The Curse of *New Age* Christianity: Chuck Missler and his 'Holographic' Universe

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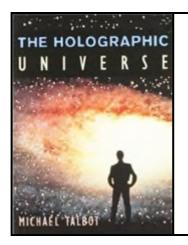


Chuck Missler is a well known figure in Evangelical circles. While building a reputation as a champion of conservative Christianity, he has also pursued a parallel career as an explorer of what might be termed *Quantum Spirituality*, whose exponents seek a direct connection between Biblical truth and the phenomena of modern Physics.

His more traditional followers probably regard this aspect of his work as an eccentricity, the product of a fertile imagination and a restless mind. With the passage of time, however, these two streams of his teaching have been coming together to form a new kind of Christianity, where long-established Biblical concepts about the universe are being reinterpreted in a radically new way.

Chief among these is his concept of a *Holographic Universe*, which completely overturns the account of Creation given in Genesis. However, he is also promoting the Nephilim theory, which asserts that the universe is populated by aliens or alien-human hybrids, and the theory that man can actually communicate with the dead, despite stern Biblical warnings to the contrary.

He even endorses, through his newsletter, the scandalous bestseller, *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, which offers channeled messages from a phony New-Age 'Jesus'. In addition he is promoting a method of Biblical interpretation that relies on the identification of secret codes and hidden messages in the original Bible manuscripts.



The Holographic Universe by Michael Talbot

Excerpts from this book were liberally used by Chuck Missler without attribution. He later apologized for his oversight, but never denied that the book itself was full of New Age philosophy.

Recent papers exposing these deceptions

We have already addressed some of these issues in recent papers posted on this website (**www.zephaniah.eu**). They include:

The Great Nephilim Deception

Christians Must Not Communicate with Departed Loved Ones

The 'Jesus Calling' Books are an Alarming New Age Deception

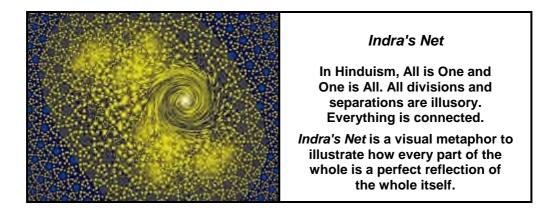
Readers may wish to refer to these earlier papers since they explore the respective issues in some depth and show beyond all doubt that the teachings in each instance are both non-Biblical and New Age.

What is the supposed Holographic Universe?

In a recent in-depth review of his book *Cosmic Codes: Hidden Messages from the Edge of Eternity* (1999), Gaylene Goodroad of *Herescope* revealed that Missler quoted extensively, without attribution, from *The Holographic Universe* (1992) by New Age teacher and author, Michael Talbot. He later apologized for this in a YouTube presentation [published August 20, 2013], in which he claimed that his use of Talbot's material in this way was entirely inadvertent. However – and this ought to be of concern to all who study his teachings – he did **not** deny that the material he had used was New Age or that it was drawn from Talbot's book.

To appreciate the seriousness of this, we need to understand Talbot's philosophy and the Eastern mystical tradition on which it is based.

Hinduism has long used the metaphor of *Indra's Net* to illustrate the interconnectedness of all things. This holds that the entire Universe is produced and sustained by a transcendental intelligence that projects itself like a dream into a void that our mind perceives as a Space-Time continuum. According to this philosophy, what we conceive as reality is nothing more than an infinite series of inter-connected images projecting from an unknowable Cosmic Source.



Each individual perceives this dream in a unique way relative to his location in the Space-Time Continuum. Divine Illumination or Cosmic Consciousness is the life-changing moment when we realize that our individual perspective is intimately linked to the perspectives enjoyed by every other individual and that, in reality, **All is One**.

As the individual advances into higher states of spiritual awareness – via meditation, contemplation, yoga, creative visualization, out-of-body experiences, and sacred initiations imparted by a 'Spiritual Master' – he finds that he can change and re-order these images through the correct use of his imagination. When this happens he becomes the Creator of his own reality. The perfect mastery of this process is known as *God-Realization* or *God Consciousness*, where man comes to the awesome realization that he too is God.

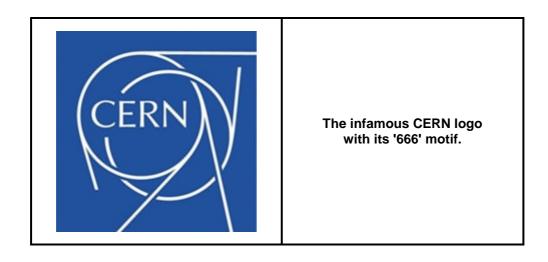
Conceived in this way the Universe is 'holographic' because the whole, the totality of all things, is completely contained in each of its constituent cells, rather like the holographic images imprinted into a glass sheet in a laboratory using a laser beam. If the glass is shattered, the entire image may still be found in each of its fragments.

The Matrix and the Dance of Shiva

Perhaps the most popular expression of this idea is found in the movie *The Matrix*, where the protagonist, Neo (an anagram of 'One') awakens to the realization that he and everyone else exists within a world that is entirely computer-generated, a dynamic digital simulation. This *awakening*, which corresponds with "divine illumination" or "cosmic consciousness" in Hindu and New Age philosophy, gives him incredible super-powers that are limited only by his imagination.

The idea that the universe is a matrix or a spectrum of dancing images is also depicted in Hinduism through the supposed **Dance of Shiva**. The Hindu god of creation, preservation and destruction – known as Shiva – is supposed to "dance" as an expression of his omnipotent power. This dance is believed to manifest a Cosmos with the properties of Indra's Net, but which lacks both an intrinsic purpose and a substantial reality. This pagan notion is highly esteemed by the global elite who are trying to bring about a New World Order and destroy Biblical Christianity. For example, CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, has erected a large statue in his honor at its headquarters in Geneva (It had already made known its pagan ethos by the use of a '666' motif in its logo).





Satan's Lies in the Garden

While these ideas may sound very modern, they are actually no more than a philosophical re-statement of the lies told by Satan in the Garden. The following table identifies the way these lies feed into the main errors and heresies that currently affect the church:

| How Satan's Four Lies in the Garden feed into the most pervasive Modern Errors and Heresies | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Satan's Lie | Modern Heresy/Error | Outcome | | | | | |
| "yea, hath God said?" (Genesis 3:1) | Replacement Theology | 1. Rejection of what God said. | | | | | |
| | Evolution | 2. Rejection of what God said. | | | | | |
| " knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5) | Non-Judgmentalism | 3. Truth is relative to the individual. | | | | | |
| | Extra-Biblical Revelation | 4. Adding to the word of God. | | | | | |
| "ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4) | Interfaith-Ecumenism | 5. All religions have truth, therefore all will be saved. | | | | | |
| | Universalism | 6. No damnation and therefore no death. | | | | | |
| "ye shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:5) | Spirit-is-Power | 7. The divine power to control the cosmic spirit. | | | | | |
| | Faith-is-Power | 8. The divine power to mould one's universe. | | | | | |
| | Dominionism | 9. The divine power to bring in the Kingdom | | | | | |
| | Contemplative Spirituality | 10. Sharing in God's holiness by entering His presence. | | | | | |
| | Mysticism | 11. The realization of one's own divinity. | | | | | |

The 'holographic universe' theory gives substantial support to many of these, in particular:

#3 - truth is relative to the individual;

- **#8 man has the power to mould his own universe**, and
- #11 man will come to recognize his own divinity.

If one were to convert the Four Lies into the seductive language of the New Age movement, they might possibly read as follows:

You can unleash your divine potential and transcend the limitations of your mind by using the power of visualization to create your own reality. Good and evil are purely relative. It is your destiny to break the artificial rules of conventional reality and awaken your infinite potential by mastering the power of imagination. Become a god and live forever!

Missler does <u>not</u> make this statement or one like it but, by endorsing the doctrine of a 'Holographic Universe', he leaves the door wide open to this highly destructive New Age deception. If it appealed to Adam before he sinned, just think how dangerously seductive it must be today, where proud and rebellious man in his fallen state is striving to conquer and control the universe!

Missler's commitment to the concept of a Holographic Universe

The extent to which Missler is committed to this New Age idea is apparent from the following quotations from his writings over a period of 12 years or more:

"There seems to be evidence to suggest that our world and everything in it are only ghostly images, projections from a level of reality so beyond our own that the *real* reality is literally beyond both space and time." – *Cosmic Codes: Hidden Messages From the Edge of Eternity*, Chapter 23. [emphasis in original]

"The holographic paradigm is still a developing concept and riddled with controversies. For decades, science has chosen to ignore evidences that do not fit their standard theories. However, the volume of evidence has now reached the point that denial is no longer a viable option...We now discover that we are in a virtual reality that is a digital, simulated environment." – *A Holographic Universe?* November 2012

"So the astonishing discovery is that we exist within a finite boundary between the macrocosm of astronomy and the microcosm of quantum physics. In fact, we are in a *digital simulation*! The eminent atheist Paul Davies has admitted that "it seems that the entire universe may be nothing more than a thought in the mind of God."" – *Whence Our 'Reality'?* December 2003 [emphasis in original]

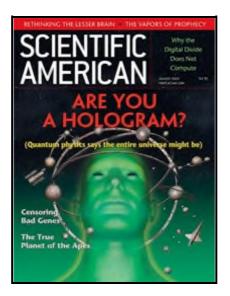
"Is our own "reality" virtual? One implication of these conjectures is the insight that both our own behavior and even our "physical reality" can be viewed as simply software, a super-program running within a highly advanced environment. We know today that our physical world is, in a very real sense, a digital "simulation.""

- The Ultimate Computer Game, January 2000

"People think that Physical to Spiritual is the same as Tangible to Intangible, but it's actually the other way around. What we experience in this physical dimension is actually a digital simulation." – *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*, p.230

"It is astonishing to realize that we actually live within a *digital simulation* of reality. In the macrocosm, we now know that the universe is finite, having begun at a "singularity," and will ultimately suffer a thermodynamic "heat death" when it finally exhausts the available energy." – *What Is Truth?*, June 2006 [emphasis in original]

It is clear from these quotations that, for Missler, the universe and everything in it is merely a "digital simulation", a kind of cosmic computer game. Nevertheless, despite the revolutionary nature of this theory, we can find no evidence that he has ever spelled out the real implications for Christian doctrine of what he is proposing. His students are left to assume that his new idea is consistent with Evangelical theology, even though we know that this is far from being the case.



For example, few of his admirers seem to notice that, in describing the Universe in holographic terms, Missler is actually denying that it has any substantial reality. If it is only a digital simulation then it is, by definition, a *copy* of something else. Its reality, to the extent that it has any, is derived entirely from the mind of the one who imagined it – "a thought in the mind of God." In itself it is no more than a cosmic compilation of interacting images, while sentient beings who perceive these images – the masses of humanity – are tricked by the limitations of their minds into thinking it is real.

Furthermore, the entire drama is arbitrary. Just as one computer can simulate (or emulate) the operating system of another computer, the universe that we "see" is just one of an infinite number of equally arbitrary universes – complex mathematical games with neither meaning nor purpose.

Compare this with the children's animated cartoons shown on television. They too can "simulate" actual events, but they cannot reproduce their reality. The same is true of the "virtual" reality generated by a video game – it is "virtual" *because* it is illusory.

Missler's Blasphemy

How does the LORD God of the Bible describe Himself? Again and again He refers to His role as Creator of heaven and earth, of the sun, the moon and the stars, and of all the creatures that populate the earth. He is the Creator! -

"Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee." (Nehemiah 9:6)

But Missler has reduced the incredible work of Creation to a computerised light show, a digital simulation, a complex fantasy without any substantial reality. His holographic universe is a perverse parody of the account of Creation given in Genesis, a blasphemous trivialization of all that God has done. This is an old pagan idea, the Eastern concept of Maya in a modern form. To the Hindu yogis and mystics Indra's Net, the cosmic manifestation of the Dance of Shiva, was simply an illusion – or maya – without any fundamental reality.

This blasphemous dismissal of Creation is immensely pleasing to the false gods, the supernatural entities of Eastern religion – also known as the pantheon of fallen angels – who delight in trivializing the awesome works of the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Furthermore, by reducing Creation to a digital simulation or a complex algorithm, the world around us is stripped of value and purpose. No algorithm or simulation is intrinsically superior to another, therefore the universe that we see is merely one of <u>many</u> possible digital 'realities'. To the extent that moral values can be said to exist in such a universe, they are purely subjective, a product of individual preference, much like the arbitrary 'values' incorporated into a video game or a television cartoon.

The so-called *Holographic Universe* is clearly a world without sin, a world where, in the absence of absolute moral laws, judicial condemnation is impossible.



It is also a world without purpose. The 'god' of such a universe is nothing more than the Architect or Designer of a great cosmic light show. Having set the show in motion aeons ago, he disappeared into the solitude of his own being. The cosmic projection that remained will run for eternity, without interruption, in accordance with its perfect set of immutable, universal laws.

The 'god' behind all of this is the god of Deism and Freemasonry, a completely unknowable and impersonal being.

According to this austere philosophy, man has been left to fend for himself. His task now is to unravel the mysteries of the universe through the careful exercise of his intellectual power and creative imagination. Over time, as he grows in knowledge and experience, including 'mystical' experience, the most evolved members of mankind will have the opportunity to ascend into a higher dimension and become god-like beings in their own right. Satan hates creation because <u>he can't create anything</u>. So what could be more pleasing to him than to reduce the whole of Creation to a sophisticated piece of software that he himself could have written! At the same time he is trying, through his earthly servants, to develop a technology that will enable him to create *something*, if only a few atoms. This is the purpose of CERN and the Large Hadron Collider, where some of the best minds on earth are trying to develop a system that will create something out of nothing. The hypothetical Higgs Boson has been named "the God Particle" as an expression of this vaunted ambition. Satan reasons that if he can create something out of nothing, even a tiny atom, then he can call himself a Creator!

We should hardly be surprised, therefore, that the CERN facility displays a statue of Shiva-Satan in his "creator" mode.

The Freemasons call their 'god' the *Great Architect of the Universe* – which is often abbreviated to GAOTU – because they are painfully aware that he lacks the ability to create anything. Creation is an embarrassment to the Luciferian elite who control this world. This is why they postulate ridiculous theories like Evolution and the Big Bang. They are prepared to believe anything, no matter how absurd, rather than acknowledge the Creator God of the Bible.

Deists and Freemasons despise Christianity and have long sought to destroy it, principally by redefining its doctrines and absorbing it into a one-world religion of their own devising.

From all of this it is clear that the Architect of the Holographic Universe, the impersonal and unknowable god of Deism, is NOT the LORD God of the Bible, the God who declared:

"But let him that glorieth glory in this...that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 9:24)

Missler and the 'Big Bang'

Why would an experienced teacher of orthodox Biblical theology, as Chuck Missler purports to be, promote a theory like the *holographic universe*? There can be no doubt that he fully understands the serious theological implications of his theory, therefore we must conclude that he is deliberately pursuing a strategy that will in due course redefine Christianity. The Holographic Universe is simply part of that strategy.

Now that we know that something is amiss with Missler, we can expect to find further evidence of this strategy elsewhere in his teaching. Indeed, we have already come across such evidence in one of the quotations already cited:

"It is astonishing to realize that we actually live within a *digital simulation* of reality. In the macrocosm, we now know that the universe is finite, having begun at a "singularity," and will ultimately suffer a thermodynamic "heat death" when it finally exhausts the available energy." – *What Is Truth?*, June 2006 [emphasis in original]

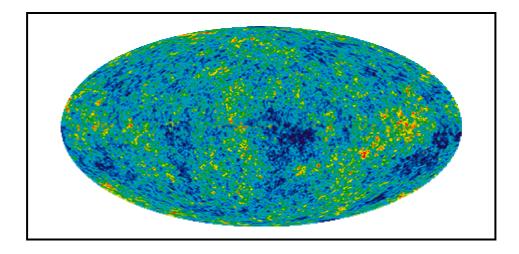




This is a remarkably anti-biblical statement. It explicitly rejects the account of Creation given in Genesis and presents instead the modern 'scientific' theory known as the Big Bang. This alleges that the universe came into being spontaneously about 14 billion years ago when a point of infinite density, known as a *singularity*, exploded and expanded at a staggering rate before finally condensing into the multitude of galaxies that we see today. In further alleges that the awesome dispersal set in motion by the Big Bang is ongoing and will ultimately propel the universe into a completely lifeless state known as "heat death", to which Missler refers.

Why would an evangelical Christian speak in these terms unless he had discarded the literal truth of Genesis and adopted the materialistic doctrines of modern humanism? He even opens the door to evolution since there is no other way life could have formed in a Big Bang scenario except through a process of gradual change. Even though Missler does not openly espouse evolution, as far as I am aware, he gives an account of 'creation' that must inevitably embrace it.

Both the Big Bang theory and the theory of Evolution are completely bogus. They are a cynical atheistic attempt to account for the wonders of Creation without having to give one ounce of glory to God. The humanists and Christ-hating elite who push these theories have only one goal in mind, namely to undermine the truth of God's holy Word and prepare humanity for the false messiah of Freemasonry.



Since the miracle of Creation is one of the main ways that God has revealed Himself to mankind, these rebellious individuals take considerable satisfaction in reducing His glorious work to a series of purely random events. It allows them both to blaspheme the Creator and to undermine the faith of professing Christians.

It would appear that Chuck Missler is now teaching a 'brand' of Christianity that fits neatly into this agenda.

Bible Codes and the Cryptological Theory

In his book, *Cosmic Codes: Hidden Messages from the Edge of Eternity* (1998), he exploits a novel way of circumventing the plain word of God. Instead of studying what the text <u>actually</u> says, he <u>speculates</u> on the existence of messages that may have been concealed. According to this, the Cryptological Theory, God is believed to have hidden important messages in coded form in the original texts, to be found only when mankind was ready to receive them. What is more, they may be found only by those who possess the necessary expertise, the superior insight and, seemingly, the necessary computer technology. Once these sublime messages have been unravelled, it has been suggested, they could even transform our whole understanding of the Bible.

This idea has been cropping up with great frequency in recent decades, but it conflicts sharply with the plain teaching of Scripture:

"But the anointing which ye have received of him [*the Holy Spirit*] abideth in you, <u>and ye need not that any man teach you</u>: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." (**1 John 2:27**)

The Holy Spirit dwelling in each born-again believer reveals to him over time the depth and truth of God's holy Word. Through His Word God says what He means and means what He says. We have no need for self-proclaimed exegetical innovators to tell us what God *really* meant – "...ye need not that any man teach you."



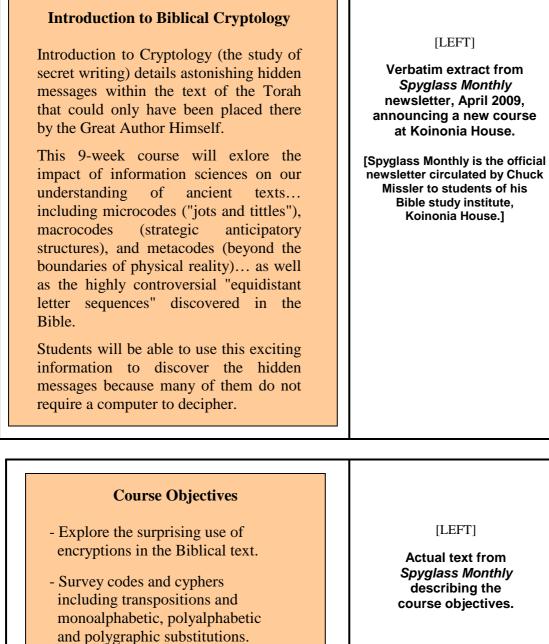
The Roman Catholic Church has done this for centuries, forbidding her members to read and interpret the Bible for themselves. The Pope alone has the authority to decide what it *really* means, and any Catholic who says otherwise can be severely punished.

The same elitist position is also taken by those who use the *allegorical* method of Bible interpretation. They reject the plain meaning of Scripture in favor of symbolic and figurative renderings which are determined mainly by subjective considerations. This allows them to bend the Word in whatever direction suits their purpose. Just about every false teacher who comes along makes use of this device, offering a new, and at times revolutionary, way of reading key passages of Scripture. Some even claim to possess a "secret" that is only now being revealed.

Satan HATES the Bible. He hates it with a hatred that is hard to imagine. If he can't prevent man from reading the Word, he will try to change it. And if he can't change it, he'll urge men to adopt methods of interpretation that dilute or distort what God has plainly said. The Cryptological Method lends itself readily to the latter, where humble believers are asked to depend on computer analysts, linguistic experts and nerdy cryptologists to tell them what God really meant.

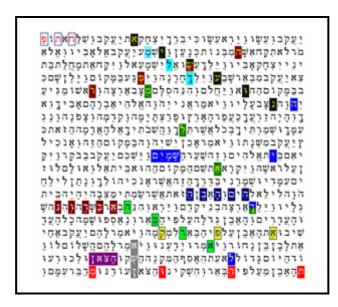
The Cosmic Code approach even promotes the expectation that the traditional understanding of key Biblical doctrines may need to be revised as and when these socalled hidden messages are revealed.

The extracts (overleaf) from the *Koinonia Institute* newsletter, *Spyglass Monthly*, show that Missler is determined to spread this methodology among believers and to have it accepted as a legitimate aspect of sound Biblical scholarship. When believers are asked to study "microcodes" and "metacodes", *transpositions* and *substitutions*, not to mention <u>extraterrestrial communication</u>, we know that the truth in 1 John 2:27 has been well and truly rejected.



- Examine paracryptology and extraterrestrial communication investigations.

Spyglass Monthly course objectives.



Alien Encounters

So far we have identified several disturbing elements in Chuck Missler's teaching – the holographic universe, the cosmological *big bang* theory, a willingness to accept biological evolution, and a controversial method of Biblical interpretation known as the Cryptological Method. Taken together these extra-biblical teachings describe a universe where other kinds of intelligence may have evolved, where aliens and interdimensional beings could conceivably exist, and where Biblical truth as we know it may fit into a much bigger picture which, until our modern era, our pre-scientific minds have been unable to comprehend.

In light of this it should hardly be surprising that Missler **does** in fact believe in ETs and UFOs and has made them a key part of his teaching!

In *Alien Encounters: The Secret Behind the UFO Phenomenon* (1997), which he cowrote with Mark Eastman, he presents a number of phenomena in considerable detail – and in a surprisingly impartial manner – which can only be described as New Age.

These strange phenomena include UFO visitations, alien abductions, alien implants, Reptilians, panspermia, extraterrestrial species such as Nordics and Pleiadians, interdimensional hybrids, Gaia and 'Mother Earth', ascended masters, crop circles, animal mutilations, hypnotic regression, the Book of Enoch, the Egyptian Book of the Dead, and channeled entities whose 'messages' he sees fit to quote in some detail, including *Ashtar*, *Theodore*, and *Kut Hu Mi* (Possibly the same *Koot Hoomi* who transmitted the demonic writings of Theosophy to Helena Blavatsky).

Many of his 'sources', too, are highly suspect or entirely lacking in credibility. These include Eric von Daniken, Zechariah Sitchin, Ralph Blum, Brad Steiger, Stewart Farrar, Barbara Marciniak, Earlyne Chaney, Whitley Streiber, Kay Wheeler, Thelma Terrell, Budd Hopkins, Claude Vorilhon, and Timothy Green Beckley.



The seemingly innocent presentation of such material is so extravagant in places – without cautionary comments or Biblical warnings of any kind – that undiscerning readers could easily assume that such bizarre phenomena are compatible in some way with Christian theology. Readers are also being urged to believe that the pagan superstition and occult speculation of the New Age offer sincere Christians a fruitful way of exploring Biblical truth.

There are even occasions when Missler steps over the line and redefines a traditional Biblical truth in blatantly New Age terms. Consider, for example, his depiction of Jesus:

There are some that view Jesus as a kind of "Super Angel" or hyperdimensional "Extraterrestrial." Clearly, he did demonstrate many hyperdimensional capabilities. His ability to materialize and dematerialize, while yet being tangible, within a closed room, indicates that he possesses a dimensionality which is independent of the limitations of our threedimensional spatial "reality" His ability to foretell the future indicates his nature is independent of our time domain. Conquering death, as validated by his resurrection, was, of course, the crowning achievement and is evidence of supremacy over the laws of physics. (p.179)

He is not describing the Son of God, the Savior of mankind, but a powerful supernatural entity that differs little, if at all, from the ancient occult depiction of Lucifer!

The Nephilim Agenda

Having addressed the phenomena of ETs and UFOs in some detail in *Alien Encounters*, Missler then proceeds to conclude – rightly in our view – that they are demonic manifestations. As such they ought to be non-physical, but Missler performs an extraordinary intellectual somersault by insisting that they **are** actually physical.

How does he do this?

In Missler's cosmology an ET is a fallen angel that has taken human form or crossbred with humans to produce a type of humanoid hybrid. He equates these beings with the Nephilim mentioned in the Book of Genesis.

We have already examined this speculative teaching in some detail in our paper <u>The</u> <u>Great Nephilim Deception</u> and shown it to be false. In doing so we noted that it has serious implications for Christian theology and that, if it ever became generally accepted, would do immense harm to the church. (We strongly recommend a careful and prayerful examination of the case made in our earlier paper.)



The Nephilim theory fits very naturally with the theory of a Holographic Universe. Both allow the reality of everyday life to fuse in some mysterious way with a higher dimension. In a sense they bring heaven and earth together, rather like the **All is One** philosophy that permeates Hinduism and Buddhism. The same idea may be found also in the apostate teachings of the New Apostolic Reformation (C Peter Wager, Cindy Jacobs, Bill Hamon, etc) [See our earlier paper, <u>Proof that the New Apostolic</u> <u>Reformation is a Pseudo-Christian Cult.</u>]

Each of these theories – the Nephilim and the Holographic Universe – opens the door to a whole new world of possibilities. Rather like a **Matryoshka doll** they are pregnant with error, for concealed within each of them is a series of additional heresies that will gradually filter into the individual's mind. For example, if the universe is holographic, then time travel should be possible, and if time travel is possible then the consequences of sin are not irreversible. Such a view of sin conflicts sharply with what we are told in God's Word. And if the Nephilim exist then, through His permissive will, God has created a race of intelligent beings that cannot be saved – since Christ, as a man, could only die in the place of man.

Thus, in just two simple examples, we find these theories undermining both the Biblical doctrine of sin and the Biblical doctrine of the substitutionary atonement.

The Alchemical Marriage of Heaven and Earth

The idea that 'everything is connected' is central to the New Age. As we have seen, everything in the Holographic Universe is dynamically interconnected, while the Nephilim Theory is based on the principle that the inhabitants of the natural and supernatural realms are capable of interacting with one another and even producing offspring – an Alchemical "marriage" in every sense.

In our earlier paper – <u>Christians who Communicate with Departed Loved Ones are</u> <u>Defying God's Word</u> – we showed how this New Age principle ('All is One, Everything is Connected') is being used to lure Christians into believing that, under certain circumstances, it is alright to communicate with the dead.

In place of the absolute gulf that God has placed between this world and the next, the New Age postulates a "veil", an ethereal gauze which the perceptive faculty of our soul is supposed to be able to penetrate if we use the right techniques – such as meditation, contemplation, creative visualization, and lucid dreaming.

This too is a deadly Matryoshka doll, exposing the individual to all kinds of deceptions and lies. A fallen angel can easily fabricate a 'message' that will fool an emotionally vulnerable person. After he or she has taken the bait, the supernatural entity can then offer further enticements until he has established a firm hypnotic hold over the individual.

Missler's Koinonia Institute now teaches an 8-week course called, *Heaven* – *Infinitely More than We've Ever Imagined*. It is based on the book *Have Heart: Bridging the Gulf Between Heaven and Earth* by Steve and Sarah Berger. We warned of the dangers posed by this book in our earlier paper and the way it is being used to draw professing Christians into what can only be described as necromancy – communication with the dead.

Necromancy is such a serious sin that King Saul was killed within hours of indulging in it. Under no circumstances should a Christian even *seek* to communicate with a departed loved one. Even if he does not receive a 'message' or a sign from 'beyond', the very act of seeking such a message or sign is sinful.

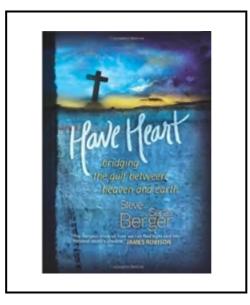


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The Biblical warning against necromancy is for our protection! As far as humans are concerned, the LORD has placed an impassable gulf between this world and the next. So, if a person is receiving a message of any kind, or a sign, it is being produced by one of the **fallen angels**.

Furthermore, even if it were possible to receive a message from a departed loved one, **how** would the recipient know whether or not it was genuine? The answer, of course, is that <u>he would not</u>!

All mediums and psychics who claim to be able to communicate with departed loved ones are deceived. <u>All of them</u>. There are no exceptions. Granted, many of these individuals are truly sincere and are acting only from the best of intentions, but they are deceived by their so-called "spirit guides." Even when the 'messages' contain information that only the departed person could have known, they are false! Demons are able to collect miscellaneous pieces of information about human affairs and use them for a malicious purpose.



The Bergers give the impression in their book that any messages and signs that a person may receive $\underline{\text{directly}}$ – that is without an intermediary such as a psychic or a medium – are not subject to the Biblical injunction against necromancy. **But this is a terrible error**. Anyone who attempts to communicate directly with a departed loved one, whether through their dreams or through the use of techniques like creative visualization, is just as vulnerable to deception and equally open to the charge of necromancy.

This serious misunderstanding is reinforced by the popular New Age belief that all dreams are "spiritual" and that an uplifting dream is a gift from God. Certainly we can enjoy whatever comfort our dreams may give us, but we can never use them to cancel or diminish God's Word. The Bible clearly tells us that necromancy is wrong, that it is extremely offensive to God, and that we can do ourselves serious spiritual harm by indulging in it.

Bereavement is something that we all experience at some time in our lives. Our pain can be intense, but we must lean on God for comfort and support, not on a message or a sign from beyond. This is when we need more than ever to trust in His mercy, in the comfort and protection of our wonderful Savior and Counsellor.

Necromancy is one of the great lies of the New Age movement. Countless books have been written by well-meaning individuals who claim to have contacted a loved one on the other side. They may have used a medium to do this, or relied instead on their dreams, or a contemplative or imaginative technique of some kind. And yet – despite their great sincerity, the comfort they received from these supposed communications, and their heartfelt desire to share their discovery with others – they are greatly deceived.

It beggars belief, therefore, that Koinonia Institute – which claims to be "dedicated to the development and distribution of materials for encouraging and facilitating serious study of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God" – should promote this sinful and potentially very dangerous occult practice.

In fact, Missler even wrote a positive endorsement of the Berger's book:

| "Like Steve and Sarah, Nancy and I have a son in Heaven. It wasn't until we looked at Heaven as the country that our son now inhabits that it yielded its truths to us in an undeniable way. This book illuminates the glorious truths about our future home with a life-changing force and a biblical depth that makes it a 'must read' for all who have made travel plans for Heaven." DR. CHUCK MISSLER, Founder of Koinonia Institute | [LEFT] Chuck Missler's endorsement was published in the Berger's book, <i>Have Heart</i> . |
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Instead of warning against necromancy in all its forms, Missler is actually promoting it!

It is now part of his Koinonia Institute training program and has received favorable coverage in his KI newsletter, *Spyglass Monthly*. In an article entitled *A Little Slice of "Heaven"* (November 2010), a KI staffer stated the following:

In April, I had the opportunity to visit with Pastor Steve Berger of Grace Chapel at our regional KI Conference in Liepers Fork, Tennessee. Steve and his wife Sarah lost their son Josiah in an automobile accident in August 2009. As I was widowed in 2006, we were able to share a few of the emotions of our hearts. I was given his recently released DVD series, *"Heaven – Infinitely More Than We've Ever Imagined*," a new course we will be offering at KI.

As I watched the 8 sessions of "*Heaven – Infinitely More Than We've Ever Imagined* " to prepare the exams and discussion questions for our new KI course, I was reminded of how important this information is. As Pastor Steve shares his journey, we realize the importance of understanding the true possibilities of Heaven.

I heartily invite you to explore Heaven with Pastor Steve with "sanctified imagination within the confines of Biblical truth." This is one journey you will never forget.

Note the phrase, "sanctified imagination within the confines of Biblical truth." This is supposed to serve as an exclusion clause for Christians. Koinonia claim that the charge of necromancy cannot be levelled against someone who communicates with a departed loved one using "sanctified imagination within the confines of Biblical truth." But this is ridiculous. The Biblical prohibition is addressed to all Christians! It is addressed to those who profess to trust and love the LORD God of Abraham. We cannot exercise our imagination in any way, "sanctified" or otherwise, in order to circumvent one of God's directives. Neither can one do so and still profess to be acting "within the confines of Biblical truth"!

Chuck Missler has given a "must read" endorsement to a book that is in flagrant violation of God's Holy Word. We should be very concerned that someone who has long claimed to be a true champion of Evangelical Christianity is now urging Christians to communicate with the dead and has included a module for this purpose in his training program.

Necromancy is closely related to Spiritualism

Necromancy, or communication with someone who has died, is closely related to spiritualism, which embraces both necromancy and communication with spirit guides ("familiar spirits").

It can safely be said that all occult practices are designed one way or another to tap into the supernatural power of the fallen angels. The Bible absolutely forbids any such activity in the strictest possible terms: "There shall not be found among you any one...that useth divination, or an observer of times [*astrologer*], or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer [*hypnotist*], or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD" (Deuteronomy 18:10-12)

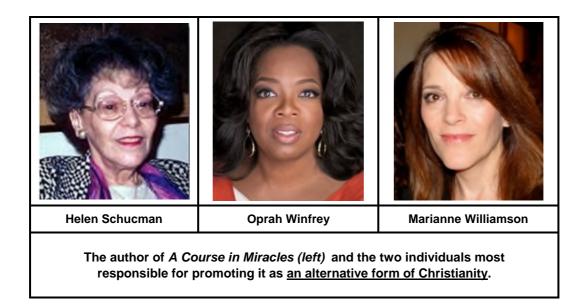
In an earlier paper – <u>The 'Jesus Calling' Books are an Alarming New Age Deception</u> – we revealed the true source of the 'voice' behind the books written by Sarah Young and published by Thomas Nelson. Millions of copies of this apostate book have been sold over the past eight years. This clearly means that large numbers of professing Christians have been listening to the seductive voice that is speaking through its pages, not realizing that the 'Jesus' they are hearing is the voice of a fallen angel pretending to be Jesus.

The book belongs to a variety of literature known as 'channeled' works. The authors receive the words telepathically, as though someone was whispering the actual text into their mind. This can happen spontaneously, while in a trance, via meditation, or under hypnosis. Some channelers describe a voice in their head, while others see the words in their mind's eye. Others channel occult material using a technique known as automatic writing, where their hand seems to be guided by an invisible presence. In almost all cases a channeler knows that he or she is being used as a conduit or "channel" through whom a supernatural or "extraterrestrial" voice is communicating a message to mankind.

Several of the authors cited by Chuck Missler in *Alien Encounters*, which we have already discussed, were <u>self-confessed channelers</u>. They include Barbara Marciniak, who channels messages from a group of entities calling themselves *Pleiadians*, supposedly a race of ETs based in the Pleiadian star system; Thelma Terrell, who is one of the channels used by an entity calling himself *Ashtar*, supposedly another ET; Jeana Lake, who receives regular messages from an entity calling himself *Theodore* (yet another ET); and Earlyne Cheny, who channels messages from an entity calling himself *Kut-Hu-Mi*.

Some modern channelers have published bestsellers, including Helen Schucman, author of *A Course in Miracles*, who channeled the devious and deceitful works of an entity calling himself 'Jesus', and Neale Donald Walsch, whose *Conversations With God* are filled with New Age philosophy and viciously anti-Biblical propaganda. They originate, of course, not with God but with a lying spirit calling himself 'God'.

Other popular New Age books, the well-crafted products of demonic channeling, include the *Seth* books by Jane Roberts (The entity claimes to be a highly evolved spirit being called Seth); the *Ramtha* books by J Z Knight (The entity claimes to be a Lemurian warrior who lived 35,000 years ago); the writings of Esther Hicks, who receives messages from a group of entities calling themselves *Abraham*; and Barbara Marx Hubbard, who claims that her book *The Revelation: The Book of Co-Creation* was dictated to her by an entity calling himself 'Christ'.



Richard Bach said his bestseller, *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, was dictated to him by a spirit being whom he called "The Voice". The book itself is steeped in Hinduism and New Age philosophy and actually describes the 'Christ' of the New Age.

Jonathan ... Hebrew for 'The Lord has given'

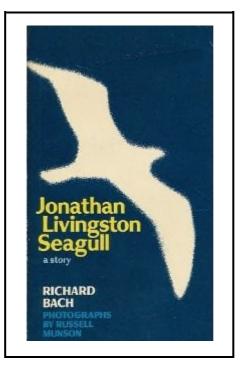
Livingston ...*living stone* or *Rock* = Christ

Seagull sounds like sigil, a magic symbol or pictorial representation of a demon.

Therefore, in occult language, **Jonathan Livingston Seagull** means '**Satan gives herein his representation of** *Christ*'

As the title suggests the book, *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, published in 1970, describes the 'Christ' of the New Age.

It is likely that many other New Age and occult bestsellers were "inspired" by supernatural entities working through individuals who were receptive to the images and messages that were projected into their minds. The same may be said of Hollywood directors and scriptwriters who, over the past thirty years or so, have created a cinematic cesspool infested with images of sadism, perversion and witchcraft that are too awful to describe.



Among the most influential of all channeled writings have been those of Helena Blavatsky, who served as the earthly amanuensis for two fallen angels known as *Koot Hoomi* and *Master Morya*, and those of Alice Bailey, who channeled an entity known as *Djwhal Khul*. Virtually all of the New Age writings of the late 20th century have been heavily influenced by the occult material produced by these two women. [See our paper, <u>The Externalization of the Hierarchy: How the Illuminati are Implementing Satan's Plan for the End-Time</u>, for a detailed examination of this subject.]

Perhaps the most influential channeled works in the lives of many westerners are those transmitted by Roman Catholic visionaries who receive apparitions of the 'Virgin Mary' and record 'her' messages for posterity. While there is no doubt that the majority of the woman concerned are truly sincere, they show no understanding that the entity in their visions is a fallen angel masquerading as 'Mary'. (See our earlier paper – <u>Satan in Satin: Apparitions of Mary</u> – for an examination of the way Satan is using his 'Marian' apparitions to deceive millions of Roman Catholics.)

Christians need to understand that all channeled works are from a demonic source. The dark regiment of fallen angels is working hard to infect the minds and hearts of mankind with beliefs and concepts that resist, dilute or reject Biblical truth. Channeling is perfectly suited for this purpose.

In an age of global communication, such channeled material is being disseminated with amazing rapidity. Even Christians who believe they are strong in the faith are foolishly imbibing ideas that have no Biblical foundation. They think they are "enlarging" their spirituality, when in reality they are adopting a pagan mindset. For example, Contemplative Spirituality, which is proving attractive to many Evangelicals, is a thinly disguised amalgam of Roman Catholic mysticism and Eastern meditation.

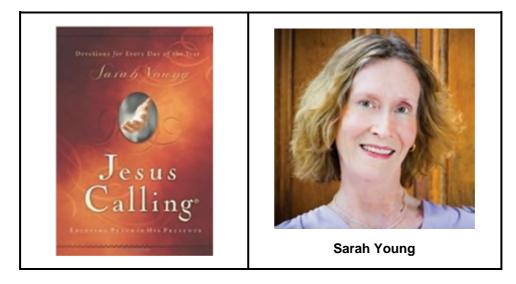


Prominent leaders like Chuck Missler, who claim to be true champions of Biblical Christianity, should be condemning these developments, and they should be doing so with great urgency and determination. But he is doing the very opposite! He is promoting them!

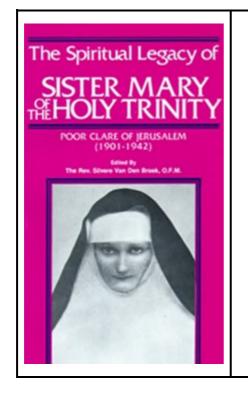
Missler has rejected Biblical Christianity

Missler is luring thousands of unsuspecting Christians into a New Age version of Christianity where all is one, where everything is connected, where channeled information has objective validity, where evolution is acceptable, where the Bible may contain important truths that have yet to be discovered, where Jesus is akin to a powerful extraterrestrial archangel, where angels and men can interbreed, and where it is permissable to communicate with the dead.

The extent of Missler's rejection of Biblical Christianity becomes painfully apparent in the way he allows his Institute to promote the writings of Sarah Young. The 'Jesus' of the *Jesus Calling* books is a counterfeit, a phony, a revolting New Age parody of the real Jesus. He is no more Jesus that the 'Jesus' channeled by Helen Schucman, the 'Christ' channeled by Barbara Marx Hubbard, or the 'God' channeled by Neale Donald Walsch.



Like certain Catholic visionaires and mystics, some of whom have had their 'visions' formally recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, Sarah Young claims to be in communication with the real Jesus of Nazareth. Unlike many of them, however, she does not receive a visual image as such but hears his voice 'speaking' inside her. To that extent her mode of communication is very similar to that of **Louisa Jaques**, better known as **Sister Mary of the Holy Trinity** (1901-1942), whose many messages from 'Jesus' have been published under the *imprimatur* of the Roman Catholic Church. Such communications are defined by Rome as **'interior locutions''** and have been reported, for example, by the founder of the Marian Movement of Priests, 'Father' Stefano Gobbi (1930-2011), a close confidant of Pope John Paul II.



Sister Mary of the Holy Trinity (1901-1942), who received numerous messages from a supernatural voice claiming to be Jesus.

The voice called her "My little fiancée".

Her published messages have popularized the *Vow of Victim* among Catholics who wish to be a 'Disciple of the Eucharist'.

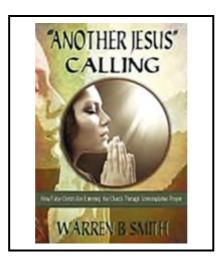
Her 'Jesus' voice said:

"What I ask of you, what I expect of you, is that you act...by imitating My Eucharistic Life. That is the Vow of Victim that I have asked of you."

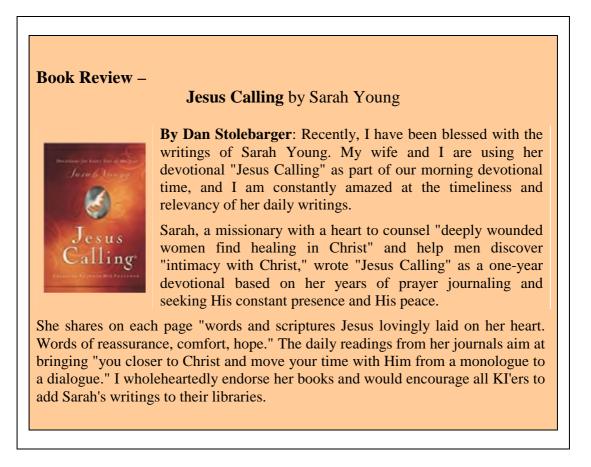
"You will pronounce the Vow of Victim between the hands of My Mother, Mediatrix of all Graces – it is she who will present your offering to God."

If you have not yet discovered that the 'Jesus' in Sarah Young's book is a demonic counterfeit, then please consider carefully the facts set out in our earlier paper – <u>The</u> 'Jesus Calling' Books are an Alarming New Age Deception.

Please understand that *Jesus Calling* is not just a mixture of 'good' and 'bad', but a toxic brew from beginning to end. Ms Young opened herself to a supernatural entity whose "voice" is the voice of Satan. While she was almost certainly sincere in everything she wrote, she was utterly deceived. As a result, she is an unwitting channel for spiritual deception and New Age lies. (We recommend *Another Jesus Calling* by Warren Smith (2013) for an in-depth examination of Ms Young's calamitous error.)



Incredibly, Missler's newsletter, *Spyglass Monthly*, published a very positive review of *Jesus Calling* in its issue of March 2010:



Not only does the official Koinonia newsletter give a glowing endorsement of the writings of Sarah Young, but it goes so far as to say, "I wholeheartedly endorse her books and would encourage all KI'ers [*members of the Koinonia study program*] to add Sarah's writings to their libraries." Furthermore, generous extracts from *Jesus Calling* were reproduced in *Spyglass Monthly* in July and November, 2010.

This is incomprehensible! It shows that Missler and his team believe that, not only is *Jesus Calling* consistent with the Word of God, but that it fits comfortably with the 'brand' of Christianity that Missler wants to teach.

Conclusion

Our wonderful Savior said, "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27). But what voice do professing Christians hear when they read Ms Young's book? "And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." (John 10:5).

When reading *Jesus Calling* a born-again Christian with a firm foundation in God's Holy Word should hear Satan's lisping voice, subtle and dangerous. He should hear his lies and his New Age, paganised form of Christianity. He should hear sweet-sounding words that mean nothing and repeated invitations to submit to his beguiling presence.

This is why the word 'Presence' is such a mantra in the New Age and why it appears so often in Ms Young's book. Satan loves the word 'Presence' because it induces his listeners to submit to their feelings, to listen to their hearts, to use their imagination, and to take an intuitive journey into their innermost being. This is mysticism, a realm where Satan reigns supreme, a silent playground where the arch-deceiver can use his powers with fewer and fewer restrictions.

Be warned, he has real supernatural power and is capable of imparting ecstatic, lifechanging experiences to those who are foolish enough to welcome his 'presence'. It is the craving for such experiences that holds so many in bondage. And he knows it!

Am I being too harsh? Please think for a moment. Why would Jesus impart a message for transmission to the rest of mankind given that he has already set out his complete, immutable and perfect message in his Holy Word? On the other hand – keep thinking – why would Satan miss an opportunity to corrupt the true gospel in this way, to lure a glowing number of potential victims into his 'presence' and promote a lust for 'experiences' that will destroy millions of unsuspecting souls?

Satan hates the Bible, he hates Jesus, he hates all born-again Christians, and he hates you. Unless you can see this, you won't understand why he is determined to use every trick in his arsenal to divert an ever-increasing number of professing believers from the Word of God and feed them a sickly counterfeit version of Christianity that cannot save anyone.

Chuck Missler and the people who run Koinonia House know this. They know that the teachings imparted through *Jesus Calling* are not from Jesus of Nazareth. So why don't they warn you? Worse still, why do they encourage their members to study the writings of Ms Young?

The answer ought to be obvious. As the Apostle Paul said, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:29) If such people were becoming active in the church some 2,000 years ago, we can be sure they are rampant today.

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