

## PART II

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The Bible can't even find any way to explain this. Not really. That's why **you've got to get it by revelation**. There are no words to explain what I'm telling you. I've got to just trust God that He's putting it into your spirit like He put it into mine. (Joyce Meyer)  
Are you ready for some real revelation knowledge.... **you are god. Christians are little messiahs. Christians are little gods.** "So, I'm **Benny Jehovah!**" (Benny Hinn)

# FOUR

## THE UNBIBLICAL AND UNUSUAL DOCTRINES OF PENTECOSTALS AND CHARISMATICS

### Women can teach men

A large percentage of Pentecostal and Charismatic denominations approve of women teaching and exercising authority over men even though that is strictly forbidden by Scripture:

*Let a woman learn in **quietness** with all subjection. But I permit **not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness.** For Adam was first formed, then Eve; and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression.* (1 Timothy 2.11-14, emphasis added)

This passage is explicitly clear that women are to learn in “*quietness with all subjection.*” No woman can ever teach or exercise authority over men. Yet a great many Pentecostal and Charismatic churches ignore this clear command. They argue that it applied only to Christians of the first century because the culture at that time did not allow women to have prominent positions in society. Paul gave that command to not offend people. That is a faulty argument. Women held powerful positions in society.

Some argue that since there were prophetesses in the Old and New Testament dispensations there should be some today. Another argument is that since Priscilla with her husband Aquila was allowed to teach Apollos (Acts 18.24-28), women can teach men if they are under the authority of a man. This argument is extended to a church – women can be pastors as long as they are not the senior pastor.

Women were allowed to teach, preach and exercise authority over men until Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy. Once he wrote that letter women were no longer allowed to teach men or exercise authority over them. This means they cannot be pastors, assistant pastors, associate pastors, youth pastors or Bible teachers of men. Scripture always trumps tradition.

The Pentecostals and Charismatics allowed women to teach men and exercise authority over them because of the heavy influence from the secular world. The women's liberation movement began in America after the Civil War. Two of the most famous liberationists – Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton – had been active in the abolition of slavery movement.

The Suffrage Movement infected the Church and helped give rise to female preachers, teachers and evangelists. The most famous female preachers and prophetesses who believe in the continuation of the “manifestation gifts” were/are:

Margaret McDonald (1830)  
Phoebe Palmer (1837)  
Ellen G. White (1844)  
Dorthea Trudel (1851)  
Maria Beulah Woodworth-etter (1880)  
Carrie Judd Montgomery (1881)  
Lilian Barbara Yeomans (1898)  
Agnes Ozman (1901)  
Ivey Campbell (1901)  
Alice Belle Garrigus (1904)  
Jenny Seymour (1906)  
Minnie Draper (1906)  
Rachel A. Sizelove (1906)  
Lilian Thistlewaite (1906)  
Ethel Goss (1907)  
Mary Boddy (1907)  
Christine Gibson (1907)  
Mabel Smith (1907)  
Maud Williams (1907)  
Ellen Hebden (1907)  
Leanore O. Barnes (1914)  
Alice Luce (1915)  
Aimee Semple McPherson (1923)  
Elizabeth Sisson (1925)  
Myrtle Beall (1930)  
Kathryn Kuhlman (1933)  
Louise Nankivell (1942)  
Thelma Chaney (1945)  
Mildred Wicks (1954)  
Marilyn Hickey (1960)

Edith Defato (1962)  
Tammy Bakker (1964)  
Gloria Copeland (1967)  
Jan Crouch (1973)  
Beth Moore (1978)  
Joyce Meyer (1985)  
Paula White (1991)  
Juanita Bynum (1997)

## Prosperity Gospel

Virtually every televangelist in America who claims to have some of the “manifestation gifts” teaches the “prosperity gospel” which says that if you give to God through their ministry God is obligated to give back to you more than you gave Him. We cite one statement by Peter Popoff:

I believe that some of you have something in land, in cars, in houses, and your savings accounts, money that you were going to use for something else. You’re going to loan it to Jesus now... and God’s going to give it back to you many, many, many, many times over. (Randi, James, *The Faith Healers*, Buffalo: Prometheus, 1987, p. 167).

This doctrine is a doctrine of greed which is just the opposite of what the Bible says. Popoff and the preachers who teach this heresy are greedy and the people who give to them are also greedy. The passages in the Old Testament having to do with giving were for the nation of Israel. They do not apply to Christians of the Church Age.

*Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough [to receive it]. (Malachi 3.10)*

This promise was to the nation of Israel not individual believers. A promise of getting something for giving to the Lord is found in Proverbs:

*Honor Jehovah with thy substance, And with the first-fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, And thy vats shall overflow with new wine. (Proverbs 3.9-10)*

Notice that the verse does not say you will get more back than what you give. It says you will have plenty to live on. It is not a promise of wealth, but of necessities.

Another promise of getting for giving is found in Luke 6.38:

*“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.*

The context is giving to others, not to a pastor, evangelist or church. Notice in verses 27 to 37 Jesus commands His disciples to love their enemies, do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them and pray for them, turn the other cheek, give them your coat, give to those who ask and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. He also commanded them to be merciful, not judge and not condemn.

If you want to be blessed in this life do not give to millionaire televangelists. Instead give to the poor and needy in your church, to your poor neighbors and to poor strangers. If you have anything leftover give to your church. If everyone in your church did this your pastors would soon become poor and then you could give to them.

A third promise of blessings for giving to the Lord is:

*But this [I say,] He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. [Let] each man [do] according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9.6-7)*

It says that if one gives to the Lord bountifully he will be given from the Lord bountifully. It does not say he will be given more than he gives. It is not saying the way to get rich is to give to the Lord.

Instead of promising wealth Jesus told the rich young ruler to give all that he had to the poor and follow Him:

*Jesus said unto him, If thou wouldest be perfect, go, sell that which thou hast, and **give to the poor**, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions. (Matthew 19.21-22, emphasis added)*

Jesus also told everyone to give all of their excess to the poor:

*Sell that which ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroyeth. (Luke 12.33)*

Why did He preach the poverty gospel? *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Luke 12.34).*

Jesus commanded His disciples to give, give and give instead of accumulating riches in this life:

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. (Matthew 6.19-21)*

The disciples of Jesus Christ did what He commanded them to do. They did not accumulate wealth:

*But Peter said, “Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”(Acts 3.6)*

Maybe Price can explain why Jesus was laid in a borrowed manger, borrowed boats, borrowed a colt to ride into Jerusalem; borrowed a house for Passover and He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Why did he say in Luke 14:33 to someone who was already rich: *“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”*

So whose disciple are they if they go after everything Jesus said not to? Remember what Jesus said:

*And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed [are] ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed [are] ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed [are] ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you [from their company], and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice in that day, and leap [for joy]: for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you, ye that are full now! for ye shall hunger. Woe [unto you],*

*ye that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe [unto you], when all men shall speak well of you! for in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets. (Luke 6:20-26)*

Anyone who seeks after wealth is putting the world before Jesus. The way to conquer that sin is to give as much of your wealth and possessions to the poor as you possibly can. As you give to the poor and to the Lord you will be laying up great treasure in Heaven where you will have an eternal reward. Jesus will not let you starve to death. He will supply your daily needs and maybe He may give you extra so you can bless others not spend it on your lusts.

There are warnings given to the rich about hoarding their wealth and ignoring the plight of the poor and needy (Proverbs 17.5; 21.13; 28.27; Ecclesiastes 5.13; Ezekiel 16.49). There are also promises given to those who help the poor (Proverbs 14.21; 19.17; 28.27; Psalm 41.1).

Believers are commanded several times to not seek after riches. Study the following passages carefully:

*Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens. (Proverbs 23.4-5)*

*A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished. (Proverbs 28.20)*

*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Matthew 6.24)*

*For we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; but having food and covering we shall be therewith content. But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6.7-11)*

*Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. (Hebrews 13.5)*

Study the parable of the rich man who died at the zenith of his life (Luke 12.13-21). No one, Christian or non-Christian, has a guarantee of living another day.

The command in Proverbs 23.4-5 to not seek riches applies to all believers. It does not matter why a Christian wants to get rich we are commanded not to seek to get rich. Even if one's motive was honest and you wanted wealth to use it for His glory we are not to seek to be rich. If He wants to give us riches to use for His glory He will give it to us without our seeking it.

Instead of seeking after riches true Christians should be figuring out how they can help others through the giving of their money, time and talents to the Lord.

If you are wealthy you are commanded to be generous (1 Timothy 6.17-18). A general principle concerning riches is that most believers who are rich in the world's goods are spiritually poor and vice-versa (James 1.9-10; 2.5).

Instead of seeking after riches you should seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all the necessities of life will be given to you (Matthew 6.33).

Consider this promise of God:

*The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vapor driven to and fro by them that seek death. (Proverbs 21.6)*

*He that oppresses the poor to increase his [gain], [And] he that giveth to the rich, [shall come] only to want. (Proverbs 22.16)*

Are you giving to a millionaire preacher or televangelist? If you are you may want to stop giving to him and give to the poor instead (Proverbs 19.17). If you believe you must support him and his business (church) give half to him and half to the poor. If you want to get rich in the eternal life to come give to the poor and God will repay you with interest:

*He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto Jehovah, and his good deed will He pay him again. (Proverbs 19.17)*

Imagine giving a \$1,000 to the poor. God promises He will repay you with interest. The interest rate that God charges us when we borrow from Him is 20% (Leviticus 27.15, 19, 27, 31). He gives us the same rate when we lend to Him. If you live ten years after lending \$1,000 to God He will repay you the \$1,000 plus **\$5,162** in compound interest. That is money in

the Bank of Heaven that you will have for your eternal life. If you live twenty years after giving to the poor \$1,000 you will have a total of **\$38,338** in your heavenly bank account. Now if you live 40 years after giving the poor \$1,000 God will give you a grand total of **\$1,469,772** in your account in Heaven! You may say, “Who cares about being rich in Heaven?” Jesus cares. He even commands us to store up riches in Heaven:

*“Lay **not** up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.”* (Matthew 6.19-21, emphasis added)

If you are like Benny Hinn who said, “I’m sick and tired of hearing about streets of gold [in Heaven]. I don’t need **gold** in Heaven, **I’ve got to have it now**” (TBN, 12.9.1990), then do not give any money to Hinn, televangelists or your church because God does not give to people who give to Him to get rich in this life. He only promises to give people riches in Heaven who give to the poor and to Him.

If you are like Hinn and want riches here instead of in Heaven your heart is in the wrong place. You just might not be born from above:

*Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate? (2 Corinthians 13.5)*

You will be better off making investments in the stock market, bonds, gold, commodities, etc. You will get a better return from worldly investments than you will get from giving to millionaire televangelists.

Do evangelists and pastors of mega-churches deserve to live like royalty? Should they take six and seven-figure salaries, live in million dollar mansions, drive fancy cars, fly around in private jets and stay in fancy hotels? Are they greater than John the Baptist who had nothing but the clothing on his back and a staff? Are they greater than Paul who had nothing and suffered more than any of the apostles?

*...in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty [stripes] save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the*

*deep; [in] journeyings often, [in] perils of rivers, [in] perils of robbers, [in] perils from [my] countrymen, [in] perils from the Gentiles, [in] perils in the city, [in] perils in the wilderness, [in] perils in the sea, [in] perils among false brethren; [in] labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. (2 Corinthians 11.23b-27)*

If the televangelists are super-Christians why do they not give most of their surplus wealth to missionaries to reach the lost? How many people will spend all eternity in the Lake of Fire because the millions of dollars the televangelists spend on themselves were not given to missionaries to save the lost?

If they are super-spiritual why do they not take a salary equivalent to the average salary of the members of their church or the national average? Why do they not live in a house worth the average cost of homes in the city they live in? Why do they not drive an average car?

One last thing to ponder is a Christian cannot out give God as virtually all pastors, preachers, televangelists, evangelists and Bible teachers claim shouldn't all Christians be wealthy? All a Christian would have to do is give the extra money that God gives back to them and after a decade or two they would be wealthy and by retirement time they would be very rich. Yet we do not see that. Instead many hard-working Christians who give more than 10% are poor their entire life. The classic example is the missionary. Most missionaries die in poverty, but they give more of their money, time and talents to God than any other group of Christians.

It appears as though the "prosperity gospel" that the televangelists preach is the opposite of the true Gospel of the Bible.

The real gospel of giving is that all believers, including pastors, evangelists and televangelists is they should give all of their excess wealth to the poor. If all believers were to do this there would be no poverty in America or any Christian nation on Earth. All the Christian nations would become utopian paradises and the envy of the non-Christian nations of the world. The Christian nations would also have virtually unlimited wealth to send missionaries to every village on Earth. The citizens of non-Christian nations would want to move to Christian nations or would believe in Jesus and take the Gospel to their countrymen. Within just a few decades most nations of the world would become Christian nations and most of the people in the world would become believers in Jesus Christ.

This is not a pipe dream. It is a fact of life. If you want it to happen start giving your excess wealth to the poorest members of your church and then give to your poor neighbors and missionaries. Stop giving to wealthy televangelists and any pastor, preacher or Bible teacher who is wealthy. Split your tithe 50-50 to the church and the poor. For more on this read Appendix E.

## **Kenneth Hagin**

In his book, *I Believe in Visions*, Kenneth Hagin claims that Jesus appeared to him in an “open vision” and called him to (among other things) take on the ministry of a prophet.<sup>1</sup> This book contains direct quotations from Jesus. He said, “The Lord said to me, ‘If I give you a message for an individual, a church, or a pastor, and they don’t accept it, you will not be responsible. They will be responsible. There will be ministers who don’t accept it and will fall dead in the pulpit.’”<sup>2</sup> Hagin claims some preachers died in their pulpits. Pastors who respect Hagin are either bullied into accepting his prophetic messages under pains of being struck dead or they can search the Scriptures like the Bereans to determine whether Hagin’s message is true (Acts 17.11).

Another jewel of wisdom Jesus allegedly gave Hagin is, “If you will learn to follow this inward witness, I will help you in all the affairs of your life. If my children will listen to me, I will make them **wealthy**.”<sup>3</sup>

The Bible has a different message as noted at the beginning of this chapter. Jesus stated, “*Blessed are ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God*” (Luke 6:20). Wealth makes it very difficult for a person to be saved, “*And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God*” (Mark 10.23-25).

Hagin also claimed in his book that Jesus told him Christians are in charge of their own personal angels and should directly order them around to do things such as getting money for them.<sup>4</sup>

## **Atonement was made in Hell**

Christ’s physical death on the cross was not enough to save us (How Jesus obtained His Name, tape #44-H01).

Why did He need to be begotten or born? Because He became like we were – separated from God. Because He tasted spiritual death for every man. And His spirit and inner men went to hell in my place. Can't you see that? Physical death wouldn't remove your sins. He's tasted death for every man. He's talking about tasting spiritual death. Jesus is the first person that was ever born again. Why did His spirit need to be born again? Because it was estranged from God (Ibid.).

## **Morris Cerullo**

### **Men are little gods**

Did you know that from the beginning of time the whole purpose of God was to reproduce Himself? Who are you? Come on, who are you? Come on, say it: "Sons of God!" Come on, say it! And what does work inside us, brother, is that manifestation of the expression of all that God is and all that God has. And when we stand up here, brother, you're not looking at Morris Cerullo; you're looking at God. You're looking at Jesus. (The Endtime Manifestation of the Sons of God, San Diego: Morris Cerullo World Evangelism, audiotape #1).

Cerullo also claims to have been caught up into heaven during a service. The incident was a "vision" that later evolved into his "spirit lift[ing] from this earth and taken right into the heavens."<sup>5</sup> He saw a six-foot tall "manifestation of the Godhead" that did not look human:

I am not going to tell you that I saw Jesus with long brown hair, a beautiful beard and [a] nice long white robe... Directly in front of that great mass of people, the height of an average man, about six feet tall and two feet wide, there appeared a great flaming ball of brightness and glory; it had no physical human features about it at all! There were no eyes, there were no ears, no nose, no mouth, no hands and no legs, but just a great flaming ball of brightness and glory.<sup>6</sup>

He called the entity "the Presence of God, for this light was not just the glory of Jesus but it was the glory of the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." The entity then showed him the fires of hell in which "were multitudes of lost souls,"<sup>7</sup> and it spoke these words to him in 1611 King James English: "My son, arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Thou shalt not be afraid for thou shall not stand in thine own strength, neither shall you

stand in thine own place but you shall stand in the place I have made for thee and My strength shall uphold and guard thee.”<sup>8</sup>

## Frederick Price

Frederick Price is a leading prosperity preacher and founder of Ever Increasing Faith Ministries. He teaches many of the same heresies that the other televangelists preach:

Do you think that the punishment for our sin was to die on a cross? If that were the case, the **two thieves could have paid your price**. No, the **punishment was to go into hell** itself and to serve time in hell separated from God... Satan and all the demons of hell thought that they had Him bound and they threw a net over Jesus and they dragged Him down to the very pit of hell itself to serve our sentence (Ever Increasing Faith Messenger, June 1980, emphasis added).

Somewhere between the time He [Jesus] was nailed to the cross and when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane – somewhere in there – He died spiritually. Personally, **I believe it was while He was in the garden.**” (Ever Increasing Faith Ministries, 1980, tape #FP545, side 1, emphasis added) [**Authors’ note:** Mormon Apostle James E. Talmage, teaches the same thing in his book *Jesus the Christ*.]

**God can’t do anything in this earth realm** except what we, the body of Christ, allow Him to do. Now that statement is so – that’s so – that’s so foreign and so contrary to tradition that, like I said, if they could get their hands on me right now most evangelicals would burn me at the stake and dismember me and feed me to the crocodiles, because they’ll consider that statement to be just heresy. (“Ever Increasing Faith,” 5.01.1992, audiotape #PR11, emphasis added) [**Authors’ note:** He is correct. That is heresy!]

Yeah, God has pleasure in the prosperity. **So he must have displeasure in the poverty**. So if he does, then poverty couldn’t be from God. Yeah, but Brother Price, but God allows it. God lets it happen. You’re right, he does. He does, because you do. **He can’t do anything about it.** (“Ever Increasing Faith,” 11.16.1990, emphasis added).

## Charles Capps

Charles Capps, a retired farmer and land developer, is the founder of Concepts of Faith a leading prosperity radio/televangelist operating out of England Arkansas. He also believes that Jesus suffered in Hell at the hands of the devil and the fallen angels:

When **Jesus was in the pit of hell**, in that **terrible torment**, no doubt the Devil and his emissaries gathered around to see the annihilation of God's Son. But in the corridors of hell, there came a great voice from heaven: "Turn Him loose! He's there illegally!" And all of hell became paralyzed. (Capps, Charles. *Authority in Three Worlds*, p. 143, emphasis added)

Jesus was born again before his eyes! (Ibid, p. 189)

## Joyce Meyer

Joyce Meyer, a leading televangelist and founder of Life in the Word, says she heard God call her name. She says she was born-again at age nine, but "didn't have any knowledge," "didn't go to church," "had a lot of problems" and "needed somebody to kind of help" her along.<sup>9</sup> One day as she came home from a beauty appointment she felt "full of liquid love" and was "drunk with the Spirit of God."<sup>10</sup>

### **Jesus made atonement for man in Hell**

There is no hope of anyone going to heaven unless they believe this truth I am presenting. You cannot go to heaven unless you believe with all your heart that Jesus took your place in hell. ("The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make Booklet," Fenton, Missouri: Life In The Word, Inc., Joyce Meyer Ministries, August 1991 edition, p. 36; p. 42 of the current edition).

During that time He entered hell, where you and I deserved to go (legally) because of our sin. He paid the price there... no plan was too extreme ... Jesus paid on the cross and in hell.

God rose up from His throne and said to demon powers tormenting the sinless Son of God, "Let Him go." Then the resurrection power of Almighty God went through hell and filled Jesus... He was resurrected from the dead – the first born-again man.

His spirit went to hell because that is where we deserved to go. Remember in the very beginning of this, I said, “When you die, only your body dies. The rest of you, your soul and spirit, goes either to heaven or hell.”

And you’ve got to really glean some things out of the Word of God to really get hold of what He [Jesus] did for you during those three days. Jesus said, “It is finished.” And He meant the Old Covenant. The job He had to do was just getting started. He really did the job the three days and nights that He was in hell. That’s where the job was done.

He was pronounced guilty on the cross but He paid the price in hell. All the hosts of hell was [sic] upon Him. Upon Him. They got on Him. They got Him down in the floor and got on Him. And they were laughing and mocking.

Sunday morning, here comes the Son. Sunday morning, God gets Himself together. Ho, hoooo. Justice has been met, somehow the thing’s been taken care of. And ol’ God gets His voice together and He hollers out three words and they go roaring through the universe and entering the gates of hell. He said, *‘It is enough! It is enough!’* (The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make, 1991 booklet, underlining in the original, pp. 35-38, 41, 43; pp. 41-44, 47, 49 of the current edition)

### **Divine revelation**

Meyer believes that God speaks to her directly and gives her knowledge that is not contained in the Bible:

“...if I am accidentally, or any other way, getting into error, I am going to have a bell go off on the inside of me that is going to be so loud that not only am I going to hear it, but so is everybody else...”

“...an angel bends over and says in my ear what I’m supposed to say to you.”

“The Bible can’t even find any way to explain this. Not really. That’s why you’ve got to get it by revelation. There are no words to explain what I’m telling you. I’ve got to just trust God that He’s putting it into your spirit like He put it into mine.”<sup>11</sup> [**Authors’ note:** Alarm bells went off in our heads after hearing what she teaches. If an angel is whispering into her ear he most likely is a fallen angel (2 Corinthians 11.14). If it is not in the Bible it very well may be

wrong. Bible teachers base ALL of their teachings on the Bible, not on alleged divine inspiration.]

## **Benny Hinn**

Benny Hinn, one of the most well-known prosperity preachers in the world, is seen by millions every week on his “This is Your Day” television show and at his “Miracle Crusades” around the world.

### **Jesus became sin**

He [Jesus] who is righteous by choice said, “The only way I can stop sin is by Me becoming it. I can’t just stop it by letting it touch Me; I and it must become one.” Hear this! He who is the nature of God became the nature of Satan where He became sin! (TBN, 12.01.1990).

### **Holy Spirit kept Jesus from sinning**

And let me add this: Had the Holy Spirit not been with Jesus, He would have sinned. That’s right, it was the Holy Spirit that was the power that kept Him pure. He was not only sent from heaven, but He was called the Son of Man and as such He was capable of sinning... Without the Holy Ghost, Jesus would have never have made it... Can you imagine Christ headed for the grave, knowing He would remain there forever, if the Holy Ghost would change His mind about raising Him from the dead? (*Good Morning, Holy Spirit*, Thomas Nelson, 1990, p. 135-136).

### **Prayer**

Never, ever, ever go to the Lord and say, “If it be thy will.” Don’t allow such faith-destroying words to be spoken from your mouth.” (*Rise And Be Healed*, p. 47).

### **Money**

I’m sick and tired of hearing about streets of gold [in Heaven]. I don’t need **gold** in Heaven, **I’ve got to have it now**. (TBN, 12.9.1990) [**Authors’ note:** Hinn wants his money now because he does not believe there is an afterlife.]

Cause it doesn't take brains to figure the thing out; **you give to get!**  
(This is Your Day, 10.28.1999)

Poverty is from the devil and that God wants all Christians prosperous. (TBN, 11.06.1990) [**Authors' note:** According to Hinn the greatest apostle, Paul, was out of the will of God because he was dirt poor.]

Sow a big seed. When you confess it, you are activating the supernatural forces of God. (TBN, 2.08.1990)

The more you give the more protection you will have for tomorrow. God will spare you if you sow today. (TBN, 4.01.2004)

### **No criticism of Hinn**

The Bible warns us clearly that we must not attack men of God no matter how **sinful** they may have become or **wicked** in our eyes. (The Many Faces Of Benny Hinn [DVD]) [**Authors' note:** All heretics want their sycophants to believe this rubbish.]

You wonderful people of God quit attacking men of God by name! Somebody's attacking me because of something I'm teaching! Let me tell you something brother, You watch it! You walk around with your stiff lip and collar on your neck – dear God in heaven I wish I could just – ooh! You know I've looked for one verse in the Bible; I just can't seem to find it; one verse that said, "If you don't like 'em, kill 'em. I really wish I could find it!" (Praise The Lord, TBN)<sup>12</sup> [**Authors' note:** It would not surprise us that Hinn and most televangelists would kill men of YAHWEH who dare to speak or write the truth about them. Some day they may.]

### **Holy Nine**

God the Father, ladies and gentlemen, is a person and He is a triune being by Himself, separate from the Son and the Holy Ghost. See, God the father is a person, God the Son is a person, God the Holy Ghost is a person; but each one of them is a triune being by himself. If I can shock you and maybe I should, there's **nine** of them! (Orlando Christian Center Broadcast, 10.13.1990) [**Authors' note:** This heresy comes from Mormonism which teaches YAHWEH was once a mere man with a soul and a spirit. The Father, Son and Holy

Spirit are only spirit. The Son took a body for the incarnation. The Father created a body so He can dwell with physical beings in the Eternal Kingdom (Revelation 21.3). The Holy Spirit never has had a body and never will take a body.]

### **Adam was a superman**

Adam was a super-being when God created him. I don't know whether people know this, but he was the first superman that really ever lived. First of all, the scriptures declare clearly that he had dominion over the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea – which means he used to fly. Of course how can he have dominion over the birds and not be able to do what they do? The word “dominion” in the Hebrew clearly declares that if you have dominion over a subject, that you do everything that subject does. In other words, that subject, if it does something you cannot do, you don't have dominion over it. I'll prove it further. Adam not only flew, he flew to space. He was – with one thought he would be on the moon. (TBN, 12.26.1991) [**Authors' note:** This is more nonsense.]

### **People are gods**

Are you ready for some real revelation knowledge.... **you are god. Christians are little messiahs. Christians are little gods.** (Our Position in Christ, Tape #A031190-1)

“God came to earth and touched a piece of dust and **turned it into a God...** Are you a child of God? Then **you're divine!** Are you a child of God? Then **you're not human!** (TBN, 12.01.1990)

“So, I'm **Benny Jehovah!**” (Spiritual warfare seminar, May 2, 1990)

“Say after me: ‘Within me is a **God-Man.**’ Say it again. ‘Within me is a **God-Man.**’ [Congregation repeats.] Now, let's say even better than that. Let's say, **‘I am a God-man.’** ...This spirit man within me is a **God-Man.** ...Say ‘I'm born-of-heaven-**God-Man.** I'm a **God-Man.** I'm a sample of Jesus. I'm a **super being.**’” (Praise the Lord, TBN, 12.06.1990)

When I stand in Christ – I am one with Him; united to Him; one spirit with Him. I am not, hear me, **I am not part of Him, I am Him! The Word has become flesh in me! ...When my hand**

**touches someone, it's the hand of Jesus touching somebody.** (Our Position in Christ)

I [Jesus] loved you enough to become one of ya! And I love you enough to make you one of me! (TBN, December 1, 1990) [Authors' note: The above statements about Hinn and people being gods is utter blasphemy! This is Mormon doctrine.]

### **Hinn is a little messiah**

I am a "little messiah" walking on earth. (Praise-a-thon Program, TBN, November 6, 1990). [Authors' note: Hinn is not a messiah. He is a false messiah that Jesus spoke of (Matthew 24.24).]

### **Miscellaneous**

God told Abram He could not touch this earth till a man gave it back to Him. (World Charismatic Conference, August 7, 1992);

Never, ever, ever go the Lord and say, "If it be thy will..." Don't allow such faith-destroying words to be spoken from your mouth. (Rise and Be Healed!, 1991, pp. 47-48) [Authors' note: This contradicts Scripture as does most of what Hinn says (1 John 5.14).]

The Holy Spirit says, "God's original plan is that the woman was to **bring forth children out of her side.**" (Our Position in Christ #5, 1990, audiotope, side 2) [Authors' note: Silliness!]

Jesus knew the only way He would stop Satan is by becoming one in **nature with him** (TBN, December 15, 1990). [Authors' note: Blasphemy!]

Before He died, I should say, on that cross, something happened to Him which began the wheels of the New Creation moving that was this: He died spiritually! ...Jesus Christ understood that spiritual death is union with the satanic nature. ...What is spiritual death? Separation from God (New Creation in Christ sermon, late 1988). [Authors' note: Blasphemy!]

There will be no sickness for the saint of God. (*Rise And Be Healed!*, p. 14) [Authors' note: This contradicts Scripture as does most of what Hinn says (2 Corinthians 12.7-10; Galatians 4.13-15; 1 Timothy 5.23; 2 Timothy 4.19-20).]

## Jesse Duplantis

Jesse Duplantis was introduced by John Hagee as “The Apostle of Joy” on an international TBN broadcast in 1976 and since then he has become one of the leading prosperity preachers in the world. He has said and taught some incredible things, but the following exchange with Benny Hinn is one of the most amazing things he has ever uttered:

Duplantis: I’m going to say something that may sound controversial. Not long ago I was in prayer in my own study, and I know the Lord just like you know the Lord. And man I went in there and started off my day with the lord and said, “Lord, Lord how you doing today. It’s going to be a great day.” And I noticed the lord wasn’t acting right... cause I know God, you know when your child is not feeling good, right?

Hinn: Right!

Duplantis: You know when something, you may not know what it is but he wasn’t acting right for lack of a better term. I know God I know him and I know the fullness of his presence, and I know him. And I said, “Something wrong?” And this is what I’m saying, it wasn’t with me. And then it hit me. I said, “**Lord you had a bad day?**” He said, “**Yeah, My children have been disobeying me.**” Then it dawned on me. I said, “Somebody hurt You today?” I said, “Lord I don’t ever want to hurt You anymore, so Lord I’m going to cancel all my appointments and all this stuff that we call ministry and I’m gonna sit here and I don’t know how to say this, God, for a lack of better term, **till you feel better.**” Cause so many people hurt him that day... Lord I said, “I’m just going to bless You. I’m gonna praise You. I’m gonna just call Your name.” And it dawned on me and the Lord went, “Thank you Jesse.” (This is Your day, interview with Benny Hinn, February 2000, emphasis added) [**Authors’ note:** Contrary to what Duplantis says, YAHWEH does not have bad days! This is the most pompous thing any man could ever say! Duplantis is claiming to be greater than YAHWEH Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth! This is blasphemy!]

### How God gives and takes life

When someone dies, the opposite occurs. God is there to receive that breath of life back to Himself. When God breathes out, things come

alive. When He inhales, that life goes back into Him. Think about that.

When my mother died, I heard her breathe her last breath. God spoke to me then and said, "I just did to your mama the same thing I did to Adam." God had breathed life into my mother when she was coming into this earth. He then received that life given breath back unto Himself as she was going out. That's a close encounter of the God kind. (*Heaven Close encounters of the God Kind*, pp. 14-15). [Authors' note: We do not know where he came up with this nonsense, but it is total idiocy!]

### Answering prayers

With fierce prayers and determination to see my mother healed, I started talking to God. "What is going on here?! I'm praying! Dad's praying! Why isn't she healed? You cannot allow death to defeat **me**, God. You made a covenant with me through Jesus' blood! And that covenant says by His stripes we were healed! Where is that healing? If you break this covenant with me, **you'll have to cease to be God!** You **must** keep covenant with me. You **must** obey your Word!" I was honest with God. He knew how I felt, so what was the point in hiding it? I was confused. I was hurt. I didn't know what else to do. That is when God spoke up, "Jesse, I have a covenant with you, yes. However, I have one with your mother as well. You are praying for her healing. She is praying in her heart for Me to take her home. Now, I will obey My Word. But you and your daddy are battling your mother's will. It is her life at stake. **You have Me in a hard place**, Jesse. Someone has got to give in. Get yourselves together and **tell Me what I am to do!** ("My Experience Doesn't Change God's Word," Article C-Faith) [Authors' note: This is total insanity! If Duplantis is right that he can order YAHWEH to do whatever he wants Him to do. This means YAHWEH is not God Almighty! No! It means YAHWEH is the personal butler of Duplantis and every believer on Earth. Believers often pray for things that are conflicting. Example: Two men are candidates for pastor of a church and they both pray to God to make them pastor. What does the Cosmic Butler do? YAHWEH is NOT our butler who must do everything we command Him to do. Sometimes He answers our prayers yes, no and maybe. We cannot use His Word to compel Him to do things for us. Remember, He only answers prayers according to His will (1 John 5.14) and if a

believer does not study the Bible daily all of his prayers are an abomination to YAHWEH (Proverbs 28.9.)

### **Receiving an anointing**

Duplantis says his mother used to lay her hands on him and his siblings when they were sleeping and pray for them. She asked God to make one of her boys a preacher and God told her it would be “Jesse.” After he was saved his mother told him this story and he realized he had “received an anointing that night without even knowing what had happened” (*Heaven, Close Encounters of the God Kind*, pp. 19-20). [**Authors’ note:** That anointing came before he was saved. This is not biblical.]

### **Fancy cars**

I’ve never had the Lord say, “Jesse, I think that car is a little bit too nice.” I’ve had vehicles and the Lord said, “Would you please go park that at your house. Don’t put that in front of my house. **I don’t want people to think that I’m a poor God.**” (“When Will We Yield to the Anointing of Wealth II,” 4.10.2005) [**Authors’ note:** This is a lie that the prosperity preachers tell to justify their lavish lifestyles. God is greatly displeased by the extravagant lifestyles of all the televangelists. He favors humble men who live like the average man in the congregation.]

### **Jesus was rich**

This exchange between Duplantis and Marcus and Joni Lamb is incomprehensible:

Duplantis: People told me, “Well, they say, Jesus was poor.” When was He poor? I would like to know when He was poor. Well, He was born in a stable. Why? Why was He born in a stable? Because that short, deaf lady lost their reservation. He couldn’t get into the inn. Think about that for a minute... And He had 12 full time people on His staff. Some were married and He took care of them. He had 70 part timers. You don’t gamble for rags Marcus.

Marcus: Yeah.

Duplantis: You don't gamble for rags. You gamble for some clothes that cost. Don't you? He wanted a donkey that had never been rode. As I said earlier you might want a car that has never been drove.

Marcus: He had a full time treasurer on staff.

Duplantis: That's right! And stole for three years and the other guys didn't know about it.

Joni: And wise men came to see Him.

Duplantis: That's right! I mean He wasn't three minutes on the ground and the three wise guys are looking for Him with what? Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Let me tell you something, this concept that Jesus was in poverty is totally wrong! (Jesse Duplantis, Marcus Lamb, and Joni Lamb, Daystar Fall, "Share-A-Thon," 9.15. 2004) [**Authors' note:** Jesus was very poor. The Bible says He never had money or any possessions other than His clothes. He had followers who provided His needs, but He had nothing. The numerous wise men showed up about a year after He was born. The riches they gave Joseph and Mary supplied the needs of their family during the life of Jesus. Study these passages for yourself (Matthew 8.20; 22.19; Luke 17.27).]

### **Give to get**

If I give \$1,000 I deserve to get back \$100,000 because I am just, that's not greed! (TBN, 12.19.2003)<sup>13</sup> [**Authors' note:** If that is not greed what is? Notice Duplantis says "I deserve to get back \$100,000." If he and every believer "deserved" to get from YAHWEH 100 times what they give to Him every believer would be a multi-millionaire! The only thing anyone deserves is death, whether he is saved or not saved. God is NOT obligated to give us anything. Everything He gives us is a gift by His grace.]

### **Ken Copeland**

Kenneth Copeland is considered to be the most prosperous and well-known in the "Word-Faith," "Positive Confession" movement. His television program is carried nationwide on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), and he is the author of numerous books. Copeland's

daily “Believers’ Voice of Victory” television broadcast is available to more than 76 million households on nearly 700 stations in the United States. An estimated 82 million households are able to receive the Sunday broadcast over more than 600 stations, and the broadcast can be seen on about 135 International stations. He also publishes the monthly Believer’s Voice of Victory magazine, and the bimonthly “Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids” magazine.

### **People are little gods**

Copeland is the best known proponent of the “little gods” teaching. He claims Jesus spoke to him directly and said, “Don’t be disturbed when people accuse you of thinking you are God. They crucified Me for claiming I was God. **I didn’t claim that I was God**; I just claimed that I walked with Him and that He was in Me. Hallelujah! That’s what you’re doing...”<sup>14</sup> [**Authors’ note:** This is blasphemy! Jesus claimed He is God Almighty (Matthew 26.63-66; Mark 14.61-65; Luke 22.69-71; John 8.58) and that was the excuse the Pharisees wanted to have Him executed. No believer is a god of any kind. We are all men and women who will die. When we die we do not become gods. We are given an immortal body like the angels, but our spirit remains just that a spirit. It does not evolve into a god. This “little gods” nonsense comes from Mormonism.]

### **Believers are equal to Jesus Christ**

The Spirit of God spoke to me and He said, “Son, realize this. Now follow me in this and don’t let your tradition trip you up.” He said, “Think this way – a twice-born man whipped Satan in his own domain.” And I threw my Bible down like that. I said, “What?” He said, “A born-again man defeated Satan, the firstborn of many brethren defeated him.” He said, “You are the very image, the very copy of that one.” I said, “Goodness, gracious sakes alive!” And I began to see what had gone on in there, and I said, “Well now you don’t mean, you couldn’t dare mean, that I could have done the same thing?” He said, “Oh yeah, if you’d had the knowledge of the Word of God that He did, you could have done the same thing, ‘cause you’re a reborn man too.” (Substitution and Identification, tape #00-0202, side 2) [**Authors’ note:** Copeland uttered two fantastic blasphemies in this bizarre statement. He claims that Jesus was a twice-born man. This is a lie of the devil! Jesus was NOT

born again (twice-born) because He never sinned and He was NOT born in sin as all mere mortals are (Psalm 51.5). Copeland's claim that he could have defeated the devil if he had the knowledge of the Word of God that Jesus did is a satanic blasphemy! He is claiming he is equal to the Creator of the Universe!]

### **God has a body**

According to Copeland, God Almighty is a "spirit-being with a body, complete with eyes, and eyelids, ears, nostrils, a mouth, hands and fingers, and feet." (Kenneth Copeland Ministry letter, 7.21.1977)

The Bible said in the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, along about the twelfth verse, that He measured out the heavens with a span. And I found out from the Hebrew Bible, that the Bible said he measured the heavens with a nine-inch span...Can you conceive that? Not hardly, in the mind but your heart can't, your heart can't. A being, a being that stands somewhere around six two, six three, that weighs somewhere in the neighborhood of a couple hundred pounds a little better, has a span of eight and, I mean a nine inches across. A being that would walk the shores of Galilee, a being that would shed tears and a being that was hungry, and a being that would laugh and play with the kids, stood up and said "Let it be." And this universe situated itself and went into motion. (Spirit, Soul, and Body, Tape #01-0601) [**Authors' note:** Jesus has not always had a body and He did not create the universe when He had a body. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are eternal. They never had a beginning and They will never have an end. They created the universe while in Their eternal state – spirit form. After creating the universe the Father and the Son took physical form to interact with the angels and mankind. Copeland is teaching another Mormon doctrine that God the Father and God the Son are men who became gods.]

### **God lives on a planet**

Heaven has a north and a south and an east and a west. Consequently, it must be a planet. (Spirit, Soul and Body I, 1985, audiotape #01-0601, side 1)

You don't think earth was first, do you? Huh? Well, you don't think that God made man in His image, and then made earth in some other image? There is not anything under this whole sun that's new. Are you hearing what I'm saying? This is all a copy. It's a copy of home. It's a copy of the Mother Planet. Where God lives, He made a little one just like His and put us on it. (Following the Faith of Abraham I, 1989, audiotape #01-3001, side 1) [**Authors' note:** This is more Mormon nonsense. Is Copeland a secret Mormon? God the Father and Jesus Christ do not live on a planet. They reside in the New Jerusalem which exists in a parallel dimension and it is not on a planet.]

**God created Adam and Eve, not as likenesses of Himself,  
but as Gods exactly like Himself.**

God spoke Adam into existence in authority with words (Gen. 1:26, 28). These words struck Adam's body in the face. His body and God were exactly the same size. (Kenneth Copeland Reference Bible, 1991, p. 45) [**Authors' note:** This is silliness. God did not speak Adam into existence. He spoke the universe into existence and then He formed Adam "of dust from the ground" and then breathed life into him (Genesis 2.7).]

God's reason for creating Adam was His desire to reproduce Himself... He was not a little like God. He was not almost like God. He was not subordinate to God even. Adam is as much like God as you could get, just the same as Jesus. ...Adam, in the Garden of Eden, was God manifested in the flesh. (Following the Faith of Abraham I, tape #01-3001, side 1) [**Authors' note:** This is more blasphemy! YAHWEH Elohim did not have a desire to reproduce Themselves! Adam was NOT God manifested in the flesh! This is more Mormon heresy! We suggest Copeland admit he is a closet Mormon.]

Adam and Eve were not caretakers of the earth, but were gods over the earth. They were members of the "god-class" just like Jesus Christ, just like God. **He was not subordinate to God...** was walking as a god with the authority of a god. What he said went. What he did, counted. ...bowed his knee to Satan and put Satan up above him, then there wasn't anything God could do about it, because **a god** had placed (Satan) there. (The Force of Love, tape

#02-0028) [**Authors' note:** This is outrageous heresy! Adam and Eve were NOT gods over Earth and they were NOT members of the god-class. Jesus Christ and God the Father are not members of the god-class! There is no god-class of beings. The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God and that is it. There are no other Gods. When Adam obeyed Satan and disobeyed YAHWEH he lost his position of ruler of the planet and Satan took that position (John 12.31; 14.30; 16.11; 2 Corinthians 4.4). YAHWEH did something about that sin, He sent His only begotten Son to die for mankind and redeem those who trust in Jesus Christ.]

When Adam and Eve sinned, they forfeited their position in the "god-class" and title to the earth to the possession of Satan. (The Force of Love, 1987, audiotape #02-0028)

You don't have a god in you, you are one (The Force of Love, 1987, audiotape #02-0028) [**Authors' note:** Total blasphemy! Believers are NOT gods and we never will be gods. We will NOT become gods due to our efforts and YAHWEH will never make us gods. We will always be just created beings and nothing more.]

I say this with all respect so that it don't upset you too bad, but I say it anyway. When I read in the Bible where He [Jesus] says, "I Am," I just smile and say, "Yes, I Am, too!" (Believer's Voice of Victory, TBN, 7.09.1987) [**Authors' note:** That is blasphemy! Jesus was crucified because He said, "I AM!" (John 8.58). Hinn is NOT God Almighty no matter what he claims!]

You're all God. You don't have a God living in you; you are one! When I read in the Bible where God tells Moses, "I AM," I say, "Yeah, I am too!" (The Force of Love, audiotape #BBC-56) [**Authors' note:** OUCH! Poor Copeland is going to pay for this insane blasphemy through all eternity!]

Now Peter said by exceeding great and precious promises you become partakers of the divine class. All right, are we gods? We are a class of gods! (Praise The Lord TV Show, 2.05.1986) [**Authors' note:** Again we must make it perfectly clear that NO man, woman or child is a god or a member of a mythical god-class. There is NO god-class.]

## **God lost control of the earth and could not claim it back because it was owned by Satan.**

God maintained control over the earth while He had communion and a relationship with Adam and Eve but lost control when that relationship was broken.

God had to develop a plan to reclaim the earth and He had to do it by covert means so that Satan would not discover His plan. God's plan was to find men who would follow Him, so that He could speak words to them that they would record. These words were promises that could be recalled later and claimed by men. These are words used in the "positive confession" that bind God to honoring those words.

God had no avenue of lasting faith or moving in the earth. He had to have covenant with somebody. He had to be invited in, in other words, or He couldn't come. God is on the outside looking in. In order to have any say so in the earth, He's gonna have to be in agreement with a man here (God's Covenants With Man II, 1985, audiotape #01- 4404). [**Authors' note:** Once again Copeland is wrong! YAHWEH can do whatever He wants on Earth or the universe (Daniel 4.17, 25, 32, 35; 5.21). He did not have promises written down in His word that any believer can claim through "positive confession" and force Him to do whatever he wants Him to do. We can claim promises, but YAHWEH is not bound to give them to us if it is against His will. YAHWEH is NOT a cosmic butler or Satan Claus who has to give us everything we want. He only gives us spiritual and physical blessings that He wants to give us. If Copeland is right every believer could be a multi-millionaire by just asking for it. If he is right the men noted in Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11.35-40) and John the Baptist missed out on great riches they could have had. They also suffered for Christ's sake when they did not have to. Paul and millions of other believers throughout the Church Age also missed on a great riches and suffered unduly because they did not know this secret. YAHWEH reclaimed Earth by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the planet and the elect by His death on the cross, His burial and His resurrection.]

He [God] treated Satan like he was the ruler of the earth. He treated him like he planned on treating Adam and that's the reason Satan could walk before Him, in the days of Job, to and fro on the earth. And God said, "Where you been?" He said, "I've been walking to

and fro on the earth.” He had a right to. God treated him the way He planned on treating Adam. He had to – He had given Adam His word. If He had made another one out of the dust there, it would’ve looked just like that one did after it sinned. So I mean, what good’s – I mean, He’s just reproducing the same thing. Besides that, the dirt’s not His, any longer. So God, really, is on the outside looking in.

Suddenly, God was on the outside looking in... After Adam’s fall, God found Himself in a peculiar position... God needed an avenue back into the earth. (*Our Covenant with God*, KCP Publications, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987) [**Authors’ note:** Total blasphemy! YAHWEH has never been on the outside searching for a way to get back in. He has always been in total control and always will be. He knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46.10) and has known exactly what He would do before He created the universe. He permits Satan to come before Him to prove to Satan and the holy and fallen angels that Satan is wrong and He (YAHWEH) is right. He did not create another Adam and Eve because they would have done the same thing. And the dirt was still His.]

God’s on the outside looking in. He doesn’t have any legal entree into the earth. The thing don’t belong to Him. You see how sassy the Devil was in the presence of God in the book of Job? God said, “Where have you been?” Wasn’t any of God’s business. He [Satan] didn’t even have to answer if he didn’t want to God didn’t argue with him a bit! You see, this is the position that God’s been in, might say, “Well, if God’s running things He’s doing a lousy job of it.” He hadn’t been running ‘em, except when He’s just got, you know, a little bit of a chance. (Image of God in You III, audiotape #01-1403, side 1) [**Authors’ note:** This is insane heresy and blasphemy! YAHWEH has a legal right to do whatever He wants. The Earth and the entire universe is His. He never sold or signed Earth over to Adam. Adam was the caretaker of Earth and he gave up his position when he obeyed Satan and disobeyed YAHWEH. Satan then took the role of Adam as caretaker (ruler, prince) of Earth. He does not have legal ownership of Earth, he merely is ruling over it until Jesus Christ returns and takes physical possession of the planet and the people He died for. He is the owner of Earth and always will be. He is an absentee owner who will return and take physical possession and remove the imposture who claims to be the legal owner, Satan (Luke 20.9-19).]

Here's where we're gonna depart from ordinary church. Now, you see, God is injecting His Word into the earth to produce this Jesus; these faith-filled words that framed the image that's in Him. He can't just walk onto the earth and say, "Let it be!" because He doesn't have the right. He had to sneak it in here around the god of this world that was blockin' every way that he possibly could." (The Image of God in You III, 1989, audiotape #01-1403, side 2)

### **Jesus Christ did not claim to be God**

Don't be disturbed when people accuse you of thinking you are God. They crucified Me for claiming I was God. **I didn't claim that I was God**; I just claimed that I walked with Him and that He was in Me. Hallelujah! That's what you're doing." ("Take Time to Pray," Believer's Voice of Victory, February 1987, p. 9) [**Authors' note:** This is total heresy! Jesus stated emphatically that He is God (Matthew 26.63-66; Luke 22.66-71; John 8.58). That was the main reason the Jews crucified Him.]

### **Jesus died spiritually**

Jesus had to go through that same spiritual death in order to pay the price. Now it wasn't the physical death on the cross that paid the price for sin, because if it had of been any prophet of God that had died for the last couple of thousand years before that could have paid that price. It wasn't physical death anybody could do that. (What Satan Saw on the Day of Pentecost, audio tape #020022) [**Authors' note:** Heresy! Only Jesus could die for mankind because He is the only one who was born without sin and never sinned. It was His physical death and blood that paid the price for our sins.]

It was a sign of Satan that was hanging on the cross... I accepted, in my own spirit, spiritual death; and the light was turned off. (What Happened from the Cross to the Throne, audiotape #02-0017, side 2)

Jesus had to "accept the sin nature of Satan." (What Happened from the Cross to the Throne, audiotape #02-0017, side 2.) [**Authors' note:** This is total blasphemy! Jesus did NOT accept the nature of Satan!]

## Jesus atoned for the sins of man in Hell

Satan conquered Jesus on the Cross and took His spirit to the dark regions of hell. (*Kenneth Copeland Reference Bible*, Fort Worth: Kenneth Copeland Ministries, 1991, p. 129) [**Authors' note:** Lie of the devil! The devil has NEVER conquered Jesus and NEVER will!]

He [Jesus] allowed the devil to drag Him into the depths of hell. He allowed Himself to come under Satan's control. Every demon in hell came down on Him to annihilate Him. They tortured Him beyond anything anybody had ever conceived. For three days He suffered everything there is to suffer (*The Price of It All*, p. 3). [**Authors' note:** Lie of the devil! Jesus did NOT go to Hell! He told the thief on the cross that he would be with Him in Paradise (Luke 23.43). Satan has never been in Hell and none of his fallen angels have ever been there except the ones who mated with women (Genesis 6.4). They were cast into the abyss where no people are. Demons, fallen angels and Satan have NEVER tormented or tortured people in Hell including Jesus.]

How did Jesus then on the cross say, 'My God.' Because God was not His Father any more. He took upon Himself the nature of Satan. And I'm telling you Jesus is in the middle of that pit. He's suffering all that there is to suffer, there is no suffering left apart from Him. His emaciated, little wormy spirit is down in the bottom of that thing and the devil thinks He's got Him destroyed. But, all of a sudden God started talking. (*Believer's Voice of Victory*, TBN, April 21, 1991) [**Authors' note:** This is total insanity! It did NOT happen!]

Jesus "had to give up His righteousness" (*The Incarnation*, side 2.)

He [Jesus] was down in that pit and there he suffered the punishment for three horrible days and nights for Adam's treason... There is a new birth takes place in the very depths of the earth, when the command of God says, "That's enough, loose him and let him go."

The righteousness of God was made to be sin. He accepted the sin nature of Satan in His own spirit. And at the moment that He did so, He cried, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" You don't know what happened at the cross. Why do you think Moses, upon instruction of God, raised the serpent upon that pole instead of a lamb? That used to bug me. I said, "Why in the world would you

want to put a snake up there – the sign of Satan? Why didn't you put a lamb on that pole?" And the Lord said, "Because it was a sign of Satan that was hanging on the cross." He said, "I accepted, in My own spirit, spiritual death; and the light was turned off." (What Happened from the Cross to the Throne, 1990, #02-0017, side 2) [**Authors' note:** Jesus was NOT punished in Paradise for the sin of Adam or anyone else. He was punished on the cross. He was punished by God the Father on the cross for the sins of the elect.]

He allowed the devil to drag Him into the depths of hell as if He were the most wicked sinner who ever lived. Every demon in hell came down on Him to annihilate Him. [They] tortured Him beyond anything that anybody has ever conceived. In a thunder of spiritual force, the voice of God spoke to the death whipped, broken, punished spirit of Jesus... [in] the pit of destruction and charged the spirit of Jesus with resurrection power! Suddenly His twisted, death wracked spirit began to fill out and come back to life. He was literally being reborn before the devil's very eyes. He began to flex His spiritual muscles. Jesus Christ dragged Satan up and down the halls of hell. Jesus was raised up a born-again man. The day I realized that a born again man had defeated Satan, hell, and death, I got so excited!" (Believer's Voice of Victory Magazine, September 1991, p. 4) [**Authors' note:** This is one of the most blasphemous, perverse, evil, sick, heresies of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement. It is a proof the movement is NOT of the Holy Spirit and most of the men and women who teach this are NOT saved!]

He [Jesus] is suffering all that there is to suffer. There is no suffering left apart from Him. His emaciated, poured out, little, wormy spirit is down in the bottom of that thing [hell]. And the Devil thinks he's got Him destroyed. (Believer's Voice of Victory program, 4.21.1991. This message was originally delivered at the Full Gospel Motorcycle Rally Association, 1990 Rally at Eagle Mountain Lake, Texas.) [**Authors' note:** Copeland will regret making these blasphemous statements through all eternity as he burns in the Lake of Fire! There is NO excuse for teaching this insane blasphemous nonsense!]

## God is the greatest failure in the Universe

I was shocked when I found out who the biggest failure in the Bible actually is. The biggest one is God. I mean, He lost His top-ranking, most anointed angel; the first man He ever created; the first woman He ever created; the whole earth and all the Fullness therein; a third of the angels, at least – that’s a big loss, man. Now, the reason you don’t think of God as a failure is He never said He’s a failure. And you’re not a failure till you say you’re one. (TBN, Praise-a-Thon, April 1988) [**Authors’ note:** Copeland will be tortured with extreme prejudice for uttering this **BLASPHEMY!** We are astounded that YAHWEH has not struck this runt blasphemer down. That day will come and all true believers will rejoice.]

## Jesus was raped by homosexual Roman soldiers.

Let me tell you something folks. Anybody in here that’s ever been sexually abused, listen to me right now. Listen to me very carefully. The Bible’s very careful about the way it says these things. But down there in that dungeon, Romans, ungodly men, ungodly men, put Him (Jesus) to every kind of abuse that you can think of. There is no sin that Jesus didn’t bare. There is no thing, there is no such thing as a sexual abuse on somebody that Jesus doesn’t know firsthand what it’s all about. He’s been where you are. I don’t care what you’ve been through, Jesus has been through it. And everything’s done to him that we couldn’t even speak of. (*The Resurrection Truth*) [**Authors’ note:** This is total **BLASPHEMY!** No man who can say this could possibly be born again!]

## Miscellaneous

Copeland has myriad false doctrines and he has also made some unusual statements:

God has never used sickness to discipline His children. (Believer’s Voice of Victory Magazine, September 1989) [**Authors’ note:** Not true.]

AIDS is “absolutely not” God’s way of punishing immoral people. (Ibid., November 1987) [**Authors’ note:** True.]

Healing is for every believer. (Ibid., February 1993) [**Authors' note:** Not true (2 Corinthians 12.7-10; Galatians 4.13-15; 1 Timothy 5.23; 2 Timothy 4.19-20).]

The New Age/occult techniques of positive imaging and visualization are for God's people today. (Ibid., September 1988) [**Authors' note:** LIE of Satan! Positive imaging is of Satan and NO true believer has anything to do with it.]

God intends for His people to be united and that union won't be based on doctrine. (Ibid., December 1988) [**Authors' note:** YAHWEH intends for His people to be united in love and doctrine.]

Tongues are for the entire Body of Christ. (Ibid., January 1993) [**Authors' note:** Copeland disagrees with Paul, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God the Father. Paul asked several questions as to whether or not all believers are apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers and speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 12.30). The answer to all questions is NO! Tongues are NOT for all believers.]

It would have been impossible for Jesus to have been poor! (Charisma Magazine, September 1990) [**Authors' note:** He was the poorest person on Earth at that time. The only possessions He has was a robe, sandals, a wineskin and a staff. He never had money.]

Jesus is no longer the only begotten Son of God. (*Now We Are In Christ Jesus*, 1980, p. 24) [**Authors' note:** He always has been and always will be the only begotten Son of YAHWEH.]

Adam was made in the image of God. He was as much female as he was male. He was exactly like God. Then God separated him and removed the female part. Woman means "man with the womb." Eve had as much authority as Adam did as long as they stayed together. (*Sensitivity of Heart*, KCP Publications, 1984, p. 23) [**Authors' note:** We have no idea where he came up with this nonsense. Adam was 100% male and Eve was 100% female. If Adam was 50% female and 50% male and made in the image of God, it means God is 50/50 also. That is nonsense!]

As a believer, you have a right to make commands in the name of Jesus. Each time you stand on the Word, you are commanding God to a certain extent because it is His Word. (*Our Covenant with God*,

KCP Publications, 1987, p. 32)<sup>15-16</sup> [**Authors' note:** We do NOT command YAHWEH. He commands us.]

“In my case, I know I have lost complete desire for anything to do with the world. My worldly desires are gone... I no longer have any rebellion in me.” (*The Anointing*, p. 177-8) [**Authors' note:** Copeland is one of the most worldly televangelists in the world. He has a massive ranch, several private jets, his own airport, numerous cars, and millions in the bank.]

## Conclusion

It is our firm conviction that all of the doctrines in this appendix are false doctrines. Some are blasphemous while others are idiotic.

You must ask yourself these questions:

Can the men who teach obvious false doctrines be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Can they be doing the work of Jesus Christ?

Would the Holy Spirit use them to perform great miracles yet allow them to teach heresy?

Is it possible that some or all of these false teachers could be ministers of Satan?

*For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11.13-15)*

**If** you are convinced that these televangelists are teaching Scripture correctly then give them your hard-earned money. **BUT** remember these very important truths – God repays those who have “*pity upon the poor*” (Proverbs 19.17) and those who give to the rich “*shall come only to want*” (Proverbs 22.16).

**If** you want to get rich give to the poor and do not give to the rich, which includes millionaire televangelists.

Listen to what Pentecostal preacher Donnie Swaggart, son of Jimmy Swaggart – one of the most famous Pentecostal preachers in America, has to say about the prosperity preachers:

## **FALSE PROPHETS Conspiracy Of Silence**

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[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSINCCaa7fg&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSINCCaa7fg&feature=related)

## **Withdraw From Prosperity Preachers**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfeOCPGe16I&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfeOCPGe16I&NR=1)

## **Exposing Prosperity Preachers Lies**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WBOQ5Dyhs4&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WBOQ5Dyhs4&feature=relmfu)

## **Are you Ensnared by the Greed Gospel**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0YPxORBdO4&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0YPxORBdO4&feature=relmfu)

## **Religion Begat Prosperity**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QWhsC2pLBQ&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QWhsC2pLBQ&feature=relmfu)

## **Prosperity Pimps Pants on Fire**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=s67kA-zspdY&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s67kA-zspdY&feature=related)

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# FIVE

## VISIONS

### Visitations to Heaven

There are several men and women who claim to have visions of Heaven or have literally visited Heaven. As you read these accounts remember that Paul visited Heaven and he was not permitted to write down what he saw or even tell anyone (2 Corinthians 12.1-4). Answer these questions if you think these people went to Heaven:

Did Jesus change His mind and allow people of the twentieth century to relate their experience of visiting Heaven when He did not allow Paul to? (Hebrews 13.8)

Are these men and women greater than Paul, the greatest of all of the apostles?

Here are just a few of those testimonies. Read them carefully and check what they say with Scripture.

### Jesse Duplantis

“I have seen heaven and know what is awaiting everyone there.”

Jesse Duplantis began his religious career in 1976 teaching the Positive Confession, Word of Faith, Health and Wealth Gospel. He preaches as if he is a comedian and claims God told him, “Jesse, make Me laugh.” He founded his career on claims of direct revelations and conversations with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit from his trips to Heaven. During those trips he also spoke with Abraham, King David and Paul. While in Heaven saw babies flying around the throne of God asking Him to make them spirits and send them to Earth so they could become redeemed persons. This is what the Mormons teach.

The following is taken from his book, *Heaven, Close Encounters of the God Kind*. He states emphatically in the introduction that “this book is a prophecy” (p. 8).

Before Duplantis went to Heaven he had two close encounters of the God kind. The first was when he was just nine. He had a vision while lying in bed of the “face of a man with a gray beard coming toward” him in the sky. The man hollered at him saying, “Fear God, boy! Fear God!” (Ibid., p. 20).

His second encounter at age 17 took place when he was driving his girlfriend’s car. He tried to pass a car in the rain and his engine stalled. A car was coming at him and he hit the brakes causing his car to fishtail. It hit a stone culvert, jumped over a mailbox and flipped three times. He did not fly out because the “hand of the Lord physically” held him down (Ibid., p. 25).

When he told his mother what happened she explained to him, “God was protecting you! He was holding you down in that car so you wouldn’t die and go to hell! You had better thank God that I’m praying for you, boy” (Ibid., pp. 26-27).

He continued to live a life of sin, drinking and taking drugs while playing in a rock band. He confessed to his Catholic priest, but never confessed all of his sins. One night while he was in a nightclub in Mexico he audibly heard God say, “Get out of here – now!” He went back to his hotel room and called his mother. She said God told her that he was in a “nasty, disgusting-looking nightclub” so she prayed that God would tell him to get out of there (Ibid., pp. 30-31).

It was in 1974 that his wife, Cathy, nagged him into watching Billy Graham preach on television. He was convicted and went into the bathroom and gave his “heart to the Lord” (Ibid., p. 34).

It was in 1976 that Duplantis started asking God to reveal Himself to him as He did with many of the Old Testament believers. While he was at a revival meeting the preacher asked him to come up to the stage. The preacher told him that God told him he “had been asking to see Him” and that “He shall grant you a visitation” while Duplantis is in bed with his wife. (Ibid., 37).

Duplantis waited for God to come to him, but nothing happened until two weeks later. It was three in the morning and he felt the wind blowing through his body. Then he “heard a Voice speaking audibly, saying, “you asked to see Me; turn around!” God repeated the statement two more times (Ibid., p. 39). Duplantis nudged his wife but she did not wake up. He got the courage to turn around after the wind died down but “Nothing was there!” (Ibid., p. 41).

The next encounter of a God kind came when he was preaching in Jonesville, Louisiana. He was staying at the pastor's home when he saw a man in his bedroom:

I looked up and saw at the foot of my bed the biggest character I had ever seen in my life. I hadn't heard anyone come into the room. He just stood there looking at me. It was an angel of the Lord!

He was huge. He looked about seven feet tall and had blond hair longer than mine. He glowed. It was such a shock to see him standing there, I could have blown a hole in the wall getting out if I could have made myself move.

He said, "I have been sent by the Lord. You are under much stress, and the Lord sent me to tell you to sleep." (Ibid., p. 52)

Duplantis was told that the pastor's dogs were barking their heads off, but he said he did not hear them barking. One last thing he said was the angel did not have wings.

Another unusual claim of Duplantis is that many times while he is preaching he sees angels. In one service he turned around to look at the choir seats and saw the seats filled with angels. "They looked like shafts of light," he wrote (Ibid., p. 54).

He stopped preaching and a woman sitting in the back of the church screamed, "I see them too!" Unfortunately, no one else saw them. The angels walked out of the choir loft and one walked right by Duplantis and smiled at him. He "could see his facial features," but he did not "notice hair color or eye color" (Ibid., p. 54).

That was not all. As the angels "walked down through the church, everybody just fell to the floor under the power of the God. *Boom!*" He explained, "I was the only person left standing. With nobody to talk to then, I just sat down. About thirty minutes later, people began to get up off the floor and sit back down in the pews" (Ibid., p. 54).

He asked the congregation if any of them saw something, but they did not. Yet they felt something. The pastor and people of that church did not believe in being slain in the Spirit, but according to Duplantis "not one person was left standing" (Ibid., p. 55).

Another bizarre incident was his translation from Monroe, Louisiana to Lafayette in 35 minutes. His car filled up with smoke or fog and he says he "was caught up in the Spirit" (Ibid., p. 59). When he got to Lafayette he prayed that a dying girl be healed and she was. It took him two hours and fifteen minutes to drive back to Monroe.

In August of 1988 Duplantis was preaching at the Magnolia Christian Center in Magnolia, Arkansas. Around one in the morning he was moved to pray in his hotel room. Before he could pray he was swept out of his room to Heaven:

Suddenly I felt a suction as if I was being pulled up out of the room. But I didn't look back to see myself leaving my physical body, as some people have described. I heard a sound, *Whoosh!* And I was pulled up out of the room! I gasped, "Aaah..." I don't know whether I was in my body or out of my body.

I did know I had left the room and I was zooming along at a phenomenal rate of speed, being carried in something like a cable car. It was a chariot without a horse, but not like one of those chariots we see in the movies – I was completely closed in. I could see through the windows that the chariot was racing along, but I had no idea how it was being operated.

Then I looked up. There stood another being. I realized that it was the blond-headed angel who had visited me in the bedroom that night in Jonesville, Louisiana. I asked, "Where are we going?"

He smiled and said, "You have an appointment with the Lord God Jehovah."

I felt the chariot slowing down; then it came to a stop. When the door opened, I experienced the shock of my life: I was in heaven! (p. 69). [**Authors' note:** The angel would not use Jehovah because it is not the name of God the Father. YHWH is His name.]

As I stepped out of the chariot, everything I saw was so beautiful. I had always thought that when I went to heaven I would see only a city. But the first place I saw was Paradise; it hadn't been destroyed. Paradise is a big place, completely surrounding the Holy City. It is like being on another planet. (Ibid., p. 70)

Duplantis then describes the heavenly scene and says he saw the River of Life, children, horses, dogs, and large cats like lions. He then describes the different classes of people in Heaven:

Then I saw other people who didn't have on robes; they were wearing gowns. They started walking toward the city, but they seemed to get weak. I saw them walk over to the trees, pick what looked like fruit and eat it. Then they took some leaves off those trees, put the leaves up to their faces and breathed in, smelling them.

I asked the angel, "What's happening?"

He said, “Some of them have not lived the life they should. They believe in God and love Jesus, but they didn’t live to their fullest potential.

Then I asked, “Will they be able to go before God’s Throne?”

“Yes God is merciful to them,” he said. “But they have to be prepared to stand in the presence of the Almighty. (Ibid., p. 72)

Duplantis explained that some people don’t live close to God the way they should. They know Jesus as their Savior, but they could do so much better. In Heaven they will eventually be able to go to God’s Throne, but it takes more time for them (Ibid., p. 75).

**He went on to tell his incredible experience:**

When I began to feel weak, the angel walked over to one of those trees, picked some of its fruit and brought it back to me. I don’t know what kind of fruit it was, but it wasn’t an apple. It was juicy and copper-colored fruit.

The angel said to me, “Eat this fruit so you will be able to withstand the glory of God.” (p. 76)

The angel asked Duplantis if he was thirsty and a “big, barrel-chested man” across the River of Life who said he would bring him a drink. Duplantis knew it was Abraham. He failed to mention how Abraham crossed the River of Life. There must have been a bridge or he walked on water.

He speaks to Duplantis saying, “I’m Abraham, Paradise is my place.” He said he felt he knew Abraham like he knew his father. He fell down on his face before him; but Abraham said, “Stand to your feet. The only One you worship is the Lord God. I meet all the people who come here because Paradise is my bosom.” (Ibid., p. 78).

When Abraham asked him how he felt he replied, “I’m fine, Glory to God.” Abraham chimed in saying “Glory to God and the angel said the same” (Ibid., pp. 77-79). [**Authors’ note:** All believers will refer to God the Father as Abba Father (Mark 14.36; Romans 8.15; Galatians 4.6) which translated into English is Daddy Father. Once we get to Heaven we will call God the Father either Daddy, Father or Daddy Father. No will call Him or refer to Him when speaking to others as God or Jehovah. We will not even use His name YHWH. Angels may refer to Him as YHWH.]

Duplantis got a few things correct in his story. He noted that no tree had any brown leaves and the flowers bounced back when he walked

on them. He also did not see any dust and there were no shadows (Ibid., p. 80).

Duplantis also saw some children carrying little harps. The angel explained that the children the world did not want (aborted babies) went to Heaven and must be taught the oracles of God. Duplantis said he saw them being taught the oracles of God. The children he saw were about three to ten years of age. The babies were somewhere else (Ibid., p. 83).

Later in his story after meeting Jesus he asked Him if He lost any of the babies (aborted babies) and Jesus answered him, "I never lose any of them" (Ibid., p. 91).

He saw the Book of Life which he says is five feet, five inches tall and one and one-half inches thick (Ibid., p. 87).

Duplantis then met Jesus. His angel guide commanded him to kneel before Jesus and he reverently said, "Oh, God!" As he kneeled before Jesus he saw the holes in His feet which were about the size of a nickel.

Jesus said, "I'm here. Jesse, stand to your feet."

When he stood he noticed Jesus was about six feet tall. He was also dazzled by the light that emanated from Him and His clothes looked like sparkling diamonds. He also noticed that His hair was light brown (Ibid., 89). [**Authors' note:** Either Duplantis was mistaken or John was wrong. John described the hair of Jesus as being "*white like white wool, like snow*" (Revelation 1.16).]

Duplantis then asked Jesus why he was in Heaven and He answered, "I want you to go back to tell My people I am coming." Concerning this fact that is clearly stated in the Bible he had this to say:

I guess that's why I haven't rested in my life. There was such an urgency in His voice. We must know something is up. Jesus is coming soon! (Ibid., p. 92)

Jesus tells Jesse that He wants him to meet another king, David who has a red beard and red hair.

Jesus said, "Jesse, I want you to meet the king of Israel." The Lord said to David, "Take Jesse to his home. Show him what I have prepared for him. Then bring him to My Throne. I must go. My Father wants Me." (p. 95)

Duplantis runs across Paul who is teaching the oracles of God to some men. He speaks with him briefly saying, "You were caught up in the third heaven. I read in the Scriptures that you were caught up."

“Just like you,” Paul said.

He then spoke with him about the severe persecution that he endured:

I said to Paul, “You went through great persecution.”

“Yes,” he answered, “but I kept the faith. I focused my life on faith. That’s how you get things done.”

The next statement he made is one I have used in sermons. He said, “Our affliction is but for a moment. People have made it a lifetime. Change it back to a moment.” (Ibid., p. 97)

Paul gave Duplantis another piece of advice saying, “Never change the message because of the hearers. Speak what God gives you” (Ibid., p. 98).

He journeyed on and told David that when he was a child someone prophesied that he would have a life similar to David’s (Ibid., p. 99). [Authors’ note: Duplantis has not had a life similar to King David’s, not even close. The prophecy was wrong.]

They continued on and David talked about his psalms. He explained that some psalms he wrote about his problems, but the “better ones are when I allowed the lordship of God in me to come out more than the trouble that I spoke about” (Ibid., p. 100).

David went on to explain why Psalm 23 is so powerful:

I allowed God and the anointing to come through in that song. In other songs I sang strongly about my troubles. I think I should have allowed more of the answer to come through, instead of the complaining.

I wish I had written more songs about God’s answers than about my problems.” (Ibid., 101)

Duplantis tells us that those were not his exact words, but he knew that was what he meant. He then met a family that was reunited in Heaven and was told they would live together in the same house. David said families with children and couples live together, but there is no sex. [Authors’ note: This is illogical to say the least and Jesus stated emphatically that when couples die and go to Heaven they are no longer husband and wife:

*“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven.”* (Matthew 22.30)

If families and couples live together in Heaven what happens with couples who were divorced and remarried? What about their children? Do they live with their mother and the man she married after being divorced? Apparently David or Duplantis made a mistake. We think this is a case of Duplantis not reading the Bible carefully enough to get his visit to Heaven story straight. Contrary to what Duplantis and others teach, there are no relationships in Heaven. No one will know their spouse as their spouse, and no one will know their parents and children as such.]

Another unusual thing is that all of the Old Testament prophets live on a special road where their houses look like those of old New York City or St. Charles Street in New Orleans (Ibid., p. 105).

As Duplantis approached the throne of Jehovah he felt weaker and weaker and the glory of God knocked him down. His angel had to give him fruit from the Tree of Life to revive him and said, “Eat this so you can withstand the glory of God” (Ibid., p. 115). Even after eating the fruit he could not stand up yet everyone else was standing.

While he was on his knees he looked up, but could only look up for a brief glance. Then it happened!

Although I couldn't look up for very long at a time, I looked up from the floor in the direction of the overwhelming Light, and I saw Him! I saw Elohim, Jehovah God, Yahweh sitting on the throne! But I saw His feet – only His feet. The Light was so bright that came from Him, I couldn't see His face. Now I know why the Scripture says we can't see Jehovah's face and live – at least, I knew I couldn't! I had to keep looking down, the light was so intense. But I looked again, and I saw the lower part of His hand resting on the arm of the Throne. He is so big – you can't describe Him in a dimension. His hand is huge! His body, the form of it, is sort of like energy, spirit. There's a wall around the throne, but the Throne is higher than the wall – that's why you can see the Throne from every direction, from a distance. And that power, that energy-like smoke of God covers all around the chair of the Throne itself. (Ibid., pp. 113-114)

He went on to describe this fantastic throne scene saying the power of God makes a lot of noise and there is a lot of noise from His power going out and coming back to Him. There are also angels with wings who fly around the throne sing and shouting, “The Great God Jehovah!” Each time they buzz around the throne they get a glimpse of

a “new facet” of God they have never seen before and say, “Holy! Holy! Holy!” (Ibid., p. 114).

A cloud that looked like smoke would go up from the throne and when it did there was a “massive sound, *Whoosh!*” (Ibid., p. 115). Then something unexpected happened:

Then I saw God’s finger barely move and when it moved, an angel that was flying near Him was thrown up against a wall. *Bam!* It didn’t hurt the angel, but I felt if God just barely moved, a universe could be annihilated (Ibid.) [**Authors’ note:** Jehovah can destroy the universe with a mere thought. It is absurd to believe He slams about the angels flying around His throne for no apparent reason. Duplantis made a mistake concerning the flying angels. There are no angels who fly around the throne of God worshipping Him. There are the four living creatures who have six wings each, but they do not fly. All they do is worship God around the clock. Since Duplantis failed to mention them it is obvious he did not visit Heaven. He also made another serious mistake when he said the 24 elders were not seated on their thrones worshipping God, but were helping people in Heaven (p. 111).]

The next big event in his visit to Heaven was seeing Jesus appear before the throne of God while millions of people fell down before Him. This is to be expected but what Duplantis said next is incredible:

For the first time in my life I could understand the Trinity in physical terms. Jesus came out of the cloud and power of God. Jesus literally came out of the very existence of Jehovah God, and when He did people shouted. Jesus and the Father were One, yet They were Two. He was in the Father and the Father was in Him. He was at the right hand of God. When He came out of that power, He was in human form – something we could touch. (Ibid., p. 116)

Jesus would walk in and out of the power, the fire, that massive amount of energy. When Jesus walked back into the energy, as he got closer, I would have to put my head down again, because I couldn’t handle the Light. But that form of a Man as He walked toward that energy would transform back into Spirit.

I understand how the Trinity are Three, yet They are One. Still lying on the floor, I turned my head toward that angel and asked, “Where’s the Holy Spirit?”

He’s on the earth,” he said.

Of course! Later when I thought back to the incident, I felt so stupid to have asked such a dumb question at the Throne of God. I am still embarrassed about it. (Ibid., pp. 118-119) [**Authors' note:** Everything about this is wrong. The Bible is clear that when Jesus ascended to Heaven He sat down at the right hand of God (Acts 2.33-34; Romans 8.34; Colossians 3.1; Hebrews 1.3; 8.1; 10.12; 12.2; 1 Peter 3.22). He stands up to greet believers who are martyred for their faith in Him (Acts 7.55-56). He is not walking in and out of God the Father nor is He wandering around the Holy City. The descriptions of Jesus and the Father are of Jesus approaching the Father not coming out of Him (Daniel 7.13; Revelation 5.6-7).]

After making His appearance Jesus started preaching. He surprised Duplantis because he had always thought Jesus was a “mild-manner” teacher, not a “dynamic preacher” (Ibid.). He explained, “I had always thought of Jesus as being a quiet teacher, but He was full of power and preached with authority” (Ibid.). [**Authors' note:** Duplantis should have studied the Bible more. The Bible is explicitly clear in stating that Jesus was a dynamic preacher who always preached with authority (Matthew 7.29; Mark 1.22, 27).]

Apparently the televangelists who do a lot of shouting and hollering while they preach are following the example of Jesus. Duplantis explained that Jesus “was a preacher full of victory, shouting and hollering! He was excited and the people were screaming and hollering, too” (Ibid., p. 117).

It also appears as though the believers in Heaven are slain in the spirit when Jesus preaches:

As He preached, people – even though they were in new celestial bodies – fell under the power of God. Even in heavenly bodies they fell under God’s power. (Ibid.) [**Authors' note:** This tid bit of information was inserted to justify the practice of people being “slain in the spirit” by the televangelists.]

The next unusual thing that Duplantis saw was babies coming out of the mouth of God:

I saw new lives of little babies singing and flying around God’s Throne. It seemed to me that babies just came out of the breath of God. They looked like they were wearing nightgowns. They flew into the presence of Jehovah.

I realized they were new souls who came from the thoughts of God. God thinks kids. I know why those newborn babies are so precious. Babies are gifts given to us directly from the Throne of God. I heard them saying to God, “Can I be a spirit? Would You send me to earth so I can be a spirit? I want to be a redeemed person. Can I be a spirit?” And while I watched, I heard that mighty sound of God’s power, *Whoosh!* I saw these babies leave the Throne by the power of God. (p. 119). [**Authors’ note:** This is crazy. He may have gotten this from the Kabala or Mormonism.]

Duplantis could not stay in Heaven too long because his “body was physically there” (Ibid., p. 120). He departed the throne of God scene with his angel and David. They hopped into their chariot and rode off. People waved at Duplantis as they rode around Heaven. On his way down the street where all the prophets live he saw a beautiful building and asked to go inside. The angel told him, “No human eye has seen inside this building,” and when Duplantis asked what it is the angel explained, “That is to remain in the knowledge of Jehovah. No human eye has seen it, not even Enoch” (Ibid., pp. 120-121). [**Authors’ note:** This is nutty. There is no building in Heaven that is off limits to people. This is just silliness on the part of Duplantis.]

As he, David and his angel were cruising down the streets of the prophets Jesus appeared in the chariot and spoke with Duplantis. All Jesus could say is, “Go tell My people I’m coming” (Ibid., p. 121). [**Authors’ note:** If the message was as important as Duplantis claims why did he wait eight years before putting his story of going to Heaven in print? He says he did not want to write a book about his visit until the Lord told him to seven years later (Ibid., p. 152). We could find no record of when he first preached the message that he visited Heaven. If Jesus truly told Duplantis in 1988 that He was returning “soon” is 23 years soon? What if He does not return for another 20 years would 43 years be soon? It is soon to Jesus but not to us. It appears as though Duplantis thought the rapture would take place some time in the 1990s. He obviously was wrong.]

Jesus started crying and confessed to Duplantis that He dreaded the day of judgment, the time when He would have to send some of the creation He loves to Hell. “I dread that day. I dread it! I dread it!” (Ibid., p. 127).

Duplantis was touched by this and said he “wanted to reach out and comfort” Jesus so he put his “hand on the Lord” because he “could tell that Jesus was hurting” (Ibid.).

“I didn’t know before how much He needed me to reach out to other people,” Duplantis said. “I have always thought of how much I needed Him, not how much He needs me.” He smiled at me and said, “I chose you. No one else wanted you, and I need you Jesse” (p. 127).

In his farewell statement to Duplantis, the Lord told him, “I chose you. No one else wanted you, and I need you, Jesse.” He responded by saying he would tell everyone he meets that Jesus is coming. “I brought you here for this. Now you must go back” (Ibid., p. 131).

On his way out of Heaven he rode with David and the angel by way of the mountains. He saw some condominiums and asked who lived in them. David told him that some people in Heaven like a second home in the country.

Duplantis then saw people of different races in Heaven. “I saw people of many different races there. Then I noticed a group of Oriental children being taught the oracles of God by a lady.” He asked, “Are their parents here?”

“Some are,” David said, “but most of them are not. They come to an age when they have to accept or reject God. The parents may reject God and go the other way, but the great God is merciful; He doesn’t reject their children. Sometimes children pass away at an early age, so we teach them and they grow.”

Duplantis commented that he knew parents who had recently lost a baby would be happy to know that they would meet their child here. Their child will be taught the oracles of God. (Ibid., pp. 154-155).

Abraham and David were dropped off in Paradise and the angel drove the chariot back to Earth. He doesn’t explain getting out of the chariot and back to his hotel room. He simply appeared kneeling beside his bed. He looked at the clock and it was 6:15 p.m. He had left at 1:00 p.m. so he had been in Heaven for 5 hours and fifteen minutes. Someone picked him up at 6:45 for church and as he walked up to the front row to take a seat people pointed at him and said, “Look at Brother Jesse. He’s shining.” He said there was a light on his face because he had been in the presence of the glory of God.

He told the pastor he had been in the presence of God, but he did not understand. “No, I’m not talking about praying; I’m talking about being in God’s physical presence.”

He explained that he did not preach that night. Even though he did not say anything, “people began falling under the power of God’s Spirit! There was ministry throughout the auditorium without me saying any more.”

Duplantis put the story of Moses seeing the glory of God and his face shining in his book. He then humbly said, “People tell me that my face shines when I talk about my trip to heaven” (Ibid., p. 140).

It is interesting that he made a calculated comment about people who do not believe he went to Heaven:

When our joy is restored, perhaps we will look for ways to work together with our brothers and sisters in other denominations, instead of competing or fighting with one another as so often happens. The greatest enemy to the Body of Christ is the friendly fire of people speaking against people. (Ibid. p. 142) [**Authors’ note:** This is what all of the cults claim that those outside their cult should do. Instead of blindly accepting what a preacher claims true believers are to test everyone to see if what they say is scriptural (1 John 4.1). We have checked what Duplantis has claimed and found many of those claims to be unbiblical.]

You can watch Duplantis preach his message of visiting Heaven at these websites:

[www.squidoo.com/HeavenStories#module24735422](http://www.squidoo.com/HeavenStories#module24735422)

[www.heavenvisit.com/Jesse\\_Duplantis.php](http://www.heavenvisit.com/Jesse_Duplantis.php)

## **Peter Popoff**

Peter Popoff published a booklet in 1981, *140 Predictions About Your Future* in which he described his visit to Heaven. He spent seven hours in Heaven and met Jesus who spoke with him. The event took place several years before the booklet was published. The angel who escorted him to Heaven and back ordered him to “not share these things now, for the time is not yet at hand” (Ibid., p. 14).

His incredible journey began at six in the morning after he had “been in prayer for hours.” He was escorted to Heaven by an army of angels who fought their way “legions of demons.” After the holy angels broke through the forces of darkness he looked down to see the New Jerusalem which was “golden, yet transparent!” He saw the saints drinking from the River of Life and “eating the fruit of the Tree of Life” (pp. 9-10).

The angelic escort led Popoff into the New Jerusalem through one of the gates. He saw the streets of gold and the mansions of the saints which were all unique. He also saw a home with his father’s name on it and another with his name on it. He explored his home, but the description of

it and much more about his visit to Heaven is described in his book, *The Other Side of Life*.

Meeting Jesus was amazing he “had no desire to return to the pale pleasures of Earth.” We learn that Jesus has blue eyes and He loves Popoff “absolutely.” He told Jesus he did not want to go back to Earth, but Jesus told him, “Son, your ministry is not finished yet. You have a job to do, and the time is short. You’re going to have a ministry of preparation. You will help prepare the ground for my people to receive this great outpouring of my Spirit that shortly will cover the Earth” (*140 Predictions About Your Future*, p. 12).

Jesus shared some intimate details about Popoff’s future with one of them being “persecution.” He concluded by saying, “Go with my angels. They will show you things that will **shortly** come to pass” (Ibid., pp. 12-13, emphasis mine).

On his way back to his hotel room Popoff was shown the future – “mysteries never before revealed to man.” He “watched in fascination the startling events unfolding” before his eyes. He could “scarcely believe how close we are to the final moments of this age!” He saw the “last-day outpouring of God’s Spirit” and “devastating blasts of nuclear bombs” before he was back in his room.

Popoff was in his prayer room at home meditating “several years after” his “journey to Heaven.” The “glory of God was shining all around” him. His “spiritual eyes detected a mighty angel” who did not speak verbally or telepathically. Instead he showed him “a spectacular scene” such as he had “never witnessed!” (Ibid., p. 15).

He then heard the Lord Himself command him, “Unveil the revelation, reveal the mystery.” The angel told him to write what he saw so he “grabbed a pen and some paper and began to record the events as they flashed by.” He saw 140 events that might take place “perhaps within the next two years, but certainly by the end of this decade, we will see most of them come to pass” (Ibid., 16). Some of those predictions can be found in this book in Chapter 15.

## Richard Eby

Richard Eby had a near-death experience in 1972 and wrote a book, *Caught Up into Paradise*, published in 1978 in which he explained what happened during his visit to Heaven.

The first thing he noticed is that the body he had in Heaven was transparent. He could see through his arms and legs and see the “white

flowers behind and beneath” him (Ibid., p. 203). [**Authors’ note:** We know our glorified bodies are not transparent because Jesus appeared normal after His resurrection and we will be like Him (1 John 3.2). This had to be a special temporary body for his short visit to Heaven.]

The next things he noticed was that his body had “no bones or vessels or organs. No blood” (Ibid., 204). He also noticed he had “no genitals” (Ibid.). He wondered why his body had no organs and his mind gave him the answer, “they are not needed; Jesus is the Life there. His is the needed energy. There was no air to breathe, no blood to pump, no food to digest nor eliminate. This was not a carnal body of organs, mortal and temporary!” (Ibid.). [**Authors’ note:** We do not know if our immortal bodies will have bones, blood vessels, blood and organs. The Bible does not say, but we know we will eat fruit from the Tree of Life (Revelation 22.2, 19) so we will have a stomach of some kind. We do not believe we will have to eliminate the food we eat. Instead it will be totally consumed with no need for elimination.]

## Oden Hetrick

Oden Hetrick claims to have visited Heaven numerous times and wrote a book, *Inside the Gates of Heaven*, explaining what he learned from his visits:

I saw ten angels around my bed. They were seven feet tall with large masculine bodies, beautiful faces, long golden hair and long white shining garments (Chap. 1).

A few years later, while fasting and praying, Jesus Himself appeared to my spirit in my study (Chap. 1).

A few weeks later I saw and felt the presence of an angel who was among some peach trees. This angel appeared to my spirit while my physical eyes were still wide open. I didn’t know at the time, but this angel was sent to prepare me for visits to Heaven. The angel said that in Heaven everyone loves everyone. This statement was rather shocking because all I knew was earthly marriage, where to be right and proper, you love only one person. But the angel continued to explain that Heaven’s love is far better, far more lasting and far more delightful than the love earth understands. Heaven’s love comes from God and gives perfect eternal peace. It brings uplifting, delightful satisfaction to those who help others and thus

show their love to everyone. There is no law against the love that God by His Spirit sheds abroad in willing hearts (Chap. 1).

The mild rebuke of this angelic exhortation caused me to despise my likeness to the animal creation and lament my ignorance of the eternal love that unites and delights the saints in Heaven. I began to understand why my love for Jesus was so small. And I prayed the Lord would evermore give me that sacred love whereby He loves His Bride the Church (Chap. 1).

Shortly after this experience, three angels took my spirit on my first visit to Heaven. We were there instantly. Since that time, the “peach-tree angel” has taken me on many guided tours of Heaven, showing to me and describing to me its scenes and activities. I am learning that I cannot rest my soul’s desires on a temporary existence in a body of death and a world of lust, because they must and will be changed. True reality is found only in the eternal City of Heaven where my never-dying spirit experiences ecstasies pure and eternal (Chap. 2).

After the angel showed me many things about Heaven, the Spirit of God began to show me things of a more sacred nature in the Holy City of God (Chap. 2).

Many have questioned me about my visits to Heaven – how I got there, and how they can get there. So here, briefly, is my understanding of how this works. The Breath God breathed into Adam at creation was God’s Spirit, and Adam came to life as a body containing a soul, a spirit and the Holy Spirit. These spirits all occupy the same space at the same time in a human body, therefore Adam appeared as one person (Chap. 2).

When I visit Heaven, my spirit and an angel visible to me are carried by God’s invisible Spirit, while my body and soul (my physical nature) remain on the earth (Chap. 2).

According to Hetrick there are two methods of slow travel:

1. We can move through the air as gracefully as a white dove in the sky of earth. Most slow travel is done in this manner.
2. Some visitors to Heaven have called its vehicles by the exciting name of chariots. That’s all right, but what I have seen are just seats

with no flaming horses or wheels; and they are not so elaborate as to call attention to themselves. They just serve their purpose and then disappear. These chariots come in all sizes beginning with a double open-air seat for two companions, up to large bus-type open-air chariots with many double seats (Chap. 4). [**Authors' note:** He explained that God moves the chariots by His will.]

Spiritual glorified bodies do not have reproductive organs, because flesh and blood do not enter Heaven. The same is true for a man. In Heaven he lives in a spiritual body. He still looks like a man, and he is still masculine, but he is no longer male (Chap. 7).

We can, however, pass through this gate of pearly light. The arches to your left and right, shaped like one-third of a circle, or like a rainbow, lead to rooms which on earth would be called business offices. Here the angel who keeps the gate has on record the name, the spiritual status and the works of every saint of God. In this hallway we are greeted by the angel of the gate with a joyful welcome because he knows who we are and because the angels bring only those who are worthy to enter this City. Inside this gate is one of the places where Jesus welcomes His people (Chap. 9).

The Tree of Life is a row of trees on both sides of the river and these trees produce twelve kinds of fruit, one for each month of the year. But there is more than one kind of fruit ripe at one time. One fruit given to visitors to taste, is shaped like a pear, tastes like a soft ripe peach, and is so juicy that its juice will run down your arms and drip off your elbows (Chap. 10).

I don't think we wear shoes in Heaven and I know we don't walk – we move gracefully as on roller skates without bouncing up and down (Chap. 10).

Walking in this river is walking in the Spirit, and these waters remove the scars and memories of sin from the souls and minds of the saints whose home is in Heaven (Chap. 10).

The streets are on both sides of the river and are each about 90 feet wide. In the center of each street is a 30-foot wide green lawn with a row of trees, something like a boulevard. The trees are called the Tree of Life with twelve different fruits, one for each month. The lawn is made of short thick grass growing up out of white sand.

There are also beds of fragrant colorful flowers artistically designed and arranged. This park of trees, streets, and river makes twelve spirals around and from the center of the City outward to the eastern gate. This park is about 26,000 miles long and could easily accommodate 144 million people. But in all my visits to this place, there appear to be very few people here (Chap. 10). [**Authors' note:** The park is 26 miles long not 26,000.]

There are three different garments here: the garment of humility; the robe of righteousness; and the garment of praise. In order to be fully dressed, we put them on in that order. Here in this paradise area between the suburbs and the Most Holy Place, the bodies of saints are completely covered with permanent white light. The body may be a spirit body or a glorified body, in either case it is white (Chap. 11).

There is also a seven day schedule of events, the seventh day being mostly for worship activities described later. There are twelve months in a year, 1000 years in a millennium, 7000 years in an age and seven ages or 49,000 years (or 1000 generations earthly speaking) to an age of ages (Chap. 11).

On earth Jesus appeared only one place at a time. Here, Jesus appears many places at the same time (Chap. 12).

According to Hetrick some saints have country mansions, yet “there are saints who desire only a small place in Heaven and they are servants here and doorkeepers and caretakers. They enjoy seeing to it that fruit from the garden is picked, dried and stored with nuts and spices in preparation for a banquet” (Chap. 12).

Looking now again toward the center of Paradise, we see a round tower – the very center of the City of Heaven. It is 300 miles across and almost a thousand miles high. In case you wonder about the huge distances of Heaven, consider that the moon is over 230,000 miles above the earth and we think nothing of this distance when we look at the moon. Likewise the large spaces of Heaven are no problem to the saints and the angels who live here (Chap. 12).

This round tower is called the Temple of Heaven because it contains the Throne of God and of Jesus (Chap. 12).

The space within the tower walls is called “the Temple” or “the Most Holy Place.” It is the place of the Most Holy Presence of the Most High God, the highest state of existence for a person from planet earth. Isaiah was here (Isaiah 6:1). Here the devoted saints of God dwell in chambers of divine delight, and behold the face of God. These chambers or City Mansions are located in the wall that surrounds the Throne of God and of Jesus (Chap. 12).

Within this wall of the Most Holy Place there are rooms called temples of instruction where every necessary subject is taught. Here the children who for any reason died prematurely, are taught basic heavenly knowledge. Some of these children join the angelic choirs and provide music for banquets or other occasions where their music is desired. In these rooms also the saints are taught the knowledge of heavenly companionship. We plan to sit in and listen to the teacher in a class for children and a class for companions (Chap. 15).

In this Temple wall there are rooms with picture screens where knowledge is presented in a three-dimensional review of important events. Your life is on record here (and that’s enough to keep anyone humble.) One of the events reviewed is the crucifixion of Jesus (Chap. 15).

The Presence of God in this Temple is the highest state of human existence, and it is only for the holy people of God (Chap. 15).

Heaven’s highest pleasures are not given to unsanctified triflers. They are given to those who drink of the Spirit of God as a thirsty soul drinks from a cool mountain spring. They are given to those who breathe in the Spirit of God as they would breathe in the fragrance of flowers on a cool summer evening (Chap. 15).

We go first to the children’s nursery within the wall surrounding the Most Holy Place. Here the souls of infants from earth, including premature infants, begin to realize their existence. The infants are put into classes by angels according to their abilities for either music or art or science, etc. Then they are taught the knowledge and skills of Heaven by very patient and loving feminine angels. The infants and their angel teachers live in the Light of God the Father and Jesus the Lamb as this Light shines through this wall and through these rooms on its way to light the City of Heaven (Chap. 16).

In some of my visits to Heaven I joined in activities there. One of these activities was teaching a class of men and ladies about the covenant companion concept (Chap. 17). [**Authors note:** He claimed Adam and Eve attended one of his classes. Incredible! Jesus said there is no marriage in Heaven. Why would we need classes on marriage?]

The saints who live in country mansions see the saints who live in this temple as very bright lights (Chap. 19).<sup>2</sup>

## Colton Burpo

Colton Burpo had a near-death experience at the age of four in 2003 when he had a severe case of appendicitis. He claims he went to Heaven and sat on the lap of Jesus.

He did not tell parents about his visitation until several months later. He told them of “seeing Jesus dressed in royal purple, meeting John the Baptist, having angels sing to him to ease his anxiety.”

They were skeptical at first, but came to believe him because he told his mother he saw her talking on the phone in another room while he was having surgery, and saw his father praying in a small room, all while he was seated in Jesus’ lap.

“What caught my attention was he could tell me where I was while he was in surgery,” said Todd, Colton’s father. “The surgeon couldn’t tell me that, the nurses couldn’t, my wife couldn’t tell me where I was praying. But he could tell me.”

He told his parents that he saw his sister in Heaven and they were perplexed. He has an older sister who is alive. “No – I have two sisters. You had a baby die in your tummy, didn’t you?” he asked his mother.

Sonja told Lauer that Colton knew nothing about the miscarriage and what’s more, they never even learned the sex of their miscarried child. “It was a private hurt that we didn’t even share with our friends,” Sonja said, adding Colton’s revelation was at first “shocking, but then a relief that she’s OK, which we didn’t know she was a she.”

When he met his sister in Heaven Colton said “she wouldn’t stop hugging him. And she doesn’t have a name.”

“When he told us about his sister in heaven, that we hadn’t told him about, [it was] another one of those ‘holy cow’ moments – OK, he can’t make this stuff up, he can’t invent this; no memory was planted,” Todd told Lauer.

The most unusual thing that Colton said was everyone in heaven has wings. He described his great-grandfather, "Pops," as being "very big, huge wings, curly hair, a big smile, and he was very nice."<sup>3</sup>

## Visions of Hell

### Bill Wiese

Bill Wiese said he received Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior in 1970, and also began his career in residential real estate. It was 37 years later before he married in 1997. His wife, Annette, was sold new homes for a local builder. They were a successful couple.

Yet on November 23, 1998, Bill had an out-of-body experience which he classifies as a vision similar to the one Paul had concerning Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1-2). He says it was not a dream. "The Lord, in His sovereignty, chose to take me to hell in my spirit body," he said. He had been a Christian for 28 years "with a love for God's Word" but he "had never studied the topic of hell."

From 1999 to 2005 Wiese and his wife traveled around the country before the book was published. They paid our own expenses and went wherever they were asked. During that time Wiese began studying about Hell in depth. He wanted to see if what he experienced was described in the Bible. In 2000 he founded Soul Choice Ministries for the purpose of spreading the gospel, and has not taken a salary from it.

A publisher approached him in August of 2004 to write a book about his experience and *23 Minutes In Hell* was published by Charisma House in 2006. It was in that year that Wiese and his wife quit their lucrative real estate careers and began traveling full-time.<sup>4</sup>

"I also saw snakes and worms...and could not believe my eyes" (Ibid., p. 30).

"I wanted to talk and interact with someone. But to have an intelligent conversation-or simply any conversation-with a human being, now so valued, was completely unattainable" (Ibid., p. 12).

"I desperately wanted to talk to a human being, but I knew I would never get that chance. You are kept from any kind of fellowship, conversation, or human interaction" (Ibid., p. 25).

"Each pit [of fire] was no more than three to five feet across and four to five feet deep-each pit holding a single lost soul" (Ibid., p. 30).

"God does not want us to suffer pain, and He does not inflict us. The Devil does that" (Ibid., p. 103).

Now notice how Bill contradicts his own statements on page 15: "...how much worse will it be in Hell when HIS [GOD'S, not Satan's] wrath is poured out?"

"Immediately I realized that I was not alone in this cell. I saw two enormous beasts, unlike anything I had ever seen before" (Ibid., p. 2).

"These creatures were approximately ten to thirteen feet tall."

"The creatures weren't animals, but they weren't human, either. Each giant beast resembled a reptile in appearance, but took on human form...I could hear the creatures speaking...I could understand their words...blasphemous language..." (Ibid., pp. 2-4)

There were giant spiders, huge spiders this big (Bill gestures 5 feet tall) Rats, snakes [as big as trains according to another tape of Bill's] and worms, because the Bible talks about worms that cover thee (Isaiah 14:11). There are all kinds of abominable creatures everywhere and they seemed to be chained to the walls.

"Finally He [Jesus] said, 'Tell them I am coming very, very soon.' In my spirit, I felt an urgency to warn as many people as possible, as time is running out. He [Jesus] sternly said it again: 'TELL THEM I AM COMING VERY, VERY SOON!' (p. 37). [CAPS are Bill's]. Time is running out. We must get the truth out to people so they can know that there is a choice to make...Like a soldier being commanded by his general, all I wanted to do was to obey His order" (Ibid., pp 37-38).

"I was completely exhausted. The fatigue was greater than any I have ever experience in my life. Even so, the next day, I wanted to call

everyone I knew who didn't believe in hell and make them listen to me. I knew that I needed to rest and allow myself to recover, but I had to alert them. It wasn't just my friends and family, either, I wanted to do that with everyone" (Ibid., pp. 47-48).

"The creatures [demons, the Devil's angels], seemed to derive pleasure in the pain and terror they inflicted upon me" (Ibid., p. 6).

"Asking for mercy from such evil only seemed to heighten their desire to torment me more" (Ibid., p. 7).

"I know that reentering the earth's atmosphere is an extremely complicated ordeal for astronauts, and I sensed when we passed through that BARRIER" (Ibid., p. 44).

How soon is "VERY, VERY SOON?" Bill said that on the return trip from hell, Jesus said: "Tell them I am coming very, very soon"...He sternly said it again: "TELL THEM I AM COMING VERY, VERY SOON" (Ibid., p. 37 – emphasis B.W.).<sup>5</sup>

Hell, Wiese says, "was hot—far beyond any possibility of sustaining life." My flesh should disintegrate from off my body at any moment. The reality was that it didn't."

"I was extremely nauseous from the terrible, foul stench coming from these creatures," he explained. "It was absolutely disgusting, foul, and rotten. It was, by far, the most putrid smells I have ever encountered. The odor was extremely toxic, and that alone should have killed me."

Wiese was also given information that he ordinarily would not have known. The creatures in his cell were speaking in a blasphemous language, Wiese says which he was supernaturally able to understand. Then, "one of the creatures picked me up. The strength of the beast was amazing. I was comparable to the weight of a water glass in its hand. He claims that he instinctively knew that the creature holding him was a thousand times greater than a man.

Jesus told Wiese to tell people that hell is real. Wiese says he was brought to hell in order to warn others about its torment. Twenty-three minutes after first being catapulted from his bed, he woke up. He was lying on the floor of his living room, screaming in horror. His wife, hearing his screams, woke up and brought him a glass of water.

Wiese is adamant that his visit to hell was real and that it corresponds precisely to the Bible's description of it. "I saw the liquid fire that falls like rain," he said. "I felt the extreme heat, and I smelled the stench of burning things. I do not believe the Scripture references are merely symbolic or allegorical; I believe they speak of real fire."<sup>6</sup>

## **General visions**

### **Paul Crouch**

One evening in 1975, he was inspired to embrace a new technology. Crouch wrote that he was sitting in the den of his Newport Beach home when God projected a map of the U.S. on the ceiling. Beams of light struck major population centers, then spread throughout the country.

"I sat there transfixed by what I was seeing as I cried out to God to show me what all this meant," Crouch wrote. "As I waited upon the Lord, He spoke a ringing, resounding word to my spirit – 'Satellite!'"<sup>1</sup>

## **Conclusion**

It is hard to believe that any of these or other visits to Heaven are for real. All of them describe things that contradict the Bible and they contradict each other directly or indirectly.

### **Jesse Duplantis**

Duplantis said the angels in Heaven called God the Father "Jehovah" (*Heaven, Close Encounters of the God Kind*, p. 69). This is highly unlikely because His name is YHWH (Exodus 3.14). He also got the hair color of Jesus wrong. He said it was "light brown" but the Bible says His hair is "*white like white wool, like snow*" (Revelation 1.16).]

Another mistake that Duplantis made was about the angels he said that fly around the throne of God. There are no angels who fly around the throne of God worshipping Him. There are the four living creatures who have six wings each, but they do not fly. All they do is worship YHWH around the clock (Revelation 4.8). Since Duplantis failed to mention them it is obvious he did not visit Heaven. He also made another serious mistake when he said the 24 elders were not seated on their thrones worshipping YHWH, but were helping people in Heaven

(Ibid., p. 111). All they do is worship YHWH like the four living creatures (Revelation 10-11).

A very weird and absurd thing Duplantis said was that Jesus would walk into and out of God who is fire and energy (Ibid., pp. 116-119). When Jesus ascended to Heaven He sat down at the right hand of God (Acts 2.33-34; Romans 8.34; Colossians 3.1; Hebrews 1.3; 8.1; 10.12; 12.2; 1 Peter 3.22). He stands up to greet believers who are martyred for their faith in Him (Acts 7.55-56). He does not walk in and out of God the Father who has a physical body, nor is He wandering around the Holy City. The descriptions of Jesus and the Father are of Jesus approaching the Father not coming out of Him (Daniel 7.13; Revelation 5.6-7).

The body that the Father created so He can be with His children is a real, physical body just like the body that Jesus has. His total essence is not confined to that body. Instead His essence is manifested through that body. Even though great glory emanates from His body as it does from the body of Jesus, His body is physical, it is not energy or spirit as He is in His realm. His totality of essence cannot be contained in the entire universe much less a physical body.

Another bizarre thing he said is that babies come out of the breath of God (Ibid., p. 119). This comes from the Kabala or Mormonism, not the Bible.

## **Richard Ebby**

Ebby said the glorified bodies that believers have when they die are transparent and they have no organs or blood (*Caught Up into Paradise*, p. 203-204). This contradicts Scripture which says we shall be like Jesus (1 John 3.2) and Jesus said His body had flesh and bones (Luke 24.39). The Bible does not say His glorified body was transparent. No one else who claims to have visited Heaven says this.

We do not know if our immortal bodies will have a heart pumping blood, lungs, kidneys, a liver, a spleen, etc. Those glorified bodies will have flesh and bones, but the flesh and bones will not be the same corruptible flesh and bones of our mortal bodies. The flesh of our future bodies will not decay, wrinkle and age. It cannot be torn, cut, burned, discolored or damaged in any way. The bones of our immortal bodies will be indestructible. No force can crush, break, cut, crack or damage them in any way.

It is logical that we will not have internal organs and have no need to breath to take in oxygen to keep organs functioning. If we had organs a that needed oxygen a believer could drown. Logic dictates that we will not have internal organs, only indestructible flesh and bones along with a brain. Yet that brain will be self-contained with no need of sustenance of any kind. It will not age nor will it diminish in its abilities through all eternity.

## Oden Hetrick

Hetrick claims to have visited Heaven numerous times and in his book, *Inside the Gates of Heaven*, he said the vehicles of Heaven “are just seats with no flaming horses or wheels; and they are not so elaborate as to call attention to themselves” (Chapter 4). He mildly ridiculed other visitors to Heaven saying, “Some visitors to Heaven have called its vehicles by the exciting name of chariots” (Ibid.).

He also said “the Tree of Life is a **row of trees** on both sides of the river and these trees produce twelve kinds of fruit, one for each month of the year. But there is more than one kind of fruit ripe at one time. One fruit given to visitors to taste, is shaped like a pear, tastes like a soft ripe peach, and is so juicy that its juice will run down your arms and drip off your elbows” (Chapter 10, emphasis mine). He made a serious, but understandable mistake here. The Tree of Life is **one** tree (Genesis 2.9), not a row of trees, that has two or more trunks. We know this because the River of Life runs through it:

*And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the **tree** of life, bearing twelve [manner of] fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the **tree** were for the healing of the nations.* (Revelation 22.1-2, emphasis added)

Notice it says “tree” (singular) not “trees” (plural). The only way a single tree can be on both sides of the River of Life is if it has two or more trunks. It may seem that it is a row of trees but it is only one tree. The Tree of Life is massively large yielding billions of pieces of fruit every month.

Hetrick gives Jesus an ability that is not mentioned in the Bible:

On earth Jesus appeared only one place at a time. Here, Jesus appears many places at the same time (Chap. 12).

The Bible says that when Jesus took human form He had a single body just as all men do. Yet during His incarnation He was capable of transporting Himself, men and matter by His will (John 6.21). There is no passage in the Bible that says or hints at the possibility that Jesus has numerous bodies and can be in myriad places at the same time. He can only be in one place at a time, but He can travel from any point in the universe to any other point in a fraction of a second. He can also converse with everyone in Heaven at the same time. He can and does carry on continual conversations with millions of people in heaven through telepathic communication. It is possible that He could project thousands or millions of holographic images of Himself to fellowship with believers. It is possible Hetrick did not understand what he was seeing was a holographic projection of Jesus.

We learn from Hetrick that “there are saints who desire only a small place in Heaven and they are servants here and doorkeepers and caretakers” (Chapter 12). This is hard to believe because the Bible clearly teaches that ALL believers are kings (Revelation 5.10). Apparently some kings are lowly servants.

Another mistake he made is to claim there is a temple in the Heaven. He said he saw a “round tower” that “is 300 miles across and almost a thousand miles high.” The tower “is called the Temple of Heaven because it contains the Throne of God and of Jesus” (Chapter 12).

He should have read the Bible more carefully. It says emphatically that there is “no temple” in the New Jerusalem because God the Father and the Lamb “are its temple” (Revelation 21.22). It also cannot be 1,000 miles high because the New Jerusalem is only 375 miles high.

## **Colton Burpo**

Colton made an unusual claim that cannot be found in the Bible. He said that everyone in Heaven has wings. He described his great-grandfather, “Pops,” as being “very big, huge wings, curly hair, a big smile, and he was very nice.”<sup>3</sup>

The Bible says that only two classes of angels have wings – seraphim (Isaiah 6.2) and cherubim (Exodus 25.20). The only other beings that have wings are the four living creatures (Revelation 4.6-8) which are a special class of cherubim (Ezekiel 1.6; 10.19-21).

After His resurrection Jesus did not have wings and neither will believers for “*we know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is*” (1 John 3.2b).

## **What they missed**

The dimensions noted in this section are guesses. We cannot be certain of the exact size of the condos in the New Jerusalem or how large the balconies and promenade booths are.

### **Dwellings inside the walls**

All of the people who claim they made a trip to Heaven have neglected to mention some things that they should have seen. One thing they have all missed is the fact that the “mansions” Jesus has prepared for us are not houses like we picture them on Earth. They are more like condominiums and they are built into the walls of the New Jerusalem.

The walls of the New Jerusalem are 144 cubits or 216 feet (a cubit was about 18 inches). This allows the condos to be at least 200 feet deep from the exterior wall to the interior wall. We most likely will have windows which we can look out of the city to the Earth. It was a custom of the ancient peoples to build dwelling places (apartments/condos) into the walls of a city. Rahab lived in a condo inside the walls of Jericho (Joshua 2.15).

We do not know exactly how large our condos will be, but they will be 200 feet or more deep. They could be 100 feet wide or more. The city at its base is 12,000 stadia (1,500 miles). Each side is therefore 375 miles long and it is 375 miles high. If we divide the walls into condos of 100 x 200 feet there can be as many as 50 condos per mile leaving room for the elevators. That would provide 18,750 per side for a total of 75,000 on each floor. If each floor is 17 feet in height (12 feet plus 5 feet of structure between floors) there are a total of about 310 floors per mile or a grand total of 116,250 floors. Since there are promenades every 50 floors (plus a storage promenade) that leaves about 111,600 livable floors. Since the New Jerusalem is a pyramid the total number of condos per floor will diminish due to the inward angle of the walls.

The total number of condos in the walls of the city would be about 75,000 times 111,600 or 8,370,000,000 (8.37 billion) minus the angle of ascent leaving around 6 billion condos. Everyone will have their

own condo and so will the angels. If there are more than six billion angels and believers there is more room for houses and condos inside the city itself. There may be thousands of high-rise condo-complexes.

Imagine stepping out onto your balcony which may be 30 or more feet deep (30 x 100) and look down on that out-of-this-world Holy City, the New Jerusalem! You look down from 100 stories or 1,000 stories or 100,000 floors up and see God the Father and Jesus Christ (God the Son) sitting on Their thrones giving light to the City! Millions of the redeemed and angels are worshipping Them singing praises. You also see the River of Life flowing out of the thrones of the Father and the Son! You follow that River of sparkling, crystal clear water as it flows out of the City to give the entire Earth its water, splitting into thousands of rivers and filling thousands of lakes. You also see the magnificent Tree of Life that has numerous trunks on each side of the River and produces billions of pieces of fruit each month. After taking in the glory of God and Jesus you look across the City and see billions of other brothers and sisters on their balconies. It will not matter what floor you are on, whether it is the first floor or the 100,000th floor, you will be able to see those across the 375 mile-wide City because we will have super-vision.

## **Promenades**

One of the most exciting activities in the New Jerusalem besides worshipping YAHWEH and YAHSHUA will be walking along the thousands of promenades. About every 50 floors there is a promenade where everyone will have a booth to exhibit the fruits, vegetables, animals, jewels, flowers and things we cannot imagine gathered from the trillions of planets throughout the cosmos. Each resident of the Holy City will share a booth 20 feet by 90 feet with four other residents. The promenades are divided into two sections. There are booths from the exterior wall to 90 feet inside the wall. There is a walkway of 30 feet and then another 90 feet of booths from the center walkway to the interior wall. The booths on the inside have the balcony (30 by 20 feet) at their disposal. There are a total of 500 booths per mile of the promenade with five residents sharing each booth (2,500).

There are about 50 condos per floor per mile and there are 50 floors between promenades. This leaves 2,500 residents to share the 500 booths per mile. The residents of each block (1 mile) take turns swapping the exterior and interior booths each month.

## This Is Your Life

*Thou numberest my wanderings: Put thou my tears into thy bottle; Are they not in thy book? (Psalm 56.8)*

God records all of the trials and tribulations that His children experience. He writes them in a book with a full explanation as to why His children went through them and how He helped them through those times of persecution, sufferings, trials and tribulations. That book is given to each believer when he goes to Heaven by his guardian angel. We will have that book to read for all eternity. Each time we read it we will be reminded of how great a love God has for us. We will also share the many experiences in that book with others in Heaven. Imagine having Adam, Enoch, Noah, Job, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Daniel, John the Baptist, Mary, Paul, Peter, John, James and all of your favorite Bible characters share the myriad experiences not recorded in the Bible that they had in which God directly intervened to help them! Imagine hearing the stories of believers who were born after the Bible was completed! Our appreciation of the love and faithfulness of God will grow every time we hear and read of the times God stepped in to rescue us and billions of our brothers and sisters.

The people who visited Heaven would not be given their life book, but their guardian angel certainly would have mentioned it. He would also have shown these visitors the bottle that contains all of the tears they had shed for the Lord throughout their lives (Psalm 56.8).

## Pegasus

Another thing these alleged visitors of Heaven missed is the Pegasus (flying horse). We know there are flying horses in Heaven because the Bible mentions them:

*And Elisha prayed, and said, Jehovah, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was **full of horses** and chariots of fire round about Elisha. (2 Kings 6.17)*

*And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteous he doth judge and make war. (Revelation 19.11)*

*And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white [and] pure. (Revelation 19.14)*

We see that angels ride horses and these horses can fly. Elisha and his servant saw angels all around them to protect them. The angels were riding the horses and the chariots of fire. When Jesus returns to Earth at His Second Coming He returns with millions of believers from Adam to the last person saved before the Rapture. Jesus and believers will be riding flying horses. It is highly probable that every believer will have a Pegasus to get around on in the New Jerusalem. It is possible that there will be vehicles, buses, bicycles, Segways and skateboards for believers to travel about on.

We do not have to worry about our horses relieving themselves because immortal horses and people do not have to do that. That is one of the millions of benefits of getting an immortal body besides never getting sick, getting tired, having to sleep, feeling pain, growing old or having a bad day.

## **Final conclusion**

Most Christians want to believe that the people who claim they have visited Heaven have been there, but the facts speak for themselves. Everyone who has made this fantastic claim has contradicted what the Bible says about Heaven. Also, all of the accounts contradict each other directly or indirectly. We must remember what the greatest of all of the apostles said about his visit to Heaven:

*I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. (2 Corinthians 12.2-4)*

Please meditate on the above verse and the following questions, and try to come up with an answer to each of the following questions:

If Paul was not permitted to tell the world what he saw in his real visit to Heaven why have dozens of people in the 20th and 21st centuries been allowed to?

Is God preparing His people for Heaven with all of these visitations?

If so, how are these tales preparing Christians for Heaven?

Are the revelations of Heaven in the Bible insufficient to prepare Christians for Heaven?

Could some of these visitations simply have been an elaborate dream?

Can the devil and the fallen angels implant false memories into a person's mind?

Is it possible that some of the people who claim they have been to Heaven made this claim for financial gain or fame?

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# SIX

## PROPHECIES

A great many of the leading Pentecostal/Charismatic televangelists and some preachers claim to have the “manifestation gift” of prophecy. To prove they have this gift they must make prophetic utterances, but a large percentage of their prophecies are meaningless or they are found to be false prophecies. Here are a few of the prophecies that the leading televangelists have made.

### Benny Hinn

Benny Hinn is considered by many to be the most influential televangelist in the world. When he speaks millions of people listen.

The prophecies marked as being made on December 31, 1989 are extracts from Hinn’s ramblings one night at the Orlando Christian Center. He apparently kept the crowd there until about one in the morning when he said “What did I say in that prophecy, guys? How long did I? I prophesied for twenty minutes? I’d like to know what I said. I was totally gone.”

### God will destroy the homosexual community

The Lord also tells me to tell you in the mid-’90s, about ’94-’95, no later than that, God will destroy the homosexual community of America. [audience applauds] But He will not destroy it – with what many minds have thought Him to be, He will destroy it with fire. And many will turn and be saved, and many will rebel and be destroyed. (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989) [**Authors’ note:** This is an obvious **false prophecy!**]

### Two Moseses

The Lord also says that two of his great giants will die in the mid-’90s. They’ve held the torch of revival for the last forty years, these two. One of them has been to this church, and the other has not. One

will die suddenly while asleep. And the other will die of sickness. And as both giants die, which will be in the mid-'90s, I will shake this world with a last revival. Their death will be the closing pages of this move. And the new move of God will begin, which I have promised. Remember when Moses died, Joshua arose. And when the Moseses of this day will die – two of them still walking this earth, whose calling is that of Moses – my Joshuas will arise. (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989) [**Authors' note:** We wonder who those two Moseses were that died in the 1990s. Did Hinn think Kenneth Hagin and Oral Roberts would die in the 1990s and he would be the Joshua that would take their place. If so he missed by about ten years as Hagin died in 2003 and Roberts in 2009.]

### **Fidel Castro**

The Spirit tells me – Fidel Castro will die – in the '90s. Oooh my! Someone will try to kill him and they will not succeed. But there will come a change in his physical health, and he will not stay in power, and Cuba will be visited of God.' (Orlando Christian Center, 12. 31.1989) [**Authors' note:** Hinn was just guessing and he missed by a long shot.]

### **Woman president and world dictator**

The Spirit tells me that following the rapture – a woman president will be in the White House, and that woman president will destroy this nation, but My church will, will be gone. ... A world dictator is coming on the scene. ... I see a short man, who's a perfect incarnation of Satan... This man will rule the world. The next few years you will see him. But not long after that, you will see Me." (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989) [**Authors' note:** Hinn missed on both. How long is a "few years"? It has been over 22 years and no woman president or Antichrist.]

### **A New Plague Will be Birthed Because of a New Drug**

God tells me to tell you there's a new disease that will arise on the scene – unknown to mankind. It will kill many. The Spirit of God tells me to tell you that there is a demon spirit (my goodness). His name is Apollyon. He's written-up in the book of Revelation. His name is the destructor, destroyer. He will come from the south –

from South America into America itself – and will plague many for living in rebellion. God tells me to tell you that the drug problem of America will cause many to die with that plague. This new plague will be birthed because of a new drug that will come on the scene in the '90s. It will come from South America. And the United States Government will look at, on that day, and say, “Where do we go now?” But My people will arise with healing in their wings, even as healing are in Mine. (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989) [**Authors’ note:** This plague was not AIDS for it reared its ugly head in 1981, being first reported on June 5.]

### **Canada**

Canada will be visited with a mighty revival that will start in the west coast of British Columbia. It will sweep across the west. It will sweep across even Alaska, and will come east. But the great move of God that I have planned for America will not begin on the west coast, but on the east coast. It will break-loose in the next three years and sweep across the west. (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989)

### **Earthquakes**

The Spirit of God tells me an earthquake will hit the east coast of America and destroy much in the '90s. Not one place will be safe from earthquakes in the '90s. These who have not known earthquakes will know it. People I feel the Spirit all over me. He speaks in “tongues.” (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989) [**Authors’ note:** He missed this one by a mile. There has been only one major earthquake on the east coast (2011) and it did very little damage. Hinn believed the Rapture would take place in the 1990s and thought there would be a rash of severe earthquakes due to a misunderstanding of Matthew 24.7.]

### **A Woman Leader**

The Spirit of God tells me there will be a woman that will arise as a leader in the west. In her day much evil will take place. She will be very powerful. (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989) [**Authors’ note:** No evil woman yet. Hillary comes close but she will not sneak back into the White House. It is unlikely she will fulfill Hinn’s prophecy.]

## Two years to the Rapture

Paul, I can say this – Are you ready for this? We may have two years before the rapture. Can I be blunt with ya? I don't know if we have two years left. I'm gonna prove to you from the Word tonight, that we have less than two years. (TBN, Praise-a-Thon, 11,09,1990) [**Authors' note:** He missed by 19 years as of 2011 and since the Rapture will not take place for another 20 plus years he will have missed by over 40 years in this prophecy.]

## Israel Will Sign Treaty With Hafez Al-Assad

On the April 2, 2000 Trinity Broadcasting Network program, Hinn claimed God was about to make a major move to anoint the people of God, as soon as Israel signed a treaty with the ailing Hafez Al-Assad of Syria, which he said would likely be within the next year. This would signal the impending large scale shift of financial wealth from the wicked to those obedient to God. But, in order to benefit from this unprecedented supernatural anointing, you had to be obedient to God and sow your financial seed (to TBN) right then and there (TBN, Spring 2000 fundraising Praise-A-Thon). [**Authors' note:** Assad died on June 10, 2000 and his son, Bashar, took over on July 17, 2000. No treaty was ever signed.]

## TBN's Last Tel-A-Thon

STOP what you are doing and hear this! The Lord said to me last Saturday, I heard His voice in that church, and He said, "Tell them, time is running out," and His voice was coming in waves in into my heart. "Time is running" and then there was a second voice. Now hear this one. "Tell the people, I am passing by many." Hear this – "I am passing by many and if I pass by it would be as though I never knew them. I am passing by many and if I pass by it would be as though I never knew them." My friend we're all being tested right now on whether we are gonna stick with this or walk away from it. Tonight is decision night. It is not only decision night for America, for the next four years, this is decision night for eternity. What you do for God tonight, you do it with your soul, you do it with your life. This is **not**, my friend, just another Tel-A-Thon. **This is - this may very well be the last one.** Time is so short people, I'm tellin' ya, never have I sensed it – I am telling you I am speaking to you

**prophetically.** (11.07.2000 – TBN’s Fall Praise-A-Thon, emphasis added) [**Authors’ note:** TBN is still going strong with its Praise-A-Thons.]

### **Jesus is physically appearing in the Muslim world**

Ladies and gentleman, Jesus is shaking the world! Now something else is happening that is to me awesome! Absolutely awesome! The Lord is physically appearing in the Muslim world. I’m telling you, Paul, I am hearing it now more and more and more. Since we preachers cannot go there, Jesus is – just going there Himself. Since we preachers are not permitted to go in, He is just showing up – Himself. You know the Scriptures says clearly that the Lord did appear, did He not? Ah for forty days, isn’t that right? And the, and the, and the Scriptures says He, He, He even, He even appeared to Paul. Now we are always thinking, well Jesus can’t really preach, preach the Gospel. Who told you that? He was the first one to preach the Gospel. In fact He is the one who came to Paul and said, Paul, I am Jesus. He, He didn’t send no angel to do that job. He did it Himself. If Jesus revealed Himself to Paul, why not reveal Himself to a lot more than just Paul? And He is doing it! The reason the Lord had to appear to Paul is because He knew Paul wouldn’t listen to nobody else. Now in the case of Cornelius, the angel said send for Peter, ’cause, because Cornelius was, was ready, his heart was right, he’d been in prayer. But here’s Paul killing everybody, causing ’em to blaspheme, Jesus said this man won’t even listen to an angel, so I’ll go do the job myself. So He went and knocked him right off his horse and preached the Gospel to him. He’s doing the same thing today in the Muslim world. He’s appearing, hear this, He is appearing to Muslims, saying I am Jesus of Nazareth! And they’re coming to know the Lord! Why are those things happening? It’s the last days! Saints, this is why we need to give to the Gospel now more than ever. You know naively say well I gave last year. Forget it! Last year it’s gone! That cycle is over with! Seed time – harvest of last year is gone. Every season is a fresh season. We are in a fresh season. What, what you gave last year will not reap you anything this year. What you gave even a few months ago is gone, you got the harvest for that.” (TBN Praise-a-thon, 4.02.2000) [**Authors’ note:** This contradicts Scripture and it simply is not true. The angels at the Lord’s ascension said He would return in the same way He departed (Acts 1.9). He will only return to Earth one time at His

Second Advent. He will not make any physical appearances to anyone. The Mormons teach He appeared physically to the Indians in the Americas. His appearance to Paul was not physical. He spoke to him. He is not speaking to Muslims as he spoke to Paul.]

### **Jesus will physically appear at Benny Hinn's meetings**

Let me tell you something. The Holy Spirit has already told me He is about to show up. And you know, oh, I gotta tell you this quickly, just before we go. I had a word of prophecy from Ruth Heflin, you know who Ruth Heflin is? Ruth prophesied over me back in the seventies and everything she said has happened. She just sent me a word through my wife and said the Lord spoke to her **audibly** and said that He is going to appear physically in one of our crusades in the next few months. Yeah, she – I'm telling ya – she said, the Lord spoke to her **audibly** and said, "Tell Benny I'm going to appear physically on the platform in his meetings." Lord, do it in Phoenix Arizona in the name of Jesus! And in Kenya too, Lord, please, Lord, in fact, do it in every crusade. In Jesus' name. (This Is Your Day, 3.29.2000, emphasis added)

The hour is urgent. Many of you have known me for many years. But I am telling you right now, things I haven't said years 'n years 'n years ago. I believe – here this, hear this! I believe, that Jesus, God's Son, is about to appear physically, in meetings and to believers around the world, to wake us up! He appeared after His resurrection and He is **about to appear** before His second coming! You know a prophetess sent me a word through my wife, right here, and she said "Tell your husband that Jesus is go'n to **physically appear in his meetings.**" I am expecting to see, I am telling you that – I feel it's going to happen. I, I, I'm, I'm careful in how I am saying it now, because I know the people in Kenya are listening. I know deep in my soul, something supernatural is going to happen in Nai – in Nairobi Kenya. I feel that. I may very well come back, and you and Jan are coming, too. Paul and Jan are coming to Nairobi with me, but Paul, we may very well come back with **footage of Jesus on the platform!** You know that the **Lord appeared in Romania recently**, and there's a video of it? Where the **Lord appeared in the back of a church** and you see him on video walking down the aisle? Yeah! Paul do you remember when I came on TBN years ago and **showed you a clip of the Lord appearing in our church in**

**Orlando**, on the balcony on the wall? Yeah. You, you remember that? “Very well, I saw it!” [Paul Crouch] That was ’80, ’80 something, ’86, what – whatever. You know I always wondered why the Lord, why did He do that? Do you know why, now I look back? That was the beginning of the greatest move of God in our church. Because ’83, ’84, and ’85 were horrible years for me, horrible years. Eighty-six the blessings of God began, but they began with a – with this **manifestation of the Lord’s face on, on the balcony, that stayed for eight weeks**. Eight solid weeks! The Lord has done this in the past, but He is about to do it again, now hear this, **I am prophesying this!** Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is about to **appear physically** in some churches, and some meetings, and to many of His people, for one reason – to tell you He is about to show up! To wake up! Jesus is coming saints! You have held back from the Lord in the past, don’t you dare do it now. The day will come you’ll stand before Him and give an answer. How dare we not give to God. How dare we hold back. (TBN Praise-a-thon, 4.02.2000, emphasis added) [Author’s note: On May 9, 2000, Hinn was the guest of Jan Crouch on the TBN Behind the Scenes program. Video from his Kenya Crusade was shown, but nothing was said about Jesus appearing like Hinn said He would. Study Matthew 24:23-27 to see that Jesus will not return to Earth until He comes for His bride in the air (1 Thessalonians 4.16-17) and then to Earth at His Second Coming:

*Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe [it] not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you beforehand. If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe [it] not. For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son of man. (Matthew 24.23-27)*

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4.16-17)*

*And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteous he doth judge and make war. And his eyes [are] a flame of fire, and upon his head [are] many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself. And he [is] arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white [and] pure. And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written, **KINGS OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come [and] be gathered together unto the great supper of God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, [even the sword] which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh. (Revelation 19.11-21)]*

### **Satan To Unleash Horror and Terror on This Earth**

Wednesday, the Wednesday before the 20th would be the 19th, correct, no the 18th of December at 2 am I awakened to a **prophecy** ringing in my heart. I was hearing myself **prophecy**. Jeremiah the prophet said that when the Spirit of God came upon him, when the word of the Lord came upon him, it was as fire came into his being. And he could not hold the prophesy. When the Word of the Lord is given to you, you'll prophesy even if you're alone in that place. And so I felt as though my mouth was about to burst with this **prophecy**. But what I heard was frightening. That was on Wednesday, Thursday morning at 2 a.m. in fact. And now I'm hearing the words

“Rivers of blood, rivers of blood.” And the Lord revealed to me what’s coming in the next few days and weeks with this war with Iraq. I will tell you this, Satan is ready to unleash horror and terror on this earth as never before. But I heard the Lord say, **literally I heard Him speak those words**, He said, “Dark days are ahead for the world, and bright days for my people.” [Applause] I was **prophesying** it. “Those who know me and those who walk with me will know light and beauty, says the Lord.” God began to speak these words... March 3rd. I just heard March 3rd in my ears. What’s March 3rd? What day is that? We don’t know. I don’t know what March 3rd what day it would be? I’m not sure what I would be, I don’t know what crusade or service or maybe I’m not anywhere. But I’m hearing the Lord say that to me. (TBN, Praise the Lord, 12.30.2002, emphasis added) [**Authors’ note**: The only horror and terror unleashed by Satan in the Iraq War was by the U.S. forces. Either Hinn missed this prophecy or he believes the Bush administration was under satanic influence.]

## **Kim Clement**

### **New York City**

New York City, consumed by a spirit that has even taken hold of the people and caused greed. Tonight the Spirit of the Lord says my Spirit is about to burn so strongly that it will cause a fire to take place and the fire will burn everything that has not been born of my Spirit. It will take everything that has not been born of my Spirit. It will take everything that has not been born of my Spirit and I will burn it down. And God says, righteousness will prevail. I will take every dividing racial spirit and I will destroy it. I will take the cultural demons that have caused people to separate themselves and I will do something that is so mighty that it will be spoken of by people on the West Coast, says the Spirit of the Lord! (New Life Christian Church, Southgate, Michigan, 4.20.1996) [**Authors’ note**: This prophesy is crazy. Does Clement truly believe God will burn up the planet leaving just Christians? Where do these false prophets come up with this nonsense? Do they make it up or are demons feeding it to them?]

## **Rabbis, Jehovah Witnesses, Christian Science and Scientologists will be saved**

I will even take the rabbi's, even take the people that are dressed in the cloaks and garments. They will come out and say there is only one Lord. His name is Jesus! It's Jesus! I will even allow my Spirit to baptize them in the very sanctuaries. I will even go into the temples, and I will fill them with my Spirit. And don't let anybody tell you that I cannot do it, says the Lord. I can go to the temple any time I like. I can go to the Jewish places anytime I like. I can go to Mount Zion any time I like. I will go wherever I want to.

But that's not all! But that's not all! He says, I'm going to go way beyond and even go into the Christian Science church. I will go to the Scientologists. I will even go to the Jehovah Witnesses. And they will go from JW to JC in the house! For God says, I'll take the Jehovah Witnesses, the Christian Scientists, I will even take the psychics, and fill them with my Spirit. You know why? You know why, says the Lord? Because I'll go wherever I want. I'll go wherever I want. But listen – I'm about to take a trip to Israel.

And the Spirit of the Lord says, when that happens, there will be an invasion of my blood into the territories that would never be holy, but shall become holy. I will take the holy places which are actually unholy, and I will lift them up. I will declare, this is not holy. I will tear down the idols and their gods. I will tear down the spirits of Allah. (July 25, 1996) [**Authors' note:** It has been over 15 years and this prophecy has not been fulfilled even in a small way.]

### **Cure for AIDS**

Therefore, the Lord says to you tonight, "Get ready, for my kingdom is coming and I shall declare my glory. The miraculous, the miraculous... what is this about the miraculous? The miraculous shall be in this way. I will do things you never thought I would do. I will bring a cure for AIDS/HIV. God says there shall be a cure. I will raise them up. But what about the gays?" God says, "I will take gay people and I will cause them to be filled with my Spirit and to speak my Word with purity and life. Do not tell me I cannot do it, says the Lord; I will do exactly what I like. If I can go to the woman at the well, if I can go to the adulterer, if I can go to the religious Pharisee, if I can go to the tax-collector, why can I not do it today?" (TBN, 3.05.2002) [**Authors' note:** Clement missed this by a country

mile. The only cure for AIDS/HIV is a strong immune system. No drug can cure it or even alleviate. Eating an organic, vegetarian diet with distilled water, plenty of sleep and reduction of stress is the best remedy.]

### **Five evangelists will be raised up**

Five great evangelists shall be raised up, says the Spirit of God:

One is a writer living in the Northeast, who has written of these dungeons.

One is a prophetic voice in the darkness – Eminem, I prophesy it.

A president shall be My spokesman, even greater than the one that you have now shall come forth and shall bring righteousness forth without law and without methods, says the Spirit of God.

One a businessman, who has hailed himself as the Chief of Microsoft. I will take the one wealthy man, I speak of men in this Nation, and shall become the financier of the kingdom of God, says the Lord.

I shall take one who is blind...

Spiritual forces of hell, the word of the Lord has gone forth, we have captured them from your hands. It is done, it is finished, the power of Christ has spoken it and it shall be done!

A Middle Eastern man who is blind, with great influence with the kings of the East shall be raised up from a Muslim stronghold, be filled with My spirit, but remain behind the cloth. And bring Christ to kings of the East, with his hand with the hand of the President of the United States in the year 2007, says the Spirit of the Lord. Rejoice for this shall be a great undertaking, says the Spirit of God. Come on! (Detroit, Michigan, 6.29.2003, taken from “Summer of Your Life” CD) [**Authors’ note:** It has been eight years and this has not taken place. It most likely never will.]

God told me that March 11, 2004 would be the beginning of an unusual chain of events in the Kingdom of God. He spoke about that day being the unveiling of mysteries and revelations that would affect the following areas over a period of time:

There will be political events that will bring a period of peace for the USA.

Hidden agendas will be exposed and a shaking of terrorist activities in a big way.

There will be unusual access into secular arenas for the purpose of evangelism.

Medical discoveries will be made that will affect the following diseases: Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Parkinson's, a lung disease, and a rare bone disease.

There will be unusual spiritual manifestations in spiritually uninhabited places with mass responses due to media coverage of these events.

There will be kingdom appearances in church meetings instead of regular revival meetings. Churches that are hungry for fresh things from God will "tarry" until these Kingdom manifestations actually take place.

March 11 will begin disclosures in political circles, and the President will have to use a firm hand against internal enemies.

Cain will be exposed – Ministries that attempted to "destroy and kill" their brothers because of jealousy, accusation, and hatred, will be banished for a season until they are humble again. Then they will bring forth an "Enoch" move of the Spirit.

Finally, I saw March 11 as the "beginning of the end" of major terrorist leaders and movements. (TBN, 1.13.2004) [**Authors' note:** On March 11, 2004 close to 200 people died when terrorists bombed several trains in Madrid. It was not the "beginning of the end of major terrorist leaders and movements." There have been no "unusual access into secular arenas," "medical discoveries," "unusual spiritual manifestations," "Kingdom appearances," and "disclosures in political circles" on or soon after March 11, 2004.]

## **Osama Bin Laden**

Osama Bin Laden said that in 35 days America would be abolished, wiped out because he has a plan for 35 days. And the word of the Lord came to me and said, "You prophesy that the very thing that he said and predicted for this nation is reversed, I'm going to bring him out in 35 days. There is a resurrection day coming over this Easter. This Easter will be one of the greatest Easters this nation has ever celebrated. Why? Because there will be a resurrection of the dead, speaking spiritually of revelation that has died, of prophetic words that have died and been buried in the ground. This Easter, not only will I bring your greatest enemy out, but I will also bring about a

severe judgment against the powers and the principalities that have come against my servants, against my people. There shall be a judgment.” (January 13th, 2004 – TBN) [**Authors’ note:** Usama bin Laden did not die in 2004 according to this prophecy. He is said to have been killed in 2011, although some in the Intelligence Community believed he had died in December of 2001. This was a clear false prediction.]

### **Cures Discovered For Diseases**

Alzheimer’s has come against too many of God’s people; the prophetic word of the Lord is coming to you tonight. Alzheimer’s, Diabetes, Parkinson’s disease, rare bone and lung diseases; these five things will suddenly come to the surface with incredible discoveries and it will begin this year. (January 13, 2004 – TBN) [**Authors’ note:** This is an obvious **false prophecy!** It has been seven years and nothing.]

### **Something wonderful will happen in March 2004**

God said that on March the 11th – the month of March has been set aside by God for the Church in the United States of America for something unbelievably wonderful to happen – there’s going to be one unusual event, almost like a renting of something, a curtain, and a veil for the church. Pastors and leaders, watch the month of March. A fabulous anointing is going to be released, and what you’ve struggled to get is going to be released like that! In just one second. It’s payback time. (TBN, March 2004) [**Authors’ note:** What happened?]

### **Viruses will be wiped out**

This shall be known as the year of viruses being annihilated. For there shall be 3 deadly viruses that shall begin the process of annihilation in 2005. And those that were supposed to die shall live, shall live...

Get ready, for there shall be a creation of a computer that shall supersede everything that has been invented up to this point. It shall be so rapid, and there shall be no more viruses that shall come and be able to touch your systems. Do not be afraid of the 666, do not be afraid of the beast. Do not be afraid of those that would teach that

their power is going to destroy you. The greatest years are about to come upon you and the Holy Spirit has withheld certain blessings, but now they shall begin in just a few minutes. They have already begun in the spirit where the blessing of the Lord shall begin and overtake your lives. You will populate the marketplace in 2005. I'm going to give you cities through mass media.

In 2005 there will be grace without limit given to you your families, your children, your business, your bodies. There is no prescribed limit. (Pasadena, California, 12.31.2004) [**Authors' note:** We missed this super computer.]

### **A New Pope**

For in 21 days from now a shaking will take place in the Roman Catholic Church. They will say, No it can not be. Why would they elect such a person? And then they will say, No we can not do it at this time. But it shall be done and I will bring the Spirit into the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican. There will be an infilling of the Spirit of the Cardinals and the priests. This day I have received a servant. This day you call him the Pope. This day I call him My son. This day you said a pope has died, this day I say a servant has won. (Portland, Oregon, 4.02.2005) [**Authors' note:** We missed this shaking. Exactly what was shook? Since Joseph Ratzinger took the office of Pope nothing unusual has happened in the Catholic Church.]

“Do I hear Catholics praying? There is a move of My Spirit moving among the Catholic people. They are dissatisfied. Their children have been abused...taken advantage of. They are praying for God to come into a system and shake it. Your prayers are being sent into the very highest powers of the Roman Catholic Church. For a Pope shall be laid to rest, and I will raise up an unusual man that will take that position. And even though some of you despise this, I will raise up an unusual man that will come in and bring the Spirit of God amongst the Roman Catholic people. Think it not possible, but it shall be so, says the spirit of the Lord.” (Humble, Texas, 4.13.2003) [**Authors' note:** It is unlikely that Ratzinger will “bring the Spirit of God amongst the Roman Catholic people.”]

## **Earthquake**

There will be an earthquake in the Northwest. And it shall be between Portland Oregon and Seattle WA up into Vancouver. This has already happened (before) and it will come to pass and the people listen and say ok, its already being spoken, so now we must prepare ourselves. (Whittier, California, 4.23.2005) [**Authors' note:** There is no time factor in this prediction. There may be an earthquake there before the Rapture. These kinds of predictions are absurd.]

## **Mardi Gras**

During the summer and at the Mardi Gras, says the Lord, at New Orleans, watch what I do. There is going to be an interference in the Mardi Gras, says the Lord. God said, listen you hear that? That sound of joy, the music of the one that sits and plays. And God said, you watch what I do in the Mardi Gras, watch what I do in a place of great perversion. Watch what I do. (Scottsdale, Arizona, 2.09.2007) [**Authors' note:** Mardi Gras was back in business in 2007 two years after Hurricane Katrina struck it in August 2005. Based on such criteria as hotel occupancy and parade crowds, tourism officials declared the 2007 carnival not only a resounding success, but also a harbinger of tourism's resurgence in the city that Hurricane Katrina ravaged. The number of Mardi Gras visitors ranged between 700,000 to 800,000.]

## **Kenneth Copeland**

Kenneth Copeland, in a dedication service on December 2, 2001 for the new 2000 seat Word of Life church auditorium in Honolulu, predicted that close to one billion Muslims would be saved in the next few months:

And there are going to be multiplied millions upon millions, there's going to be close to a billion people that have been trapped in that religion, that over the next few months are gonna to come into the kingdom of God. (cheering) That's gonna happen, you watch and see what I'm telling you. Because its been ... I'm telling you Satan's fat is in the fire he pushed it over the line, and God has moved, and for over a hundred years the United States has been an instrument of

judgment in the hand of God. That's one of the reasons we're blessed, amen? I'd like to get in there and walk around a while but I don't have the time but I can tell you this, **that thing has come to an end, its over, I'm talking about Islam and every, all that that stands for. That's over with.** Now, God is making His move. (Kenneth Copeland, Word of Life Christian Center, Honolulu HI, Dedication Celebration Service, Evening, 12.02.2001, emphasis added) [**Authors' note:** This nutty prediction did NOT come true. This prophecy will never come true.]

## Pat Robertson

Robertson has announced on several occasions near the end of the year that God spoke to him revealing certain truths or events that would happen in the following year. "I have a relatively good track record," he said. "Sometimes I miss."<sup>1</sup>

### Bush will be re-elected

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson said he believed God has told him President Bush would be re-elected in a "blowout" in November.

"I think George Bush is going to win in a walk," Robertson said on his January 3, 2004, edition of the 700 Club. "I really believe I'm hearing from the Lord it's going to be like a blowout election in 2004. It's shaping up that way."<sup>2</sup>

He then went on to say, "The Lord has just blessed him," Robertson said of Bush. "I mean, he could make terrible mistakes and comes out of it. It doesn't make any difference what he does, good or bad, God picks him up because he's a man of prayer and God's blessing him." [**Authors' note:** Bush won a **squeaker** just like he did against Al Gore in 2000. Some believe there was election fraud in 2004 that gave Bush the win just as there was in 2000.]

### Second Coming

In late 1976, Robertson predicted that the end of the world was coming in October or November 1982. In a May 1980 broadcast of the 700 Club he stated, "I guarantee you by the end of **1982** there is going to be a judgment on the world."<sup>3</sup>

## **Pacific Northwestern tsunami**

In May 2006, Robertson declared that storms and possibly a tsunami would hit America's coastline sometime in 2006. Robertson supposedly received this revelation from God during an annual personal prayer retreat in January. The claim was repeated four times on the 700 Club.

On May 8, 2006, Robertson said, "If I heard the Lord right about 2006, the coasts of America will be lashed by storms." On May 17, 2006, he elaborated, "There well may be something as bad as a tsunami in the Pacific Northwest."<sup>4</sup> While this claim didn't garner the same level of controversy as some of his other statements, it was generally received with mild amusement by the Pacific Northwest media. The History Channel's initial airing of its new series, "Mega Disasters," debut episode "West Coast Tsunami," was broadcast the first week of May. [**Authors' note:** This is an obvious **false prophecy!**]

## **Terror attack**

On the January 2, 2007, broadcast of the 700 Club, he said that God spoke to him and told him that "mass killings" were to come during 2007, due to a terrorist attack on the United States. He added, "The Lord didn't say nuclear. But I do believe it will be something like that."<sup>3</sup>

When a terrorist attack failed to happen in 2007, Robertson said, in January 2008, "All I can think is that somehow the people of God prayed and God in his mercy spared us."<sup>4</sup> [**Authors' note:** These guys always have some excuse as to why their prophecies fail.]

## **Worldwide violence and American recession**

On the January 2, 2008 episode of the 700 Club, Pat Robertson predicted that 2008 would be a year of worldwide violence. He also predicted that a recession would occur in the United States that would be followed by a stock market crash by 2010.<sup>4</sup> However, there was a decrease in overall deaths for the period,<sup>5</sup> and the American economy had already entered a recession in 2007, with increased household debt<sup>6</sup> and the collapse of financial institutions.<sup>7</sup> [**Authors' note:** Robertson was close. 2011 was the year of worldwide violence and the stock market crashed in 2008. He is not getting these predictions from God. He is making educated guesses or just making them up.]

## Mideast meltdown

In October 2008, Robertson posted a press release on the Georgian Conflict speculating that the conflict is a Russian ploy to enter the Middle East, and that instability caused by a predicted pre-emptive strike by Israel on Iran would result in Syria's and Iran's launching nuclear strikes on other targets. He also said that if the United States were to oppose Russia's expansion, nuclear strikes on American soil are also pending. "We will suffer grave economic damage, but will not engage in military action to stop the conflict. However, we may not be spared nuclear strikes against coastal cities. In conclusion, it is my opinion that we have between 75 and 120 days before the Middle East starts spinning out of control."<sup>8</sup> [**Authors' note:** He missed this one by a light-year! Russia did not use the Georgian incident to move into the Middle East and Israel did not launch a pre-emptive strike on Iran, although she may in the future. Syria and Iran have not launched nuclear strikes. The Middle East was hit with numerous uprisings in 2011, but it is not spinning out of control.]

## Economic chaos and recovery

On the January 1, 2009 broadcast of the 700 Club, Robertson said, "If I'm hearing [God] right, gold will go to about \$1900 dollars an ounce and oil to \$300 a barrel." He also suggested that Americans would broadly accept socialism. Despite these predictions, he also said that economically, "things are getting ready to turn around."<sup>9</sup> [**Authors' note:** Once again he missed by a light-year. Gold reached about \$1,550 in late April of 2011, almost \$1,600 in July of 2011 and then hit \$1,900 briefly in August 2011. On July 11, 2008, oil prices rose to a new record of \$147.27, but since then it dropped to \$33.87 on December 21, 2008. It is amazing that Robertson would predict it would climb to \$300 a barrel in 2009. At the end of 2009 it was just above \$80. The American people have not accepted socialism and the economy is not turning around yet.]

## Paul Crouch and "Pastor" Henkle

On April 14, 1993, Paul Crouch came on during a portion of a "Praise-A-Thon" that was a week-long, 24-hour appeal for funds to keep the Trinity Broadcasting Network [TBN] on the air. He claimed that he had some world-shaking news.

That news was that a “very dear friend” of his whom he identified as “Pastor Henkle” had recently had some personal and verbal words directly from God. Crouch assured everyone that he had experienced some of Pastor Henkle’s prophecies in the past and had observed them to come true. The world-shaking words that Pastor Henkle supposedly had received directly from God were:

On June the 9th, Thursday, 1994, I am going to rip evil from this world! (Isaiah 25:6-9 was given as a Scriptural basis for this prophecy.)

## Oral Roberts

**1960:** Roberts claimed that God had told him to make His healing power known throughout the earth. This report appeared in *Charisma* magazine in May 1987: In 1960, Roberts believed God spoke to his heart and said:

Raise up your students to hear My Voice, to go where My light is dim, where My voice and My healing power is not known. To go even to uttermost bounds of the earth. Their work will exceed yours. And in this, I am well pleased. [**Authors’ note:** To date, none of his students’ work has exceeded his.]

**1983:** Roberts announced that Jesus had appeared to him in person and commissioned him to find a cure for cancer (*Time*, July 4, 1983). [**Authors’ note:** No cure for cancer has been found at the Oral Roberts University or anywhere else.]

## Peter Popoff

Peter popoff claimed that he made a visit to Heaven in the 1970s and wrote about it in a booklet, *140 Predictions About Your Future*, and *The Other Side of Life*, in 1981. Below are a few of those 140 “future” events that “certainly” will take place “by the end of this decade” (1980s):

1. & 25. Russia and China will fight a war (pp. 16, 19).
2. Russia will take the oil fields of Iran and Pakistan (p. 17).
- 3-4. Brezhnev would soon die and there would be a minor revolution in Russia “shortly after” his death (p. 17). [**Authors’ note:** Brezhnev died in 1982 and the USSR collapsed in 1991 after a minor revolution. Is 9 years “shortly after”? This looks like a **false prediction.**]

9. There will be a mighty spiritual revival in the Soviet Union and “high officials will be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.” There will also be “unprecedented” “heavenly miracles” there (p. 18).

10. Popoff will preach in front of the Kremlin (p. 18).

16. A nuclear bomb will accidentally explode (p. 18).

18. “Many great world leaders will commit suicide with pills and drugs (p. 19).

20. Khomeni would die by the hands of an assassin (p. 19). [**Authors’ note:** He died of old age at age 89 in a hospital in Iran. This is a **false prediction.**]

22. “Many portions of Earth are going to fall to Communist rule in the next few years” (p. 19). [**Authors’ note:** This is a **failed prediction!** No country has fallen to communism since 1981 and the communist Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.]

28. India will become a “Christian” nation after “tremendous turmoil and social upheaval” (p. 20). [**Authors’ note:** That would be a miracle of miracles since 82% of the people in India are Hindus. This will most certainly be shown to be a false prediction.]

32. Terrorists will hold a city in America hostage and there will be an “accidental” atomic bomb explosion (p. 20).

34. Florida and Texas will be devastated by tidal waves. [**Authors’ note:** Too bad he did not see the tsunami that hit Japan in 2011.]

35. A “number” will be “assigned to each person in America” and this “amazing event will happen very soon” (p. 21). [**Authors’ note:** It has been 30 years since he made this prediction in writing and the “number” has not been given to people in America to buy or sell. Thirty years is not “very soon.” Popoff missed this one by more than two decades and counting. It most likely will be another 10 to 20 years before everyone in America is forced to get a “number.” This is a clear **false prediction!**]

38. There will be more scandals in government which will result in a “trend to more honest government” (p. 21). [**Authors’ note:** There have been many more government scandals, but instead of Americans getting more honest government they have gotten more dishonest government. This is a definite **false prediction.**]

39. A “new political party” will be created that will be a front for the communist party that will deceive many Americans. [**Authors’ note:** The only political party formed in America since 1981 was the Reform Party which was founded by Ross Perot in 1995. It is not a front for communists. This is another **false prediction.**]

42. The United States will stop importing oil and start exporting it after new oil fields are discovered. [**Authors' note:** no major fields have been discovered since 1981. Popoff did not know that the United States has always exported oil with 1.7 million barrels per day in 2008. This is a **false prediction.**]

45. "A new fuel will be discovered that will revolutionize our society in the next few years" (p. 22). [**Authors' note:** It has been 30 years and no new fuel has been discovered. This is a clear **false prediction!**]

50. Increased terrorism will lead to "even more regulation in our lives" (p. 22). [**Authors' note:** He was correct about this prediction.]

56. "Christian scientists will discover a drug that retards the growth of cancer cells" (p. 23). [**Authors' note:** Nothing yet.]

59. "Socialized medicine will come to America and health care will decline" (p. 24). [**Authors' note:** He got this one right.]

62. "High power lines will be proven injurious to the nervous system" (p. 24). [**Authors' note:** He is correct but many have known this for several decades.]

67. Gold will reach \$2,000 per ounce in the 1980s then it will plunge to an all-time low (p. 24). [**Authors' note:** Gold hit an all-time high of \$850 in January of 1980, more than a year before Popoff published this book of predictions. It also crashed to a low of about \$480 in mid-March of 1980. The highest price in the 1980s was the \$850 mark in January 1980. He **missed this prediction** by a long shot.]

68. The ECU (European Currency Unit) will be the "Tribulation money" (p. 24). [**Authors' note:** He did not know about the Euro which replaced the ECU so this prediction is false. It is unlikely the Euro will even be the "Tribulation money." A new currency will be created.]

69. "Large American corporations will go bankrupt, but smaller companies would replace them (p.25). [**Authors' note:** He was right about the big corporations going belly up, but the remainder of his prediction **was wrong!** He got half right and **half wrong.**]

72. "Many banks will fail" (p. 25). [**Authors' note:** He was right about this one.]

77. "Computers will enable governments to establish 'thought courts.' Crimes will be tried before they are committed based on computer predictions" (p. 25). [**Authors' note:** This prediction comes straight out of the science fiction industry. We are decades away from this being fulfilled if ever. We doubt this will be fulfilled.]

92. "Polygamy will be legalized in some states" (p. 28). [**Authors' note:** This is unlikely before the Rapture, but likely after it.]

95. Terrorists will set untold fires throughout America (p. 28). [**Authors' note:** This is unlikely.]
100. "A major dam is going to burst. I saw thousands drowning helplessly" (p. 28). [**Authors' note:** It is possible, but unlikely.]
102. Terrorists will derail trains killing thousands (p. 29). [**Authors' note:** We are still waiting for this one.]
103. "So many air disaster will take place in the decade of the 1980s that congress will call for the grounding of all aircraft until investigations are completed" (p. 29). [**Authors' note:** This was a solid **false prediction!**]
105. He predicted weather problems, earthquakes and other natural disasters during the 1982 alignment of planets. [**Authors' note:** He missed this one by a light-year. One more **false prediction!**]
117. "The one spoken of in the Bible as the Antichrist is very nearly ready to reveal himself. He is about thirty years old" (p. 31). [**Authors' note:** This is a definite **false prediction!** No one can honestly think 30 plus years is "very nearly ready." If the Tribulation does not start for another 10 or 20 years the Antichrist will be 70 or 80 years old when he comes to power. That is absurd.]
121. Appearances of angels will be more frequent in the 1980s (p. 36). [**Authors' note:** As far as we know there were no verified appearances of angels in the 1980s. Some Christians think they have seen angels, but it is their opinion that what they saw was a holy angel. It is possible that these angels that some Christians claim they have seen are fallen angels pretending to be holy angels (2 Corinthians 11.14). This is a **false prediction.**]
122. "Angels will be photographed! A major American newspaper will carry pictures of angels in their bodily form" (p. 36). [**Authors' note:** Some Christians claim they have photographed angels, but there has never been a verified photograph of an angel. This is a false prediction unless you believe the National Enquirer is a major American newspaper and you think angels have been photographed. We do not so this must be a **false prediction.**]
123. People will see the Bible written in the sky (p. 36). [**Authors' note:** This has not happened. This is another **false prediction.** Of all 140 of Popoff's predictions only 4½ were correct (50, 59, 62, 69a, 72). A whopping 16 were wrong (3-4, 20, 22, 35, 38-39, 42, 45, 67, 103, 105, 117, 121-123). Most of the others will turn out to be false predictions. We must conclude that Popoff did not get these predictions from God because so many are false predictions. God never makes a false prediction.]

## Conclusion

This is but a fraction of the false prophecies that some of the biggest names in the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement have made. Since they have started making prophetic utterances beginning with the Azusa Street Revival not a single self-proclaimed “prophet” has made a correct prophecy. Most of their prophecies are like those of Nostradamus (unclear and vague) and good guesses. Yet all prophecies that are clear, detailed (not general) and have a time factor in them have not been fulfilled.

Most of their prophecies are unimportant and have no spiritual value. If God is trying to warn people about impending disasters to save lives why would He not use one or more of these prophets to predict true catastrophes such as the great earthquake of San Francisco of April 18, 1906; the Chinese famine of 1907 that killed 24 million people; the Spanish Flu of 1918-1920 that killed 50 to 100 million people worldwide; the Russian famine of 1921 that killed 5 million people; the Chinese famine of 1928-1930 that killed 3 million people; the 1931 great floods of China that killed 1 million people; the Soviet famine of 1932-34 that killed 7 to 10 million people; the Chinese famine of 1936 that killed 5 million people; the Chinese drought of 1941 that killed 3 million people; the Vietnamese famine of 1943-1945 that killed 2 million people; the Chinese famine of 1958-1961 that killed 15 to 43 million people; the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004 and the Haiti earthquake of 2010; the numerous hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes that have killed millions of people in the 20th and 21st centuries; the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963; and the attacks on America on September 11, 2001?

Famine is one of the biggest killers of mankind. God gave Joseph knowledge of an impending famine in Egypt (Genesis 41.14-36). Why can He not do it today, especially since there are hundreds of self-proclaimed “prophets” running all over the world?

Even though none of the “prophets” warned the American people of the 911 attacks, radio talk show host Alex Jones predict on July 25, 2001, that Usama bin Laden’s Al Qaeda network would attack New York City targeting the World Trade Center buildings. He did not give a specific date but he said it was imminent. He was the only one in the world who correctly predicted the 911 attacks ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8Hk1-BpXO8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8Hk1-BpXO8)).

The Azusa Street Revival began on April 14, 1906, just four days before the great quake that destroyed San Francisco. Why did God not use one of these modern prophets to warn the people of San Francisco?

A very important question must be asked, “Could these men and other men and women who have uttered false prophecies be servants of the devil?”

*A wonderful and horrible thing is come to pass in the land: the prophets **prophesy falsely**, and the priests bear rule by their means; and **My people love to have it so**: and what will ye do in the end thereof? ( Jeremiah 5:30-31, emphasis mine)*

*For such men are **false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ**. And no marvel; for even **Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light**. It is no great thing therefore if **his ministers** also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15, emphasis mine)*

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