antichrist. But we must remember we are pilgrims, this world is not our permanent home, yet we continue to love others, to care and pursue them to know the truth.

Communism is a system that keeps people in control, they are kept within by equality. It is about the collective, where everyone is equal by a lower standard. Freedom leads to individual thinkers, true progress for humanity. Some of the greatest discoveries in the past have been from Christians.

Author Dan Brown tells us *Humanity no longer needs God but may with the help of artificial intelligence develop a new form of collective consciousness that fulfills the role of religion,*

Brown said technological change and the development of artificial intelligence would transform the concept of the divine.

Dan Brown's call for a "Global Consciousness" is not new, the new age movement has been saying this as long as I can remember. His is just a new way of presenting collectivism where the individual is only a part of the whole of the State, which is *spiritual communism*.

When Sci-fi meets reality

There are many concerned about AI, especially in robots. They see it as a threat to culture. A humanoid robot took the stage at the Future Investment Initiative having an exchange with the host to the delight of hundreds of delegates. Smartphones were held aloft as Sophia, a robot designed by Hong Kong company Hanson Robotics, gave a presentation that demonstrated her capacity for human expression.

In an exchange with moderator Andrew Ross Sorkin, she said, *"I want to live and work with humans so I need to express the emotions to understand humans and build trust with people."*

Asked whether robots can be self-aware, conscious and know they're robots, she said: *"Well let me ask you this back, how do you know you are human?" "I want to use my artificial intelligence to help humans live a better life, like design smarter homes, build better cities of the future. I will do my best to make the world a better place,"* she said.

Sophia made global headlines when she was granted Saudi citizenship, making the kingdom the first country in the world to offer its citizenship to a robot. <https://www.livescience.com/60815-saudi-arabia-citizen-robot.html>

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/the-dangers-behind-smiling-citizen-robot-sophia-20171109-gzi67u.html>

Her desire to achieve more human-like characteristics was rewarded by being granted the first Saudi citizenship for a robot.

The Digitized population

Getting chipped is becoming more acceptable it may even become a trend among millennials. (RFID) chip <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/01/under-the-skin-how-insertable-microchips-could-unlock-the-future>

As far back as 2001, Larry Ellison of Oracle called for a cryptographically secure national ID

The government's solution is to implement Tech to make a foolproof universal ID system for every person. We have already been compromised far beyond what we think.

The world is moving forward, fast. People want protection from tech thieves. According to the head of the International Monetary Fund, the world's central banks and regulators need to get serious about digital currencies.

Global financial institutions are taking risks by not watching and understanding emerging financial tech products that are already starting to shake up the financial services and global payments system, according to IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde.

Equifax's recent breach was a stunning 145 million. Showing us that the way things are, tech companies cannot keep our privacy. They did not patch their servers. The people in charge of these disasters get paid anyway, their severance pay is over the top even when they fail.

At Yahoo, the company which along with AOL is now part of a Verizon subsidiary called Oath, released publicly that its 2013 hack had potentially stolen the information of all of its 3 billion users that was far more than reported.

The tech companies are now the basis for the economy, estimates are nearly 60 percent of app ad spending will go to either Google or Facebook, Google is likely to make \$72.69 billion in ad revenues in 2017, while Facebook will make \$33.76 billion. Together, that equates to a 46.4 percent share of advertisers' total global digital ad spend.

For further research and trends <https://www.statista.com/statistics/266249/advertising-revenue-of-google/>

Nothing is protected or as safe as we may think. Technology carries lies just as it can carry the truth, and when it comes to breaking news everything must be verified. Top news stories can be false (or fake) as they are true.

In the 60's it was "have you been experienced," today it is "Have you been digitized?" The youth stare at a screen all day. Some can't remove themselves from it even when they walk. Hawaii just passed a law of not looking at your screen if you are crossing the street or you will be fined. Other states will certainly follow.

Posted on the Verge.com *Sean Parker, of Napster fame and an early investor in Facebook, says the founders of the social networking site knew they were creating something people would become addicted to, reports Axios. "God only knows what it's doing to our children's brains."* Parker who has had an inside is onto something we are looking because of convenience.

Former Facebook executive Chamath Palihapitiya is sharing how the social network is ripping society apart (<http://www.theblaze.com/video/former-facebook-exec-you-dont-realize-it-but-you-are-being-programmed-it-was-unintentional>)

There is an app for anything, soon you may have an app to go to the restroom in stores. The app will tell you what number you are in line as you get your coffee.

The way we live is changing and we should not be caught off guard by the changes that intrude on us and have us conform to its ways. The same active guard needs to be exercised in the church.

In 2 Peter 3:15-18 Peter spoke of Paul who was given wisdom wrote of some things hard to understand, Here is the part that we must be guarded of "which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

My you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ – may you grow in his grace and knowledge.

Mike Oppenheimer

Update:

Lighthouse trails publishing will soon be releasing the book I have written on the Triune Nature of God.

I'm getting near completion on the William Branham book. I can still use help from anyone who is willing to help correct grammar, those that can stomach reading false teaching. Any help would be much appreciated to finish this project. I'm astounded at what I have learned diving further into this the last few years and so will you when you read this. Want to know what went wrong with Pentecostalism and Charismatics - William Branham. The mysticism, Gnosticism and Latter Rain, Word Faith and prophets we see today in the church can all be traced back to Branham who introduced and popularized them in the healing movement. I have recently posted a new condensed article on some what is written in the book.

I'm also doing a pamphlet on Christianity and college education. If anyone is currently attending a university or college. It would be an immense help for me to ask some question's on the atmosphere of learning you have in your classes.

As for our family: my son is still very ill and we await on the Lords wisdom for the doctors as well as his intervening to heal. We still have no answers to bring us to relieving this. Micah is now taking high amounts of Vitamin C, and is now eating fruit and beef, something he has not done for years. He always had a lower heart rate but we had a real scare when his blood pressure and heartbeat and was down to 35 beats a minute for a number of days and we had to wait to get him to the doctor. He's taken an EKG showing nothing in results and is going through some other tests including numerous blood tests and a further ECG. Please include him and us in your prayers.

God bless and may you have a wonderful Christmas as we focus on the birth of the savior.