# Reiki, the Occult, and Psychic Attack

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On the surface, Reiki seems harmless enough, and many will be offended by our suggestion that it can expose participants to psychic attack or occult oppression. But in many cases that is exactly what it does, and anyone involved with it needs to understand why.

Reiki thrives on the innocence (and ignorance) of its clients. Most of them know little or nothing about its history or the spiritual dynamics by which it operates. All they want is healing and a feeling of well-being. As far as they are concerned, it either works or it doesn't, and if Reiki works, then what's the problem?

The short answer is that, whether Reiki 'works' or not, it is dangerous. It is based on ancient occult principles that are designed to weaken the protective barrier which the LORD in His mercy has placed between humans and the fallen angels.

#### What is Reiki?

Reiki is a system of spiritual healing that was developed by Mikao Usui, a Japanese Buddhist, in 1922. It later spread to the West and is now part of what New Age followers call 'energy healing' or 'energy medicine'. Many who come to Reiki for healing have already been indoctrinated into the belief that the universe is filled with a spiritual energy which, if correctly used, can heal the individual. Reiki claims to be able to direct this energy, via the hands of the practitioner, into the subject.

Despite its claim to originality, it is difficult to find a single element in Reiki that was not already known in Taoism and Buddhism. Usui did not find something new, but simply repackaged a few traditional occult ideas and gave them new names. This goes on all the time in occult and New Age circles.

The word Reiki, itself, is a combination of two Japanese words, *rei* meaning 'universal and spiritual' and *ki* meaning 'energy'. Thus the so-called Masters of Reiki claim to be able to tap directly into the alleged divine energy of the universe and direct it into the affected organs of an unwell person, even at a distance. This is meant to restore the 'natural balance' of the organs and bring healing. Several Reiki sessions may be required to do this.



# The Cosmic Energy Hypothesis

The entire New Age movement is based on a principle equivalent to ki, namely that the universe, including the fundamental constituents of matter, consists of a living, vibrational intelligence or energy. Only those who have been 'enlightened' truly understand the ki – which is known also as *prana* or *shakti* in India and *chi* (or *qi*) in China – and are able to direct it correctly. The purpose of the various 'initiations' or 'attunements' given by various esoteric and occult groups, along with their secret symbols and charged words or mantras, is to open the individual to this subtle cosmic force.

Significantly, unknown to the general public, the adepts, gurus and masters of these esoteric groups almost invariably warn of the danger of 'opening' the individual too swiftly or with insufficient care, as otherwise serious problems could develop.

Reiki, too, has its initiations or 'attunements', as well as symbols and charged words to control the ki. So, when a Reiki practitioner claims that Reiki is not religious, he or she is deceiving the public.

Before we discuss the Reiki initiations we would emphasize that the *ki* or divine energy of the universe <u>does not exist</u>. It is a false teaching based on **pantheism** (the doctrine that God *is* the universe) or **panentheism** (the doctrine that God in some way interpenetrates the universe). The Bible clearly teaches that God created the universe but that He himself is not part of His own creation. There is therefore nothing 'divine' in the universe and no universal divine energy.

Most pagan religions and occult teachings would collapse if the doctrine of *ki* was found to be false. This 'force', literally The Force of the *Star Wars* movie franchise, is the <u>pagan alternative to God</u>, the kind of 'god' that fallen man wants, an impersonal universal benevolent energy that will respond to his 'creative imagination', a god who does not judge man but simply allows him to 'evolve' into higher states of consciousness over many lifetimes and eventually become a 'god' himself.

## The Reiki Initiations

There are three Reiki initiations in all. All three require the individual to connect with a supernatural entity or spirit guide.

The first initiation is a series of four 'attunements', given by a qualified Reiki 'Master', namely someone who has already passed through the three levels of initiation.

The Reiki Master has a principal guiding spirit known as his *Dai-Ko-Myo*, meaning 'Great Shining Light' or, in an esoteric sense, 'Phoenix who rises out of the ashes'. He summons this spirit by means of a secret symbol, the *Master Symbol*, which was given to him at his own initiation. A person would normally become a Reiki Master only after many years of study, having paid a large sum of money for the privilege. He does not conceive of this spirit as anything other than an agent of the *ki* itself.



The Reiki Master also works with the spirit of *Hon-Sha-Ze-Sho-Nen*, meaning 'From the Buddha in me to the Buddha in you.' Practitioners of yoga will recognize the similarity between this and the yogic 'blessing', *Namaste*, meaning 'The divinity in me greets the divinity in you.'

This spirit, which is summoned by a separate symbol, is supposed to enable the practitioner to direct the ki over long distances and heal clients in remote locations. The procedure involves writing the symbol and calling the name of the spirit three times, along with the name of the person being 'healed', and then concentrating on the flow of ki through one's inner being.

The Reiki Master works with two other spirits, a guiding spirit known as *Sei-He-Ki*, meaning "God and man become one", and *Tjoko-Rei*, meaning "God come here". Seemingly all four are invoked in some manner by the Reiki Master during the various initiation ceremonies and healing sessions.

## **Grotesque spiritual errors**

There are several grotesque spiritual errors in all of this. We have already noted one of these, namely that *ki*, the basis of pantheism, is a pagan deception.

The second is that man must not attempt to contact or communicate with the supernatural realm under any circumstances. The word 'spirit' may sound neutral, even benign, but what exactly is the Reiki Master contacting when he summons the <u>four</u> 'spirits'? They are obviously intelligent, incorporeal beings who are capable of responding to his call and working in his life in a supernatural way.

The third is a failure to see that the only angelic beings who can possibly respond to divination are the fallen angels! The Bible makes it abundantly clear that the good or elect angels are absolutely forbidden by God to communicate or interact with man in any way except with His permission.

The fourth is the belief that some of the fallen angels can be trusted because they are rendering what appears to be a benevolent service. But this is absurd. The reality is that *all* of the fallen angels are subject to their master, Satan, and work according to his plan. Whatever 'healings' occur through Reiki are produced by Luciferian energy and will <u>always</u> exact a price.

The fifth is the insane belief that the fallen angels will leave the 'client' alone after a Reiki healing session is over!



These errors are being made, not just by Reiki practitioners, but by <u>anyone</u> who participates in a Reiki healing session. These naïve individuals have unwittingly opened their lives to forces outside their control and may suffer the effects of their indiscretion for years to come. In fact, the four 'guiding spirits' that the would-be healer invited into his home will continue to oppress him for the rest of his life unless he repents of his folly and turns to Jesus. Christ alone can evict these wicked intruders. No guru, master, roshi or sadhu can do this for him since they too are subject – through their respective initiations – to one or more guiding spirits who *also* work for Satan.

To understand why this is so, we really need to see how Reiki got started.

#### **The Reiki Founder**

Mikao Usui, who founded Reiki, was searching diligently for truth in his younger years. He had heard that certain spiritual paths offered a means of achieving a state of consciousness known in Japanese as *Anshin Ritsumei* or "absolute inner peace" (also called *Satori*). In this state one is said to enjoy complete and continuous inner peace no matter what is happening in one's outer life. Once it has been attained, it is claimed, the state is self-perpetuating and requires no further effort to sustain it.

Like many before him, Usui began the practice of *Zazen* meditation under the tutelage of a Zen master. He kept up this practice for three years but without success. He grew increasingly impatient and decided to do whatever was necessary to attain *Anshin Ritsumei*. He was even willing to risk death and went to a mountain retreat to fast and meditate until he reached enlightenment. Given the location he chose he may also have stood for long periods under a waterfall to deepen his meditation and enter a more dissociated state. After a few weeks of this, he became so weak that he was at risk of dying. Then at midnight of 21 March, 1922, a powerful illumination exploded like a bolt of lightning through the top of his head and he lost consciousness.



"A healer always has guides to help her in her healings. A Reiki spirit guide is assigned to every healer from the time of her First Degree. As soon as the energy begins to flow in a healing, the Reiki guides appear. If they are needed in the session, they take part. By the time a healer receives Reiki 2, their presence is hard to ignore. One guide with Reiki 1 becomes several with the Second and Third Degrees."

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The next day, even though he was still very weak, he felt an amazing vitality all through his mind and body. It was unlike anything he had never known. His awareness was now operating at a much higher level and he felt completely at one with the universe. He discovered shortly afterwards that he also had the ability to transmit healing energy through his hands.

Usui spent the rest of his life perfecting a number of techniques that would enable others to tap into the same healing energy or *ki* and transmit it through their hands for the benefit of others. This became known in due course as his program of Reiki.

#### **Understanding Usui's Experience**

What are we to make of his experience? It is extremely important that we answer this question correctly:

#### Explanation #1

Followers of the New Age will say that he experienced enlightenment, the state toward which all human beings are evolving, also known as Cosmic Consciousness, Moksha, Mukti, Satori, or Nirvana. Advanced practitioners of the occult, such as the Rosicrucians, grant the title of *Illuminatus* (Illuminated One) to someone who has achieved this state (This is the origin of the term 'Illuminati').

#### **Explanation #2**

Others would say that Usui underwent a purely psychological experience which enabled him to function more effectively as a human being. The 'experience' or shock was the impact he felt within himself as his various subtle intellectual faculties came together in a new, more mature way. In a sense he had advanced into a higher state of consciousness, a state which all humanity is destined to enter in the next stage of human development.

#### Explanation #3

From a Biblical standpoint, Usui opened himself spiritually, through fasting and meditation, to such a degree that the fallen angels were able to take possession of him. The 'light' he experienced was the same light that Lucifer infuses into the mystics and sages whom he then uses to enslave mankind. To the individual who receives this light it can seem utterly delectable, like a surge of divine energy. Thereafter he craves this inner light and wants to lead others to the same experience.

Satan's worldwide program of deception over the past half century or so has been so successful that most people today, including a great many professing Christians, will opt for Explanation #1 or #2. Very few are willing to accept that Explanation #3 is the only correct one.

The strongest objection to #3 is that Satan would never give anyone an experience that was so satisfying or uplifting, or lead anyone from a state of intense frustration and loneliness into a state where they felt completely at one with the universe and filled with an energy, vitality and joy that simply overwhelmed them. But we should ask, Why not?

His ultimate goal is the enslavement and destruction of mankind, and in order to reach that goal he must lure as many as possible into his net of deception. This is where the mystics, gurus, and sages come in. These well-meaning individuals unwittingly carry his banner to all corners of the world, preaching his false philosophy in the guise of peace, harmony, bliss and enlightenment. Using his ability to infuse ecstasy and supernatural energy into willing individuals, he has bewitched and enslaved the mystics and illuminated ones and is using them to carry out his plan for mankind. Since they foolishly choose to interpret their experiences as 'divine' or God-ordained, they usually have little or no idea that they are being used by Satan.

It may help to look at another example. This too concerns a sincere, well-meaning individual from the Far East who also developed a spiritual technique which he believed would help mankind.

#### Subud

A young Indonesian Muslim, Pak Subuh, had studied for several years with a Sufi group of the Naqshbandi order but was disappointed with his spiritual progress. His activities would have included *zikr*, namely the rhythmic repetition of charged words or mantras, and practice of the contemplative exercises employed by the Naqshbandi order to bring enlightenment. This state is known in Sufism as *fana* or annihilation of the self – to die before one dies – and is equivalent to the *Anshin Ritsumei* or *Satori* mentioned earlier.

Not long after he left the Naqshbandi group to study alone, he was walking along the street late one night in 1925 when a ball of brilliant white light came down from the sky and entered through his head. It seemed to him as if an object like the sun had fallen directly upon him from the sky. He was extremely startled by the experience and thought he was having a heart attack. Rushing home he lay on his bed and prepared to die, but instead of dying he found himself filling with energy. Following an inner urge he got out of bed and performed a series of dance movements which later became part of the technique that he would call 'Subud' (which has no connection with his surname, Subuh). This experience reportedly occurred nightly for the next three years or so, during which time he slept very little. Over a period of years, word began to circulate that Subuh had unusual powers and locals began to come to him to learn his method. Subuh used the term *látihan kejíwa'an* (or simply *Latihan*) for the state that Usui (the Reiki founder) called *Anshin Ritsumei*.

He later published a book called '*Susila Budhi Dharma*' which deals with the three main qualities or attributes that are supposedly developed through the practice of Subud (The word *subud* is an acronym derived from the initial letters of these three words). Since Subuh was convinced that everything he had experienced, including the teaching method that he developed, came from a divine source, he used three basic concepts from Buddhism to encapsulate his philosophy.



In Buddhism, *susila* means one's innate ability to do what is right, which in turn is grounded in the *budhi* or 'divine' aspect of the human mind and expressed in the world as *dharma*, namely action that accords perfectly with the will of the Absolute. Just like Usui, Subuh believed his spiritual technique put the individual in tune with the cosmic energy or *ki* that fills the universe.

There is no doubting the sincerity of these two men, one Buddhist and the other Muslim. They each had a startling spiritual experience that transformed their lives. Based on their understanding of what had happened to them, they each developed a spiritual training program or set of techniques that would enable others to have the same experience. And yet they were completely and utterly deceived by Satan.

## Satan's 'light' is darkness

Many other examples could be given. Countless men and women throughout the ages have practiced austerities and meditative techniques in order to 'open' themselves to the supernatural realm, sustained throughout by the false belief that whatever happened to them must surely have come from God. And when they did have a startling, possibly mind-blowing experience in the 'light', they were convinced that they were chosen by God to bring a special message to the world. A great many could not handle their encounter with the serpentine light of Lucifer and became deranged, unable thereafter to function as normal human beings.

Those who fared better, like Usui and Subuh, usually felt compelled to carry forward – with all sincerity – the false Luciferian teaching of illumination and enlightenment.

How can we know for certain that the light experienced by these individuals was not from God? We know because Christ <u>alone</u> is the light of the world. There is no other 'light' apart from Christ. As Christ himself warned:

"But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23) Does this mean there is only one true teaching in the world today? Yes, it does. The Bible alone is God's holy Word. Through it He teaches all that we need to find true salvation and to serve Him faithfully during our earthly lives. No other book does this, and no other teaching. All the other religions, sects, paths, and movements are the products of men like Usui and Subuh, well-meaning individuals who had an experience in the false light of Lucifer and proceeded to share their misguided insights with the world.

Since Christ is the light of the world – the only light – then the 'light' seen by the mystics of the various world religions is the darkness that Christ warned about.

#### **The Roman Catholic Mystics**

This includes the 'light' seen by the mystics of the Roman Catholic Church. The extant writings of these individuals are quite extensive and have greatly influenced the doctrines and teachings being promulgated today by the Vatican. They include Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Therese of Lisieux, Catherine of Genoa, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius Loyola, and Thomas Merton. In their pride, they falsely ascribed their mystical experiences to Christ, when in reality, as their teachings clearly show, they had largely discarded the Bible and developed their own methods and techniques for achieving enlightenment.

The Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, was a prime example of this, a contemplative mystic in the Catholic tradition who on several occasions identified his inner experiences with those of the Buddhist monks of Thailand and elsewhere. He was right, of course. They *were* the same, fed by the same "light that is...darkness" which Christ warned about.

This is the false light that Satan has used throughout history to deceive mankind. For example, in Freemasonry, during the York Rite of induction into the third degree of Master Mason, the so-called Worshipful Master states: "Let me now beg you to observe that the Light of a Master Mason is darkness visible..." This is a plain admission that the 'light' they are seeking is actually darkness made visible. It is not light at all but, just as Christ warned, a deception produced by the powers of darkness.

The Bible tells us that Satan is able to appear as an angel of light – "for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:14). The light *appears* to be the light of Christ, but it is actually a Luciferian counterfeit. Nonetheless, it is so impressive and so seductive that it has successfully deceived Roman Catholic mystics for centuries, as well as initiates of every esoteric cult that ever existed.

Those who deny the message that Christ brought to the world, or who reject its exclusiveness, are walking in darkness. Here is how the Apostle John described that message:

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1: 5-7)

Please reflect carefully on these wonderful words since they describe the way to eternal life.



## A Closer Look at Reiki

Given what we know about the origin of Reiki, it is easy to see why it is potentially harmful. It is not just a false teaching that leads people away from God's holy Word, the Bible, but it employs techniques that open both practitioners and their clients to the malign influence of the fallen angels. In short, it is demonic.

We do not make this statement lightly. There are many false path and teachings, but among those which are currently popular in the West, there are few that can match Reiki for the speed with which it opens naïve and vulnerable subjects to dangerous supernatural entities. Remember, the Reiki practitioner has ALREADY invited a number of demons (four spirit guides whom she – it is usually a woman – calls by name) to work with her in the healing process. This means that ANYONE who voluntarily undergoes a Reiki healing procedure is unwittingly inviting the SAME demons to enter *their* lives in some fashion.

You don't need to be initiated into Reiki to be harmed by Reiki. It is energized in the most fundamental sense by a sinister supernatural force. No good whatever can come of it. Yes, temporary healings are known to occur, but this is highly deceptive. Satan never gives anything for nothing. He expects a sure return on every investment and is quite prepared to trade a temporary 'healing' for the key to your home.

The demons know that their sinister work will achieve little if they disclose their real intentions from the outset, so they pretend to be benign. The Adversary is prepared to bide his time in order to draw more victims into his net. He is already doing this extensively in the West through hatha yoga, Eastern meditation, *lectio divina*, contemplative spirituality, eucharistic adoration, the martial arts, and so forth.

What sets Reiki apart, however, is that it purports to be therapeutic and therefore is capable of reaching and affecting a broad spectrum of society. Also, by issuing a direct invitation to these entities, particularly through the use of secret symbols and mantras, Reiki can greatly accelerate the infiltration process. Incredibly a person attending a Reiki session may not even be aware that 'spirit guides' were being summoned to heal him!

Reiki practitioners are guilty of a very serious spiritual crime when they fail to tell their clients what they are actually doing. How many fee-paying 'patients' would they have if they were truthful with their clientele?

Reiki is nothing less than witchcraft in the marketplace. At least when foolish people play with a Ouija board, they know the risks they are taking, but Reiki deceives the public by disguising itself as a harmless therapeutic modality.

It is not difficult to find personal testimonies on the Internet of the damage done by Reiki. Some unfortunate people have been tormented for months by demons after just one Reiki 'healing' session. While sitting alone they can feel the presence of these malign entities in the room or else experience dark thoughts or emotions which had never previously bothered them. Others are subjected to psychic attacks in their sleep or endure horrifying nightmares.

Even where clients are not bothered by these invasive phenomena, many will develop a deeper fascination with mysticism and the New Age. Those who are affected will not know that the urge to 'experiment' and 'try new things' is coming from the spirit guides whom they contacted through Reiki. These insidious thoughts will continue to play on their minds until they go for another Reiki session, or take up meditation or yoga, or attend a weekend seminar on mindfulness or crystal healing. The list is endless.

#### **Rick Warren and 'Christian' Reiki**

In his streamlined reformulation of Christianity, Rick Warren has produced a religion of his own which he calls The Purpose Driven Church. He continues to add new elements to this religion, mostly of the New Age variety. His widely advertised 'Daniel Plan', which sets out a detailed program for improving one's physical health, was developed in consultation with three medical practitioners – Dr Daniel Amen, Dr Mark Hymen and Dr Mehmet Oz, a Muslim. Dr Amen promotes tantric sex (which is based on yoga), while Dr Hyman promotes *energy medicine* as a valid healing modality. Dr Oz is a strong advocate of Reiki (his wife is a practising Reiki Master) and, with Rick Warren's approval, recommends it to Christians. He is also wellknown across America as the host of the award-winning *Dr Oz Show*, which attracts an average of four million viewers a day. (Dr Hyman sometimes appears as a guest co-host on the same show.)



It is difficult to believe that something like Reiki could be incorporated into any program designed for Christians. The very people who ought to be condemning this harmful occult technique are actually promoting it! If nothing else, his perverse endorsement confirms that Rick Warren – a member of the Council on Foreign Relations – is working closely with the masterminds behind the coming One World Religion.

## Mixing Reiki with other New Age Practices

Reiki is also being inter-mixed with other belief systems. To anyone who believes in, or is simply open to, the false doctrine of ki, the possibility that this 'cosmic energy' could be used for healing is very attractive. Since many professing Christians see no contradiction between the teachings of the Bible and the doctrine of ki – which basically supplants the work of the Holy Spirit – they are often willing to experiment with Reiki. The same attitude may be found to varying degrees among other religious groups. As a result many New Age systems in vogue today have incorporated Reiki or a similar technique into their repertoire.



The books above – all of which are available for purchase online – reveal how far Reiki has spread throughout the New Age movement and become a major conduit for the entry of 'spirit guides' into the lives of millions of people. As a tool for demonising society, Reiki has few equals.

Some long-time practitioners of Reiki are prepared to admit that Reiki can be dangerous if not practised 'correctly' and caution their students accordingly. A book dealing with this very topic was published in 2001:



The subtitle is very revealing – *survival* for healers and therapists. And what a truly honest title, *Dancing with the Devil*. This is the prospect facing anyone, such as a Reiki practitioner, who decides to 'channel the light'

## The Alpha Course Connection

At first glance there is no obvious connection between Reiki and the Alpha Course. However, when we examine the Alpha Course teaching on the Holy Spirit, and the origin of Alpha itself, we can see some common factors.

Here is how Nicky Gumbel, chief originator of the Alpha Course, described a significant experience he had in 1982 (from Talk 14 of the HTB Transcripts (2009), titled 'Does God Heal Today?') [The complete transcript may be found in <u>Appendix A</u>]:

Back in 1982 a man called John Wimber came to speak at our church. John Wimber was the pastor of the Vineyard Church in America...he spoke on the subject of Spirit and on healing...

[An assistant on Wimber's healing team asked a sceptical Gumbel] ...'Well, is there anything we could pray for?' So I said, 'Well, what I would really love to pray for is the power of the Holy Spirit in my life.' So he said, 'Okay, we'll pray for that.' And he started to pray.

All I can say is that after about thirty seconds I experienced the power of God in a way that I had never experienced before in my life. I know this is not true for everybody, but for me there was a physical manifestation. It was like ten thousand volts of electricity going through my body.

In fact, it was so intense, I really couldn't take it any more. But this American, I think he'd only just joined the ministry team, because he only had one prayer that he prayed, and his prayer was 'More power, Lord!' And every time he prayed this prayer, the power increased.

So eventually I didn't know what to do. I thought the only thing I could do was pray against him! So I started praying, 'No more power, Lord!' But because he only had this one prayer, he carried on: 'More power!' And eventually there was a kind of shouting match going on between him and me, right in the centre. By this stage everybody else in Church House had stopped praying and was watching what was happening right here!



Gumbel got another demonstration of this 'power' about 12 years later when, in May 1994, a member of a Vineyard church in London, Ms Ellie Mumford, returned from a visit to the Toronto Airport Vineyard Church. Gumbel described the occasion as follows on Video 3, Talk 9 of the Alpha Course:

We went to their house...where a group of leaders of their church was meeting... Ellie Mumford told us a little bit of what she had seen in Toronto... it was obvious that Ellie was just dying to pray for all of us... then she said, "Now we'll invite the Holy Spirit to come," and the moment she said that, one of the people was thrown, literally, across the room and was lying on the floor, just howling and laughing... making the most incredible noise... I experienced the power of the Spirit in a way I hadn't experienced for years, like massive electricity going through my body... One of the guys was prophesying. He was just lying there prophesying... The so-called Toronto 'Blessing' is very similar to the *shaktipat* given by Hindu gurus. The guru touches the student on the forehead with his finger, or even a feather, and immediately he experiences a state of ecstasy or sees an inner light of dazzling intensity, almost like the sun.

*Shakti* is the energy of Shiva, one of the most highly venerated of the Hindu deities. This 'god' is really a high level demon or fallen angel who has control over a legion of lesser demons. When a guru submits to his power and undergoes extensive training in the strict disciplines of yoga, he opens the *kundalini* and becomes a conduit for the *shakti* force. Some gurus also acquire the ability to transmit this force to others via the *shaktipat*.

When Ms Mumford returned from Toronto she was acting as a temporary conduit for the so-called Toronto Blessing. This too is an energy transmitted by fallen angels and has NOTHING whatever to do with the Holy Spirit.



# From Branham to Wimber to Alpha

The Vineyard churches were founded by John Wimber, a great admirer of William Branham, who was one of the most demonised pseudo-Christians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Branham's ministry, bolstered by false signs and counterfeit healings performed by Branham himself, attracted a cult following and provided a fertile breeding ground for heresies and error of every kind. The Vineyard churches founded by John Wimber were essentially a product of Branham's teaching.

The Toronto 'Blessing' is energized by the fallen angels who have congregated at the Vineyard Airport Church in Toronto, very likely in response to the selfish craving by its members for signs and wonders. Demons seem to work best when they can saturate a geographical location with their subversive presence. In order to receive this 'blessing' would-be recipients normally have to travel to Toronto. However, after they have had their 'experience' – barking, laughing, jerking, rolling on the floor, or whatever – some of them later act as unwitting, albeit temporary, conduits for the same energy when they return to their home town. As they mix with other misguided Christians in their community – who are craving the same experience – the 'Toronto' spirit may strike them also.

We are dealing here with person-to-person transmission, similar to the *Latihan* of Subud and the *shaktipat* of the Hindu gurus.

There is no doubt that Nicky Gumbel, Ellie Mumford, and others involved in this work are completely sincere and that their motives are above reproach. They mean well and truly believe they are serving God by promoting the Toronto 'Blessing', but they are deceived. The Holy Spirit is not doing a special work at the Vineyard Church at Toronto Airport, and never has. The force at work there is certainly supernatural, but it is that of the fallen angels. They know how to produce the kinds of ecstatic experiences that impress and overwhelm undiscerning Christians and lure them further into the depths of deception.



Nicky Gumbel, principal founder of the Alpha Course, meets Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis. The Roman Catholic Church has endorsed the Alpha Course, which

means it conforms with Catholic theology. If that is the case then the Alpha Course teaches a false Christ and a false Gospel.

# Satan's Lightning Bolt

Note how Usui, Subuh, and Gumbel described their respective experiences. Usui was struck by a powerful illumination, akin to bolt of lightning coming down through the top of his head. Subuh was struck by a ball of brilliant white light which came from the sky and entered through his head, while Gumbel says it was "like ten thousand volts of electricity going through my body" (1982) and "like massive electricity going through my body" (1994).

Now pause and recall how Jesus referred to Satan on one occasion: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18).

From my 33 years in the New Age I know from personal experience that Usui, Subuh and Gumbel are giving a truthful account. The impact of this brilliant light is so powerful and so astounding that it seems one ought to have died. Usui actually went home to die after it struck him. But it is <u>all</u> the work of Satan! It is NOT from the LORD God of the Bible but from another source entirely.

Countless men and women down the centuries, from all religions, large and small, have been seduced by this light. Through their prolonged use of various introspective techniques – including intense periods of meditative prayer, contemplation, visualization, and yoga, as well as extensive fasting and harmful ascetic practices – they opened themselves to this supernatural power, foolishly believing that it must have come from God. And when they had their mindblowing mystical experience, they spent the rest of their lives trying to enter the same state again. They were also driven by a great desire to share their new-found knowledge with others – exactly as Satan intended.

# The Reiki Power Symbol – Choku Rei

As we have seen, Reiki uses several symbols to designate the various 'angelic' powers invoked by the practitioner. Reiki Masters admit that, without the use of symbols and mantras (i.e. the invocation of demons by name), they would be unable to effect their 'cures'.



In addition to the spirit guide symbols, practitioners also use a symbol designed by the founder, Mikao Usui, to represent the Reiki power itself. This symbol is called *Choku Rei*, which is taken to mean "Place the power of the universe here."

The 'handle' is supposed to represent the source of *ki*, while the vertical is intended to depict its flow into the universe. The spiral shows its alleged interaction with the spinal centers in man, the so-called chakras of yoga. The symbol is also reminiscent of the occult *caduceus* or *Rod of Hermes*. We can see here how the Enemy uses different religious and esoteric systems to teach very similar pagan ideas, all with a view, no doubt, to their ultimate integration into the 'all truth is one' philosophy of the coming One World Religion.

The *Choku Rei* symbol is meant to boost the power of the other symbols and, like them, is drawn by the practitioner on the affected part of the body. It is also supposed to act as a 'light switch' for the *ki* and 'clean' a room of so-called negative energy.

This is very obviously a magical symbol, no different in kind from the magical symbols used by alchemists and sorcerers for centuries. It even manages to incorporate the mark of the beast, '666' – see chart below.



# CONCLUSION

This paper should serve as a loud warning to anyone who thinks Reiki is safe.

Even the most ardent advocate of this occult 'healing' technique should be able to see that Reiki is a system of magic. Magic in turn is based on the will and power of Satan. There is no magical power or cosmic intelligence in the universe, no *ki* or *prana*, no 'Force'. Alas, mankind has been tricked into believing that there is. A lot of the time the 'energy' that New Age healers are tapping into is largely imaginary, but some of the time – and this is important – it is the power of the fallen angels.

The LORD in His mercy has placed a wall of protection around every individual, whether Christian or pagan. The purpose of an occult technique like Reiki or yoga or Eastern meditation is to make a temporary breach in this wall, however small. Dedicated practitioners of the occult are actually keen to do this since they *want* to contact the fallen angels and 'tap into' their power. The tragedy is that innocent people are also being tricked into experimenting with similar techniques and unwittingly calling on the fallen angels.

The use of any occult technique to tap into the supernatural is an implicit 'legal' invitation to these dangerous entities to enter one's life. If the technique itself is effective, a breach is made and the entity gains entry. The impact thereafter on the life of the individual would seem to depend on several factors, including the number of entities involved, their malicious intent, and the extent to which they have infiltrated the mind of the individual.

There is only one way to get rid of them – through Christ Jesus! They will never leave voluntarily and will only 'move aside' to admit an even stronger entity.

There is no doubt that a sizeable proportion of the unfortunate people in our mental institutions are there because of crippling occult oppression.

The Enemy is doing all he can to get men and women from all walks of life and at every level of society to become more receptive to his will. Even the 'mindfulness' movement is being used as a gateway to meditation, while 'Therapeutic Touch' is being used to promote *energy medicine*. No born-again, Bible-believing Christian should have anything to do with these practices, whether for health purposes, relaxation, or 'spiritual growth'. They are all harmful to some degree and have no place whatever in the Christian life.

The Roman Catholic Church is secretly using the New Age movement, and in a more obvious way, the Ecumenical movement, to lure more and more Christians into these harmful practices. The coming One World Religion will rely heavily on the use of techniques and practices – such as Spiritual Formation and Eucharistic Adoration – that open the individual to the subtle influence of the fallen angels. Reiki is part of this subversive process. Avoid it like the plague.

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#### Alpha Course transcript from Talk 14 by Nicky Gumbel

Back in 1982 a man called John Wimber came to speak at our church. John Wimber was the pastor of the Vineyard Church in America. And at the time back then, I was a lay member of the congregation, I was practising as a barrister. And I have to say, when I saw John Wimber I was deeply cynical about him – for a number of reasons: partly because of how he looked, and partly because he was an American. Now, as you know, I love the Americans and have since repented of his appalling attitude that I had at the time! And as you know, we've learnt a huge amount from them, and are deeply grateful to them. But at the time I was deeply suspicious.

He came and he spoke here on the Sunday night on the whole subject of the Holy Spirit and healing, and wonderful things happened. But I still left deeply cynical. The next night he came to speak in the Spring – down there, the room down there – to about seventy leaders in the church. And again I arrived very, very cynical. And he spoke on the subject of healing. And I'd heard talks before on healing, and that was fine. But then he said at the end of the talk, 'Now we're going to have a coffeebreak, and when we come back from coffee we're going to do healing.'

Well, we had never 'done' healing before. And so we had a very long coffee-break. Everyone was having more cups of coffee, and third cups of coffee. And then we came back in, and the people who'd been at the front felt it would be selfish to keep those seats! And so they moved up to the back! And then he said that his team had been praying and that they'd had a number of words of knowledge. And he defined words of knowledge like this: 'a supernatural revelation of facts about a person or situation which is not learnt by the efforts of the natural mind but is made known by the Spirit of God. This may be in the form of a picture, a word seen or heard in the mind, or a feeling experienced physically'.

So he said that his team had had a number of these words of knowledge. And then he gave them out. There was no faith in that room, no expectation at that moment of anything – except a slight hope that he might fall flat on his face!

Well, he then went back through the list and he said, 'Well, the first person', if I remember rightly, it was a man who'd injured his back aged fourteen chopping wood. And to my amazement this guy got up and walked down and said that was him. And they prayed for him.

Then there was another one, and then there was one again about a back problem, which Jeremy Jennings, who is the Pastoral Director on the staff here, he got up and he came forward. And that night he received healing for his back. And as they went through this list, and one after another after another came down and were prayed for, you could feel the level of faith in the room rising.

There was one word of knowledge which was not responded to, and that was that there was a word that there was a young woman there who was barren. Well, we're British – we don't even talk about that, let alone come forward in response to a word like that! So he waited.

And eventually a friend of mine called Sarah Wright – we had no idea that she had been trying for children for some time and that they had been unable to conceive and they were having various tests. And she came forward, and he said, 'What's your name?' and she said `Sarah' – now, of course, there's good precedent in the Bible for being called Sarah and being barren! And so he prayed for her. And nine months later, she gave birth to a little baby boy! Although conception, I hasten to add, didn't take place in the Spring!

The extraordinary thing is, although there was so much going on that night, and people I knew being healed — of course, I know now that they were healed; I didn't know then; it only looked as if they'd been healed – I still left that night deeply cynical.

The following evening he was speaking over in Church House to anyone who was in a small group in the church. We were a much smaller church at that stage – there were about 250 people – and we were crammed into Church House. I had been in court that day, practising as a barrister. I was wearing a three-piece pinstripe suit, stiff white collar, looking very pompous, and I was late, Pippa and I were late. And you know how it is in the Anglican Church – we fill up from the back. First people to arrive take the back seats. And so the only seats left when we arrived were the front two seats. So Pippa and I went and sat right in the front.

Again he spoke on the subject of Spirit and on healing, and again he said that his team had had various words of knowledge. And again he gave out some of these words of knowledge, and people started to stand up all around the room. Then he said, 'There are ten people here who have athlete's foot.' Now, I happened to have athlete's foot – but I was not going to stand up! Nine people stood.

And I was sitting next to my wife Pippa, and she was going like this: 'That's you!' and I'm saying, 'No, no, no, I'm fine.' But eventually the pain in my ribs became so intense that I decided it'd be less painful if I did stand up. So I stood. And this very nice American on the ministry team, he came over and he said, 'Would you like me to pray for your athlete's foot?' So I said, 'No, thank you very much indeed.' I said, 'I'm perfectly happy having athlete's foot.' I said, 'In fact, I find it very satisfying being able to scratch it when it itches.'

So he was extraordinarily gracious, because he said, 'Well, is there anything we could pray for?' So I said, 'Well, what I would really love to pray for is the power of the Holy Spirit in my life.' So he said, 'Okay, we'll pray for that.' And he started to pray.

All I can say is that after about thirty seconds I experienced the power of God in a way that I had never experienced before in my life. I know this is not true for everybody, but for me there was a physical manifestation. It was like ten thousand volts of electricity going through my body.

In fact, it was so intense, I really couldn't take it any more. But this American, I think he'd only just joined the ministry team, because he only had one prayer that he prayed, and his prayer was 'More power, Lord!' And every time he prayed this prayer, the power increased.

So eventually I didn't know what to do. I thought the only thing I could do was pray against him! So I started praying, 'No more power, Lord!' But because he only had this one prayer, he carried on: 'More power!' And eventually there was a kind of shouting match going on between him and me, right in the centre. By this stage everybody else in Church House had stopped praying and was watching what was happening right here!

I think John Wimber must have had difficult people in his meetings before, because he said, 'Oh, take that one out!' So they carried me out through the French windows of Church House. And as I was being carried out, John Wimber said this: he said, 'God is giving that man the ability to tell people about Jesus.' And although it was never something I was very good at, it was something I really longed for.

And so that night when I got home, I started to reread the Bible, to see what it says on this whole subject of healing and the kingdom of God.

Of course, God heals with the cooperation of doctors and nurses and the medical profession. But the more I've looked, the more convinced I am that we should expect that God will also heal miraculously today.

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