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## Concerning the New Age & The Occult

Our definition of the New Age Movement:

"The merging of occultism and Eastern religions into a mind science, encompassing the Para psychological, as well as the metaphysical, and spiritual".

Below are some modern day versions of Biblical abominations, that we more than readily practice today. The unfortunate thing is that not only are these abominations practiced by the "un-enlightened", they are also practiced by confessing Christians.

- Enchantment: Hypnotism
- Divination: Telling the future with things like bones, tea leaves, runes, ouija boards, palmistry, etc.
- Idolatry: Making/creating and worshipping graven images (some modern day idols - vehicles, spouses, jobs, titles, children, positions, the applause/accolades of others).
- Observing the Times: Astrology, ie: discerning our future from our horoscopes (or the seasonal changes appearing in the stars and the sky) Hmmm . . .
- Charmer: Hypnotist
- Consulter with Familiar spirits: Medium or channeler
- Wizard: Conjuror
- Necromancer: One who consults with the dead (You remember Jonathan Edwards, "Crossing Over", a very

**A prayer for our children in the Military  
Dear Father in Heaven:**

**In the name our your beloved son and our savior, Jesus the Christ:**

**Please bless our children who are so far from home.**

**Lead them and guide them LORD in your will. Allow them to be assured a place in Heaven before you ever call them Home.**

**Protect them from the enemy on all sides roundabout.**

**Bring our children home to us LORD, and give them a testimony in the name of Jesus.  
Amen**

popular tv show)

- Witch: The Hebrew word for this is "Kashaph - whisperer of spells". Reading the word in Hebrew gave it a much more ominous sound than just saying "witch". (I wonder how many "whisperers of spells" sit in the pews from Sunday to Sunday, cursing God's church and His people).
- Dowser: One who finds things with a divining rod.
- Making your children "Pass through the Fire": This refers to child sacrifice. Many children are sacrificed on alters to Satan, but we know Christians don't do that, however, Christians do get abortions . . . that is also a method of child sacrifice.

Food for Thought:

The National Day of Prayer is a New Age Deception, programming us to be tolerant and accepting of every religion, and to open our understanding so that we narrow minded Christians realize there are many paths to salvation, not just JESUS.

Some supporting Scriptures:

Leviticus 19:26-29 2 Timothy 4:2-5  
Deuteronomy 18:10-13 1 John 4:1-3  
Romans 1:23-32 Jude (all)

You might want to pick up a copy of Satan's Plan for a One World Religion: Dark Secrets of the New Age; written by Tex Marrs, and published by Crossway Books, 1987.

**If You Can Find It, Buy It!**

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### ***a book review***

Great Cloud of Witnesses by E. W. Bullinger stands in a class by itself!

The author of this work is a master expositor who has taken the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews, and revealed it to the reader in such a manner that the reader is possessed with the desire to walk with God in the same faith as Noah and Joseph; Rahab and David; those women who received again their loved ones from the grave, and those who were sawn asunder, scourged, mocked..."those of whom the world was not worthy".

This book is not easy reading! It must be digested carefully and with much prayer. It is not for the squeamish or the part-time Christian, because having read even a portion of it, you will be convicted, whether for good or ill, to re-assess your walk with God by FAITH.

The exposition on Hebrews 11:1 is worth the purchase of this book alone. Nevertheless, the LORD has been bountiful by allowing the author's continuing exposition of the people of God that we have become so familiar with.

They are revealed in their weaknesses made strong through faith; their fear subdued by faith, their willingness to "obtain a better resurrection" by faith.

Would that we all would desire to have and exhibit the kind of faith that would say of us, "Of whom the world [kosmos, mankind] was not worthy:" Truthfully, would that we would have the stomachs for such a faith!

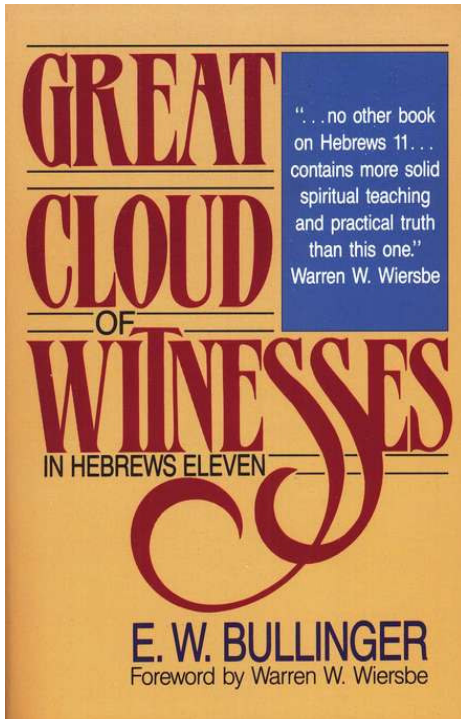
Buy the book and prepare for a greater intimacy with those who have gone on before us, and with God through the person of Jesus Christ His Son.

Bullinger's works are works anointed by God for the edification of His saints.

A couple of other works by Bullinger that I recommend are:

Number in Scripture and Word Studies on the Holy Spirit

Buy a Book!



**Great Cloud of Witnesses  
by E. W. Bullinger**

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## Editorial . . .

### ***"Is it me or what?"***

**For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God?**

**And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**

*1 Peter 4:17-18*

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The whole entire world seems to be "on a Mission for God" right now. Unfortunately, the works appear to consist of the same elements of Cain's offering. That being, we give God what WE think He ought to have!

There are so many people doing so many things in the name of Jesus, and some reasonable facsimiles of, but we are not doing what the WORD of God requires of us.

The WORD says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments", it further says, "thy commandments are not grievous".

What are these commandments? Jesus says, they are to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself!"

That's it.

Sounds simple enough, but lately it seems that God's people have been somewhat preoccupied with other things.

We're concerned with our Christian radio, TV, etc. program. Are we selling enough propaganda to stay on the air. We ask for donations to pay for our air time, and instead of filling it with the WORD of God, we fill it with advertisements to pay for the air time to broadcast advertisements, to pay for more air time - Go figure?

Where's God in all of this. If I'm looking for Him on the TV, I'm certainly not going to find Him.

In the last seven years, God has been dealing with me in the area of love. Loving Him, and loving my neighbor, and forsaking everything else.

We read John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." However, we have no idea what that word "love" really entails. Furthermore, we

have become so smug in our religion, so sanctimonious in our purveyance of the Gospel to those whom we deem worthy enough to hear it from us, so caught up with the commercialism that has engulfed Christianity in the last 50 years that we think we're doing okay. We're not.

Peter is warning us that God's judgment is going to begin with us; and that we are going to fall severely short, and that if we are going to fall severely short, what chance at all do the sinners and the unrighteous have? NONE! Why, because we're not on our jobs, that's why. Don't you know that their blood will be on your hands. All those people you were too busy to talk to, pray for, sing for, read the WORD to, talk about Jesus to, minister to . . . the blood of all those people you neglected to "love " in the name of Jesus will be required of you.

When God began to minister to me about the word "love", He first took me to John 3:16. Then He required that I look up every time the word "love" was used in the New Testament. 176 times - 11 different words for "love."

The first thing I discovered was that the word "love" according to God required two words not just one. In the Strong's Concordance, you will find that the word "love" as used in John 3:16 is actually two words. Word number 25, and word number 5368.

Furthermore, after exploring every usage in the New Testament, I realized that God's love was either used as a noun, (word number 26) or a verb (word number 25), and that these two words were the only words used to describe the way God loves us, the way He desires us to love Him, and the love between a man and his wife. All of the other words used for "love" were different. Out of eleven different words used for "love" in the New Testament only the three I've mentioned are used in relation to God and us.

This intense lesson in the WORD caused me to go back and re-evaluate my relationship with God and His people. Was I loving God the way He needed to be Loved? No I wasn't.

Was I loving His people the way He need for me to love them? Probably not.  
Was my love a tangible noun, or an active verb?

The Bible is very clear about letting us know that without "Love", it really doesn't matter what we do.

We can preach till the dead jump up out the grave and do the Holy Ghost dance, we can sing like we imagine the angels in heaven sing, we can pray until we are consumed in the flames of spontaneous combustion, we can produce miracles, lay hands on, speak in tongues, interpret tongues, discern spirits, speak a word of wisdom, or a word or knowledge, BUT, without "charity . . ."

The Bible requires us to share the Gospel or "Good News". The world is already "enmity" with God, so giving it a good effective dose of the Gospel requires a reasonable measure of love to go with it, or God's Good News is not going to be effectively received, and it ain't cause the news isn't good - it's because you're delivery was not done in "love".

The other day I was sitting outside in front of our office on the smoker's bench. Whether you smoke or not, if you go outside, and want to sit down, you'll have to sit

there. On this particular day, I'd gone outside to warm up from the intense air conditioning in our building, and to call my friend Norma on the phone. God blessed me with Norma as one half of an anointed pair of prayer partners. While I was talking, a lady came over to me to hand me a Bible tract.

If I could have verbalized her thoughts, the scene would have played out something like this:

"Hello you piece of trash sitting here on the smoker's bench."  
"You look like a low-life to me, so try not to touch me when I hand you this tract. Personally I think it's a waste of good paper . . . oh yeah, Jesus loves you."

Wooooooow - that was deep. My friend and I laughed about it, but the truth was, that that was really not a nice experience, and I certainly wasn't feeling the love of Jesus.

Was I that insincere? Did I make people feel like garbage when I presented Jesus to them.

Christianity has become commercialized even by the Christians. What are we doing? we've forgotten God, and are simply practicing our version of godliness. If you watch us on TV, and listen to us on the radio, or buy the CD's and the DVD's you will see that we are not different than the world.

We exploit God, make up all kinds of cockamamie revelations heretofore unheard of by anyone else but us. We ask and cry for donations, but are reticent to give our money to anyone else's ministry.

"You mean there's someone else out there besides me?!"

We are more concerned with our popularity ratings than with how many people we tell about Jesus. We are more concerned with the quality of people we tell about Jesus-after all, converting a celebrity is way cooler than the conversion of some nobody that you may never see again.

We worry about what order we appear on the program, and if someone that can preach better than us, or sing better than us, or who looks better than us, is going to go on before us.

The one that was genuinely better than us, has indeed gone on before us, and will come again for us as He promised (John 14), but, will we be able to go when He comes?

The time truly is coming when the judgment of God will begin at the house of God, and who of us will be able to stand? And those of us who will be saved, if we are just "scarcely saved", what really is the end for the sinners?

We cannot turn away from our responsibility as Christians. We have a debt to the Master that we really cannot ever pay. He doesn't require us to pay it, but He requires us to tell others what He's done for us, and what He can do for them. That's all, and to do it with love.

I know what kind of sinner I was, and I know where God brought me from. I know what He's done for me, and I know that several lifetimes wouldn't allow for me to

even begin to attempt to repay Him. . .

So, if all He wants from me is to love my neighbor and to share the Gospel with them, I count it a pleasure, and a very small price to pay.

I already must stand before the judgment seat of God to account for the things I've done in my body, and my idle words. I have no desire to add to that the blood of those that are on my hands because I shared not the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

Judge yourself this day, that ye be not judged later by the Great Judge.

All things that you do, ask God that you might do them in "love", (words number 25, 26, and 5368).

I don't know if it's me or what, but I want to run this race to the end, and finish my course. I want to hear the words, "well done my good and faithful servant", and mostly I want to know that when I get there before the throne of God, I will be allowed entrance into that place where the Son shall be the light, and there shall be no more tears, sorrow, or death, and as the old folks used to say, "where every day will be Sunday, and we'll say Howdy, Howdy, and never good-bye".