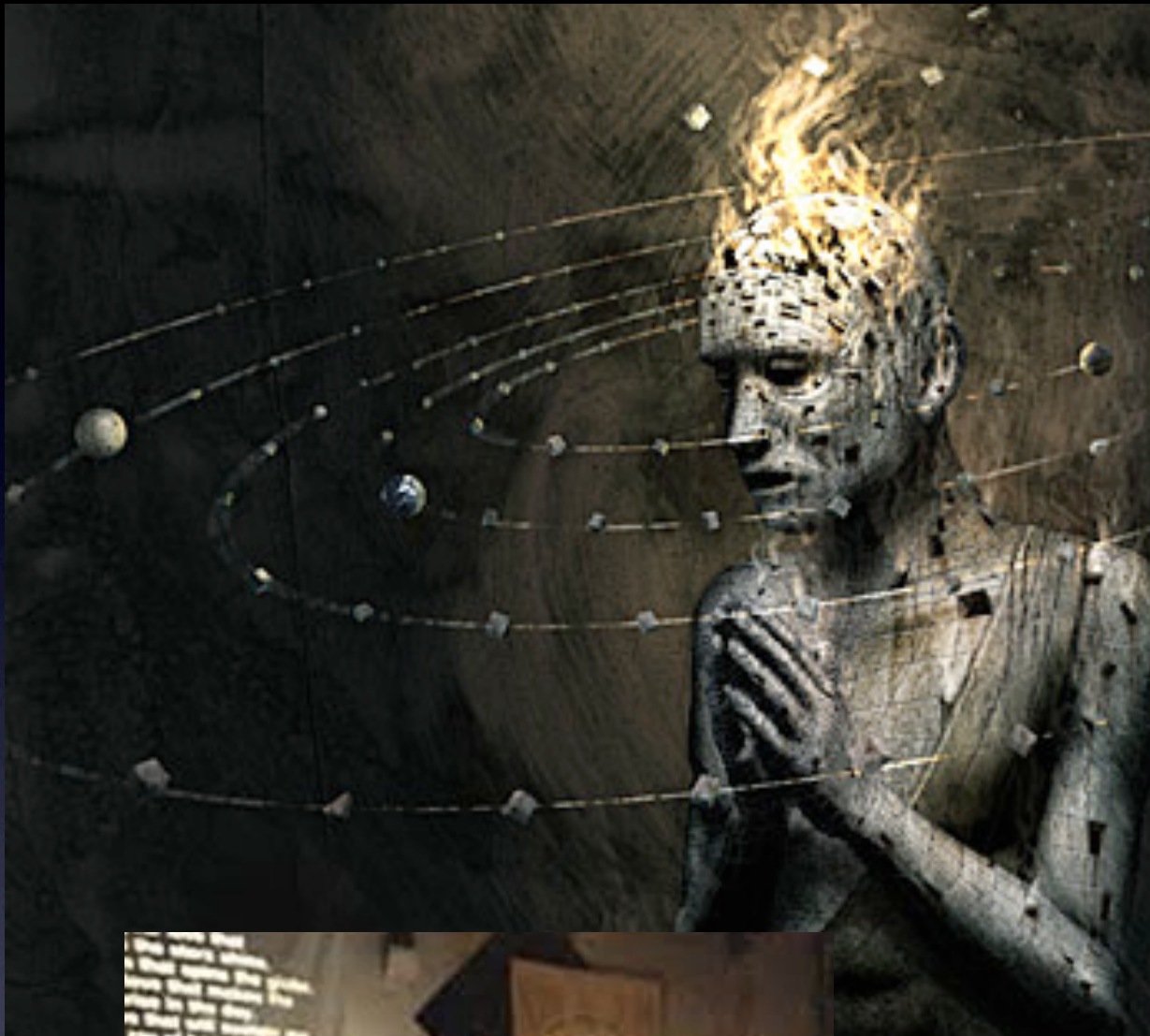


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presence of his glory
ceeding joy,
25 To the only wise
Saviour, be glory and
dominion and power, both
and ever. Amen.

Rev. 3:4
Eph. 3:20
Col. 1:22
1 Tim. 1:17

THE REVELATION

OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

CHAPTER 1

Revelation of Jesus Christ
which God gave
to shew unto his serv-
ants which must shortly
come, and he sent and
by his angel unto his

A. D. 96
CHAP. 1
a John 12:49
b ch. 22:16
c 1 John 1:1
d Prov. 8:34
Luke 11:28
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e Ex. 3:14
Is. 43:13
John 8:26
John 17:6
Col. 1:12
1 Tim. 1:17

be unto you, and peace, from
him which is, and which was,
and which is to come; and of
the seven Spirits which are
before his throne;
5 And from Jesus Christ,
is the faithful witness, and
the prince of the kings of
earth. Unto him be glory
and worship evermore.





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“In a special sense *Seventh-day Adventists* have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. *They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.* There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.” 9T, 19

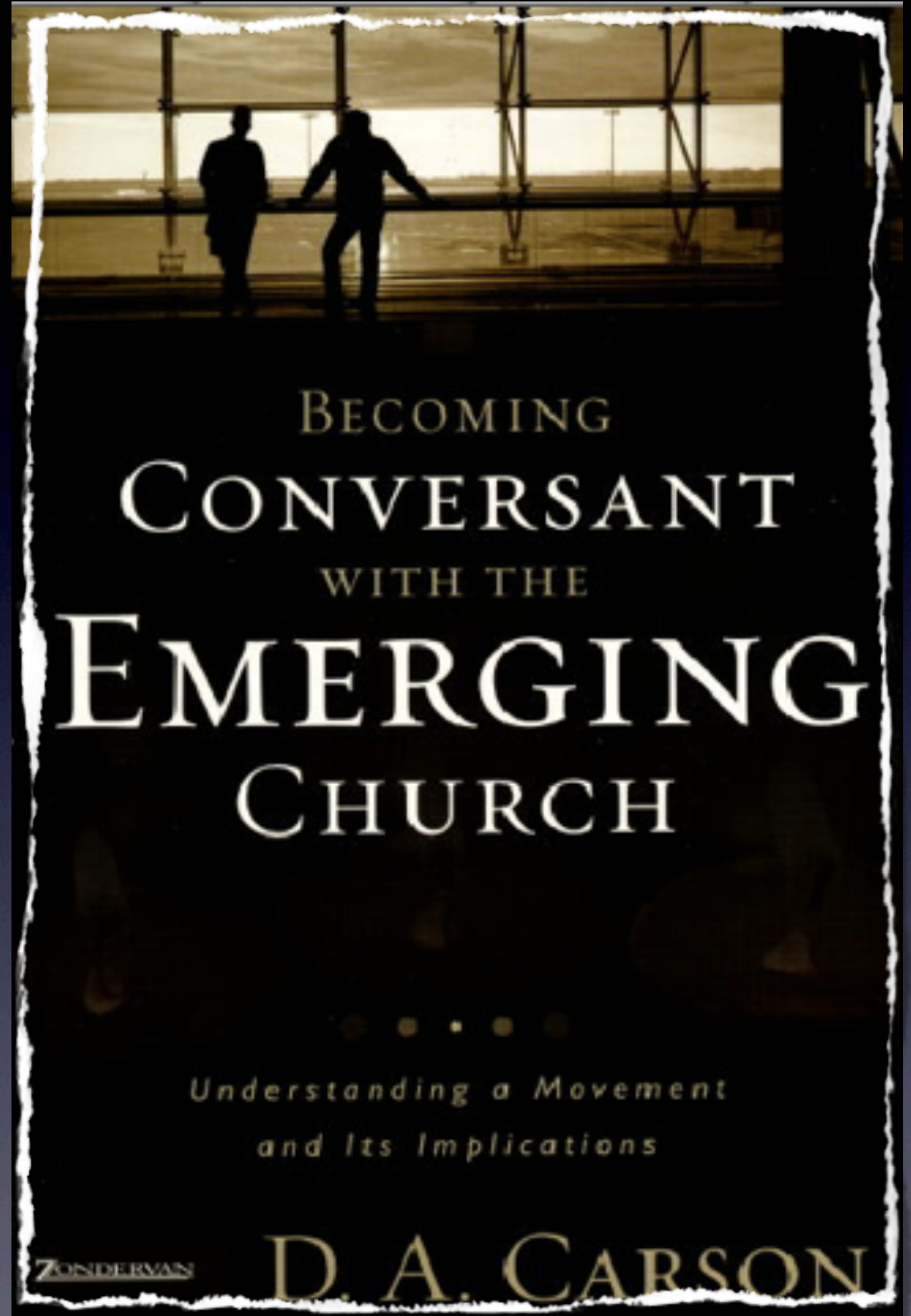


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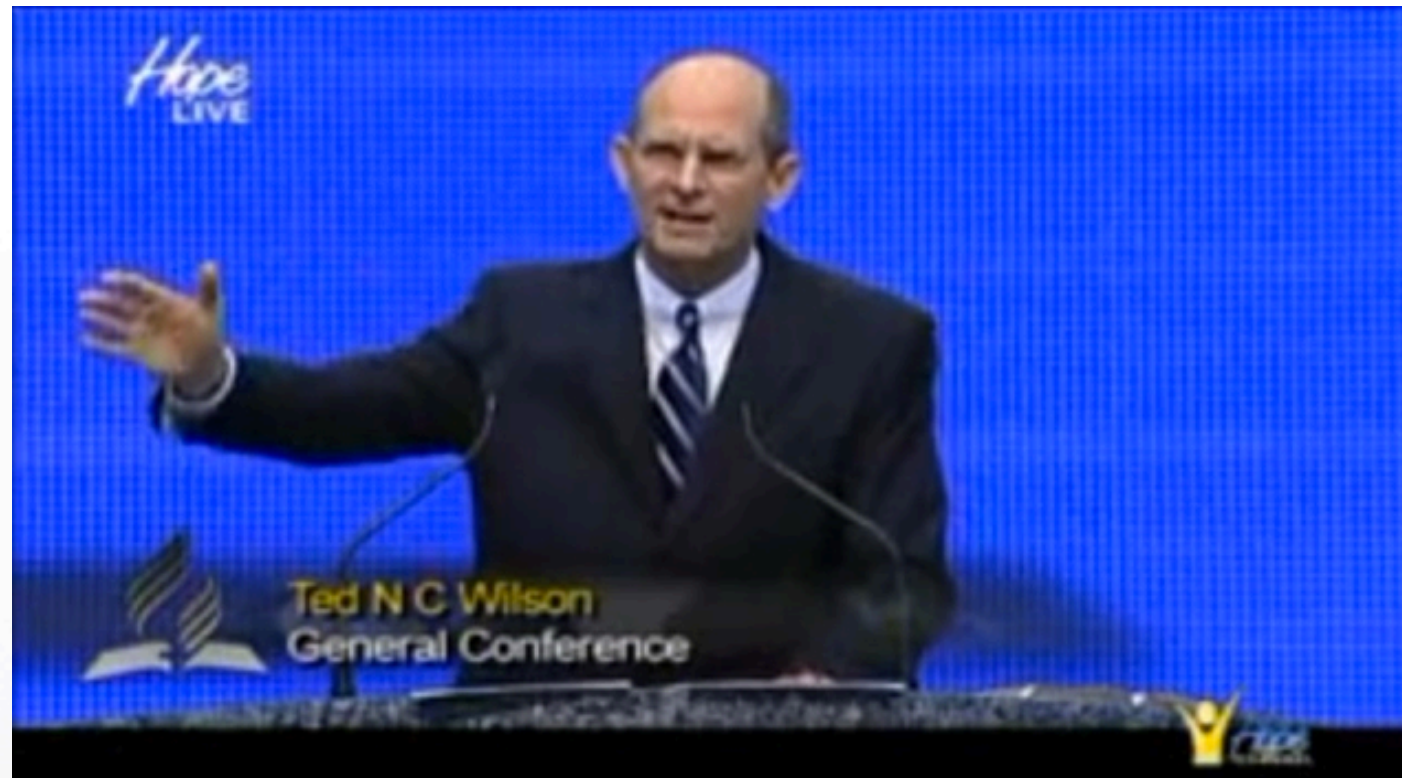
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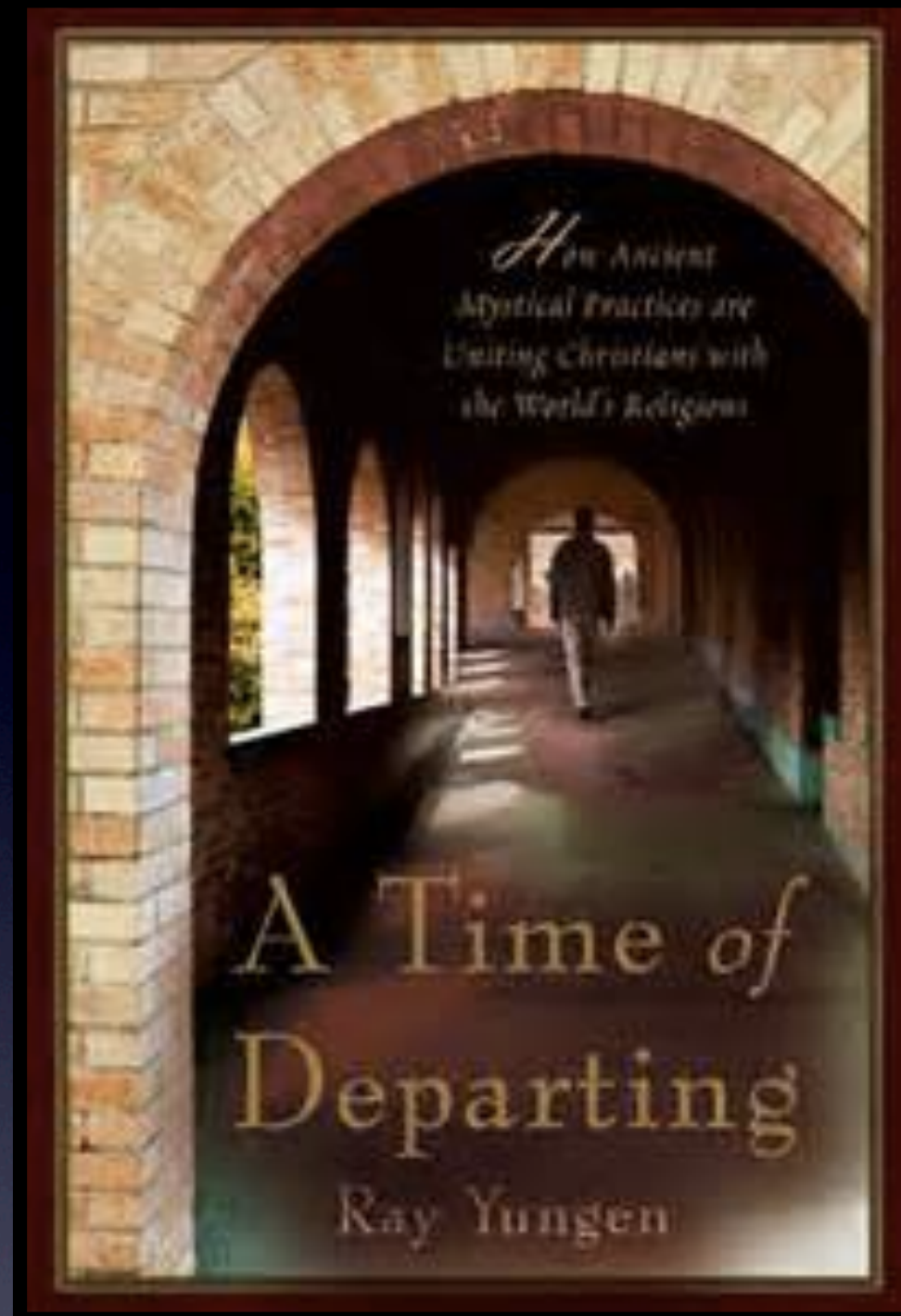
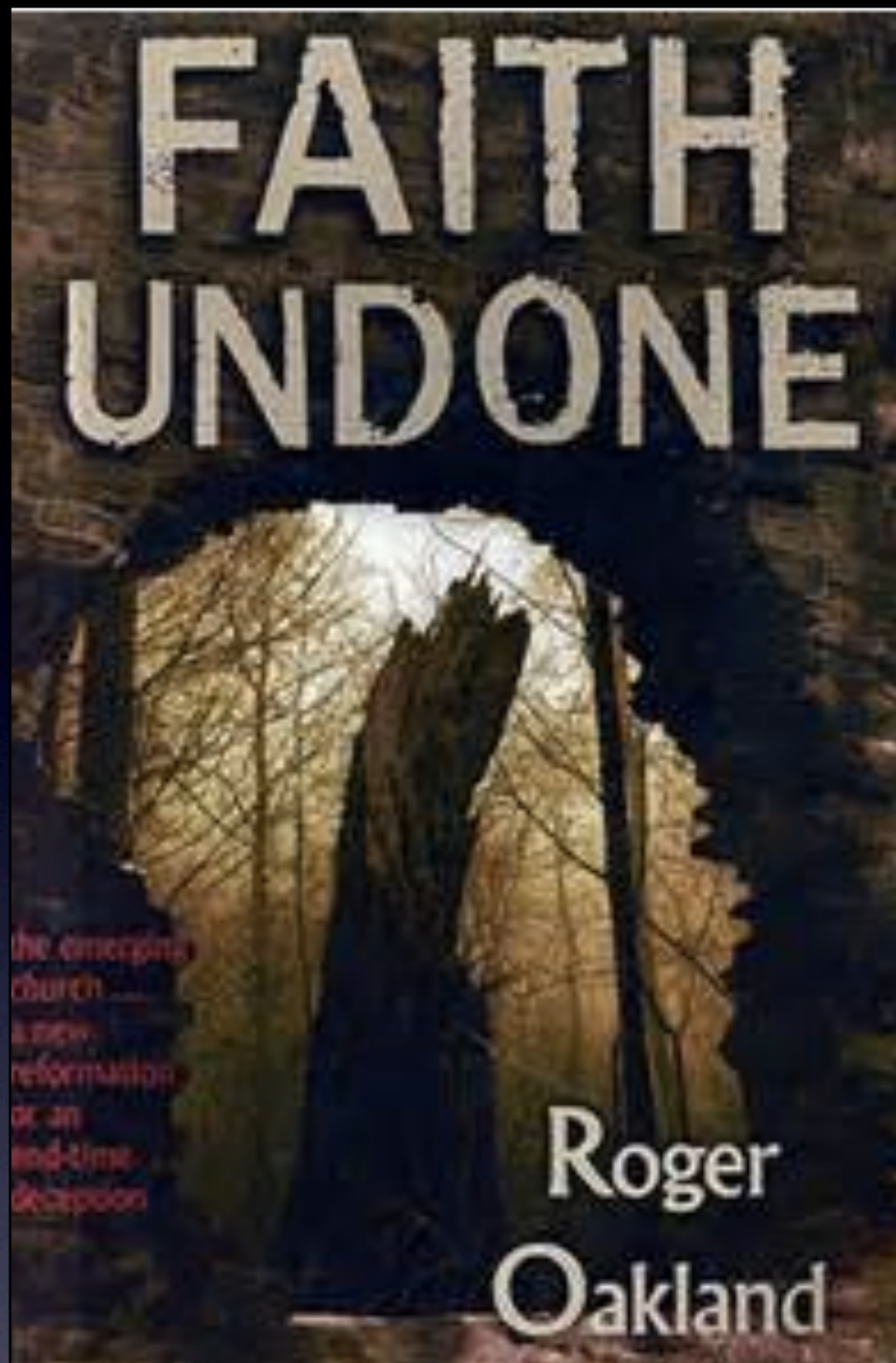
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Ted Wilson Warns Adventists Against “Spiritual Formation” and the Emerging Church



“Stay away from non-biblical spiritual disciplines or methods of *spiritual formation that are rooted in mysticism* such as contemplative prayer, centering prayer, and the emerging church movement in which they are promoted.”



Revealing accounts of a New Age spirituality that has infiltrated much of the church today. Exposes the subtle strategies to compromise the gospel message with Eastern mystical practices cloaked under evangelical terminology and wrappings.



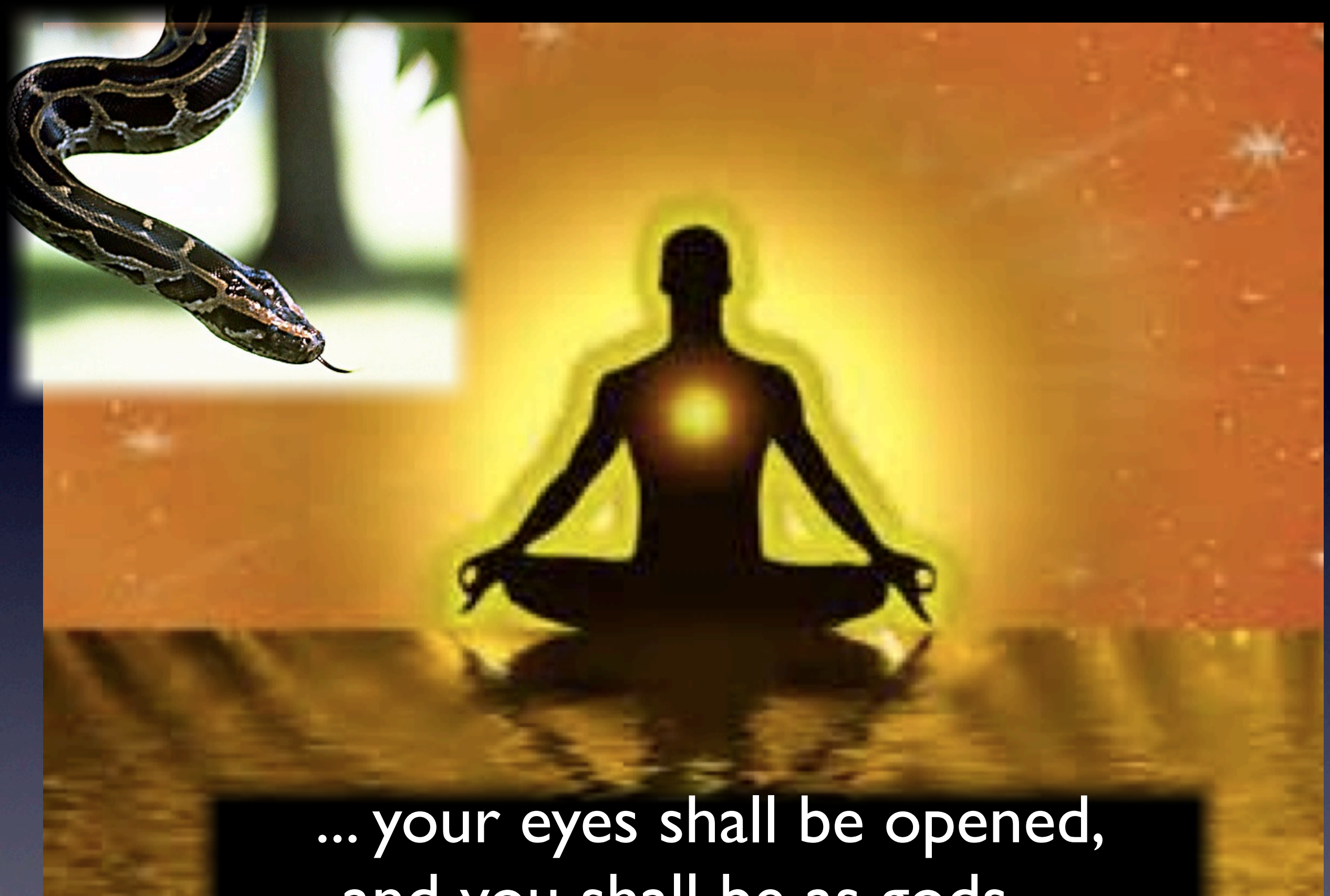
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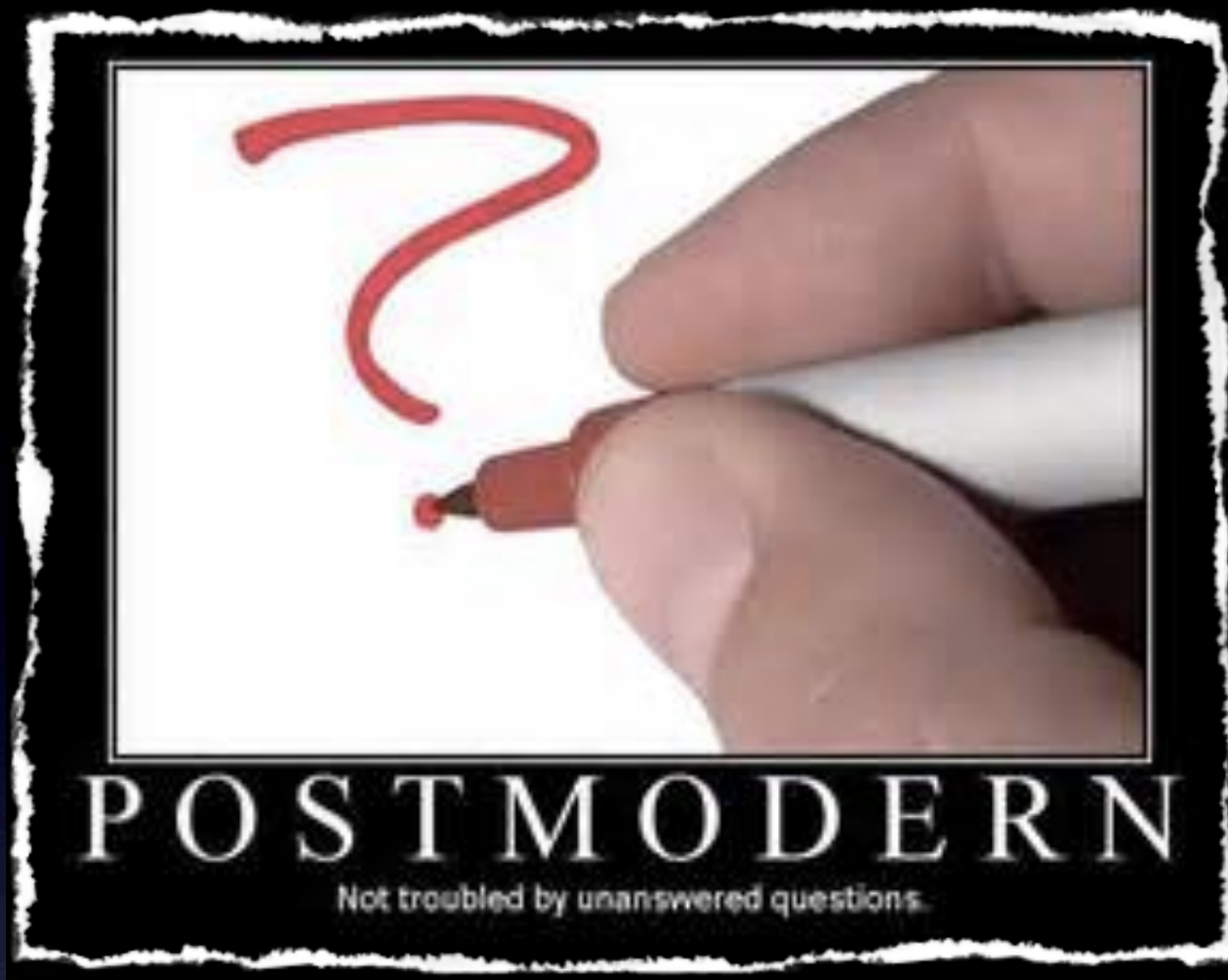
Contemplative Spirituality: A belief system that uses ancient mystical practices to induce altered states of consciousness (the silence) and is rooted in mysticism and the occult but often wrapped in Christian terminology. The premise of contemplative spirituality is pantheistic (God is all) and panentheistic (God is in all). Common terms used for this movement are "spiritual formation," "the silence," "the stillness," "ancient-wisdom," "spiritual disciplines," and many others.

Spiritual Formation: A movement that has provided a platform and a channel through which contemplative prayer is entering the church. Find spiritual formation being used, and in nearly every case you will find contemplative spirituality. In fact, contemplative spirituality is the heartbeat of the spiritual formation movement.

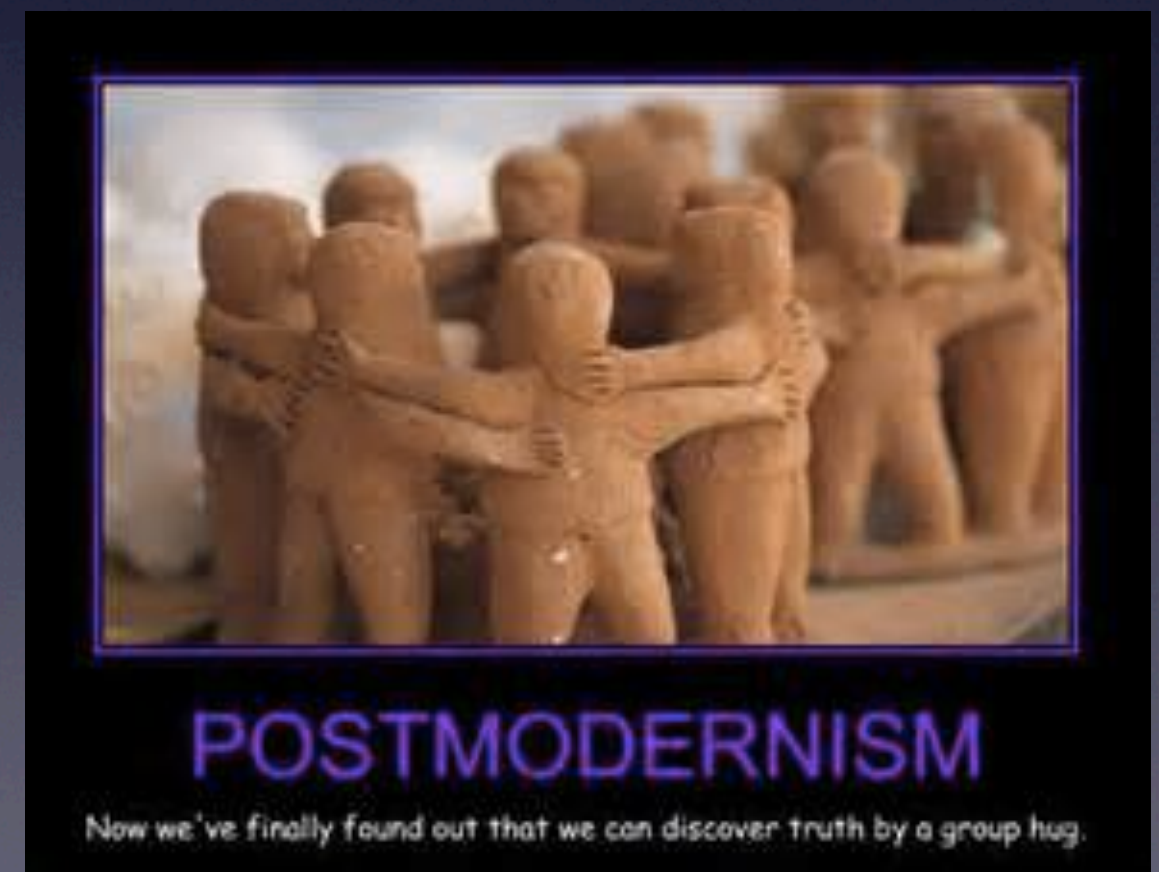




... your eyes shall be opened,
and you shall be as gods ...
(Genesis 3:5)

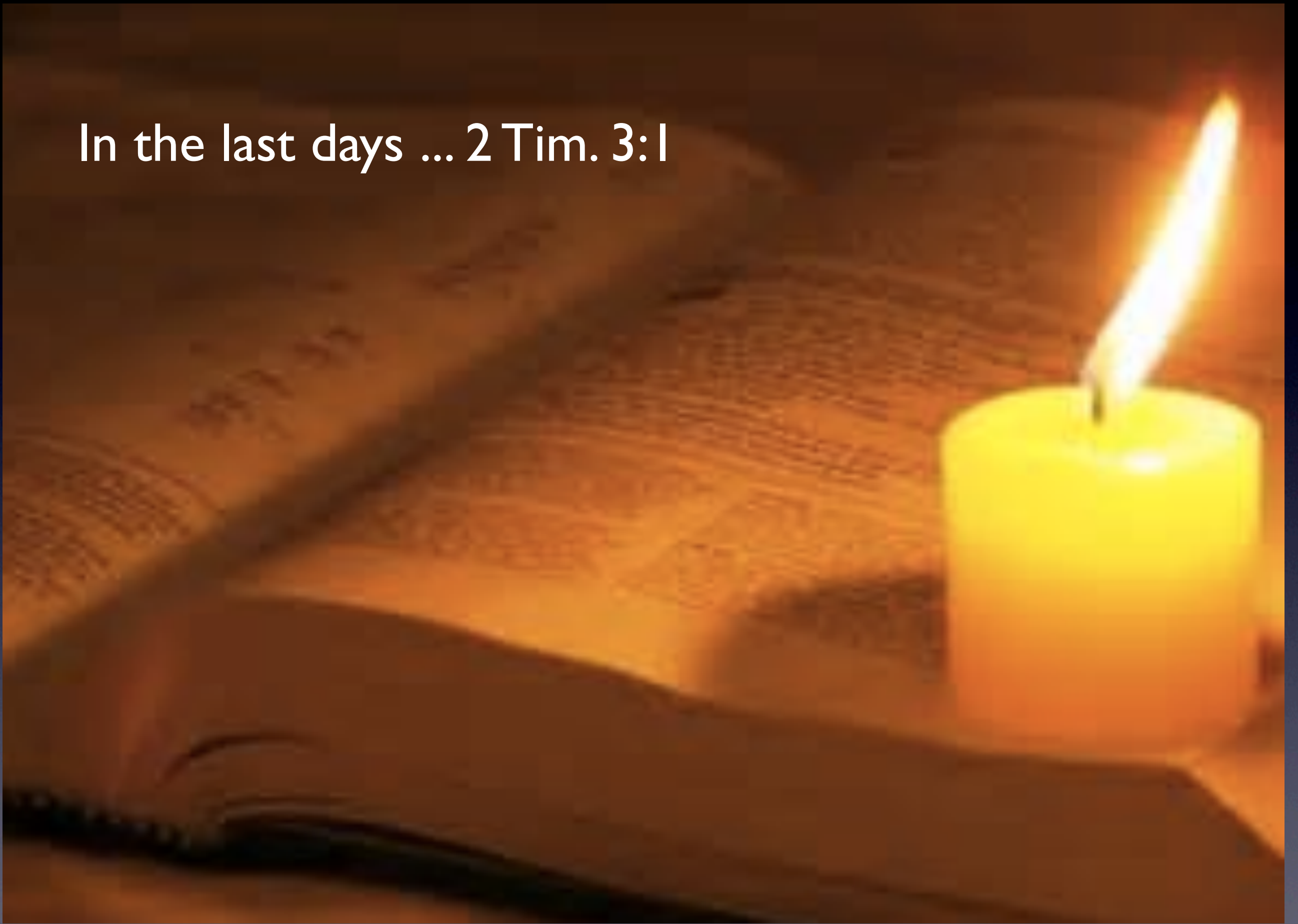


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- Uncertainty
 - Lack of absolutes
 - Progress is unlikely





In the last days ... 2 Tim. 3:1



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Ever learning, never able to come to the
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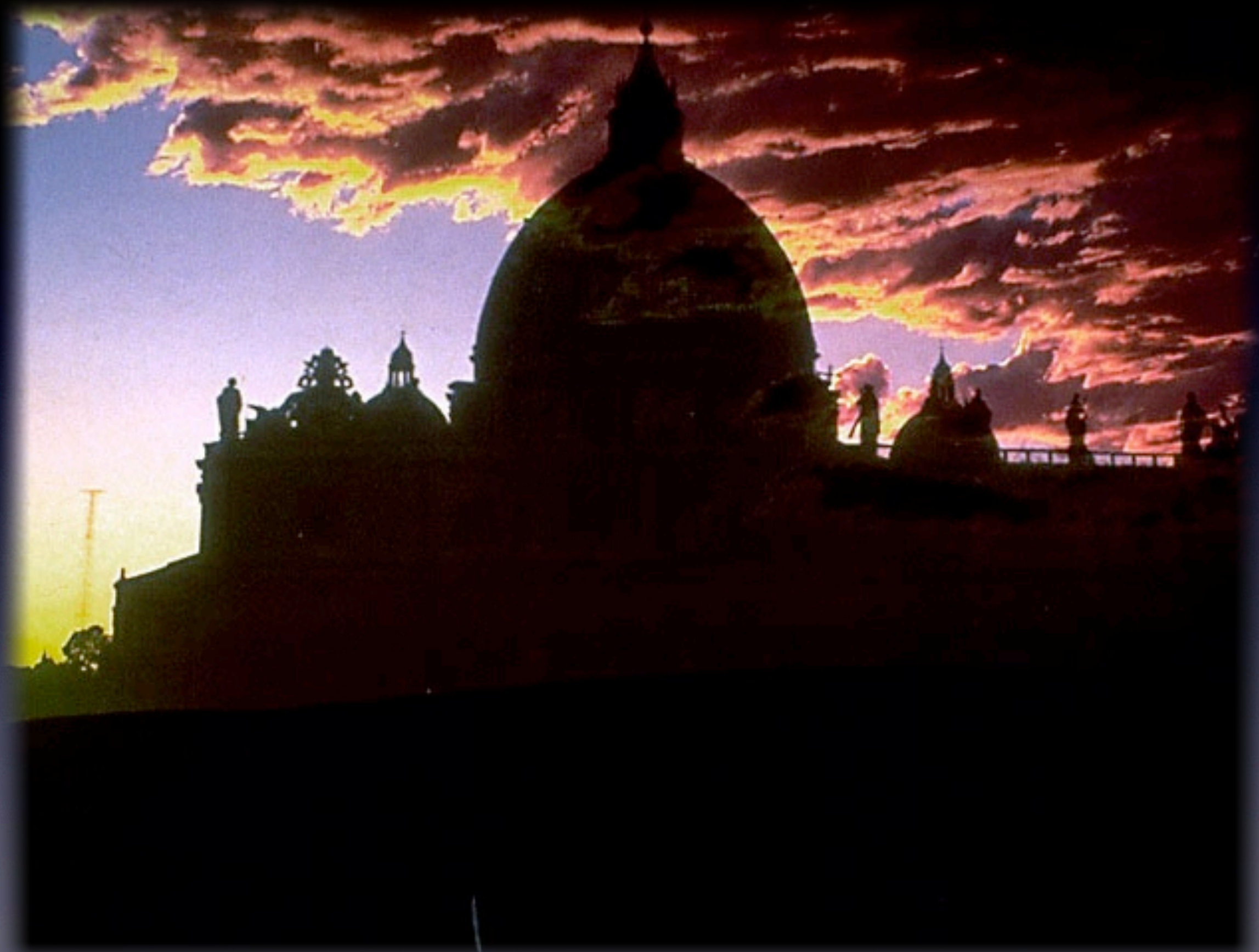
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Depart from the faith ... giving heed
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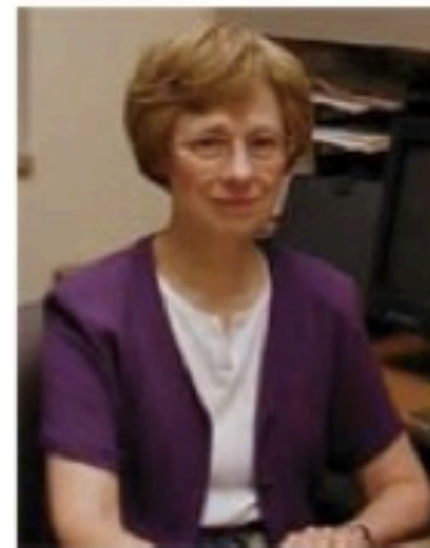


ANN Feature: Church, Congregations Increase Focus on "Spiritual Formation"

February 3, 2004 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States [Wendi Rogers/ANN]

Spiritual formation is a topic being raised by many pastors and church leaders in a growing number of Christian denominations. It's no longer enough to just know doctrine and facts--in today's hectic society people are searching for something deeper and more meaningful, something that makes sense in their whirlwind lives.

For the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a "wake-up call" was sounded after a 2002 survey showed that though doctrinal understanding was high, there were several "areas of concern," including low involvement in daily



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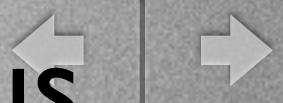


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“The Adventist world church created the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBMTE) in September 2001, designed to provide overall guidance and standards to the professional training of pastors, evangelists, theologians, teachers, chaplains and other denominational employees involved in ministerial and **religious formation, or spiritual formation**, in each of the church’s **13 regions around the world.**” ANN, Feb. 3, 2004



Lighthouse Trails Recognizes Dangerous “Emerging Spirituality” Entering Adventism



from the lighthouse ...

the blog of lighthouse trails research

Jesus said, "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

Article on Mark Driscoll's Site Takes Scripture Out of Context to Defend Contemplative 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: TOP ARTICLES FROM LIKE-MINDED MINISTRIES

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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Integrating Contemplative/Emerging Spirituality Into Degree Program

December 31st, 2009 | Author: Lighthouse Trails Editors

In 2007, Lighthouse Trails posted an article titled Church, Congregations Increase Focus on "Spiritual Formation." The article, released by Adventist News Network, showed how the emphasis of contemplative/spiritual formation was moving into the Seventh-day Adventist organization. The article stated that "this subject [spiritual formation] is receiving serious emphasis in Adventist institutions, as well as in local congregations." The following Lighthouse Trails research reveals that Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan is promoting contemplative spirituality (i.e., spiritual formation) through a new concentration in their Doctor of Ministry degree program. An October 2009 Andrews newsletter, put out by Kenley D. Hall (Andrews DMin Project Coach) explains that "Discipleship & Spiritual Formation" and "Youth and Young Adult Ministry" will begin in February 2010 (see brochure).



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Course Requirements

I. Pre-intensive

A. Reading requirements

The following eleven books are to be read – preferably in the order given, as it follows the course thought sequence:

1. McNeal, Reggie. *A Work of Heart: Understanding How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Pub., 2000.
2. Goldsmith, Malcolm. *Knowing Me, Knowing God*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1997
3. Swenson, Richard A. *Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, latest edition
4. Dybdahl, Jon L. *Hunger: Satisfying the Longing of Your Soul*. Hagerstown MD: Autumn House Publishing(Review and Herald Pub.), 2008
5. Scazzero, Peter. *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2006
6. Seamonds, David A. *Healing for Damaged Emotions*. Colorado Springs: Victor, 1991.

7. Dick, Dan R., and Barbara Miller. *Equipped for Every Good Work*. Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2001.

8. Moreland, J.P. *Kingdom Triangle*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

9. Anderson, Ray S. *The Soul of Ministry: Forming Leaders for God's People*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997.

10. Foster, Richard J. *Streams of Living Water*. San Francisco: Harper

11. White, Ellen G. *Steps to Christ*. Any edition.

Books may be purchased in any way convenient to the student.

B. Reading Reports:

For each of these books, a three-page reading report must be prepared in printed form. Page 1 should be a **careful summary** of the book. Page 2 should **evaluate** key ideas of the book. Page 3 should suggest ways this book can shape and **influence your life and ministry**. Careful following of these 3 parts of the report is required.

Reports should concisely state key ideas and can be done in semi-outline form if desired. Reports will be graded on how they reflect careful thought and analysis of the material and follow the 3 parts listed above. **The first 4 books must be read and reports prepared before the beginning of the intensive or you cannot continue in the class.** While it is preferable to read all the books pre-intensive, the last 7 books can be read and reported on during the intensive, but must be completed before the time they are discussed in class. Late book reports will receive a substantial reduction in grade. Each report should include the following statement of academic honesty along with your signature: "I have read ___% of the assigned text and this report represents my own work."

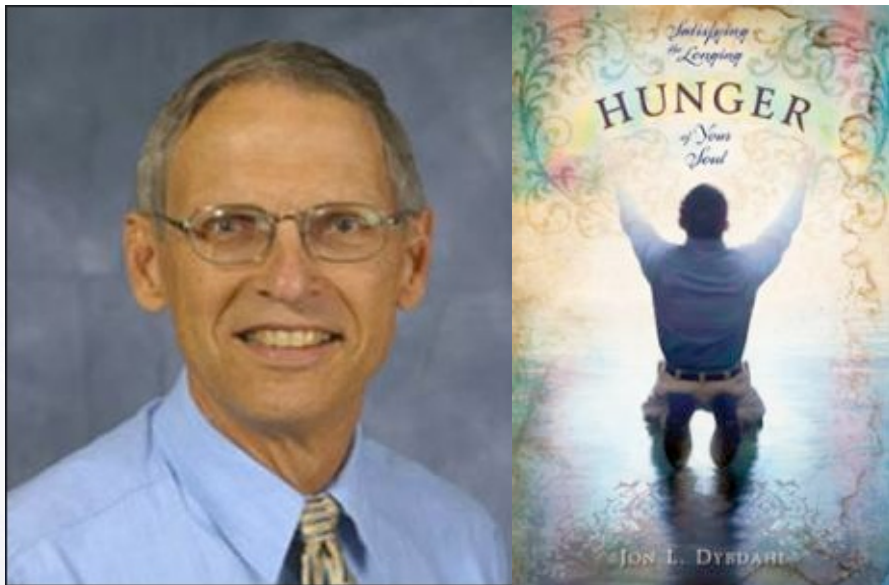
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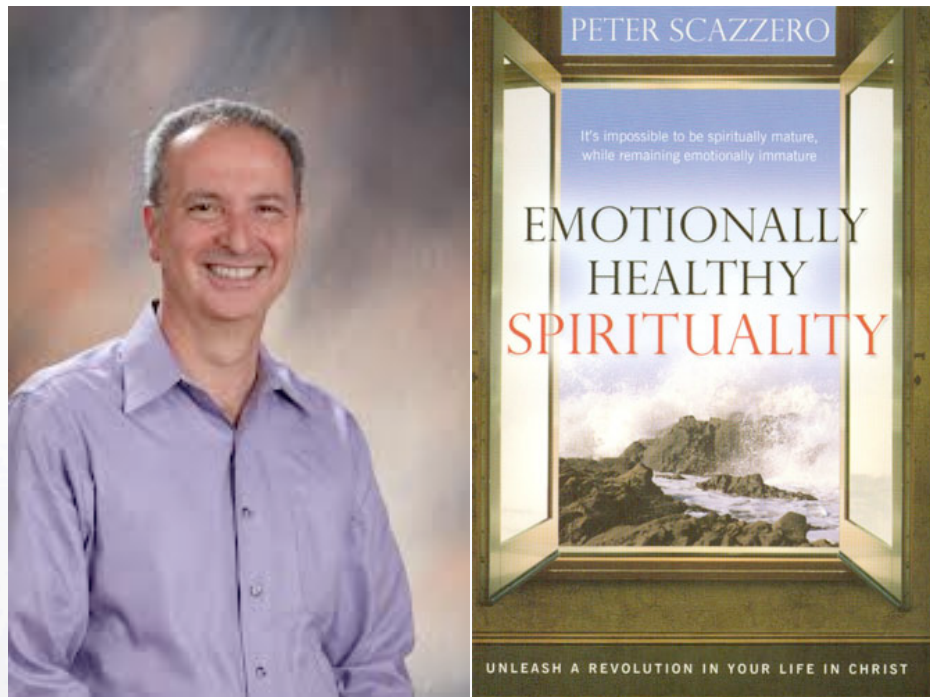
Contemplative spirituality is strongly presented in his 2008 book, [*Hunger: Satisfying the Longing of Your Soul*](#), where Dybdahl favorably instructs on contemplative practices such as [lectio divina](#), [visualization](#) (p. 64), the Jesus Prayer, and [breath prayers](#) (p. 52).

Hunger is brimming with references to contemplative mystics: David Benner, Morton Kelsey, [Adele Alberg Calhoun](#), Tilden Edwards, Richard Foster, [Ken Boa](#), and [Brother Lawrence](#) (see [critique](#) on *Hunger*).





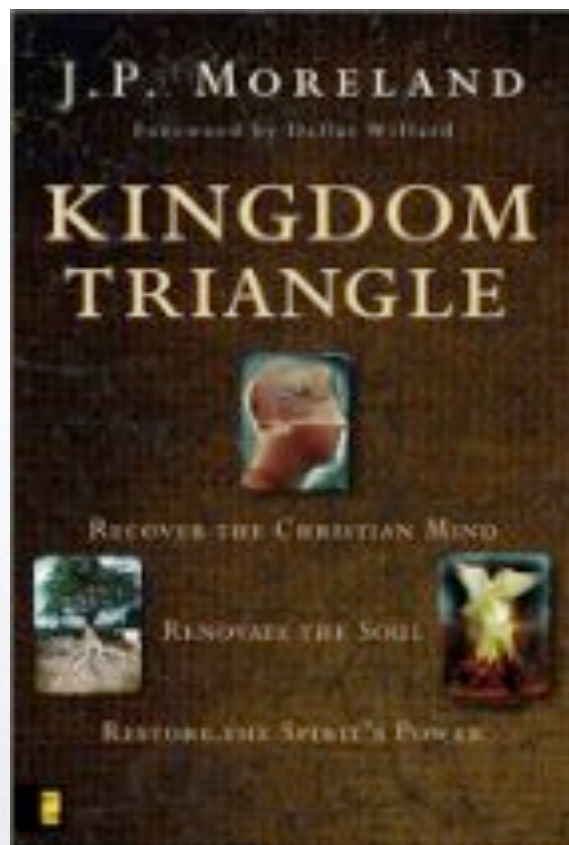
Peter Scazzero



Emotionally Healthy Spiritually (used at Andrews) is a who's who of contemplative mystics and panentheists; some of those he points readers to are Basil Pennington, Tilden Edwards, Henri Nouwen, Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, and several others.



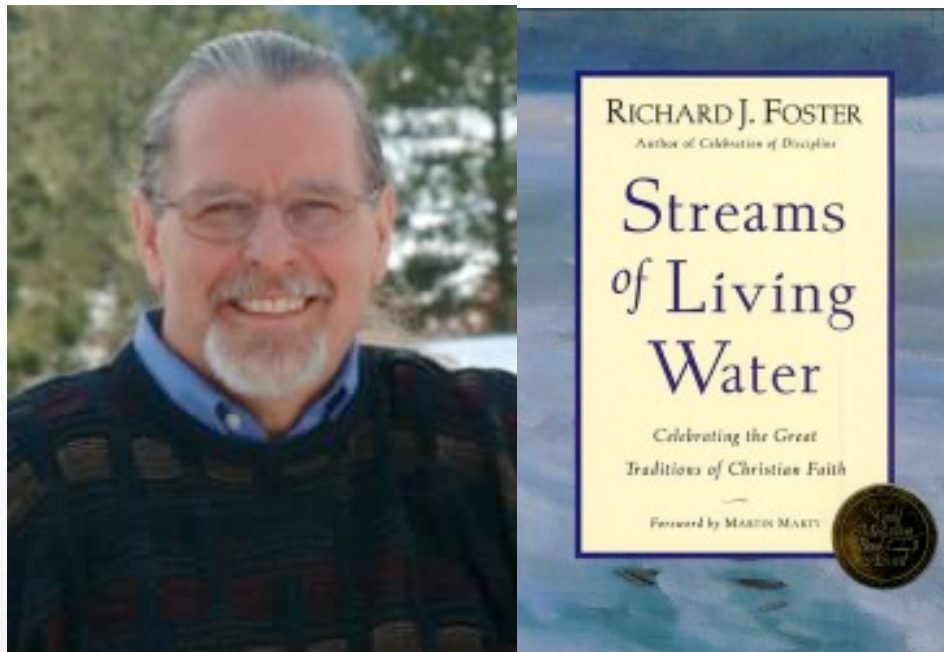
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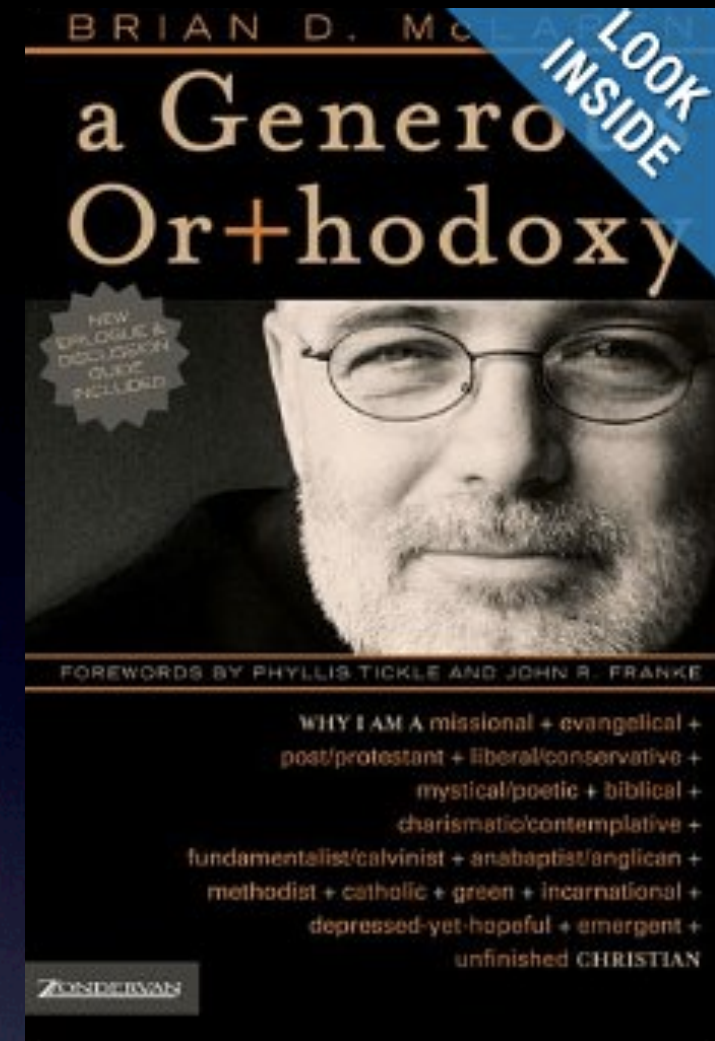
J.P. Moreland's [*Kingdom Triangle*](#) (used in Dybdahl's class at Andrews) explains maturity through "spiritual formation." Moreland tells readers that a "treasure of deep, rich knowledge of the soul" is in the writings of the [*Desert Fathers*](#), Henri Nouwen, and Richard Foster, (p. 153) each of whom points followers to eastern-style meditation (i.e., mantra-style). During a series Moreland did for Focus on the Family ([click here](#)) Moreland says that "Catholic retreat centers are usually ideal for solitude retreats."



Richard Foster

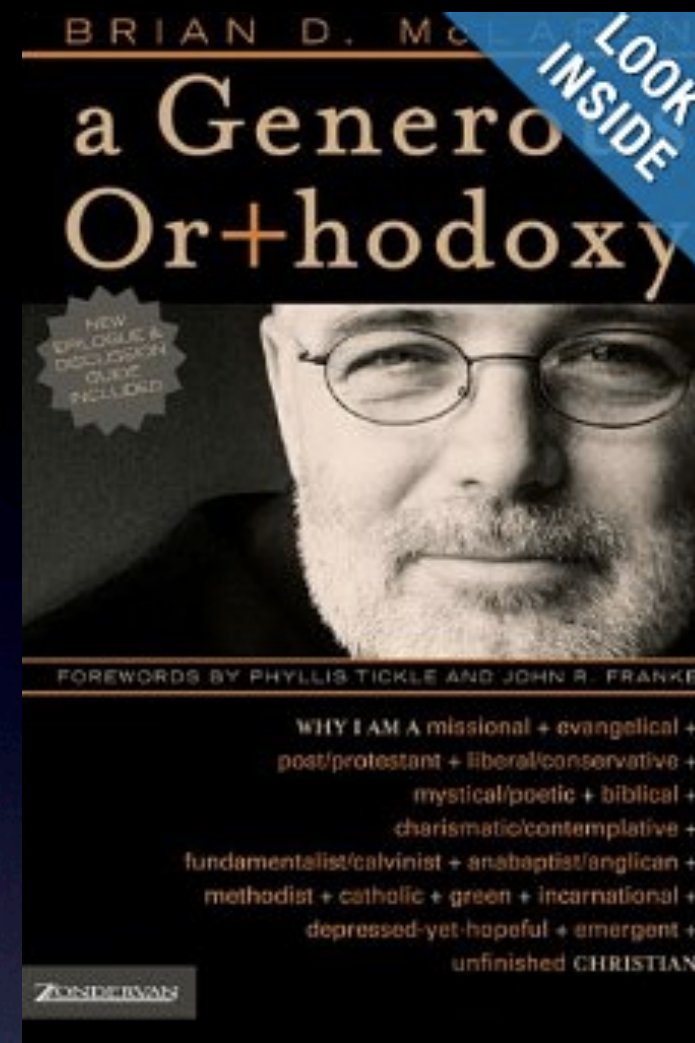


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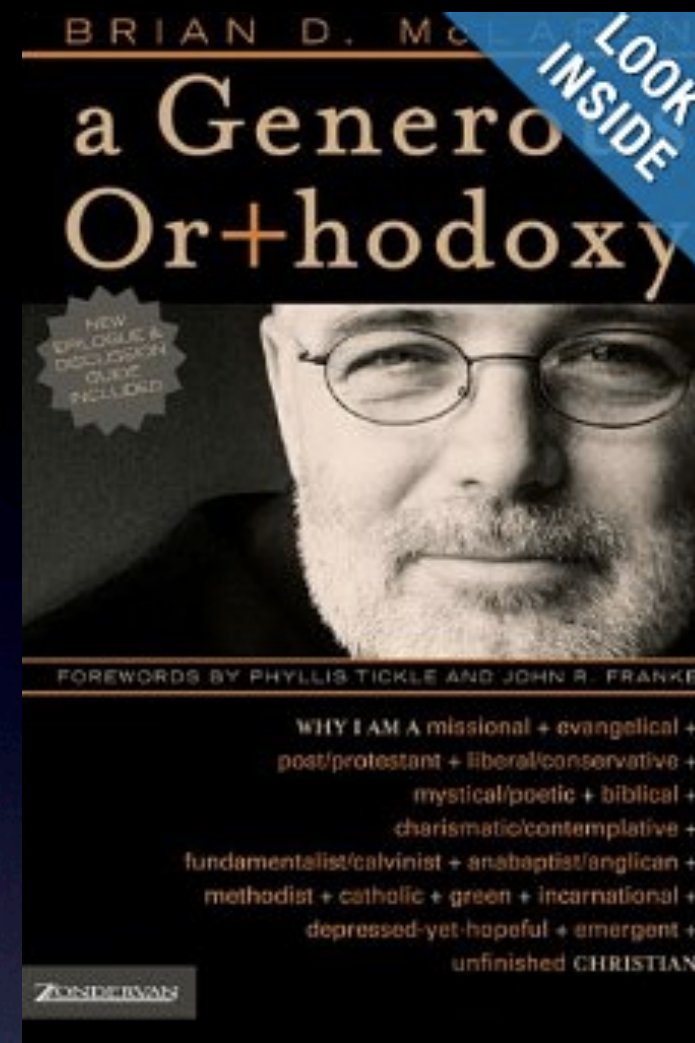


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“I discovered other *Roman Catholic* writers -- 20th century writers such as Flannery O’Conner, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Romano Gaurdini, and Gabriel Marcel, *as well as the medieval mystics and others.*” P. 62

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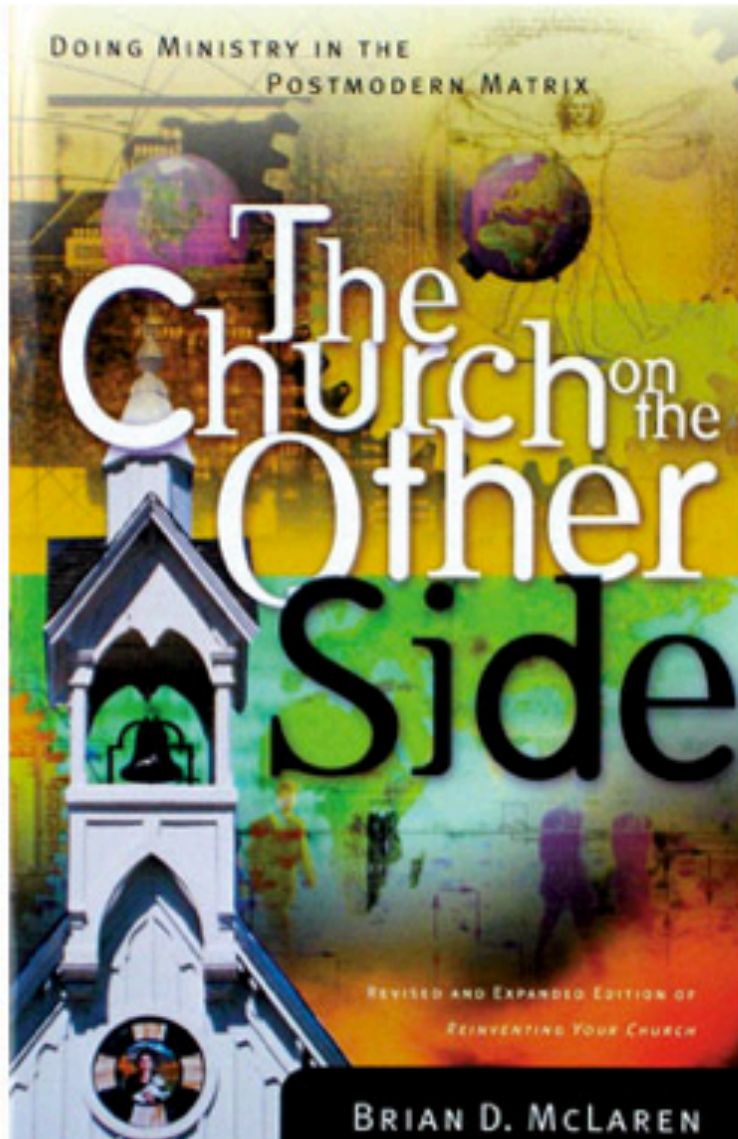
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It's all about God, and in my pagan universalism, any one will do.

Hear the word that the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: "Learn not the way of the nations, nor be dismayed at the signs of the heavens because the nations are dismayed at them, for the customs of the peoples are vanity. A tree from the forest is cut down and worked with an axe by the hands of a craftsman.

They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move. Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good." There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might. ([Jeremiah 10:1-6](#))

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*“In the words of one of the greatest theologians of the twentieth century, Jesuit philosopher of religion/dogmatist Karl Rahner, **“The Christian of tomorrow will be a mystic**, one who has experienced something, or he will be nothing” (Leonard Sweet, *Quantum Spirituality*, p. 76)*

*The power of small groups is in their ability to develop the discipline to get people "in-phase" with the **Christ consciousness** and connected with one another. (Leonard Sweet, [*Quantum Spirituality*](#), P. 147)*



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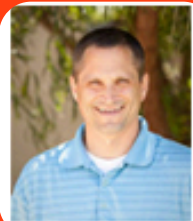
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Monday	Gathering	Personnel
6:30	Registration	
8:00	Worship	Adrian Langdon
8:20	Welcome: Present Truth	Japhet De Oliveira
8:30	Reflection: Rev 14 They follow the Lamb	Alex Bryan
	This Is My Dream	Tommy Poole
9:30	Refreshment Break	
10:00	Reflection:	Randy Roberts
	This Is My Dream	Anna Romuald
11:00	Reflection:	David Franklin
12:00	Lunch	
2:00	Worship	Adrian Langdon
2:15	Reflection:	Sam Leonor
	This Is My Dream	Garrett Speyer
3:15	Refreshment Break	
3:45	Reflection:	Dilys Brooks
	This Is My Dream	Raewyn Hankins
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8:00	This Jesus I Know	Leonard Sweet
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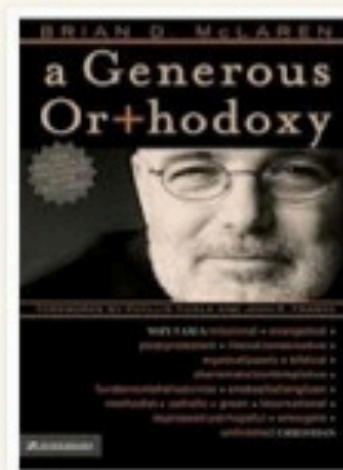
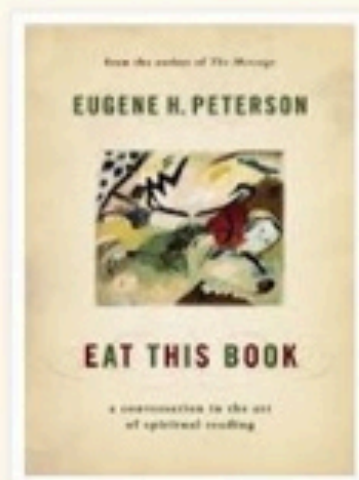
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SOME WRITINGS

- The Green Cord Dream: Pursuing Ellen White's Vision of Jesus and His Church (2012)
- TOMORROW: A vision for Adventism's future (2009)
- The Role of Human Emotion in Christian Discipleship (2009)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007

Must Reads



I love and fear

theology.

I love theology because understanding the Creator, the creation (us), and how the Creator desires to relate to the creation (us), is the most important and exciting *courtship* imaginable. Theology is getting to know the One I am falling in love with better—date by date by date.

I fear theology because it can be toxic, divisive, hateful, anti-relational, and very much not creative or imaginative. This strikes me as cruel, as the Creator and his creation are the relational subjects of theology. The word

SOME PLACES OF CONVERSATION

- CMC, Southern Adventist University (March 22, 2012)
- AIA Convention, Rosario Beach (March 29-April 1, 2012)
- Calimesa Church retreat (April 27-29, 2012)
- Idaho camp meeting (June 12-16, 2012)
- British Columbia camp meeting (July 27-Aug 1, 2012)
- Rosario Beach (Aug 3-5, 2012)
- Canadian University College (Aug 27-28, 2012)
- Union College



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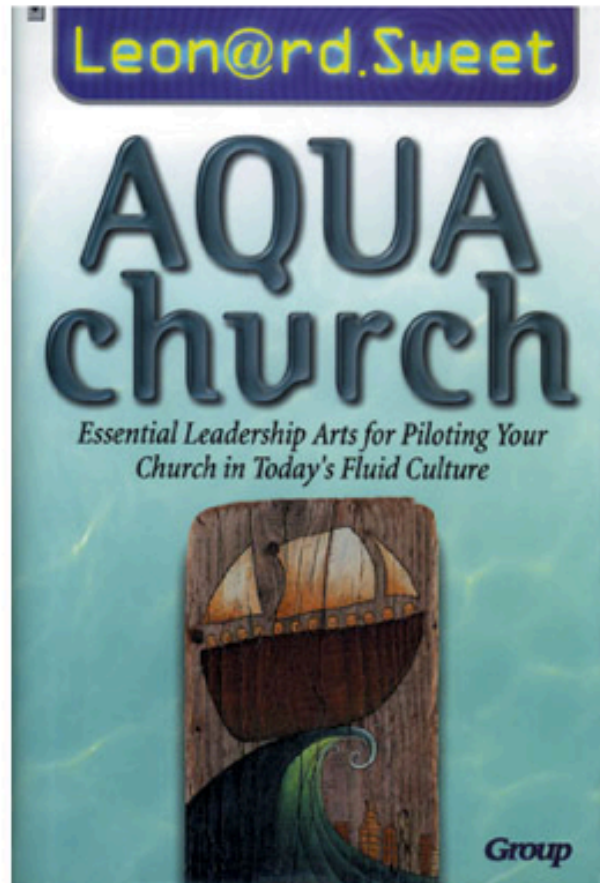
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Description

In this latest and most accessible work from church historian, futurist, and best-selling author Leonard Sweet, church leaders will discover the leadership arts that are essential in today's ever-changing culture. Rather than provide new maps that will soon be obsolete, this book illustrates the need to become an "AquaChurch" in order to effectively minister in a fluid, postmodern culture. Leonard Sweet also includes a "personal log"--questions and ideas that help apply personal thoughts as related to the new paradigms.

Each chapter concludes with a "ship's log"--ideas and activities that encourage group discussion and evaluation with church leaders. It provides an excellent platform for pastors and their entire church leadership to improve the effectiveness of their ministry.

This book was featured at Young Adult Summit: IGNITION.



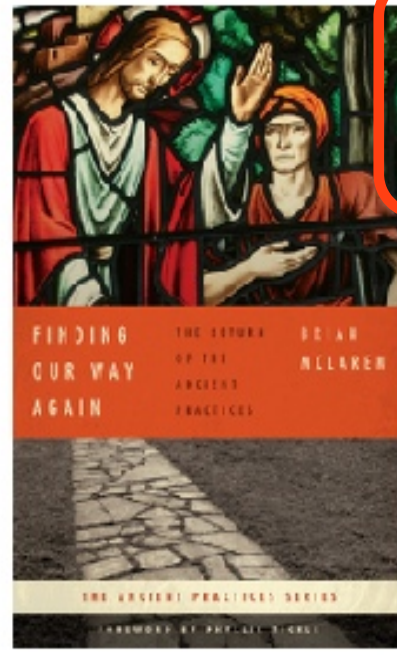
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July 30, 2008

Christianity as a way of life

I've come to the end of a couple of books recently and I'm facing that beautiful dilemma of what to read next. I have some "required" reading to prepare for an upcoming series on the Christian creeds, but I'm in the mood to put that off for one or two more books in the first part of August.



So, I've picked up [Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices](#), by Brian McLaren. This is the first in a series by Thomas Nelson called The Ancient Practices Series. The second title is now available as well, which I am very excited about. It's called, [In Constant Prayer](#) and is focused on the power and value of "fixed hours of prayer" which is something I have been attempting to practice for about 5 years now.

This statement from the chapter 1, called "Searching for an Everyday Sacredness" grabbed my attention in light of the preparation we're doing for upcoming worship series called "CREDO."

Without a coherent and compelling way of life, formed in community and expressed in mission,

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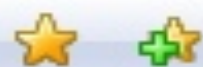
Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil - hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars - must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Take Action

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July 18, 2008

Two days at a Benedictine Abbey



I spent two days this week at the Benedictine monastery, [St. Andrews Abbey](#), in [Valyermo, California](#). I was so hungry for solitude and silence. So, I went out into the desert to be alone, to be silent and to listen. For nearly 1,500 years, monks have lived by the [Rule of St. Benedict](#). For over 50 years monks have been adhering to this way of

My Experience with the Emerging Church – Part 2

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Probably the best way to describe the Emerging Church is to describe my personal experience with it over the past 5 years. From my perspective, Emergent Village has been about hosting a conversation about how the church is emerging in our postmodern world.(1)

This conversation has taken place through a variety of means. I first learned of Brian McLaren in 2000 when I read his book, *The Church on the Other Side*. It was at that time that the [re-church network](#) invited Brian to be our keynote speaker at our 2002 event in Manhattan called Loving Babylon. (I'll say more in a couple days about re-church and our role in advancing the emerging church conversation within Adventism). From that point on I had a very personal connection to Emergent through Brian McLaren. This friendship would grow and change in the coming years.

My first official involvement with Emergent was at Villanova University for the second of a series of events we simply call Theological Dialogues. I was a pastor in a community nearby Villanova in suburban Philadelphia at the time and so I joined the small group. We were actually just tagging along for a much larger conference that Villanova puts on every year on Postmodernism. This particular year the featured speaker was none other than [Jacques Derrida](#). I have since been a part of two other Theological Dialogues: in 2004 at Duke University with Stanley Hauerwas and this year at Yale Divinity School with Miroslav Volf. At each of these events I have witnessed the most encouraging conversations in all my ministry. Wonderful people from across the spectrum of Christianity gathering around a theological giant and together learning what it might mean to be the church in our world. These have been fun but serious events. These are church practitioners doing the serious work of reinventing the church for a new world.

I have been a part of one Emergent Convention in San Diego – the first one. But the best events have been the small, informal gatherings, like the two occasions I gathered with pastors and church leaders from around the mid-Atlantic states at a small church camp in the Virginia mountains. The highlight of these events were friendships forged around the really important questions of life and ministry (over lots of food and very little sleep, of course).

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These and a host of other similar experiences with amazing people who are still my friends today form the core of what comes to mind when I think about emerging church. In many ways this conversation

Ryan Bell reflects ...



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Valuable Resources:



The Real Roots of the Emergent Church

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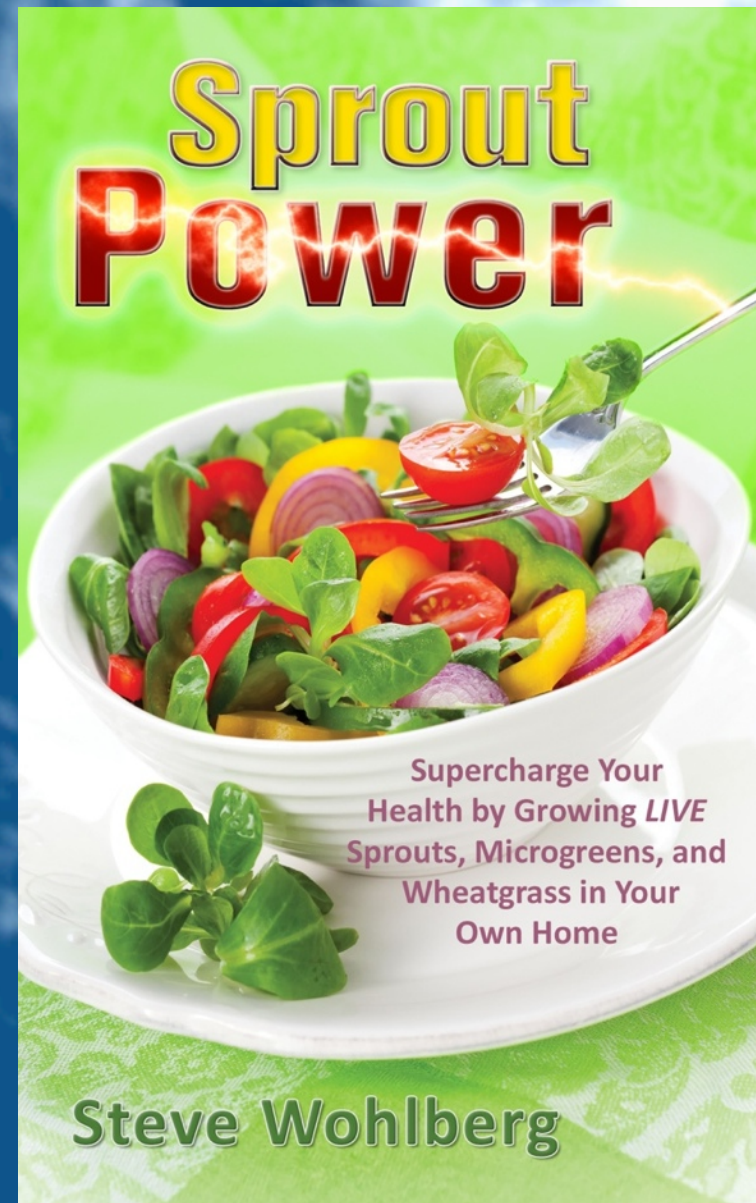
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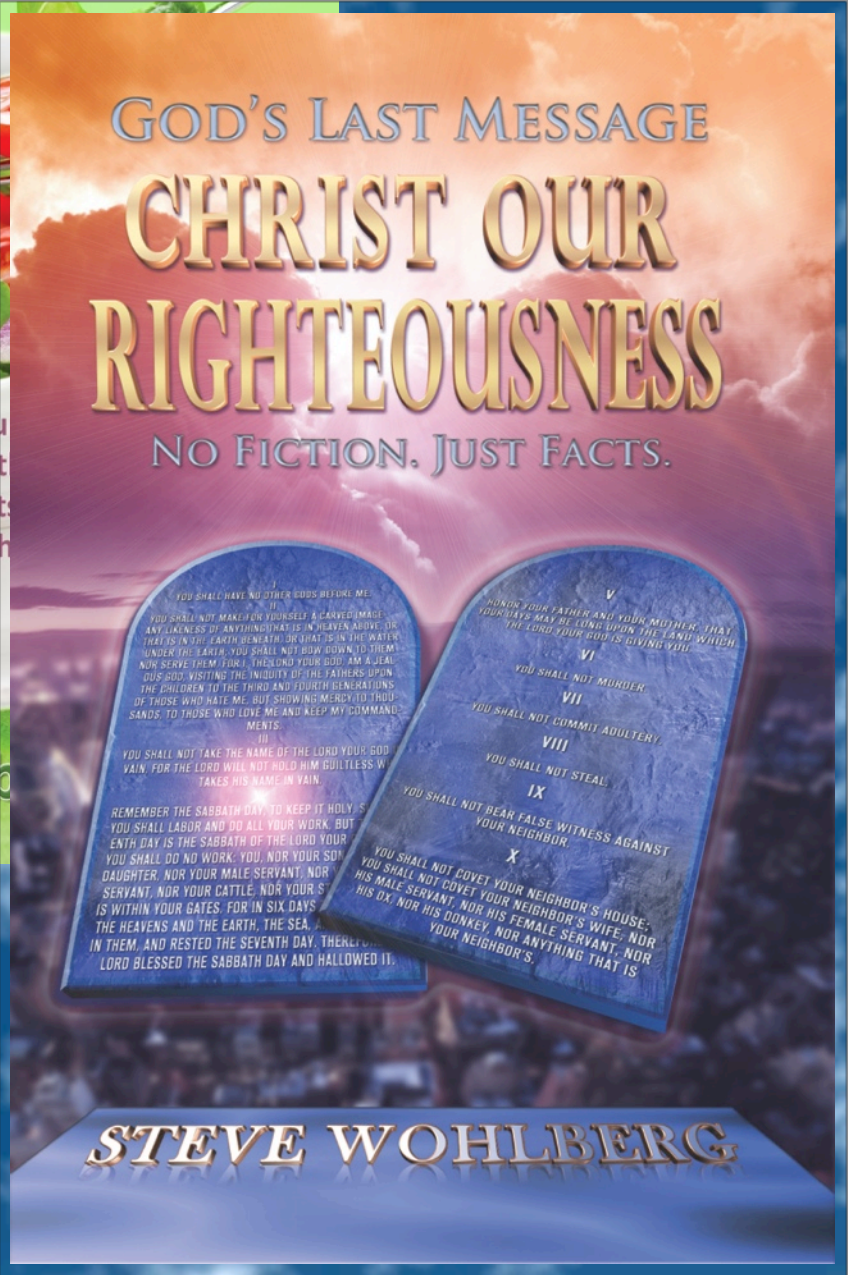
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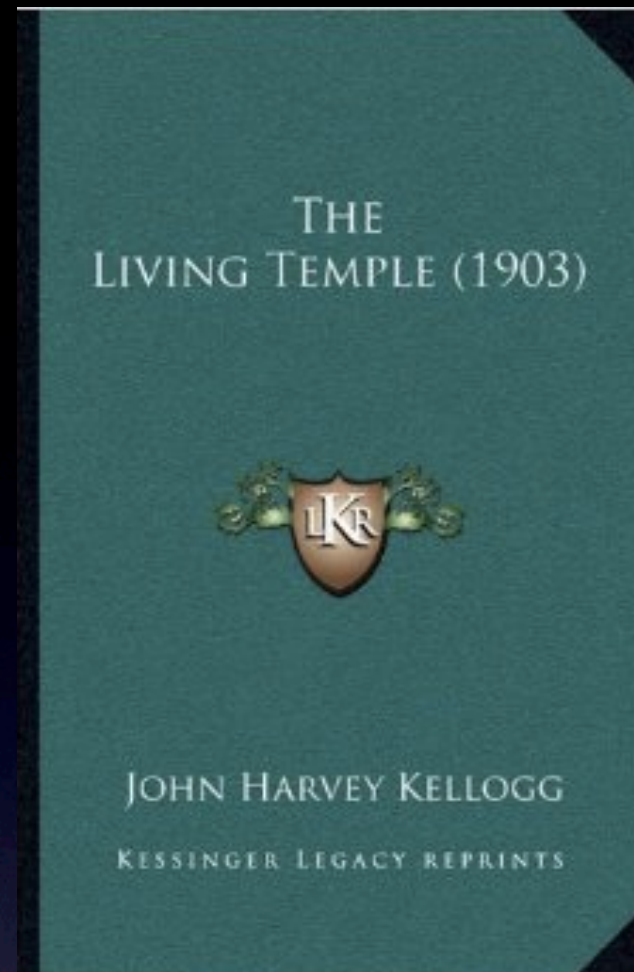
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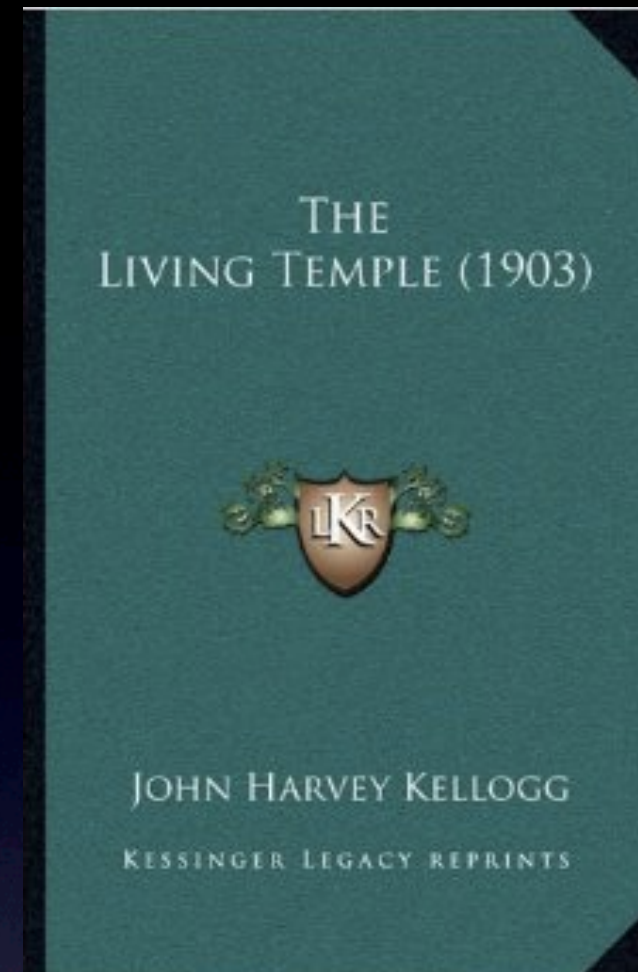


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“We need not the mysticism that is in this book. Those who entertain these sophistries will soon find themselves in a position where the enemy can talk with them, and lead them away from God. It is represented to me that the writer of this book is on a false track. He has lost sight of the distinguishing truths for this time. He knows not whither his steps are tending. The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error.

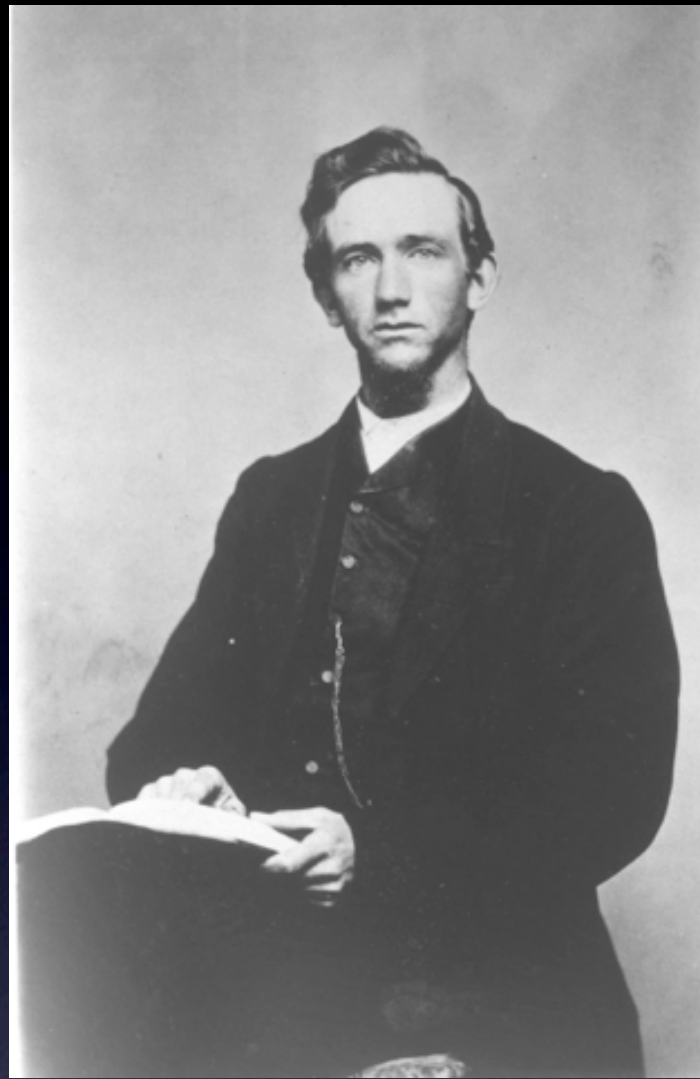
1 SM, 202







“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, *what would result?* The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. *Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.* The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. ***Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.***” 1 SM, 204

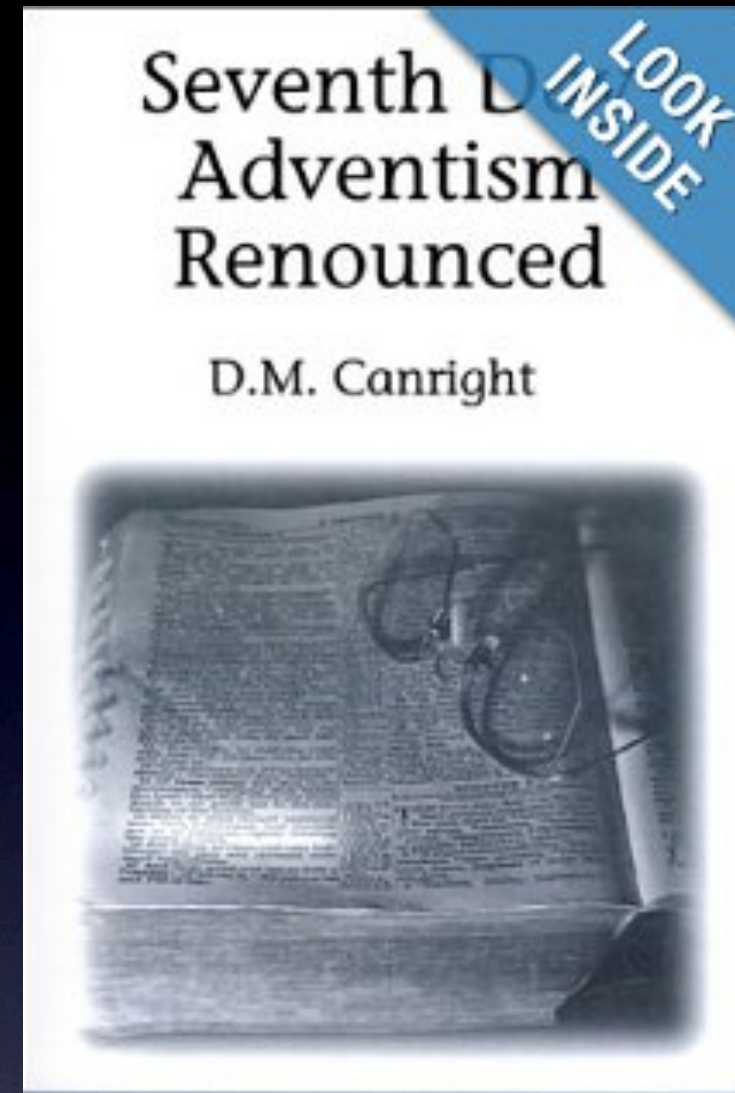
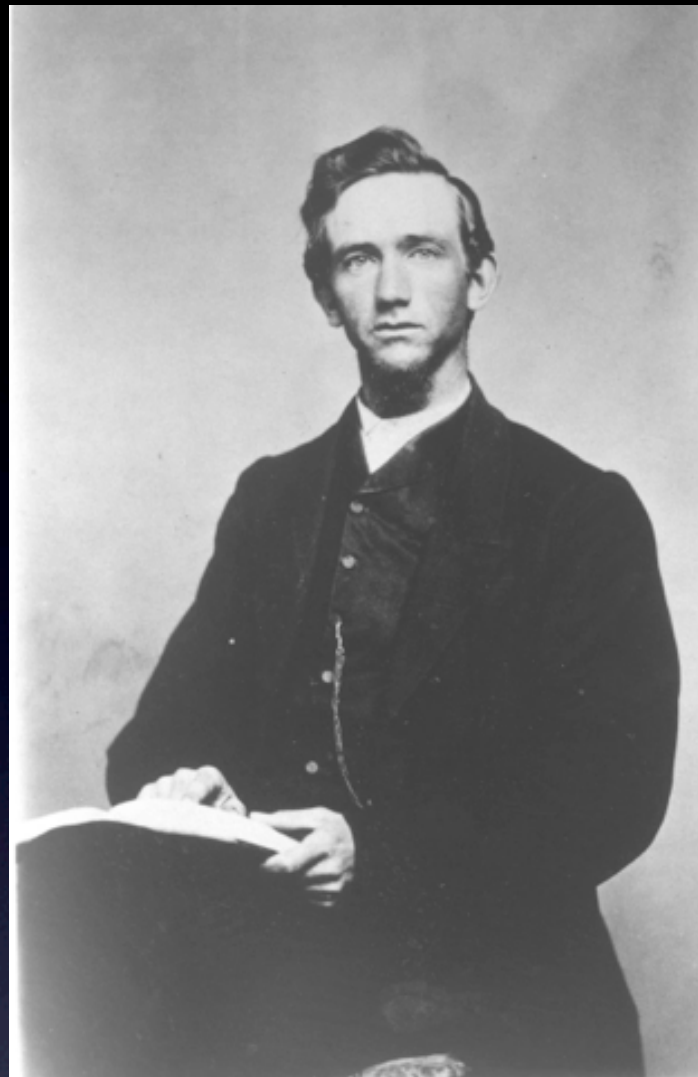


Seventh Day Adventism Renounced

D.M. Canright

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“I was made sad to hear of your decision, but I have had reason to expect it. It is a time when God is testing and proving His people. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Only those will stand whose souls are riveted to the eternal Rock ...

But if you have decided to cut all connection with us as a people, ***I have one request to make, for your own sake as well as for Christ's sake: keep away from our people***, do not visit them and talk your doubts and darkness among them.” 1

SM, 162-162







You shall
know the
truth, and
the truth
shall set
you free.
John 8:32