

# DEMONGELICALISM

Evangelicalism [we use the term loosely] has been greatly harmed during the past quarter century by the charismatic tongues and healing movement. And, sad to say, the end is not yet by any means. The inevitable and most devastating aspect of this charismatic influence, demonism, is now asserting itself throughout the evangelical realm.

Dr. C. Peter Wagner of Fuller Seminary, and John Wimber of the Vineyard churches, are presently the most conspicuous and vocal leaders in this demon orientation. The burgeoning growth of Wimber's Vineyard coterie is produced primarily by means of infiltration and subversion--the divisive tactics of the charismatic movement ever since its ill-conceived conception.

The method, similar to that of the Kansas City Connection, is for Wimber and his Vineyard people to approach a church, or a group of cooperating churches, offering a non-denominational, non-charismatic [!] "Signs and Wonders" seminar, to bring about "revival" for the benefit of all involved.

When an adequate number of victims have been sufficiently influenced by the "signs and wonders" ploy, a Vineyard church is set up in the vicinity to siphon them off. Most Vineyard congregations are comprised of individuals from existing churches. Instead of the promised "revival," the latter are left with division and dissemination!

This Paper concerns charismatic demonism and its present relationship to evangelical schools--the primary source of conservative leadership. The astounding thing is that this situation is not a matter of subversive infiltration, but of official academic acceptance!

The following partial listing of evangelical schools shows charismatic demon-oriented faculty members in good standing, teaching fully accredited classes on "demonism."

All of these "deliverance" professors teach that while the Christian cannot be "possessed" [owned] by demons, he can be "demonized" [indwelt by demons].

All of these evangelical leaders teach the same demonism line, and are in full sympathy with such charismatic ministries as The Third Wave; Signs, Wonders and Church Growth; Power Encounter; Power Evangelism; The Manifest Sons of God; Shepherding-Discipling; The Kansas City Connection; and Grace Ministries.

All of these men teach the same concerning demonism as do Jimmy Swaggart, Oral Roberts, James Robison, Robert Tilton, Pat Robertson, Kenneth Hagin, and Kenneth Copeland. It was Kenneth Copeland who spoke for all of these people when he wrote, "*Doctrine doesn't unify. It divides. It doesn't matter what your doctrine is. We'll be unified by the Spirit of God, when we drop our silly list of doctrinal demands and come together in the unity of faith*" (*Believer's Voice of Victory*, Dec. '88). This is the "faith" that claims to cast "demons" out of members of the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ!

BIOLA UNIVERSITY/TALBOT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Several phases of charismatic Power Encounter are taught at Biola/Talbot by Dr. Lloyd E. Kwast, Dr. John Louweres [adjunct], and Dr. Neil T. Anderson. Dr. Anderson, a former aerospace engineer with Apollo, graduated from Talbot and is now a professor of Practical Theology there, and chairman of his department. His course on Pastoral Care is Talbot's largest elective course.

Dr. Anderson is also director of Freedom in Christ Ministries, through which he holds extensive seminars and conferences on Spiritual Conflicts and Counselling, which are mainly designed to free Christians from demonization. He has written two books: *The Bondage Breaker* (Harvest House), and *Victory Over the Darkness*, 1990, (Regal Books). These books are practically identical to David Needham's *Birthright*, Charles Solomon's *Handbook To Happiness*, Bill Gillham's *Lifetime Guarantee*, and Bob George's *Classic Christianity*.

In his *Victory Over the Darkness*, Dr. Anderson teaches, similarly to those above, that the Adamic "old man" is gone [eradicated] (pp. 76-81,84,199). The residuary is the "flesh," i.e:

*During the years you spent separated from God, your worldly experiences thoroughly programmed your brain with thought patterns, memory traces, responses and habits which are alien to God. So even though your old skipper is gone, your flesh remains in opposition to God as a preprogrammed propensity to sin (p. 80).*

Dr. Anderson constantly exhorts the reader to "crucify the flesh," but he nowhere tells how that is to be carried out. The Cross is mentioned only once in the 245 pages of the book, and that in reference to forgiveness. His teaching and counselling emphasis is upon Satan and demons in his ministry to Christians:

*My first approach was to get a demon to expose itself and then command it to come out. Usually this resulted in a great deal of trauma for the person [what about the demon?!], and one would wonder who was more powerful. Although progress was made, the episode would often have to be repeated again [sic].*

*It is the believer's responsibility to resist, renounce, forgive and confess. It is not what the counselor does that results in freedom, it is what the counselee believes, confesses and renounces. The counselor acts as a facilitator. I have not attempted to "cast out a demon" in several years. ("Finding Freedom in Christ," Chapter 5, Wrestling With Dark Angels, by C. Peter Wagner and F. Douglas Pennoyer, eds., p. 133)*

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Seattle Pacific may be considered "evangelical," but it is charismatic Arminian, similar to Taylor University, Asbury Bible College, and Houghton Bible College. We include it here because of the baneful influence of its faculty member, Dr. F. Douglas Pennoyer, director of the school's Intercultural

Institute of Missions. He also conducts seminars far and wide on Spiritual Warfare, and is co-editor with Dr. C. Peter Wagner, of *Wrestling With Dark Angels*, 1990, (Regal Books).

One would be justified in asking the redundant question, What is Gospel Light/Regal Books doing publishing such a book as this, as well as Dr. Anderson's *Victory Over the Darkness*? Well, if Moody Press can do it....

### MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Moody Bible Institute has a quarter-century history of maintaining faculty members who teach students how to cast "demons" out of Christians. There have been Dr. Mark I. Brubeck and Dr. Ben Johnson in the past; and now, for many years Dr. C. Fred Dickason has taught "demonology." He is professor of Theology and chairman of the Theological department at MBI.

Moody Press has contributed to this problem by publishing and promoting the books of these demon manipulators. Among these dangerous publications are Bubeck's *The Adversary* ['75], and *Overcoming the Adversary* ['84]. M/P also published Dr. Merrill F. Unger's sad work, *What Demons Can Do To Saints* ['77]. They have thus far published two books by Dr. Dickason: *Angels: Elect, and Evil* ['75], and *Demon Possession and the Christian* ['78].

It is interesting that Dr. Dickason should use the term "possession" in his title, since he, and these other demon advocates, say that a believer cannot be "possessed" by demons. By "possessed," however, they mean "owned." But, like the Romanists, they conveniently adjust semantically although not actually. Now they all use the term "demonization," instead of "possession." There is no difference in what they really mean, however, as Dr. Dickason indicates in his *Demon Possession and the Christian*:

*The word "possession" implies ownership. Actually demons own nothing. The NT regards them as squatters or invaders of territory that does not belong to them. It is much better to use the term "demonization," or "demonized." Demonization is always presented as a spirit's inhabiting a human (pp. 38,40).*

*In this work we are not dealing with the Christian's problems with the flesh and with the world system, but with the Christian's relationship to demonization, generally called demon possession (p. 15).*

These demonization people are forced to admit that they have no scriptural basis for their contention that the believer can be indwelt by demons. Dr. Dickason's conclusion concerning the matter is:

*Can a Christian be demonized? A rather thorough examination of the biblical evidence leads us to conclude that it neither clearly affirms nor denies the reality of demonization of Christians. There is some weight of evidence leading to the affirmative. But to be fair, we must say that with biblical evidence alone, we are unable to reach a definite or dogmatic conclusion (p. 340).*

*We have come to the conclusion that neither the Bible itself nor any logical or theological extrapolation of biblical truth can finally solve the question (p. 325).*

In his *What Demons Can Do to Saints*, the best Dr. Unger could do on the subject was:

*Scripture nowhere expressly declares that a believer may not be invaded by demons. On the other hand, God's Word intimates that the powers of darkness may invade the believer under certain conditions (p. 88). Clinical evidence [experience] abounds that a Christian may be demon possessed (p. 37).*

#### TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

Trinity has two faculty members, Dr. Wayne Grudem and Dr. Timothy Warner, who teach Power Encounter, including the belief that Christians can be indwelt by demons.

Dr. Warner's course, "Power Encounter in Missionary Ministry," is the most popular elective class at Trinity. As with most demonization-oriented faculty members, these men hold off-campus seminars on how to free demonized Christians.

In 1988 Dr. Warner delivered the annual Church Growth Lectures, sponsored by the School of World Missions of Fuller Seminary. At one point in his theme, "The Power Encounter and World Evangelization," he stated, "I have come to believe that Satan does indeed assign a demon or corps of demons to every geopolitical unit in the world." This has to do with the latest Power Encounter fad, that of Satan delegating high-ranking members of the hierarchy of demons to control nations, regions, cities, tribes, people groups, neighborhoods, and other significant social networks of human beings throughout the world. Shades of Frank Peretti!

Since these charismatic "Encounter" people do not have doctrine to work with, they have to resort to testimonies and "stories." Think of Dr. Timothy Warner sharing this lying wonder:

*A Christian man was experiencing a deep spiritual depression from which he could not find relief. A counselor asked him if anything else significant happened in his life about the time of the onset of the depression. The man replied that, in fact, it was about the time someone prayed for him, and his congenitally shortened leg was made whole for the first time in his life. The counselor then suggested that it was possible that the healing was by demonic power and that the price of the healing was depression. The man immediately said that if the healing was not from God he renounced it. Whereupon his leg shriveled up again, but he lost his spiritual depression. (Wrestling With Dark Angels, p. 111)*

#### GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. Robert Cooley, president of the seminary, is Pentecostal [Assembly of God]. Dr. Jeffrey J. Niehaus, of the faculty, teaches Power Encounter.

#### SAN JOSE BIBLE COLLEGE

Dr. Ed Murphy teaches an annual course at San Jose on Spiritual Warfare. This course is an outgrowth of his personal experience with "demons" who

affected his family, and a series of encounters with "demonized" students while he was teaching at Biola University. These "deliverers" may not see "demons" in every doorknob, but when it comes to people....

Dr. Murphy is also vice president and director of the International Ministry Team of Overseas Crusades. He travels throughout the world, teaching Power Encounter spiritual warfare.

Speaking of missions, TEAM has a veteran missionary in South America whose ministry is to help local pastors understand and practice "deliverance." Arab World Ministries and the Evangelical Free Church have sponsored workshops on Power Encounter, by Dr. Timothy Warner, for their missionaries. It is shockingly evident that this charismatic demonization teaching and practice is spreading on an official level among evangelical missionary training centers, Bible schools, colleges and seminaries--to say nothing of permeation of individual churches!

#### FULLER SEMINARY SCHOOL OF WORLD MISSIONS

Dr. David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, has a Pentecostal background. Dr. Russell Spittler, dean of the Seminary, is Pentecostal. Some of the faculty members of the Fuller School of Missions who advocate Power Encounter are Drs. Edgar J. Elliston, Paul E. Pierson, R. Daniel Shaw, Eddie Gibbs, Dean S. Gililand, Charles Van Engen, J. Dudley Woodberry, and Charles Kraft.

Dr. C. Peter Wagner and John Wimber taught the ill-conceived Signs, Wonders and Church Growth course at Fuller Seminary from '82 to '85. Due to negative reactions from both inside and outside the Seminary, the course was suspended. In '87 it was reorganized, and renamed The Ministry of Healing in World Evangelism. It is now taught by Dr. Wagner, sans John Wimber.

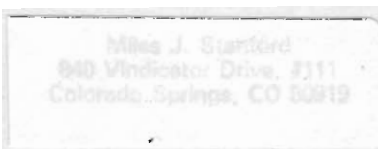
Think of the spiritual condition of evangelical school leadership that would subject students, future pastors and missionaries, to this unbiblical charismatic demonization. Consider the condition of a theological college or seminary that would offer courses on a dangerous subject that has no doctrinal ground whatsoever.

There is not a word in the Word that so much as indicates that a member of the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ can be indwelt by demons. Nor is there a single word of instruction about casting demons out of Christians. Instruction is clearly given, however, for dealing with sin and its source-- the indwelling Adamic life and nature, the positionally crucified "old man." These instructions are given to the believer, without demons even being mentioned.

If you would like scriptural proof of this statement, we will send you a 7-page documentation free of charge upon request.

Dear friend, avoid these people like the plague that they carry. "Mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17).

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