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"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell. God has called me to go, and I will go. I will blaze the trail though my grave may only become a stepping stone that younger men may follow."

THE CORNER

Dear readers,

I want to share with you some new developments that will be taking place with our publications for 2008. Many of you on our mailing list have been receiving *The Dove* magazine and *The Flaming Sword* newsletter for some time. Both publications are hard hitting and informative, but it has been increasingly difficult to keep up with them because John Torell was writing articles for both publications in addition to his regular pastoral duties.

The Dove was birthed in 1979 as an informative magazine that would bring out spiritual insight to the Christian community, an awareness of apostasy within the Church, preserve solid Christian doctrine for future generations, warn people about political conspiracies and inform people about the coming mark of the beast when the antichrist regime takes over the world.

The Flaming Sword newsletter came about as a response to the growing need to present information faster than *The Dove* allowed since it was only a quarterly publication. The newsletter filled the gap and kept up with current events. That has been the goal, but slowly over time, we found ourselves drifting away from the objective. I am sure you have noticed that the newsletters have progressively gotten thicker, with only three being sent out last year. The articles which John wrote for the newsletter in 2007 were extensive and thorough but it had the unintended consequence of delaying feature articles in *The Dove*. As a result, the magazine gradually slowed down to the point where it has now been a number of years since it was published. After prayer and deliberation, we are changing the format of the newsletter so that it will become what it once was, a monthly publication.

In the coming year, John Torell will focus on the magazine and I will head up the newsletter. The extensive articles from *The Flaming Sword* will be transferred to *The Dove* and the newsletter will be different from what it has been. We plan on adding testimonies, letters, prayer requests and interviews from within the ministry, so you can see what God is doing here locally. After all, we are the body of Christ, made up of unique individuals with different trials and victories. At the same time, we won't neglect articles and current events as they apply to Christians living in a fallen world. By covering world events from a Christian perspective, believers in Christ can be informed and make a difference.

As we shed the light of God abroad, it will show unbelievers the light of the Gospel and expose the unfruitful works of darkness. (Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 5:1-17) As the time of the anti-Christ draws closer, Jesus' church must rise to the occasion or be swept aside. It is my hope that Christians around the world will be empowered by the Holy Spirit and a shining example to hold back the tide of darkness until Jesus comes!

May God richly bless you today,

Charles Thorell

The God of the Bible vs. The god of Mormonism

By Charles Thorell

I would like to share a story with you. An unnamed prophet in 1 Kings chapter 13 predicted that someday a man named "Josiah" would come and destroy some altars at Bethel...348 years later this came to pass as Josiah at the age of 26 came and destroyed some altars in Bethel, and while leaving that area, stopped at a grave and asked whose it was. The people of that area had passed along the prophecy and told him of it. It showed to Josiah the foreknowledge of God, for God had inspired that prophecy long before the birth of Josiah. Josiah's mother and father didn't know of it, and Josiah, until he had done so, did not know of it. But the God we worship does have foreknowledge and can do such things.

Now let me add another story to this one: Joseph Smith Jr. wrote the Book of Mormon; he wanted Christians to think that this book was the plan of salvation and convince them that it was a necessary part of God's plan. So he took the Bible and liberally added and subtracted as he saw fit. When he was finished, he claimed his literary work was inspired of God. If this were true, could not the god of Mormonism have shown the same foreknowledge as the God of the Bible? After all, if the Mormon god were just like God, couldn't he have done the same thing and inserted something in the Bible to prepare the way for Joseph Smith? That would have been evidence for Mormonism right? But the Mormon god is limited just like human beings and cannot see into the future. As a result, he must work in the present and try to prove something backwards, whereas, God is infinitely aware and has no such limitation. The God of the unnamed prophet knew that Josiah would come, had it prophesied, written down in 1 Kings 13:1-4, and later fulfilled in 2 Kings 23:14-18.

The story of Josiah shows God's foreknowledge and omniscience. The story of Joseph Smith Jr. shows deceit, adding to the Word of God, and taking for granted that mankind is gullible and easily misled. The same demonic spirits continue to spread their lies today as Mitt Romney, a presidential candidate and devout Mormon, is beguiling many people by saying that Mormons, just like Christians, believe in God, the Bible and Jesus Christ as Savior. I do not doubt that Romney believes in God, that he does read the Bible and sees Jesus Christ as Savior but not like you and I would because Romney's definitions are different. This is why he is so tricky; he looks and sounds good but is just like the Pharisees of old, a white washed sepulcher.

It is easy to see that politicians like Rudy Giuliani and Hillary Clinton are the devil in disguise – it would be a real disaster to vote for them – but someone like Mitt Romney is just as dangerous because he is a person of faith that knows the right buzz words which Christians like to hear. As a result, I am dismayed that many Christian leaders are coming out in support of a Mormon cult member. I am sure there are many who will take issue with me for saying

something like that, but I can't compromise on the truth, it is what it is. Remember, a cult according to the Bible is any group of people that worship anything or anyone other than Jesus Christ, and believe anything contrary to His Word as found in the Bible.

Furthermore, on the topic of religion, Romney has said that as president he would "need the prayers of the people of all faiths," and that he would "serve no one religion, no one group, no one cause, and no one interest. A president must serve only the common cause of the people of the United States." However, the truth of the matter is that if Mitt Romney becomes president, he will end up influencing millions of people to become part of the Mormon cult who will end up in the lake of fire for all eternity. There is no difference if a Mormon or Muslim becomes President of the United States; both follow demon gods and a theology straight from Satan himself that leads souls straight to the fires of hell!

Let me tell you a story... There once was a man who wanted a bear skin rug for his home. So he picked up his umbrella and went into the woods, when he saw a bear, he pointed the umbrella at it and yelled, "Bang!" The bear fell down dead and the man got his bear skin rug. Now if I told you a story like that, you would have a hard time believing me, and yet this is precisely what Joseph Smith, the author of Mormonism would have you and I believe.



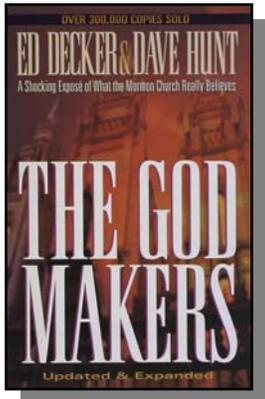
"Mormonism must stand or fall on the story of Joseph Smith. He was either a Prophet of God, divinely called, properly appointed and commissioned, or he was one of the biggest frauds this world has ever seen. There is no middle ground. If Joseph was a deceiver who willfully attempted to mislead people, then he should be exposed. His claims should be refuted, and his doctrines shown to be false..."

Joseph Fielding Smith
Former President
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

With a Mormon running for president, Mitt Romney can exert a lot of influence over the impressionable people, and if he were elected, I am sure there would be untold numbers of converts to Mormonism. As such, I wanted to let you know of three books that we offer on the *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. The deception is rampant and only the light of God's glorious truth can set people free. Before you can do anything, you need to be informed; then you need to go out in the dark world and shed some light.



Mitt Romney



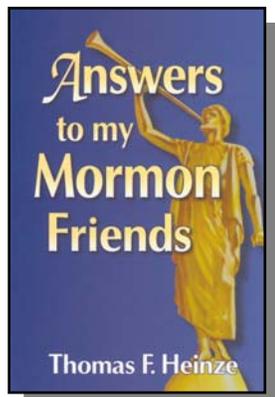
THE GOD MAKERS
Ed Decker & Dave Hunt \$13.00

Mormons claim to follow the same God and the same Jesus as Christians. They also state that their gospel comes from the Bible. But are they telling the truth? This book reveals the inner workings and beliefs of Mormonism. Through personal interviews and well-documented evidence, you'll discover the true nature of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its hidden worldwide agenda. Cutting through the wholesome image projected by the Mormons, this book exposes the startling truths about Mormon beliefs and practices.

ANSWERS TO MY MORMON FRIENDS
Thomas Heinze \$6.00

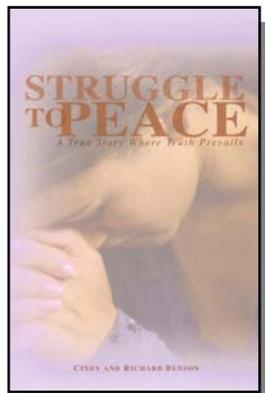
Mormonism stands or falls on the life of its founder, Joseph Smith. That's why Mormons who read this book will be amazed as they learn about Smith's personal life, starting with his early youth and progressing to his later years. This well-researched book also exposes serious problems with the doctrines Smith created, as well as facts you need to know about his abilities as a translator. Since your eternal destiny rests upon the life and teachings of this one man, it is critical that you have the facts so you can answer this question correctly. Was Joseph Smith a prophet of God or a fraud?



STRUGGLE TO PEACE
Cindy & Richard Benson \$8.00

A heart rending story where truth prevails against the deception of Mormonism. This is the story of a sixth generation Mormon...who chronicles her struggle with the question, "Can a person know for sure they are going to heaven when they die?" You will sense her happiness in her early life of religion and her pain as she struggles to obtain peace with

God. We present this story so you can see the real difference between religion and real peace with God.



My Christian Commitment

I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His, and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right or first or tops or recognized or praised or rewarded. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power.

My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission clear.

I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of adversity. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes for His own. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

This was written by a young African pastor and found among his papers in Zimbabwe after he was martyred.

Dear Pastor John, Aina & Hardworking staff,

Thank you for your spiritual food sent by mail weekly! I have been growing leaps and bounds. There was a lot of new information in the sermons. Thank you for all the clear detailed explanations, making it vivid and alive. I am not present in the congregation physically, so it is helpful when you describe things to the listener. Thank you for slowing down! It is very helpful in understanding, especially when the Word is crucial to the understanding! Your "handlers" are doing a great job in giving advice.

I am catching up with things I need to do to streamline my day, God has been fantastic and helping me in all areas of my life. He is so true to His Word! Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you! – Blessings, Michelle

Dear Bro. & Sister Torell,

Wonder what this year will bring? God's weather judgments seem to be everywhere. The only safe place is in Jesus. God bless you. – Sincerely, Barbara

THE LIFE STORY OF AINA TORELL

Introduction by John S. Torell

Someone once coined the phrase, “*Behind every successful man is a woman.*” I can say that I am a successful man because I made Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour in 1965 and have walked with Him since that day. However, this is not about me but the story of my wife who has been at my side since we were married in 1961. I was only 20 years old and plagued with an Arrested Development spirit that none of us knew anything about until the mid 1980s, but God used Aina to rescue my shipwrecked life.

I was a woman chaser using alcohol and cigarettes when I met Aina. She gave me an ultimatum around the third week we were dating: I needed to make a choice between her or alcohol and the other women. I did not want to lose Aina and made the right choice but still continued to smoke. Some time later when I was up to three packs a day, she encouraged me to stop smoking.

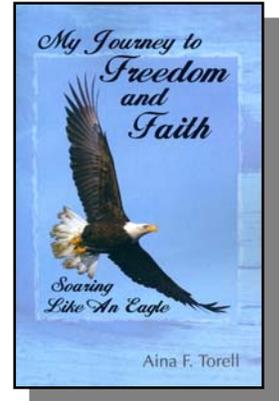
She helped me through college by working full time, and when I bombed out because I was not doing the homework, she stood by my side as I had to work hard during the summer of 1962 to be able to take a test to get back into college and finish my degree. The night before we were to leave for the United States, I chickened out and told her I did not want to go but she stood firm and would not let me change my mind.

Later when we were in Salt Lake City, as I was laying on a hospital bed close to death, my little wife pleaded with God on my behalf and I was healed. When I decided to enter the ministry full time and had enrolled at seminary, she worked hard as a nurse’s aid to help me get through and then traveled with me as the wife of an evangelist with no place to call home. She has been a pastor’s wife since 1975 and taken all the pressure and abuse that comes with being one. She has stood by my side through all the church splits and horrible business meetings, facing Christians who acted more like demons than children of God.

This is the woman that I married; she is a survivor and a fervent prayer warrior for Christ. I am proud to offer her book in our ministry, and for the first time you will have a chance to get to know a little shy girl from a village in Sweden who now is a terror to the Devil and his demons. Reading Aina’s book will make you laugh, cry and shake your head; her faith in God will encourage you to believe that nothing is impossible with God! I met Aina Ström in 1959, now it’s your turn to meet this woman of faith!

MY JOURNEY TO FREEDOM AND FAITH Aina Torell – \$15.00

This is the story of a twin girl who was born in Sweden one year and four months before WWII. When she was two, her father was called to serve in the Swedish Army; for the next five years she only saw him on furloughs.



As a teenager she was swept up in the fast moving life of dancing. But God had a plan for this shy, pretty country girl and guided and protected her. By a divine appointment, she met her future husband on a train and he would later take her to America where she found peace in salvation through Jesus Christ.

This book will not just strengthen one's faith in what God can and will do but it will also lead people to believe and accept Jesus as their personal Savior.



Response from the last newsletter

Since we released the newsletter on *The Destruction of the Southern Baptist Convention*, responses are beginning to come in. When I wrote about the destruction among Southern Baptist Churches, I did not have firsthand knowledge from people who have been hurt and thrown out of churches. The incoming letters and emails are heartbreaking as people give account after account of precious believers in Christ that have been sacrificed on the “altar of purpose” made by Rick & Kay Warren. The Warren’s riches are built upon the blood soaked backs of Christians who did not fit into their Purpose Driven heresy. They missed the whole point: life is not about having a purpose or living with one but about the love of God and what it compels us to do. Warren and all his leaders will have a lot to answer for at the final judgment.



~ John S. Torell

Dear Sir,

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I write unto you this day giving thanks for your ministry, keeping us informed as to the events shaping this world leading to the second coming of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks for The Dove and The Flaming Sword. – Agape, Ross

“Oprah and Friends” To Teach Course on New Age Christ

By Warren Smith

Oprah Winfrey will be letting out all the stops on her XM Satellite Radio program this coming year. Beginning January 1, 2008, “Oprah & Friends” will offer a year-long course on the New Age teachings of *A Course in Miracles*.¹

A lesson a day throughout the year will completely cover the 365 lessons from the *Course in Miracles* “Workbook.” For example, Lesson #29 asks you to go through your day affirming that **“God is in everything I see.”**² Lesson #61 tells each person to repeat the affirmation **“I am the light of the world.”**³ Lesson #70 teaches the student to say and believe **“My salvation comes from me.”**⁴



By the end of the year, “Oprah & Friends” listeners will have completed all of the lessons laid out in the *Course in Miracles* Workbook. Those who finish the Course will have a wholly redefined spiritual mindset—a New Age worldview that includes the belief that there is no sin, no evil, no devil, and that God is “in” everyone and everything. *A Course in Miracles* teaches its students to *rethink* everything they believe about God and life. The *Course* Workbook bluntly states: **“This is a course in mind training”**⁵ and is dedicated to **“thought reversal.”**⁶

Teaching *A Course in Miracles* will be Oprah’s longtime friend and special XM Satellite Radio reporter Marianne Williamson—who also happens to be one of today’s premier New Age leaders. She and *Conversations with God* author Neale Donald Walsch co-founded the American Renaissance Alliance in 1997, that later became the *Global Renaissance Alliance*⁷ of New Age leaders, that changed its name again in 2005 to the *Peace Alliance*.⁸ This Peace Alliance seeks to usher in an era of global peace founded on the principles of a New Age/New Spirituality that they are now referring to as a “civil rights movement for the soul.”⁹ They all agree that the principles of this New Age/New Spirituality are clearly articulated in *A Course in Miracles*—which is fast becoming the New Age Bible. So what is *A Course in Miracles* and what does it teach?



Marianne Williamson

A Course in Miracles is allegedly “new revelation” from “Jesus” to help humanity work through these troubled times. This “Jesus”—who bears no doctrinal resemblance to the Bible’s Jesus Christ—began delivering his channeled teachings in 1965 to a Columbia University Professor of Medical Psychology by the name of Helen Schucman. One

day Schucman heard an “inner voice” stating, “This is a course in miracles. Please take notes.”¹⁰ For seven years she diligently took spiritual dictation from this inner voice that described himself as “Jesus.” *A Course in Miracles* was quietly published in 1975 by the Foundation for Inner Peace. For many years “the Course” was an underground cult classic for New Age seekers who studied “the Course” individually, with friends, or in small study groups.

As a former New Age follower and devoted student of *A Course in Miracles*, I eventually discovered that the *Course in Miracles* was—in reality—the truth of the Bible turned upside down. Not having a true understanding of the Bible

at the time of my involvement, I was led to believe that *A Course in Miracles* was “a gift from God” to help everyone understand the “real” meaning of the Bible and to help bring peace to the world. Little did I know that the New Age “Christ” and the New Age teachings of



A Course in Miracles were everything the real Jesus Christ warned us to watch out for. In Matthew 24 Jesus warned about false teachers, false teachings and the false “Christs” who would pretend to be Him.

When I left the New Age “Christ” to follow the Bible’s Jesus Christ, I had come to understand that the “Jesus” of *A Course in Miracles* was a false “Christ,” and that his *Course in Miracles* was dangerously deceptive. Here are some quotes from the “Jesus” of *A Course in Miracles*:

- **“There is no sin. . .”**¹¹
- **A “slain Christ has no meaning.”**¹²
- **“The journey to the cross should be the last ‘useless journey.’”**¹³
- **“Do not make the pathetic error of ‘clinging to the old rugged cross.’”**¹⁴
- **“The Name of Jesus Christ as such is but a symbol... It is a symbol that is safely used as a replacement for the many names of all the gods to which you pray.”**¹⁵
- **“God is in everything I see.”**¹⁶
- **“The recognition of God is the recognition of yourself.”**¹⁷

- **“The oneness of the Creator and the creation is your wholeness, your sanity and your limitless power.”¹⁸**
- **“The Atonement is the final lesson he [man] need learn, for it teaches him that, never having sinned, he has no need of salvation.”¹⁹**

Most Christians recognize that these teachings are the opposite of what the Bible teaches. In the Bible, Jesus Christ’s atoning death on the cross of Calvary was hardly a “useless journey.” His triumph on the cross provides salvation to all those who confess their sin, accept Him and follow Him as their Lord and Saviour. His victory on the cross rings throughout the New Testament. It has been gloriously sung about in beloved hymns through the ages and is at the heart of our Christian testimony. I found the Jesus of the Bible to be wholly believable as He taught God’s truth and warned about the spiritual deception that would come in His name. The “Jesus” of *A Course in Miracles* reveals himself to be an imposter when he blasphemes the true Jesus Christ by saying that a “slain Christ has no meaning” and that we are all “God” and that we are all “Christ.” It was by reading the Bible’s true teachings of Jesus Christ that I came to understand how deceived I had been by *A Course in Miracles* and my other New Age teachings.

I was introduced to *A Course in Miracles* by Dr. Gerald Jampolsky’s book *Love is Letting Go of Fear*. Jampolsky declared in his easy-to-read book how the teachings of *A Course in Miracles* had changed his life. As an ambassador for *A Course in Miracles* over the years, Jampolsky has been featured not only in New Age circles but at least twice on Robert Schuller’s *Hour of Power*. While Schuller introduced Jampolsky and his “fabulous”²⁰ *Course in Miracles*-based books to his worldwide television audience, it was Marianne Williamson’s appearance on a 1992 *Oprah Winfrey Show* that really shook the rafters.

On that program, Oprah enthusiastically endorsed Williamson’s book, *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles*. Oprah told her television audience that Williamson’s book about *A Course in Miracles* was one of her favorite books, and that she had



Oprah Winfrey

already bought a thousand copies and would be handing them out to everyone in her studio audience. Oprah’s endorsement skyrocketed Williamson’s book about *A Course in Miracles* to the top of the New York Times bestseller list. Ironically, all of this was happening after I had left the *Course* and the New Age. In fact, I was doing the final editing on my book *The Light That Was Dark* that warned about the dangers of the New Age—and in particular *A Course in Miracles*.

After being introduced to the world on *Oprah*, Marianne Williamson has continued to grow in popularity and, as previously mentioned, has become one of today’s foremost New Age leaders. Williamson credits Winfrey for bringing

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her book about *A Course in Miracles* before the world: “For that, my deepest thanks to Oprah Winfrey. Her enthusiasm and generosity have given the book, and me, an audience we would never otherwise have had.”²¹ In her 2004 book, *The Gift of Change*, Williamson wrote: “Twenty years ago, I saw the guidance of the Course as key to changing one’s personal life; today, I see its guidance as key to changing the world. More than anything else, I see how deeply the two are connected.”²²

Thus the New Age teachings of *A Course in Miracles* are about to be taught by Marianne Williamson to millions of listeners on Oprah’s XM Satellite Radio program. Listeners are encouraged to buy *A Course in Miracles* for the year-long course. An audio version of *A Course in Miracles* recited by Richard (John Boy Walton) Thomas is also available on compact disc. Popular author Wayne Dyer told his PBS television audience that the “brilliant writing” of *A Course in Miracles* would produce more peace in the world.²³



Richard Thomas

Williamson’s New Age colleague, Neale Donald Walsch, said his “God” stated that “the era of the Single Saviour is over”²⁴ and that he (“God”) was responsible for authoring the teachings of *A Course in Miracles*.²⁵ Meanwhile, Gerald Jampolsky’s *Course in Miracles*-based book, *Forgiveness*²⁶, continues to be sold in Robert Schuller’s Crystal Cathedral bookstore as Schuller prepares to host a January 17-19, 2008, “Rethink Conference” at his Crystal Cathedral.²⁷

At this critical time in the history of the world, the New Gospel/New Spirituality is coming right at the world and the church with its New Age teachings and its New Age Peace Plan. But this New Age Peace Plan has at its deceptive core the bottom-line teaching from *A Course in Miracles* that “we are all one” because God is “in” everyone

and everything. But the Bible is clear that we are not God (Ezekiel 28:2; Hosea 11:9). And per Galatians 3:26-28, our only oneness is in Jesus Christ—not in ourselves as “God” and “Christ.” What Oprah and Marianne Williamson and the world will learn one day is that humanity’s only real and lasting peace is with the true Jesus Christ who is described and quoted in the Holy Bible (Romans 5:1).

Oprah Winfrey’s misplaced faith in Marianne Williamson and the New Age teachings of *A Course in Miracles* is a sure sign of the times. But an even surer sign of the times is that most Christians are not taking heed to what is happening in the world and in the church. We are not contending for the faith as the Bible admonishes us to do (Jude 3). It is time for all of our Purpose-Driven and Emerging church pastors to address the real issue of the day. Our true Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is being reinvented, redefined, and blasphemed right in front of our



Neale Donald Walsch

eyes and hardly anyone seems to notice or care. If we want the world to know who Jesus Christ *is*, we need to also warn them about who He *is not*. There is a false New Age “Christ” making huge inroads into the world and into the church. The Apostle Paul said that “it is a shame” we have to even talk about these things, but talk about them we must (Ephesians 5:12-16).

If people want to follow Oprah Winfrey and the New Age “Christ” of *A Course in Miracles* they certainly have that right. But let them be warned that the New Age “Christ” they are following is not the same Jesus Christ who is so clearly and authoritatively presented in the pages of the Bible.

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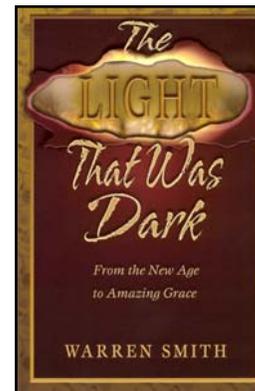
Warren Smith is a former New Age follower who at one time was deeply involved in the New Age teachings of *A Course in Miracles*.

He is the author of *The Light That Was Dark: From the New Age to Amazing Grace* and *Deceived on Purpose: The New Age Implications of the Purpose-Driven Church*.

His book *Reinventing Jesus Christ: The New Gospel* is out of print but available online at www.reinventingjesuschrist.com

THE LIGHT THAT WAS DARK Warren Smith – \$13.00

The Light That Was Dark is a sober warning to the world and to the Church. Warren Smith learned some hard lessons as a spiritual seeker. Concerned that today's Church is being seduced by the same false teachings and the same false Christ that drew him into the New Age, Smith shares his story...

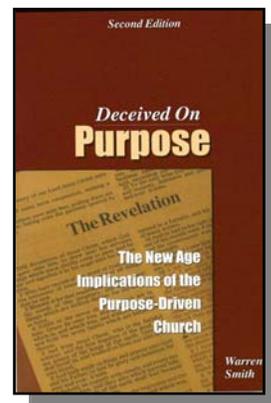


“Led down a yellow brick road by pied piper spirits, I had, with the best intentions, landed in a metaphysical New Age where Christ proclaimed was not the real Christ at all. A well-orchestrated and exquisitely timed series of supernatural synchronistic experiences had convinced me that my involvement in alternative spirituality was 'meant to be.'”

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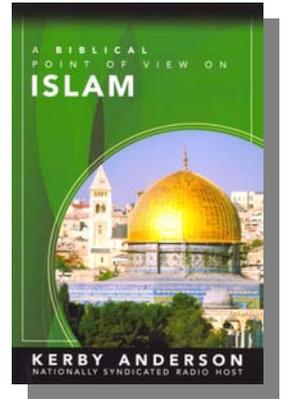
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