NEW AGE Pt.18: THE EMERGENT CHURCH, MEDITATION in the CHURCH

Me: About 8 or so years ago I met a young woman who is attending one of these New Age Emergent Church cults. She did not reveal it to me but God did. We can't just believe these type of cult churches are somewhere else, now they are all around us. The one she attends is just a few miles away from the church here.



This is from the church she attends. Victory School of Supernatural Ministry – Notice they have the catch phrase – bringing heaven to earth. When you see that, you are looking at a New Age church.

VSSM is a 9 month school meeting Tuesday nights from 6:00 - 9:30 PM where students learn how to bring Heaven to Earth through a supernatural lifestyle. The atmosphere is charged with God's Presence as we combine passionate worship with teaching from Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry's DVD curriculum and VCC's Pastors. Students are taught via DVD from speakers Bill Johnson, Kris Vallotton, Danny Silk, and others.

The past few weeks we have learned some of what these people believe and it is all against God and His Word. Now they have conveniently recorded and packaged these teachings on dvd's to spread them out to the whole world, to get

them in as many churches as they can. And it is working, it's in a church right near me. The atmosphere is not charged with God's presence but rather it is demonically charged with the presence and anointing of fallen angels.

I want to share something Pastor Erustus said once:

Human beings seek power to gain control over people and human existence. Conquerors, people in governmental positions, magicians, soothsayers, medicinemen, business leaders, and church leaders, all seek for power, to persuade the thoughts and lives of people. This power is misleading and not always pure. But the power that is from God, through the Holy Spirit, is pure and good. The power of God propels all good things in heaven and on earth. James 1:17 tells us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." Satan seeks this power because he was made powerless through Christ Jesus. He steals it and makes people captive by his deception. (2Timothy 2:26)

People are not asking questions because they are having supernatural, mystical experiences and they believe it is from God because they walked through the doors of a building that was labeled as a christian church. And because the leaders speak the name Jesus or say God they think the leaders are christians. They don't realize that the world is flooded with buildings wearing the label church and they are not godly churches. They don't realize there are plenty of so called pastors or church leaders who say Jesus or accredit what they do and say to Jesus yet in their hearts they don't love Him and don't serve Him. So any power flowing through them or any miracles done at their hands is from a demonic source.

The woman I spoke of that is mixed up in the school of the supernatural believes she is meeting Jesus, visually seeing Him in demonically produced visions. She has opened herself up to be deceived and what she is walking in is a demonic anointing. She even calls herself a pastor. She thinks she's seeing Jesus on cue every time she does the visualization techniques taught by Bill Johnson, Kris Vallotton and the rest of them.

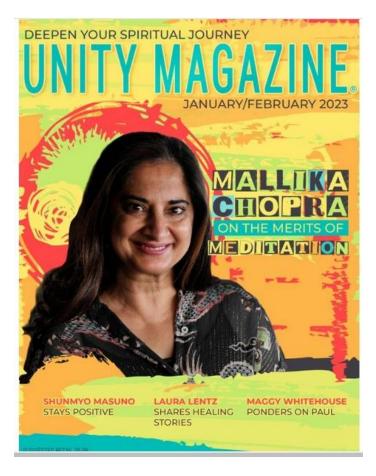
This promotes an attitude of pride or that you are highly favored above everyone else because you believe Jesus is visually coming to you all the time. I tried to talk

to this woman and tell her the truth and she would not even listen. The devil has blinded her mind to the truth.

So we pray for these deceived people to find out the truth and really come to Jesus and be saved. We pray for God to open their spiritual eyes and ears and to turn their hearts to the real Jesus, to the truth.

MEDITATION in the CHURCH

New Age meditation is in the church in more ways than just yoga.



Unity Magazine, Mallika Chopra on the merits of meditation. I guarantee you that she is not teaching and speaking on Biblical meditation. Unity is a New Age church.

RESEARCH:

Spiritual Meditation can be linked to Christianity because it involves prayer and reflection as one seeks a deeper connection with God. Me: They are trying to link what they call "spiritual meditation," that is New Age, Hindu, Buddhist meditation to Christian Biblical meditation.

They go on: Meditation is very much a Christian discipline but it has largely been neglected, Danny Silk, a <u>leader at Bethel Church</u> in California and spokesperson for the Christian meditation app <u>Soultime</u>, lamented. And not many Christians even know how to meditate.

Me: Trust me, they are teaching New Age meditations in these apostate churches and passing it off as Biblical meditation when it is far from it.

Christians should meditate daily, he stressed. That's how they can "grow in their experience of peace and joy and faith."

Gal.5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness (gentleness), temperance (self control): against such there is no law.

You do not get the fruit of the Spirit in your lives until you are saved and then as you grow in Christ, the Holy Spirit begins to produce this fruit in your life. You do not obtain this fruit just by meditating on God's Word alone. And the idea of meditating that they are presenting in this article is not the godly kind. They are subtly trying to float it out there so that those in New Age and those who have not studied God's Word will quickly associate it with New Age meditation and think it is the same thing and that's all they have to do to have peace, joy and faith is just cross their legs, clear their minds and meditate. They know people are only practicing worldly New Age meditation and don't even know what Biblical medication is. People today are not reading God's Word and have no discernment and are not checking up on anything they are told.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (that is hearing the good news about Christ).

If you want more faith, then you have to read and hear God's Word more, continuously, day after day and do what it says to do.

The research continues: There's no better example than Jesus when it comes to meditation.

"Jesus Himself sets the standard of intimacy with God," said <u>Russ Jones</u>, producer of the <u>Abide Prayer & Meditation App</u>. "The Gospels reveal Jesus continuously withdrew from His daily routine to pray, meditate and be alone with the Father. This intimacy with God gives us wisdom and peace to navigate what life brings and where God wants to lead. If the goal of the believer is to seek God in all we do, then doing as Jesus did is the key."

It is true that we want to be more like Jesus in our Christian lives and we do want to imitate His life as best we can with the power of The Holy Spirit. Let's take a look at Scripture and see what Jesus was doing:

Luke 6:12 - And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

This was the night before He chose His disciples. He was not meditating, but He was praying. Let this minister to us today, that in all our major decisions in life, let us pray and seek God for His guidance.

Luke 5:16 - And He withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

New Living Translation

But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

This was His habit and it is an example to us today not to forsake our prayer lives. We are to be a prayerful people just as our Master was. He was not meditating, but HE was praying.

Research: "But the problem is that even neuroscience tells us that we need 30 minutes to an hour every day without any outside stimulus for our brain to be healthy. Thousands of years ago, before we understood neuroscience, the Bible understood us, God understood us and God knew we needed to meditate. He knew we needed to recharge. He knew that our brains needed to reflect."

Me: The time when you have your time alone with God each day is healthy for us. When we sing to Him and praise Him, give Him thanksgiving, read His Word and pray. That's what helps us to build a strong and healthy relationship with God.

That's what keeps our brains healthy and sweet, peaceful sleep comes from God. That's where we recharge.

These so called "Christian" apps for prayer and meditation are designed to lead you into New Age practices and away from Jesus. Next week I'm going to begin to break down their New Age prayer practices that they are floating out to unsuspecting people.

Remember New Age meditation often says to empty your mind. However, God says to be sober minded. (1 Peter 1:13 & 4:7, Titus 2:6 & 12, 1 Tim.3:2, 1 Thess.5:6, Rom.12:3) He never tells us to ditch our reasoning or our thinking.

We had a man named Patrick come to the church not long ago and he was a targeted individual. He was in the military but that was a long time ago and that didn't seem to be the link to his targeting. However, when I asked about what churches he'd been to, he mentioned going to a strange campus church that seemed to believe in all religions. I feel that is the link to his targeting. It is not just physical, there is a spiritual side of targeting. The whole system is in service to satan, the weaponry and spy wear and tracking technology as well as those that participate in it, targeting other people. And there is a demonic or spiritual aspect to targeting as well.



This is from the University of Houston Campus Church which is called A.D. Bruce Religion Center. They have a tab under the heading "wellness – "well being" that leads to spiritual meditation. You can see she is in a yoga pose right there.

The caption reads: Let's Learn About Spiritual Meditation

Do you wish for a dramatic change in your body, physically, mentally, and emotionally? Then, you need to slow down, focus within, and become aware of yourself. It takes extra effort to unplug from the frenetic energy of the world and listen to what your body is saying. Put in that extra effort through spiritual meditation and experience the magic that unfolds.

Me: You know we give the word magic a pass, we are conditioned to it. Magic is another word for witchcraft. Let's read that again. Put in that extra effort through spiritual meditation and experience the witchcraft that unfolds. As Christians we are to avoid witches and witchcraft. The Old Testament saints were

told to kill witches. **(Ex.22:18)** That is how strongly God is against witches and witchcraft.

I believe because this man went to an apostate New Age church, this opened him up to targeting.

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We have already learned exactly what New Age meditation does, it opens the door to connect you with the demonic and activates demonic activity in your life. This is what college and university churches are leading our young adults into. This is nothing more than New Age meditation and nothing to do with Biblical meditation.

13 different religions are represented at this church. That being the case you certainly cannot call this a Christian church.

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CELEBRATE SPIRITUAL DIVERSITY:

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This is not a godly church. The Holy Spirit is not there. God is not going to be where all religions and all sexual orientations are welcome. He tells us in His Word that Jesus is the only way to heaven (John 14:6) and that homosexuality is an abominable sin (Lev.20:13). Christianity is exclusive not inclusive. If we don't want to obey God's Word then we are rejecting Jesus Christ. He is The Living Word of God and Jesus said if we love Him we will obey Him. (John 14:15)

Homosexuals are welcome in the church to hear the truth of God's Word, to be saved, delivered and set free. If they do not want to change and obey then they must be asked to leave the church. (Matt.16:19) All sinners are welcome but over time they should not remain in a state of sin in the church. A pastor isn't doing their job if sin is allowed to remain in the church.

We don't hate homosexuals or anyone but we are to stand on God's Word and if the opportunity presents itself, we share the truth with them in love and otherwise we pray for them to be led to the truth and to be saved.

If you attend an apostate church, a cult church, a New Age church, you will open the doors to demonic activity in your life and for targeting.

CLOSING



The Emerging Church – Sure we look like wolves, but trust us, we're sheep. In these past weeks we've been looking at a pack of wolves. They are in our community churches, all over tv, and online too. They even present online as "truthers." If the early church dealt with these wolves and false teachers you know we are dealing with them even more so now.

When the current faces of the emergent church die off, they have already groomed up the next generation to take their place. It is just a continuing cycle of false teachers, satans servants on this merry-go-round.

John 4:48 - Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

I don't know of anyone who doesn't like miracles or want to see miracles or have supernatural experiences. But Jesus warns us not to only seek those things. We need to believe in Him to the point of obedience, to the point that our lives change whether we see any other miracle outside of salvation or not. He was always telling the Pharisees He would not show them a miracle. (Mark 8:11-12, Matt.12:39)

People in these Emergent Churches are not being taught the gospel message, the true Word of God rightly divided. They are not having to wait on God because they believe right from the start that He is doing miraculous things in their lives and pouring out supernatural experiences on them. They were never truly saved and are only listening to what they want to hear (2 Tim.4:1-5) and they are deceived through these supernatural experiences, (2 Thess.2:9) satan has pulled them away from Jesus.

I praise God for leading you here to hear the truth.

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