



*“I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I will answer when I am reproved.” Hab. 2:1*

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### Feature Article - The Secret Handshake - Pt 1

#### Freemasons and their secret handshakes -

Freemasons use "secret" gestures in their rituals and "secret" handshakes to identify themselves to each other (see pictures). The average Christian is simply unaware that there dwell among us many, many members of these (semi)

secret societies, or that they have hidden agendas, and covert means of communicating with each other (see the links below).

Freemasons come from a wide diversity of cultures, careers, and classes of men. They are very much a Broad Church, very inclusive. They are not only found in all Christian denominations, but in the cults as well. Students of Roman Catholicism testify that many priests are freemasons as well. They are very Broad Church, and they have their secret handshakes.

#### Evangelicals and their secret handshakes -

Of late, there has arisen a similar phenomenon among "evangelicals." The word "evangelical" has become indistinct, soft in its definition. It once described those who know and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, and are the possessors of eternal life through faith in Him. They themselves, especially the "old evangelicals" knew the difference between the saved and the lost. That is no longer true. Presently, anyone who has ever seen a Bible (or even a photo of a Bible?) can call themselves an evangelical. "Evangelicals" have become, like the freemasons, a very Broad Church. And they too have a secret handshake. "Evangelicals" have a secret handshake, just like the freemasons.



**"BOAZ"  
GRIP OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE  
(HANDSHAKE)**

## The Evolution of Evangelicalism -

Now, before you reject the message and shoot the messenger, let me describe to you what has happened to "evangelicalism" over the past 60 years. Harold Ockenga, founder of New Evangelicalism wrote, "Neo-evangelicalism was born ... in connection with a convocation address which I gave in the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena. While reaffirming

the theological view of fundamentalism, this address REPUDIATED ITS ECCLESIOLOGY AND ITS SOCIAL THEORY. The ringing call for A REPUDIATION OF SEPARATISM AND THE SUMMONS TO SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT received a hearty response from many evangelicals. The name caught on and spokesmen such as Drs. Harold Lindsell, Carl F.H. Henry, Edward Carnell, and Gleason Archer supported this viewpoint. We had no intention of launching a movement, but found that the emphasis attracted widespread support and exercised great influence. Neo-evangelicalism... DIFFERENT FROM FUNDAMENTALISM IN ITS REPUDIATION OF SEPARATISM AND ITS DETERMINATION TO ENGAGE ITSELF IN THE THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE OF THE DAY. IT HAD A NEW EMPHASIS UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE GOSPEL TO THE SOCIOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC AREAS OF LIFE. Neo-evangelicals emphasized the restatement of Christian theology in accordance with the need of the times, the REENGAGEMENT IN THE THEOLOGICAL DEBATE, THE RECAPTURE OF DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP, AND THE REEXAMINATION OF THEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE ANTIQUITY OF MAN, THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE FLOOD, GOD'S METHOD OF CREATION, AND OTHERS" (Ockenga, foreword to Harold Lindsell's book *The Battle for the Bible*). (from <http://www.wayoflife.org/files/d750c580490e6795c9b603f8f642a6df-884.html>) From that time to the present, this "new evangelism" has become a broader and broader church. Or to put it another way, they have shaken hands with anyone and everyone including a few department store mannequins. When Harold Ockenga announced that the new evangelicals were repudiating separation, he sent a signal, wildly applauded even then, that "we will shake hands with anybody."

So how broad is their church now? Oh, just broad enough for Wheaton seminary to welcome evolutionists as faculty, and for Baylor to permit a Mormon to teach foreign languages there. It's broad enough for Wycliffe to train Roman Catholic priests and nuns to translate the Scriptures. And broad enough for Paul Crouch to welcome and praise every false prophet he can find. It is broad enough for most American pastors to smilingly pronounce that Allah and Jehovah are the same god. This broad church approach was behind Fuller Seminary's Richard Mouw and Ravi Zacharias going to Salt Lake City to meet with Mormons in a lovey dovey smooch up several years ago. It is broad enough for a bookshop in an IB church here in Australia to sell a book honouring Oprah, the New Age false prophetess. It is broad enough for the most prominent fundamental (?) Baptist pastors to use Hillsong CCM music in their worship services, not caring a whit that they have also invited Hillsong's theology to enter their churches incognito.

## The Pivotal Place of Rick Warren -

There is no new evangelical who illustrates this better than Rick Warren, pastor of the Southern Baptist Saddleback Community Church in Lake Forest, California. He grew up in the doctrinally and morally loose culture of southern California, trained at California Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and at Fuller seminary. He attended Robert Schuller's church growth seminar, and was mentored by Peter Drucker.



**"SHIBBOLETH"  
PASS GRIP OF A FELLOW CRAFT  
(HANDSHAKE)**

I have just been reading a book titled *Faith Undone* (by Roger Oakland). In the second chapter (The Birth of the Emerging Church) the author traces the roots of this latest outgrowth of new evangelicalism. Rick Warren was involved from the very first. His mentor, Peter Drucker, was a keen follower of Soren

Kierkegaard who, with Nietzsche, were the chief proponents of existentialism. Through Kierkegaard, Drucker was led into contact with Zen Buddhism and Jewish mysticism. Most pastors are not aware that Peter Drucker determined in the mid-1950's to lay the groundwork for a new religious movement, along the lines of Kierkegaard's existentialism and its offspring, postmodernism. That new movement is what we have in the Emergent Church. It is the Postmodern Church. Rick Warren not only knew of Drucker's plans, but boasts that, for twenty years, he was mentored by Drucker(!) At the same time, Warren embraced the teachings of Leonard Sweet, the New Age apologist for postmodernism, as well as promoting Dan Kimball's book on The Emerging Church, and praising Matthew Fox, the New Age Episcopal priest. Rick Warren and Peter Drucker assisted Bob Buford in setting up the seminal Leadership Network, which became a "resource broker" for innovative churches. The new evangelical radicals in this network then EMERGED from the Leadership Network and describe themselves as the Emergent Church. Among them you will find men like Mark Driscoll, Brian McLaren, Shane Claiborne, and Doug Pagitt. Rick Warren's bridge building ability extends even to welcoming Ken Blanchard on to the staff at Saddleback, whose praise for Buddha borders on worship. When Warren's church celebrated its 30th anniversary, he opened the ceremony with Jimi Hendrix's rock song, Purple Haze. And he spoke for John Piper's conference, who calls himself a 7 point Calvinist. I should mention also that Warren's use of corrupted Bible translations tells us that he accepts Westcott and Hort and all their clones.



**"JACHIN"  
REAL GRIP OF A FELLOW CRAFT  
(HANDSHAKE)**

So who does this new evangelical leader, "America's Pastor", hang around with? Anybody. Everybody. It makes sense, doesn't it? Ockenga repudiates separation, and Warren shows us where it leads. (There is one group of Christians he wants nothing to do with. See below)



**"TUBALCAIN"  
PASS GRIP OF A MASTER MASON  
(HANDSHAKE)**

### The Secret Handshake -

And it all has to do with that secret handshake. You see, evangelicals signal their compromises (nudge, nudge, wink, wink, shake, shake) to all their bodgy friends. They do it in their body language, their hairstyles, their tattoos, their baggy board shorts and Hawaiian shirts. They shake hands with fellow travellers in their CCM music, in their "cool" vocabulary,

and on their blogsites, and webpages. They do it in their worship styles and in the irreverent themes of the books they write. They do it in their rock concerts and Leadership Conferences. They communicate in the arrogant lift of an eyebrow and in the disdain they show toward the uncool, old fashioned fundamentalists they despise. They will shake hands with anybody but those who take the Bible seriously.

There's an awful lot of handshaking going on. Or is it "high fiving?"

### What's All The Shaking About?

Have you ever wondered what all this New Evangelical Broad Church Secret Handshaking is all about? What it signifies? What are they all in agreement about? God says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Look again over the list of people who secretly shake hands with all and sundry. What is it they agree on?

Evangelical Southern Baptists, Existentialists, Modernists and Postmodernists, New Agers, Buddhists, Muslims, Mormons, Emergent Church radicals, Evolutionists, Roman Catholic popes and mystics, 7 Point

Calvinists, Jimi Hendrix, Westcott and Hort, Billy Graham, Big Business, Hollywood, Nashville, and Oprah, now that is what you call Broad Church!

What could this higgledy piggledy mob possibly have in common with each other? It's not doctrine or liturgy or politics. What's the secret handshake all about? What does it mean? What are they shaking on?



**"MA-HA-BONE"  
REAL GRIP OF A MASTER MASON  
(HANDSHAKE)**

It's very simple, really. They are agreed one and all to exalt Man's Wisdom above God's Wisdom. They shake hands on this one great overarching precept, "Human Reasoning is wiser than God; Our Way IS Better Than God's Way!!!!!" Look again over the list of strange bedfellows. Everyone of them is agreed that fundamentalism, with its commitment to the Bible, is the problem. Warren himself says, "The problem in the 21st century will be fundamentalism." Why would he say that? Because we who are set for the defence of the gospel believe

exactly the opposite to their basic precept. We do not agree that Man is wiser than God. We are considered to be a threat, because we won't shake hands with Rick Warren and all his friends. Every single one of the movements embraced by New Evangelicalism has this in common, they exalt man and his wisdom above God and His Word.

### Who Do You Shake Hands With?

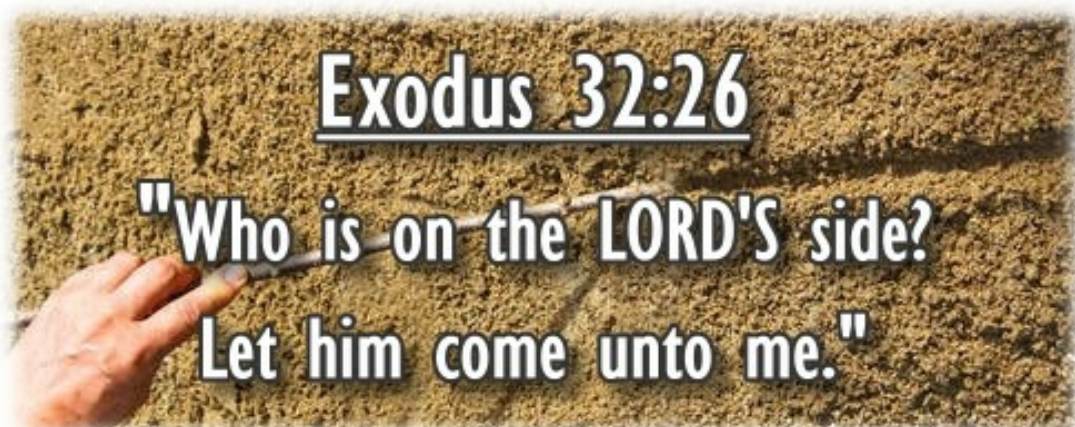
If there was ever a time for pastors to draw a line in the sand and separate unto God and from the hand shaking mob of compromisers, this is surely the time!

*Bro. Buddy Smith*

<http://www.ephesians5-11.org/handshakes.htm>

[http://www.google.com.au/search?q=the+freemasons+handshake&hl=en&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=yRYGT\\_ebFcWZiQeu-YHXAg&sqi=2&ved=0CCoQsAQ&biw=888&bih=652](http://www.google.com.au/search?q=the+freemasons+handshake&hl=en&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=yRYGT_ebFcWZiQeu-YHXAg&sqi=2&ved=0CCoQsAQ&biw=888&bih=652)

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## Kuwaiti Prince Converted to Christ? -

(As much as we desire for every man to be saved, we have learned not to believe what the media reports. I expect we will either see the prince murdered or flee for his life if he has truly been converted. - Ed)

### [Member of Kuwaiti royal family embraces Christ](#)

*By Michael Ireland*

IRAN -- A Kuwaiti royal prince has become a believer in Jesus Christ and says that if he is killed because of an audio recording he made about his decision, he believes he will meet Christ face-to-face.

According to [www.Mohabatnews.com](http://www.Mohabatnews.com), the Iranian Christian News Agency, Al-haqiqa, a Christian Arabic satellite T.V. station, which broadcasts Christian programs, played an audio file which it attributed to a Kuwaiti prince called "Abdollah Al-sabah."

This Kuwaiti prince announced, "First of all, I totally agree with the distribution of this audio file and I now declare that if they kill me because of this audio file, then I'll go into the presence of Jesus Christ and be with him for all eternity."

The T.V. channel claimed that Prince Abdollah Al-sabah comes from a Kuwaiti royal family which currently governs the country. The channel also said that the prince recently denounced his Islamic faith and became a Christian.

The voice in the audio file introduced himself as Abdollah Al-sabah and stated, "First of all, I totally agree with the distribution of this audio file and I now declare that if they kill me because of this audio file, then I'll go into the presence of Jesus Christ and be with him for all eternity."

The prince added: "I'm satisfied with whatever they do to me, because the truth in the Bible has guided me to the right way."

Regarding the Islamic groups who have recently gained power in Egypt, this Kuwaiti prince also stated, "Islamic communities have always wanted to attack in different parts of the world, but God has preserved the world and still protects it. This is why we have recently seen disagreements appearing among Islamic groups who are now fighting with each other. They are about to divide further into different groups.

Mohabat News says this piece of news made headlines briefly on Arabic newswires and also in the Iranian government run news agency. Some independent Shiite websites contradicted this report and quoted another Kuwaiti prince, Azbi Al-sabah as saying, "There is no one in the Kuwaiti royal family by that name."

Kuwait is a Middle Eastern country, neighboring Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Iran across the Persian Gulf. Its capital city is also called Kuwait.

Islam is the official and dominant religion in Kuwait, and almost the entire population is Muslim. Only 4 percent of the population is Christian, and there is a tiny group of other religions. Article 2 of the Kuwaiti constitution reads, "Islam is the official religion in the country and Sharia is a main source for legislation."

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## Deacon True Sez -

"Two proofs of old age - Your knees buckle and your belt won't."

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## Links in the Media Chain -

- A musician Hillsong wouldn't want - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6dTeQwf488&feature=related>
- A very interesting article on how telejournalists construct news stories - <http://pjmedia.com/eddriscoll/2012/01/02/how-the-sausage-gets-made/?singlepage=true>
- Maybe we should scrap our calculators - <http://wimp.com/powerfulabacus/>
- Thinking of a new bike? - <http://www.dump.com/2011/12/26/russian-transformer-bike-video/>

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## Behold, The Bridegroom Cometh! -

### The Comforting Promise

*Renald E. Showers*

It was a night of destiny and Jesus had met with His disciples in the Upper Room. In a few more hours He would be crucified on a cross. Jesus had been warning His disciples about His coming death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven, and the prospect of these events

greatly disturbed them. To ease their fears, Jesus made the following comforting promise:

*"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:11).*

## Jewish Marriage Customs

Those who live in the modern Western world do not catch the full significance of Jesus' promise. This is because Jesus was drawing an analogy from Jewish marriage custom in Biblical times. We must examine those marriage customs to grasp the significance of His promise.

The first major step in a Jewish marriage was betrothal. Betrothal involved the establishment of a marriage covenant. By Jesus' time, this covenant was usually established as the result of the prospective bridegroom taking the initiative. The prospective bridegroom would travel from his father's house to the home of his prospective bride. There he negotiated with the young woman's father to determine the price (mohar) he would have to pay to purchase his bride.

When the bridegroom paid the purchase price, the marriage covenant was established; and the young man and woman were regarded as husband and wife. From that moment, the bride was declared to be consecrated or sanctified, set apart exclusively for her bridegroom. As a symbol of the covenant relationship that had been established, the man and his bride drank from a cup of wine over which a betrothal benediction had been pronounced.



After the marriage covenant was established, the bridegroom left the bride's home and returned to his father's house. There he remained separated from his bride for twelve months. This separation gave the bride time to gather her trousseau and prepare for married life. Meanwhile, the bridegroom prepared living accommodation in his father's house to which he could bring his bride.

At the end of the separation, the man came to take his bride to live with him. The taking of the bride usually occurred at night. The bridegroom, best man, and 5 other male escorts would leave the bridegroom's father's house and conduct a torchlight procession to the bride's home.

Although the bride was expecting her bridegroom to come for her, she did not know exactly when he would arrive. As a result, the bridegroom's arrival was preceded by a shout. This shout forewarned the bride to be prepared for the coming of the bridegroom.

After the bridegroom received his bride and her female attendants, the enlarged wedding party returned from the bride's home to the bridegroom's father's house.

Upon arriving there, the wedding party would find that the wedding guests had already assembled.

Shortly after the bride and bridegroom arrived, the other members of the wedding party would escort them to the bridal chamber (huppah). Before entering the chamber, the bride remained veiled so that no one could see her face. While the groomsmen and bridesmaids waited outside, the bride and bridegroom would enter the bridal chamber alone. There, in private, the couple entered a physical union for the first time, thereby consummating the marriage that had been covenanted earlier.

After the marriage was consummated, the bridegroom would announce the consummation to the other members of the wedding party waiting outside the chamber (John 3:29). These people relayed the news of the marital union to the wedding guests.

After receiving this good news, the wedding guests feasted and made merry for the next seven days.

During the seven days of the wedding festivities, which were sometimes called "the seven days of the huppah", the bride remained hidden in the bridal chamber. At the end of these seven days, the bridegroom brought his bride out of the bridal chamber now with her veil removed, so all could see who his bride was.

## The Examination of the Analogy

Now that we have considered the marriage, we can examine the analogy Jesus drew in John 14. In what ways was Jesus' promise analogous with Jewish marriage customs?

First, we can note that the Scriptures regard the Church to be the Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22-33). Just as the Jewish bridegroom took the initiative in marriage by leaving his father's house and travelling to the prospective bride's home, so Jesus left his Father's house in heaven more than 2,000 years ago and travelled to earth, the home of His prospective Church.

Just as the Jewish bridegroom came to the bride's home to obtain her by establishing a marriage covenant, so Jesus came to earth to obtain the Church through the establishment of a covenant.

On the same night that Jesus made His promise in John 14, He instituted communion. As He passed the cup of wine to His disciples, He said, *"This cup is the new testament [covenant] in my blood"* (1 Cor.11:25). This was His way of saying He would establish a new covenant through the shedding of His blood on the cross.

Parallel to the custom of the Jewish bridegroom paying a price to purchase his bride, Jesus paid a price to purchase His Bride, the Church. The price He paid was His own lifeblood. Paul reminded the Church of this fact:

*"Know ye not that...ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body"* (1 Cor.6:19-20).

Analogous with the Jewish bride being sanctified or set apart exclusively for her bridegroom after the marriage covenant was established, the Church has been sanctified or set apart exclusively for Christ (Eph.5:25-27; 1Cor. 1:2; 6:11; Heb.10:10; 13:12).

The cup of wine served as a symbol of the marriage covenant through which the Jewish bridegroom obtained his bride, is seen in the cup of communion of the covenant through which Christ has obtained the Church (1 Cor.11:25).

Just as the Jewish bridegroom left his bride's home and returned to his father's house after the marriage covenant had been established, so Jesus left the earth, the home of the Church, and returned to His Father's house in heaven after He had established the new covenant and risen from the dead (John 6:62;20:17).

The period of separation between the Jewish bridegroom and bride speaks of how Christ has been separate from the Church for more than 2,000 years. The Church is now living in that period of separation during which Christ has been preparing living accommodation for the Church in His Father's house (John14:2).

In the same manner as the Jewish bridegroom came to take his bride to live with him at the end of the separation period, so Christ will come to take the Church to live with Him at the end of His period of separation (Jn. 14:3).

The taking of the Jewish bride from her home by a procession of the bridegroom with his male escorts, speaks of how the Church will be escorted by a procession of Christ and angels from Christ's Father's house in heaven to the future home of the Church (1 Thess. 4:1,6).



The time of the bridegroom's arrival was unknown to the bride, and so the Church does not know the exact time of Christ's coming to receive her to Himself.

The shout of the Jewish bridegroom as he arrived to take his bride is replicated in the shout of the Lord as He arrives to take the Church (1Thess. 4:16).

Similar to the Jewish bride's return with the bridegroom to his father's house, the Church will return with Christ to His Father's house in heaven after she is snatched from the earth to meet Him in the air at the Rapture (1Thess.4:17; John14:2-3).

In the same manner as the Jewish wedding party found wedding guests in the bridegroom's father's house when they arrived, so Christ and the Church will find Old Testament saints assembled in heaven when they arrive.

Parallel to the custom of the Jewish bridegroom and bride consummating the marriage that had been covenanted earlier, the marriage of Christ and the Church will take place after their arrival at His Father's house in heaven.

The concealment of the Jewish bride for seven days at the bridegroom's father's house is likened to the Church's concealment for seven years after her arrival at the Father's house in heaven. While the seven-year Tribulation period is occurring on the earth, the Church will be in heaven, totally hidden from the sight of those living on earth.

Finally, the Jewish bridegroom brought his bride out of the bridal chamber at the end of the seven days with her veil removed so all could see his bride, so Christ will bring the Church out of heaven in His Second Coming at the end of the seven-year Tribulation in full view of all who are alive, so that all can see who the true Church is (Col. 3:4).

## The Significance of the Analogy

This analogy between Jewish marriage customs and Christ's relationship to the Church is beautiful. But you may be wondering what practical significance it has for today.

First, if you have never taken Jesus Christ personally to be your Saviour from sin, this analogy holds great significance for you. Christ came to this earth and died on a cross to pay the penalty for your sins. Through shedding His blood, He paid the price necessary to purchase you to be part of His Bride, the Church.

Just as the bride could accept or reject the Jewish bridegroom's proposal, so you can accept or reject Christ's proposal to you. If you reject it, you will spend eternity separated from God and Christ in the eternal lake of fire (Rev.20:11-15).

If, however, you accept Christ's proposal, your sins will be forgiven, and you will enter that relationship that makes you part of His Bride, the Church. When He comes for His bride at the Rapture you will be caught up to meet Him in the air.

Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh!

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## Beth Moore Building The One-world Church -

Beth Moore is one of the most popular female Christian speakers and authors. Her Bible-study books have sold multiplied millions of copies. Her Living Proof Live conferences, hosted by LifeWay (Southern Baptist), have drawn thousands of attendees.

Moore's meetings are attended by people from "every denomination," because she "doesn't get caught up in divisive doctrinal issues" and "steers clear of topics that could widen existing rifts between different streams in the body of Christ" (Charisma, June 2003). This is the unscriptural "positive-only" ecumenical philosophy that is so helpful in furthering end time apostasy and building the apostate oneworld church. Paul exhorted Timothy not to allow any other doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3) and warned the brethren to avoid those who teach error, but Mrs. Moore knows better than to be so ridiculously intolerant and narrow-minded.

Moore's worship leader, Travis Cottrell, "has a uniquely fresh approach to worship that brings the church together," an approach "that permeates every denominational wall" (LifeWay Christian Resources web site). In a conference in Houston, Texas, Moore had women sit on the platform to represent a hodge-podge of doctrine. She said, "We are a very interdenominational group; I can't tell you how much I love that diversity." The groups she specifically highlighted were United Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Charismatic, and Roman Catholic.

Moore is the blind leading the blind. She ignores the Bible's solemn warning about the multiplication of false teachers and the explosion of end-time apostasy. She ignores the fact that within the "denominational diversity" she "loves" is found a bewildering variety of heresies, such as baptismal regeneration, infant baptism, sacramentalism, Mariolatry, veneration of relics, popery, antinomianism, universalism, contemplative mysticism, theological modernism, and The Shack's female goddessism, to name a few.

We are living in the midst of rampant end time apostasy as prophesied in the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3-4). It is not time to "permeate" denominational walls; it is time to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints and to raise up walls of biblical separation as a godly protection from error and worldliness.

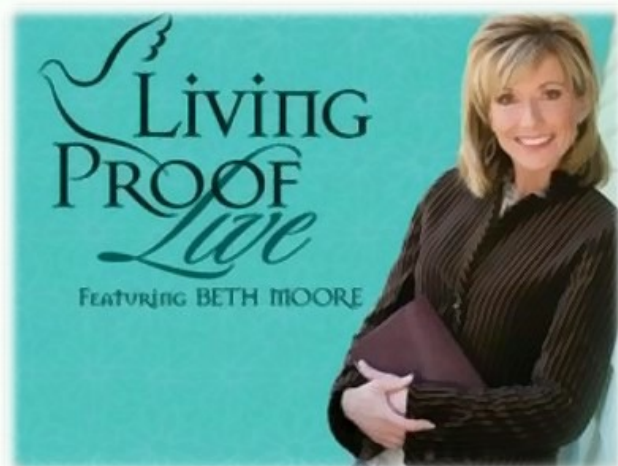
Romans 16:17 and Jude 3 and similar commandments are commonly ignored by popular evangelical speakers, but they will not be ignored at the judgment seat of Christ (assuming these people are truly born again).

For a video clip of Moore praising the different denominations see :

[Http: //apprising.org/2011/12/22/beth-moore-gods-vision-for-the-church-includes-the-roman-catholic-church-denomination](http://apprising.org/2011/12/22/beth-moore-gods-vision-for-the-church-includes-the-roman-catholic-church-denomination)

From [wayoflife.org](http://wayoflife.org)

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## Notable Quotes and Quotable Notes -

- "It is quite a significant thing that all the great hymns-not all of them, but almost all the great hymns that ever were written came out of revivals of some kind. They came out of the Lutheran Reformation, they came out of the Wesleyan revival, they came out of the Moravian revival, they came out of the times when the church of God labored and the Spirit fell upon her. Heaven was opened and she saw visions of God, and radiant beams from the throne above reflected from the hearts of his people, and then men wrote hymns, and we're still singing them. And I suppose if the Devil has a sense of humor-I don't know whether he has or not; I suppose he has; Khrushchev has-The Devil has a sense of humor, I think he must laugh from his sooty sides when he sees a bunch of dead Christians singing a hymn written by a live composer. . . . When he hears them, he hears a fellow groaning through them-a lot of hymns are great hymns, and I didn't like them in my early days, and the reason I didn't like them was that I heard them sung under bad auspices in unfortunate situations. . . . You get into a dead prayer meeting on Wednesday night with a dead leader who doesn't expect anything with dead people in front of him who don't expect anything and would be shocked if anything happened, and you get them to singing some grand old hymn, and brother, they can not only kill it, they can embalm it. They put it where it's just no good at all, and my heart reacted against it. The Holy Ghost comes on, and the people are worshipful people. They've got to be worshipful people. So God wants you to worship him, and then out of your fiery worship he wants you to work for him, but he doesn't want you to jump up and start up some amateurish religious toil. I heard a college president say one time that the church is suffering from a rash of amateurism, and he certainly hit the nail right in the middle of the head that time. We're suffering from a rash of amateurism; any untrained, unprepared, unspiritual, empty rattle-trap of a fellow who's a bit ambitious can start himself something that's religious. Then we all listen to him and pay and we promote and work to try to help this fellow who never heard from God in the first place. Amateurism gone mad, gone wild. That's because we're not worshippers. Nobody that worships God is likely to do anything off-beat or out of place. Nobody who's a "worshipper indeed" is likely to give himself up to carnal and worldly religious projects." - *A. W. Tozer*
- When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will never lack God's supply. - *Hudson Taylor*
- "Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him." - *Hudson Taylor*
- If there be no way to find Christ than by leaving the Laodicean church, then the sooner it be left the better. - *G. Campbell Morgan*
- Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf. - *Will Rogers*

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### **Ephesians 5:8**

**"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."**

## Therapy For The Funny Bone -

### Wrong answers to an exam -

- Q1.** In which battle did Napoleon die?  
**Answer.** His last battle
- Q2.** Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
**Answer.** At the bottom of the page
- Q3.** River Ravi flows in which state?  
**Answer.** In the liquid state
- Q4.** What is the main reason for failure?  
**Answer.** Exams
- Q5.** What can you never eat for breakfast?  
**Answer.** Lunch & dinner
- Q6.** What looks like half an apple?  
**Answer.** The other half
- Q7.** If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?  
**Answer.** It will become wet
- Q8.** How can a man go eight days without sleeping ?  
**Answer.** No problem, sleep at night.
- Q9.** How can you lift an elephant with one hand?  
**Answer.** You will never find an elephant with only one hand..
- Q10.** If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have ?  
**Answer.** Very large hands
- Q11.** If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?  
**Answer.** No time at all, it's already built.
- Q12.** How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?  
**Answer.** Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.
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A redhead went into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.

'Impossible!' says the doctor.. 'Show me.'

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?'

'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.'

'I thought so,' the doctor said, 'Your finger is broken.'

An Irishman named Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Mick O'Shaunessey.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'It says I died!!'

'Yes, I saw it!' replied Mick. 'And where might ye be callin' from?'

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## Where Do You Stand On The HTI? -

(The Heads Up! magazine has readers all over the world. I received a (spoof) letter this week from Bro. Billy Bob, in West Texas. Interesting reading. - Ed.)

Howdy Bud,

Well, I got the new de-nom-y-national newspaper in the mailbox a coupla weeks ago. I see they voted in a new presydunt to boss us around an' tell us how great we are. Some feller I never met, named Dr. Wishywashy. Got most of the alphybet after his name, I see. They even printed his acceptance speech and it's a humdinger. Used words I didn't even know they'd invented yet, twelve cylinder, double-jointed, forty nine cent words. So I set me down with a dictionary and found a few of his big words in it and puzzled 'em out. The ones I couldn't decipher I asked me little grandson about and he 'splained 'em every one to me. Well, most all of 'em.

It seems this here presydunt wuz spruikin' about some new plan for church growth called the HTI. All of us preachers are s'posed to sign up to it. I larned long time ago not to sign nuttin' I can't get my teeth into. So I called old Preacher Joe up and asked him if knew what the HTI wuz. He said he didn't know neither, but he already got a dozen calls from preachers tellin' him to sign up, an' not to wait aroun'.

So me and preacher Joe decided to call headquarters and ask them to send us some paperwork on it. And we did. And they did.

And we weren't any better off after we read it. The folder they sent just went on an' on about the HTI, but never told us what it meant. We did get the gist of it enough to figger out what Dr. Wishywashy expects us to do once we sign up. They even made a list of "Initiatives" we are s'posed to implement. (Gotta find where I put that dictionary.)

So here's the list:

Pastors who are signatories to the HTI agree to:

- 1) Work conscientiously in January to avoid controversy in your pulpits.
- 2) In February, plan on having the Uniting Church lady minister over for a meal.
- 3) In March, exchange pulpits one Sunday with the Presbyterian minister in your town.
- 4) Use the Emergent Church devotional materials (attached) in the church bulletins during the month of April
- 5) Schedule the month of May to preach a series of sermons on love and unity (outlines attached)
- 6) In June, set aside one Sunday for Bible Translation Sunday, and promote the Politically Correct Bible (supplied).

- 7) In July, host a BBQ for the Mormon missionaries in your area.
- 8) In August, invite the JW bigwigs over for a swim in the church baptistry.
- 9) In September, call the Seventh Day Adventist pastor and offer to lead in prayer on the first day of their school term.
- 10) In October, ask the Lutheran youth group over to your teens' Halloween party.
- 11) In November, swap pulpits with the Catholic priest, and offer to take his place in the confession box.
- 12) In December hold a dialogue with the president of the Freethinkers Society and exchange Christmas gifts.

Me and Preacher Joe was none too excited about any of them "initiatives." (In fact, the dear wifey reckoned she could smell brimstone burning when she poked her little nose in to see if we wanted a cup of coffee.) After chewing it over we decided to take it to the top, to Dr. Wishywashy his own self, so I asked our church secretary to make an appointment, and she did.

Here's what happened at the meeting (I put down the initials for each person):

**PJ:** "We've come to ask fer more informayshun on this here HTI. We still don't know what it stands for."

**BB:** "Yep, we reckon if we wuz to sign up to it, we need to know what it means."

**Dr. WW:** "Of course, gentlemen. That's what we are here for. We understand precisely your diligence in enquiring as to the total circumspection of the new program for church growth in our glorious denomination."

**BB:** "So what does HTI stand for?"

**PJ:** "That's what we want to know."

**Dr. WW:** "Let me explain the complexities of assigning descriptive acronyms to church growth programs that involve a high level of abstraction. For some years the administration of the denomination has employed a dozen information technology specialists to take the oversight of our computer programming...."

**PJ:** "Look, Dr. WW, me and Bro. Billy Bob are just country preachers. We don't know nothin' about akkernims and compytaters. So we ain't real interested in all that palaver. Just tell us what HTI means."

**BB:** "That's right! Tell us that and we can go home."

**Dr. WW:** "Hmmmmmm. I can see you are going to need me to simplify the process we went through to come up with those initials. Being Baptists, we had to first appoint several committees to plan, organise, and revise the HTI program, and then submit it to the board of directors."

**PJ:** "Get to the point, Doc, our patience is wearin' mighty thin."

**DR WW:** "Yes, I can see that. Well, once we had all the pieces in place, we had to come up with a name for the program, so we had the IT men run it through the computer and ask it to come up with an acronym that nobody else was using, and was pleasing to the ear. And that's how it came to be called HTI."

**BB:** "That's it? It's just sump'n a machine stuck on it?"

**Dr WW:** "Yes, gentlemen. To put it simply, that's it in a nutshell."

**PJ:** "You know sump'n, Doc? I think you're pullin' our legs. I think it means sump'n mighty devious, and you know what it means and you don't want us to know what it is."

**BB:** "You wanna know sump'n else? I think Preacher Joe is right. And I also think you are not only tryin' to trick us old country bumpkins, but all the preachers in the whole denom-y-nation."

**PJ:** "And it ain't gonna work."

**BB:** "Doc, you sit real still there in that big armchair, and don't you dare move a hair. Keep an eye on him, Preacher Joe, while I get somebody to give us a hand."

I opened the door and called Shorty, my ten year old grandson to come into Dr. Wishywashy's office.

**BB:** "Now, Preacher Joe, you just keep an eye on the Doctor there, while Shorty has a look in that there comptater. Shorty, you reckon you can make that there machine talk to you?"

**Shorty:** "Yep, Grampaw, What is it you want?"

**BB:** " Just ask it what HTI means?"

Dr. Wishywashy was getting pretty pale around the gills, but when he saw the look in Preacher Joe's eyes, he sat real still.

**Shorty:** "Ok, Grampaw, I've got it. You want me to print it out so's you can take it home?"

**BB:** "Do it, son."

**Shorty:** "Done."

**PJ:** "Now, Dr. Wishywashy, you just set real still till we're gone, an' if I was you, then I'd go home and pack my bags."

So we headed for home in Preacher Joe's old pickup truck. After about ten minutes I asked him, "You want me to read to you what HTI means?"

He said, "Nope, I already know."

Shorty asked him, "How'd you know what it means?"

"I've been thinking about all that stuff on the list they sent us, and figured it out about a week ago."

"You sure you know? Well, tell us."

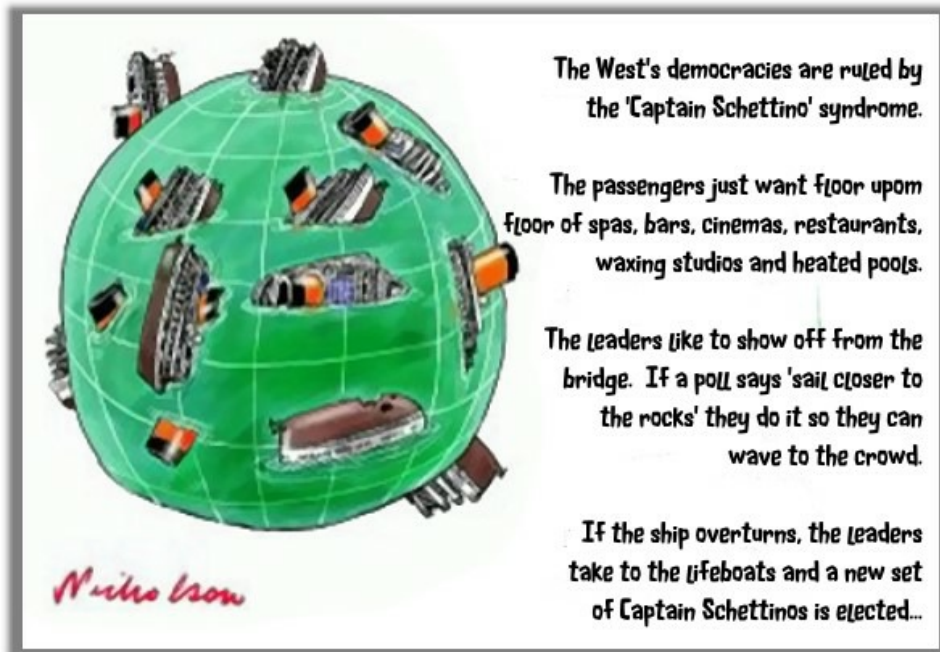
"It means Heresy Tolerance Index."

We rode the rest of the way home in silence.

*Bro. Billy Bob*

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## Cartoons For The Wise -



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## Poems That Preach -

### Improving The Pastor's Preaching

*Sunday the sermon was sluggish, 'twas hard attention to keep.  
The theme was faultily chosen, it almost put me to sleep.  
Monday was blue with sheer boredom; Tuesday was carnal by choice.  
Wednesday my conscience was wakened by pleas from a still small voice.  
Prayer Meeting left me uplifted, loyalty lingering long.  
Thursday my heart was responding; Friday His nudging was strong.  
I came to thorough repentance the following Saturday;  
I yielded in full surrender as all on the altar I lay.  
Sunday the sermon was perfect, superb and quite at its peak;  
Amazing how greatly the Pastor improved in the space of one week!*

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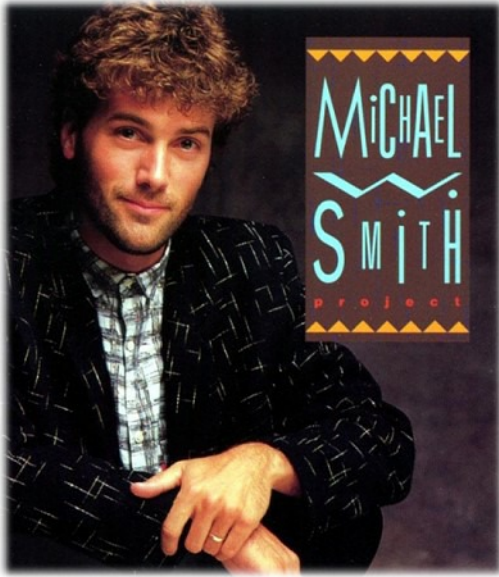
## How Old Are The Great Caverns of the Earth? -

"From 1924 to 1988, there was a visitors' sign above the entrance to Carlsbad Caverns that said Carlsbad was at least 260 million years old. In 1988 the sign was changed to read 7 to 10 million years old. Then for a little while, the sign read that it was 2 million years old. Now the sign is gone."

*Jerry Trout* (cave specialist with the Forest Service) *Descent, Arizona Highways*, pp. 10-11, Jan. 1993.

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## Quotes From CCM Musicians -

### Satan's Saints Rock Rocketown – Each Man A God To Himself

Michael W. Smith's Rocketown was founded in 1994 in Franklin, TN, and in 2002 found a new home in downtown Nashville. They have opened an additional centre in Ft Lauderdale FL., with each facility being part nightclub, part coffeehouse, and part activities centre, for young people, held a night of heavy metal bands in 2009. The club's mission is to share,

"...Christ's love with youth through creative programs and mentoring relationships that are culturally relevant and eternally significant."

And indeed Rocketown's website is full of references to ministry and Christ.

Yet Rocketown hosted a night of Hardcore Satanic Metal bands on Oct 27th, 2009, with a lineup that included - The Black Dahlia Murder, Toxic Holocaust, Skeltonwitch, and Trap Them.

One of the bands, Toxic Holocaust, says in their biography that they have a "deadly fixation on the evil in man and a post-apocalyptic world" and their songs are "unforgettable anthems that could be the soundtrack to civil unrest in a post-apocalyptic world gone mad." That might explain their song -Nuke the Cross.

Did you pick up on what they said "a post-apocalyptic world" or a world in the aftermath of destruction, and devastation. The progressive metal group, Between the Buried and Me, filmed their live CD/DVD Colors at Rocketown, on August 2, 2008. The Christian metal band Demon Hunter also filmed a live show at Rocketown for their live DVD/CD. Wikipedia describes the music genre at Rocketown as Rock, Punk, Alternative, Hardcore, Metalcore, Indie Rock, Hip Hop and Rap

This is the extreme audio diet of these youth centres. To purport to minister Christ to these young people by giving them a line up of bands who hate Christ is beyond comprehension and is reprehensible! Michael W. Smith says on his website, he wants "to be remembered as a God fearing man..."

But how can he be, having set up these centres of subversion?

from *Lance Goodall*.

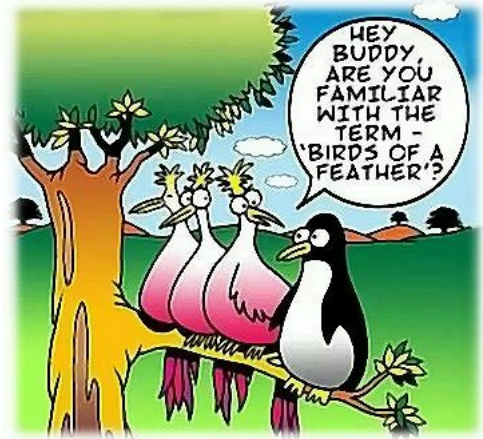
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### Isaiah 5:20

**"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"**

## Eddy-torial - Birds of a Feather

The future of every church, agency, and educational institution rests on its theological standard. It's not about a historical statement of faith or whatever creed an organization claims to adhere to. As the years pass, those creeds become a façade, little more than a piece of advertising, while an organization's real standard is about what they practice, teach, and represent. Maintaining a historical standard can be very difficult, and sooner or later all human organizations tend to leave behind either a portion of or most of such standards. One would expect that at the point of departure there would be an open admission of that change, but that usually is not the practice.



When (there's) a move away from an original position, it can be identified by several things.

- 1) The most obvious has to do with whom they “fly” with, because birds of a feather do stick together. I am not talking here about general associations or being in the same room, so to speak. This discussion is about giving a place of participation and respect to those who have moved further down the road toward error and, ultimately, liberalism. Turning the platform, classroom, or leadership over to someone who holds error is the same as approving the error, because you cannot avoid the identification. All one has to do is to follow the practice of accommodation, and you will know where a group is going theologically and, in the end, morally.

### Lowering The Theological And Moral Bar

The problem of serious association is coupled with a second indication of a move to the left.

- 2) This problem is a failure to clearly identify doctrinal and moral issues, as well as a defense of theological accommodation. A few illustrations will suffice. The trend toward looking lightly on the cults has become popular. The idea that Mormonism or Seventh Day Adventism is not a cult is by no means new, but now there is a move afoot to view them as legitimate church groups. Where someone comes down on this gives us a clear identification of where they are headed theologically; after all, the scholars have made this decision for us.
- 3) Eschatology seems to be the slippery slope for many. It is a simple matter for the sleight-of-hand agent to gain respectability and move from one error to another. This misdirection moves slowly, hoping not to be noticed. Joining hands under the table like this is one way for a group to hide their move to the left.

In moral issues such as abortion, sodomy, and the use of alcohol, the race to accommodation varies. Biblicists are often castigated for referring to abortion as murder, even though God's Word is very clear on the subject. This softening of language is very telling. Even the word “sodomy” is forbidden amongst those who want the identification of sin to be made respectable. Alcohol use is a perfect example of how hard people will work to ignore scripture in order to make sin acceptable.

### There Is No Such Thing

There is no such thing as a single stand-alone error; one error simply leads to another. When one gives credence to one error, all you have to do is look for the others. In front of me is an advertisement containing several names. At least four of the persons listed here are known for at least one theological error, while others are known for their accommodation of those who hold error. How could this happen to a self-proclaimed fundamentalist group?

The answer is in the third thing that identifies theological drift. The people involved in the above simply say that the error is not an error, or that it is only a small error and not all that serious. Even small moral and theological errors, however, are very dangerous. Once the small error is accommodated, it is not long until another more serious one finds a comfortable home. James puts the progression this way:

*"...but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."* - James 1:14, 15.

## Denying And Defending Error

Why would a professing fundamentalist deny or defend error? The answer can be found in the common hermeneutic that they use.

The Reformed hermeneutic is flexible; it allows the interpreter freedom to adjust theology as he travels the road that leads left. This is the illustration I have used here before. The hermeneutic that allows you to leave the any-moment catching away of the church, called the rapture, is the same hermeneutic that allows you to choose any eschatological error all the way to denying that there is such a thing as a Millennial Kingdom.

The three things that identify the accommodation of error are a warning to all of us. We would do well to use care in the depth of our relationships, small and great, with those who have chosen respectable error. We would do well to clearly identify erroneous theological and moral issues that lead to a chain of compromise. We would be wise not to follow those who have today's plethora of popular theological errors. Accommodating error is unwise, and denying it is serious; but defending it is sinful at best. Let the bad examples of others be a good lesson to those of us who are committed to the authority and sufficiency of scripture.

*by Clay Nuttall*

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