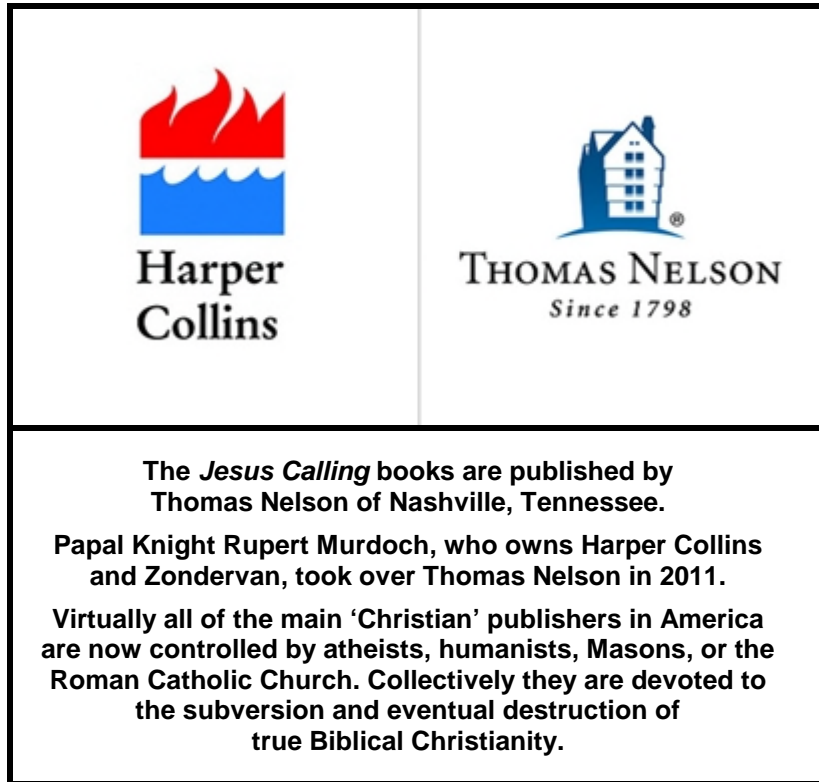


# The *Jesus Calling* Books are an Alarming New Age Deception

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## Thomas Nelson provides a platform for New Age theology

The publisher Thomas Nelson effectively declared war on true Biblical Christianity when it decided to publish and promote the writings of the modern contemplative mystic, Sarah Young, whose popular book, *Jesus Calling*, has sold several million copies. The following analysis demonstrates just how subversive this book really is.



## **Approach by this review**

A detailed examination of the errors throughout her book would require several hundred pages. Therefore, we have restricted our analysis to a representative set of her 'devotions' only, namely those relating to the *tenth* of each month.

The impression given throughout her book is that the person speaking is Jesus. The devotions are presented, not as a compilation of her own personal reflections, where an entity called 'Jesus' is employed as a literary device, but as actual messages dictated to her by Jesus. While she does not claim that her messages have the same weight as Scripture, each is understood by her to constitute a divine communication. She confirms this in her Introduction when she states:

“...I knew these writings were not inspired as Scripture is, but they were helping me grow closer to God...This practice of listening to God has increased my intimacy with Him more than any other spiritual discipline, so I want to share some of the messages I have received.”  
[emphasis added]

There is no gentle way to review a book like this. It makes astonishing claims and must therefore be subject to the most rigorous test of authenticity. If it passes the test – were that possible – then we can rejoice, but should it fail then it must be exposed as a dangerous occult concoction that will harm all who trust in it.

The Scripture references provided by Ms Young beneath each of her devotions, usually 2-3 in number, are intended by her to provide “additional depth” or otherwise to support the truth of her message. Tellingly she never gives the actual text of these verses, but we will include them here (from the KJV) to illustrate just how far she actually *departs* from the Scripture that she refers to.

### **Extract from January 10**

**“Every time you affirm your trust in Me,  
you put a coin into My treasury.  
Thus you build up equity in preparation  
for days of trouble.”**

#### Psalm 56:3-4

“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.”

#### Matthew 6:20-21

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

### **Comment**

These verses of Scripture do not support what Ms Young is saying. Rather they show that this life and the next are entirely different, having two separate treasuries. She makes the one treasury applicable to both, where some of one's heavenly store may be drawn down in this life "for days of trouble." This is suspiciously similar to the Roman Catholic 'treasury of grace', where believers accumulate merit through their good works, until one day they have earned enough to cancel out all their sins.

This devotion also treats faith or trust as a substance that one can accumulate. This too is false. Some heretical teachings today, such as Word Faith, teach the same error.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.

### **Extract from February 10**

**"Trust Me enough to spend ample time with Me...  
[give] yourself to Me in rich communication...  
align yourself with My perspective...  
stay in continual communication with Me."**

Luke 10:41-42

"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Psalm 32:8

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."



**Gemma Galgani (1878-1903),  
Italian mystic canonized a 'saint'  
by the Roman Catholic Church.**

**She spoke with supernatural entities  
who identified themselves as 'Jesus'  
and the 'Virgin Mary'.**

**She bore the stigmata and often  
went into an ecstatic trance.**

## **Comment**

These verses do not support what Ms Young is saying. Jesus was physically present with Mary and Martha, but no believer today is with Jesus in the same way. Jesus is physically today at the right hand of the Father. He will not return to earth again until the End Time. Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus said he would send “another Comforter”. This was the Holy Spirit, the vicar of Christ on earth, who dwells in every born-again believer. We address our Father in heaven in the name of his wonderful Son by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.

As Psalm 32:8 [*above*] makes clear, the guidance we receive from our Father is **not** based on dialogue. Rather the Psalm as a whole is saying that we will know what we ought to do to please Him when we repent of our sins and rejoice in our salvation. How He instructs us (apart from His Holy Word) is not stated here, neither is it revealed anywhere else in Scripture.

Ms Young is seriously confused. By her own admission, her relationship with God is based on a mystical presence or an inner voice that speaks to her, but Scripture never directs the believer to order his relationship with the LORD on that basis.

What is more, Ms Young fails to alert her readers to the dangers of demonic deception. In fact, in presenting her 366 mystical devotions, she never provides evidence of any kind that she herself performed the test of the spirits in 1 John 4:

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” (1 John 4:1-3)

The absence of basic discernment in this book is both inexplicable and inexcusable. John warned that the “spirit of antichrist” is already at work in the world. The “antichrist spirit” does not simply oppose Christ, but wherever possible it also seeks to take his place. This spirit is at its most dangerous when it is offering a beguiling counterfeit of the gospel while leading its victims to perdition.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.



**Extract from March 10**

**“You are Mine for all time...I have prepared this day for you with the most tender concern and attention to detail... try living it in a responsive mode, being on the lookout for all that I am doing.”**

Psalm 37:23-24

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD:  
and he delighteth in his way.  
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:  
for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.”

Psalm 18:30

“As for God, his way is perfect:  
the word of the LORD is tried:  
he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.”


**Comment**

This devotion is saying that God has created a perfect day for each one of us. It is also saying that we should be “responsive” to it, watching out for signs of all that God is doing for our benefit.

The Scripture cited does not support what Ms Young is saying. God’s ways are perfect, but this world is not perfect. It is sin damaged and groaning under the weight of man’s sinful rebellion. Despite the awful condition of the world and man’s fallen state, God graciously condescends to guide all who look to him and trust in him. Even if a person endures suffering along the way, he can be assured that God is watching over him and guiding his steps in ways that he cannot understand.

The suggestion that man will see the perfect hand of God in his life if he lives “in a responsive mode” is not taught in Scripture. Our relationship with God is based on faith and prayer, not on signs of any kind, or on evidence of his involvement in the small details of our personal lives. If the Book of Job teaches anything it teaches that man should never lean on outward evidence of God’s faithfulness and mercy. Faith alone is the foundation for our relationship with God, not his “most tender concern” for the details of our lives.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.

	<p><b>Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), canonized a ‘saint’ by the Roman Catholic Church.</b></p> <p><b>She reported visions of a supernatural being who identified himself as ‘Jesus’ and who told her to prepare an image of him to promote devotion to his ‘Divine Mercy’.</b></p>
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**Extract from April 10**

**“Even your mistakes and sins can be recycled into something good through My transforming grace.”**

Jeremiah 17:7

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD,  
and whose hope the LORD is.”

Romans 8:28

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Psalms 40:2

“He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.”

1 Peter 2:9

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation,  
a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

**Comment**

This is an astonishing statement by Ms Young (or her invisible friend), a statement that lies at the very heart of the New Age movement. Sin is treated as a misdemeanor and placed on a par with our mistakes. To say that sin can be “recycled” is to fail utterly to depict its true nature. There is nothing in sin that can be salvaged. It results only in death. And every sin must be paid for in full. Believers are greatly blessed – beyond measure – because Christ has paid our sin debt for us. But he did not use his “transforming grace” to “recycle” it.

To suggest that this is possible is to mock what Christ achieved for each one of us on the cross. Sin is so devastating that it led immediately to the fall of all mankind. By trivializing it in this way, Ms Young is playing right into the hands of the New Age movement, where sin is reduced to karma, an amoral act in an amoral universe, with no absolute implications whatever.

The verses selected by Ms Young to support her ‘devotion’ have no relevance to the point she is making.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is a grotesque distortion of Biblical truth.



**Sister Marie Martha Chambon (1841-1907), who is in the process of being canonized a ‘saint’ by the Roman Catholic Church.**

**She stated that ‘Jesus’ appeared to her many times and told her to meditate continually on his wounds. Her visions have popularized the ‘Rosary of the Holy Wounds’ as an act of reparation for the sins of the world.**

### **Extract from May 10**

**“View problems as opportunities to rely more fully on me...  
your needs become doorways to deep dependence on Me  
and increasing intimacy between us.”**

John 15:5

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:”

Ephesians 5:20

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

### **Comment**

The Bible never teaches that problems are opportunities. This notion is part of the ‘transformation’ philosophy that permeates the New Age movement, where one’s attitude – a mental disposition – determines one’s success at turning problems into opportunities.

It is significant that the words ‘depend’ or ‘dependence’ do not appear anywhere in the Bible (KJV). Neither does the word ‘intimacy’. Our relationship with the LORD is not based on dependence or intimacy – which are psychological or emotional terms – but on faith and trust. Throughout her book Ms Young replaces a Biblical relationship with God by an emotional, psychological one, where feeling and ‘presence’ become the yardsticks that determine how ‘close’ we are to God.

As she states in her Introduction, she has craved all her life for an “encounter with the Presence of Jesus”. She doesn’t seem to understand that we will encounter Jesus only when we die or when we are taken up in the Rapture. While we are here on this earth we are awaiting his return, not seeking his Presence. He is with us through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, but the Bible never teaches that this carries with it a feeling or sensation of any kind. The Word of God feeds our hearts and facilitates our sanctification as we grow in Christ. But this is not enough for Ms Young. As she states in her Introduction: “I knew that God communicated with me through the Bible, but I yearned for more.” This, alas, is the source of all her confusion and her disastrous foray into mysticism. The mystic, for all his experiences and ecstasies, for all his moving encounters with the ‘presence’ of ‘god’, is actually in rebellion against God and His Holy Word. And so is Ms Young.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.

**Extract from June 10**

**“Remember that you are on a journey with Me...  
your constant Companion...  
feel the strong grip of My hand holding yours...  
Never lose sight of My Presence with you.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:17

“Pray without ceasing.”

Psalms 62:5

“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.”

**Comment**

The ‘journey’ concept is common throughout the occult, Freemasonry, and the New Age movement. The outer journey reflects the inner journey, in accordance with the occult principle “as above, so below”. Man is supposedly progressing through a series of stages in his ‘spiritual unfoldment’ as he advances toward his ‘divine goal’.

No one in the Bible was on a spiritual journey of self-discovery. All men are fallen. They are cut off from God by sin and need a Redeemer. There are therefore only two kinds of people on earth today, those who have accepted our Redeemer and those who have not. The Enemy tries to sow confusion by talking about ‘journeys’, as though our works and our ‘life experiences’ somehow contributed to our ‘spiritual unfoldment’. This is the great Satanic lie. Salvation cannot come through works of any kind, or through experiences of any kind, or through a journey of any kind. Salvation is found only in Christ. And once we are born again, we serve our Redeemer with selflessness and joy.



**Maria Valtorta (1897-1961), a Roman Catholic mystic and Franciscan tertiary.**

**A multi-volume compilation of material dictated to her by a supernatural voice calling itself ‘Jesus’ has received the official *imprimatur* of several cardinals and bishops.**

**Wikipedia states:**

**“According to Ivankovic, in 1981 the Virgin Mary told her at Medjugorje: *If a person wants to know Jesus he should read Maria Valtorta.*”**


**This is how Satan spreads his lies! The messages given to one visionary are promoted and ‘validated’ by messages given later to another visionary.**



What is meant by “feel the strong grip of My hand holding yours”? Again, feeling is used as a gauge for measuring one’s relationship with Christ. But the Bible never asks us to measure our relationship with Christ or to validate its existence in any way. In fact, we are never asked to use our feelings to validate anything! The Bible talks again and again about knowledge and understanding, not feelings. We believe the Word of God because it is true, not because we feel it is true. Alas, Ms Young is exhorting her readers to seek some kind of mystical contact with Christ, whether through imagination or visualization. But this is dangerous! It is nothing less than an invitation to the fallen angels to supply the supernatural impulse that will feed our emotional need. When imagination or visualization are used in this way, they open a door to the occult.

Once again, the Bible verses mentioned by Ms Young have no application whatever to the bogus spirituality that she is trying to teach.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading and potentially dangerous.

	<p><b>Marie Droste zu Vischering (1863-1899), also known as Blessed Mary of the Divine Heart.</b></p> <p><b>Her messages from ‘Jesus’ led to Pope Leo XIII officially consecrating the entire human race to the ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’ (Encyclical <i>Annum Sacrum</i>, 1899).</b></p> <p><b>This was the first time a Pope had formally claimed spiritual jurisdiction <u>over all non-Catholics</u>. His successor, Pope Pius X, decreed in 1906 that this consecration be renewed every year.</b></p>
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**Extract from July 10**

**“Relax in My peaceful Presence...our sacred space of communion... I also desire to be your intimate Friend. When you are tense or pretentious in our relationship, I feel hurt... I long for you to trust Me enough to be fully yourself with Me.”**

Revelation 17:14

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

John 15:13-15

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”

## Comment

The place where the mystic communes with his 'god' is often referred to as a "sacred space". Sometimes a shaman will cleanse his "sacred space" to rid it of demons. New Agers often set aside a "sacred space" for meditation and cleanse it with incense.

Christians do not have a "sacred space" where they commune with their "intimate Friend". The Bible does not teach this! Neither does it instruct us to relax into a "peaceful Presence", but Hinduism does, and Buddhism, and the occult literature of the Roman Catholic mystics.

If one reads the reports of the Marian visionaries of Medjugorje, where the so-called Virgin Mary has been "appearing" for over 30 years, one finds the same tender emphasis on love, peace, and presence, the same emotional manipulation, and the same haughty indifference to all that the Bible has said in the matter.

The face behind the Marian apparitions is Satan, who is adept at disguising himself as a benign angel of light. Our earlier paper, *Satan in Satin*, examines what the Enemy is trying to achieve through his Marian apparitions. He uses "silly women", as Paul put it, to spread his lies and lead people astray. Cloistered Catholic nuns crave these kinds of experience – mystical meetings with 'Jesus' and 'Mary' – and Satan will sometimes oblige, especially if his devious 'messages' can be used to corrupt sound doctrine. Sadly, as more women crave these experiences, the net of deception is spread even wider.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.



**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 want to be a 'Disciple of the Eucharist'.**

**The 'Jesus' voice told her:**

***"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."***

**Extract from August 10**

**“Relax in My healing, holy Presence. Allow Me to transform you through this time alone with Me...As you walk close to Me, saturating your mind with Scripture, I will show you how to spend your time and energy. *My Word is a lamp to your feet; My Presence is a Light for your path.*”**

Ephesians 5:15-16

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Psalms 119:105

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

**Comment**

This is a shamelessly New Age perversion of Biblical truth. The King James version of the Bible translates Psalm 119:105 as “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” However, Ms Young does not quote the KJV translation but a Gnostic corruption: “*My Word is a lamp to your feet; My Presence is a Light for your path.*”

There is a vast difference between “Thy word is...a light unto my path” and “My Presence is a Light for your path.” What devastation is wrought in the life of any Christian who falls into this trap! God’s Word is God’s Word! It is **not** a Presence or a mystical communication of any kind.

This poisonous ‘devotion’ is unspeakably dangerous. The reader is being tricked into connecting a mystical presence with God’s Holy Word – the Bible itself! – and then relying on that Presence and its mystical communication for his spiritual instruction and guidance. Her invisible friend even states “As you walk close to Me, saturating your mind with Scripture...”, thus confirming that the continual practice or awareness of this Presence is equivalent to filling one’s mind with Scripture.


This mystical foolishness will destroy many lives in the years ahead and wreak havoc in the church. It is heresy and false teaching of the worst kind!

Even if her readers do not fall completely into this trap, they will likely come away with the impression that the Bible, when it *is* read, should be studied under the ‘guidance’ of this so-called Presence. The truth of what God is saying will be shrouded in mysticism and the objective meaning of His word – *What is God saying?* – will be replaced by a subjective distortion, *What is God saying to me?*

This meditative, mind-emptying way of studying the Bible is already widely practised in *lectio divina*, a Roman Catholic method of Bible ‘study’ that has won many adherents among evangelicals. It is Gnostic and harmful. By departing from a study method based on reason and replacing it with one based on feeling and intuition, the student is unable to understand what God is actually saying. The meaning of the text changes with each reading, and from person to person, in accordance with subjective factors that have no bearing whatever on the truth and meaning of God’s Word.

Ms Young's inner guide also refers in this devotion to the power of the Presence to "transform" the individual. But what does that mean? Does it mean sanctification? Hardly, since nothing of this kind is ever mentioned. Instead, the reader is left to gravitate toward the Gnostic view of spiritual transformation that permeates popular culture, which has nothing whatever to do with Biblical justification or sanctification.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is laced with the Serpent's venom.

	<p><b>Sister Consolata Betrone (1903-1946), a Roman Catholic nun who reported many messages from a supernatural visitor who identified himself as 'Jesus'.</b></p> <p><b>She described herself as "the sacrificial victim for the Sacrificial Victim".</b></p> <p><b>The process to secure her canonization is under way.</b></p>
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**Extract from *September 10***

**"The Bible is full of My promises to be with you always...  
Let these assurances of My continual Presence fill you  
with Joy and Peace."**

Isaiah 54:10

"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee."

Genesis 28:15

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

Matthew 28:20

"...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

**Comment**

As stated earlier, Jesus is with each born-again believer through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Toward the close of his ministry, he told his disciples that he was going to his Father but that he would send another Comforter. This is the Holy Spirit who enables us to pray to our Father in the name of his wonderful Son. Christ restored to us the relationship with our Father that mankind lost at the Fall. The Father is all-knowing but He is **not** in the world or part of the world. He is **not** a mystical Presence!

To practice the presence of God, as Brother Lawrence taught, and as so many professing Christians teach today, is a very serious spiritual error. Our Father is not 'present' with us in the same way that an angel may be present. In fact our Father does not operate in the world in any way that our minds can understand or that any faculty of our being can apprehend.

So who benefits from a teaching based on a supernatural 'Presence'? Lucifer, of course! He is both part of Creation and present in Creation. Therefore Christians who seek out and respond to a 'presence' and strive to communicate with it are being incredibly foolish.

We do not need to strive to find God since the Holy Spirit is already dwelling within each and every born-again believer. Jesus confirmed that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). Note the words "**all truth**" – we don't need angelic instruction of any kind.

Ms Young seems to believe that if this 'Presence' is comforting or reassuring in some way then it must be from God. But this is absurd! Satan is quite capable of projecting a soothing persona, as his numerous Marian apparitions attest. The Bible gives one and only one test that **must** be performed whenever a supernatural presence attempts to communicate with us. This may be found in 1 John 4 (which we have already discussed).

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.



**Sister Josefa Menendez (1890-1923), who received detailed messages through a series of apparitions by a supernatural being calling himself 'Jesus'.**

**These messages were published in book form as *The Way of Divine Love*, which is popular among Catholics.**

**Extract from October 10**

**“Relax, and refresh yourself in the Light of My everlasting Love. My Love-Light never dims, yet you are often unaware of My radiant Presence.”**

Psalm 37:3-6

“Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.”

Philippians 4:19

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Comment

The Scripture cited does not support the thoughts expressed in this devotion.

Ms Young’s invisible friend has a “Love-Light” that never dims. This is very similar to the astral intimacy and emotional intensity that are expressed in Sufi poetry by mystics like Rumi and Hafiz, but it is certainly not Biblical. The light that fills the mind and heart of Rumi is that of his guru, Sham-i-Tabriz. That light had a powerful effect on Rumi, a lifelong Muslim, but it was **not** the light of Christ.

Satan is known as “Lucifer”, the Light Bearer, because he has a false light, a truly brilliant radiance that can overpower the human senses: “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness” (Ezekiel 28:17). Mystics down the centuries have yearned for this light and been intoxicated by it. The Catholic nuns mentioned in this paper were addicted to this false light, to the intense emotions that it evoked, and to the presence from which it emanated.

There is no difference between the light of the Roman Catholic mystics, the light of the Sufi mystics, the light of the Hindu and Buddhist mystics, and the light described by Ms Young. It is perceived as a “love-light” by our fallen human nature, but it is a false light, the light of the Enemy.

As Christ warned, “If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” (Matthew 6:23)

**Conclusion:** This devotion is spiritual poison.



**Sister Veronica Giuliani (1660-1727), who was canonized a 'saint' by the Roman Catholic Church.**

**She reported a number of visions of 'Jesus' and the 'Virgin Mary' and carried on her body the marks of the stigmata and the 'crown of thorns'. Her body is preserved and on public display.**

***Note the stigmata mark on her left hand.***

The photos and images of the Roman Catholic visionaries which are reproduced in this paper are included for purposes of illustration only. They are not intended in any manner to ridicule the women involved. We have no doubt that they were truly sincere in all that they did and all that they reported. Nevertheless they were deceived by the Great Deceiver.

It behoves all who love the true Jesus of the Bible to be mindful of these deceptions. They have shaped Roman Catholic doctrine and practice in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Counterfeit 'Jesus and Mary' visions, apparitions and locutions will likely occur with greater frequency as the End Time approaches, not only among Catholics but among professing Christians who are seduced by the 'contemplative spirituality' and insidious mysticism of Richard Foster, Henri Nouwen, Matthew Fox, Tilden Edwards, Brennan Manning, and others.

### **Extract from *November 10***

**“Focus your entire being on My living Presence...I am molding your mind and cleansing your heart. I am re-creating you into the one I designed you to be.”**

#### Psalm 89:15-16

“Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.”

#### 1 John 3:19-20

“And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.”

#### Jude 24-25

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

#### Psalm 41:12

“And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.”

## Comment

This devotion continues the theme of ‘transformation’ that features so strongly in *Jesus Calling*, just as it does in the New Age movement and in the messages given to other visionaries and mystics by the supernatural entity calling itself ‘Mary’.

There is nothing we can do to earn our salvation. When a lost sinner comes to Christ and repents, and accepts Jesus as his Lord and Savior, he is born again. He is thereafter and forever a new person. This spiritual change – which comes entirely by grace through faith – is total, immediate, and complete.

Satan despises born-again Christianity and has striven for centuries to replace it with a version based on works, emotion, light, growth, experiences, and transformation. The Roman Catholic Church is probably the ideal expression to date of what he is trying to achieve. There is very little difference between the Jesus of *Jesus Calling*, the Jesus of the New Age Movement, and the Jesus of the Roman Catholic Church. All three are counterfeit. All three reject what the Bible plainly teaches. And all three serve as a model for the entity that will ultimately deceive the entire world in the End Time.

**Conclusion:** This devotion is seriously misleading.

### Extract from *December 10*

**“Make Me the focal point of your search for security...  
grip My hand for support...  
see more clearly the radiance of My Face.”**

Isaiah 41:10

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

Psalms 139:10

“Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”

James 1:2

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations”

## Comment

Note the assumption that the believer is still searching for security! For a person trapped in a works-based religion, that search never ends. Life becomes a ceaseless struggle to earn his salvation. And that is exactly how Satan wants it, ‘Christians’ who have not found the true Christ of the Bible but the phony one taught by works-based religion. He wants ‘Christians’ with little or no faith, who strive desperately to “see more clearly the radiance of [His] Face.” He wants ‘Christians’ who reach out frantically for reassurance because they have never known the real Jesus, ‘Christians’ who have been tricked into worshipping the mystical, New Age, eucharistic ‘Jesus’ who cannot save anyone.



Ms Young is an extremely naïve woman who has lured millions of professing Christians into worshipping the same mystical Jesus that she has so foolishly adopted as her guru and invisible friend. She is no different from the Roman Catholic nuns described in this paper (plus literally hundreds of others) who had a mystical encounter with ‘Jesus’ or ‘Mary’. No doubt they were all well-meaning and sincere individuals, but they were deceived by the Great Deceiver. He can appear as an angel of light and take whatever form he desires. His deception seems to work best on children and women of an introspective disposition.

If Ms Young’s ‘Jesus’ is the same as that of the Catholic nuns, then how is the blatant Romanism of *their* messages to be reconciled with hers? The answer is really quite simple: It can’t! Why? Because they are *all* part of Satan’s great End Time deception. He tells whatever lies he needs to tell to trap his victims. However, as the night gets darker and more elements of his One World Religion slip quietly into place, the ‘Catholic’ messages and the ‘Evangelical’ messages from this mystical ‘Jesus’ are certain to become more and more alike.



**Rupert Murdoch, owner of a huge global publishing empire, has purchased two major and long-established publishers of Christian books, Zondervan and Thomas Nelson.**

**These now produce some of the most heretical and subversive ‘Christian’ books on the market.**

**He was made a Knight of the Order of St Gregory by Pope John Paul II in 1998.**

The other 354 entries in Ms Young’s book are just as deluded as the 12 that were selected at random for this paper. Rupert Murdoch and his friends in the Vatican must be well pleased. This book is ecumenical to the core, a gilded bridge to the Roman Catholic Church and her eucharistic, sacramental, mystical ‘Christianity’.

In summary, *Jesus Calling* is even more pernicious than other bestselling counterfeit ‘Christian’ books of recent vintage, such as *The Shack* and *The Harbinger*. It perpetuates some of the most dangerous elements of false religion. It describes a phony spirituality and a fake Jesus, and displays an outrageous disregard for Biblical truth. The author’s invisible friend is a mouthpiece for nothing but New Age gnosticism, modern psychology, and sentimental blarney.

Her readers are being lured down a dark and dangerous path. Our wonderful Savior said, “My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). But what voice do they hear when they read *Jesus Calling*? “And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.” (John 10:5).

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