

THE LIAR, THIEF, CRIMINAL & PERJURER TACF/CTF PASTOR JOHN ARNOTT HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT HIS FRIEND TODD BENTLEY WHILE OTHERS HAVE MUCH TO SAY?????

[Faith: Disgraced Abbotsford Evangelist Todd Bentley Resurfaces](#)



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By Mike Archer. Disgraced Abbotsford evangelist Todd Bentley has resurfaced, this time with an online "TV show" through the auspices of the Fresh Fire Ministries web site. A number of residents have expressed concerns the show is being considered by the Discovery Channel.

Since a show that appears online is by definition not a TV show, many are concerned that calling it a "TV show" may indicate there are efforts to have the show picked up by television networks.

Some have expressed their unease on websites, in conversations and emails recently over what kind of an impact Bentley's resurgence will have on Abbotsford's reputation as "an evangelical hotbed*."

The show, dubbed "Heavenly Realities TV Show" has, so far only appeared online on the Fresh Fire Ministries web site.

Abbotsford|Today checked with CTV Canada, owners of The Discovery Channel in Canada, on Monday and we were told the Canadian company is *not* considering the show but their sister network in the US may be.

Jodi Cook, Communications Manager for Discovery Channel & Factual Networks, told **Abbotsford|Today**, "I can confirm that Discovery Channel (Canada) does not have a project with Todd Bentley. But perhaps heâ€™s working with our American counterparts, maybe for TLC".



Abbotsford|Today was told Tuesday, by Dustin Smith, Director of Publicity for TLC in the US, "This isn't a TLC project, and I checked with my colleagues at Discovery, and it isn't them either."

Contacted Tuesday, Fresh Fire USA responded by sending an email featuring ads for Bentley's TV show and several easy ways to donate money to the faith healer and a series of pop up requests for cash.

The controversial evangelist first came to prominence in August of 2008 when he was forced to step down as the head of [Fresh Fire Ministries](#) after it was revealed he had an "unhealthy relationship on an emotional level" with a female staff member.

Revelations about his conviction for sexually assaulting a 7-year-old-boy in BC didn't seem to garner as much attention as did his unfaithfulness.

As part of his 'stepping down' Bentley also agreed to refrain from all public ministries while he got himself 'refreshed'. The south Florida revival meetings at which Bentley performed regularly attracted some 300,000 people.

Bentley was convicted of sexual assaulting a seven-year-old B.C. boy in 1991. According to National Post writer Brian Hutchinson, when confronted with the facts, Bentley admitted, "I was involved in a sexual assault ring. I turned around and did what had happened to me. I was assaulted too."

Bentley Bends, National Post:



Todd Bentley - Fresh Fire Ministries Photo

"It wasn't his outrageous claims of raising the dead that finally landed Todd Bentley in trouble. Not the contradictory sermons, or even his criminal past. Not the face piercings, the neck-to-knee tattoos, the biker-dude lifestyle. His followers could live with all that; it was part of the act.

"And what a performance it was: For the past few months, Mr. Bentley, a 32-year-old former drug addict from Canada's west coast, was the hottest thing going on the global televangelist circuit. A hog-riding faith healer with a devil-may-care attitude.

"Then he failed his flock, the old fashioned way: By consorting with another woman." – Brian Hutchinson, National Post – Published: Tuesday, August 19, 2008

According to Brian Hutchinson's 2008 National Post Story, "Mr. Bentley claims that God uses him as an instrument to heal the sick. He demonstrated this capacity at one Outpouring meeting by taking a run at a professed cancer patient and planting a knee hard into the man's gut. The man fell to the floor, grimacing.



Abbotsford-based Televangelist Patricia King

"At another meeting, Mr. Bentley laughed about kicking a woman in the face in order to help deliver God's healing touch.

."He spoke of his encounters with angels and prophets. He waved letters in front of his audiences, claiming they were written by relatives of people declared dead.

."Their dead kin had risen, he explained, after being exposed to his sermons, via GodTV broadcasts," Hutchinson's story revealed.

When the news broke:

"We have discovered new information revealing that Todd Bentley has entered into an unhealthy relationship on an emotional level with a female member of his staff," reads an Aug. 15 [2008] letter from his church, Fresh Fire Ministries, based in Abbotsford, B. C., *an evangelical hotbed."

"In the meantime, he's going to get himself refreshed," said Ken Greter, International Missions Director for Fresh Fire Ministries, of Bentley's exit from the ministry.

His 'refreshment' seems to be over as his online TV series has been posting episodes since March of 2010. He is also listed on the Fresh Fire Ministries website as one of their new directors.

According to the National Post story, at the time of his public disgrace, televangelist Patricia King, also based in the Abbotsford, vouched for him.

"The healing of the sick, the casting out of devils, the raising of the dead, the cleansing of lepers, this was all taking place" she reportedly said during a sermon broadcast on her Extreme Prophetic Television program.

Background and Commentary:

- [Todd Bentley Quits Healing Ministry Over Relationship With Woman](#)
- [Bentley Bends, National Post](#)
- [Todd Bentley: False Revival Prophets](#)
- [MorningStar Ministries Special Bulletin](#)
- [Todd Bentley Remarries – Apologizes](#)
- [Fresh Fire Ministries](#)

Editor's Warning: *You May Get Bombarded With Funding Requests If You Use The Link To Fresh Fire Ministries.*

<http://www.abbotsfordtoday.ca/?p=43727>



We have not heard much from the Revival Alliance after the exposure of Todd Bentley <http://tl.gd/a66okt> <http://tl.gd/8jck7c>

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And yes the Third Wave is Dangerous, Deceptive And Demonic <http://tinyurl.com/288apq7>

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Daniel 05.18.09 at 10:26 pm

here's some truth from behind the scenes in Abbotsford. Jessa first of all was an intern in the fall 08 cycle. She never applied for it Todd invited her into the internship. Even after a board member severely opposed it. Later Todd invited her and another intern to live in his house during the internship, and after the internship as a live in nanny.

At the same time the Bellingham, Washington church was being established so fresh fire could get a legal foot hold in America. This is evident by the lack and the sheer refusal to work with the local churches. It was just for the papers not the church.

In January 2009 2 members of the board confronted Todd about Jessa, and that it was wrong and they couldn't stand by him about it. They where "relieved" of their position for doing so. This shouldn't be surprising as another member of FFM was faced with the same threat, after he caught Todd with another woman in England (this is what the dark night of the soul was actually about), the FFM member was forced to either work for FFM outside of North America or be fired. Jessa is woman number 4 that Todd has cheated on Shonnah with.

Todd isn't 100% to blame just 80% the rest of the blame falls on those board members and pastors that refused to confront Todd on his infidelities. One in

particular had the mind set that if Todd does it, it's okay even if it isn't for others. Others refused to confront because they didn't want to loose their jobs (like many have over the years)

Even in Lakeland which I personally think was a two edged work of God, it was a blessing to the locals who have prayed for God to move. And the other edge was a judgement on Todd, in total over the top Todd style. **During the highet of revival there was excessive drinking, slasher flicks, and other things I wont get into now with Todd and his inner circle (yes men). There was infighting with the leaders on stage, and the interns where just slaves with ministry badges. Or the fact that all the money collected for the orphans and for sudan never made it to them, it was instead used to pay for the buildings/land for the revival.**

Even after Lakeland fell apart, and the news finally became public, Todd never returned home to Abbotsford. He remained in America (illegally) in California, then a breif stop in Reno for their quickey divorce rules. Then it was off to Rick Joyner and his marriage with Jessa

These words are not made up, this is a summary of many conversations I have had with former FFM employees, board members and former interns. I just can't stand by and see Todd get away with this for a fourth time. A man who has turned his back on his wife and children once again. yet will be received by the masses as THE man of God.

<http://theconnexion.net/wp/?p=5122>

TODD BEELZEBUB BENTLEY IS BACK



"An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land. The Prophets prophesy falsely, and the Priests rule on their own authority, and my people love it so! But what will you do at the end of it?" Jeremiah 5: 30-31.

All true Christians see that Todd Bentley is of the devil, a liar, thief, and immoral...and carries imps and demons with him as his power source.

And Peter Wagner is also of the devil! On June 23rd, 2008, a group of "apostles and prophets" under Peter Wagner's headship stood on a stage in Lakeland at the Todd Bentley revival – to lay on hands and commission him, etc. But it was far more than that.

Peter Wagner called it an "apostolic alignment." He made the following statement before all the TV cameras and all the people:

"I take the apostolic authority that God has given me and I decree to Todd Bentley:

- Your power will increase.
- Your authority will increase.
- Your favor will increase.
- Your influence will increase.
- Your revelation will increase.

I also decree that:

- A new supernatural strength will flow through this ministry.
- A new life force will penetrate this move of God..."

Events after June 23, 2008 proved all of Peter Wagner words to be false

THIRD WAVE EXPOSED <http://www.scribd.com/doc/15902535/THIRD-WAVE-EXPOSED>

NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION <http://www.scribd.com/doc/16611959/New-Apostolic-Reformation>

Third Wave Deceivers <http://www.scribd.com/doc/14708726/Third-Wave-Deceivers>

THE NEW "APOSTOLIC REFORMATION" DECEPTION

http://www.safeguardyoursoul.com/html/c_peter_wagner.html

The gospel of health and wealth according to Todd Bentley.: <http://t.co/dL0kHaV>

Todd The Demon From Hell <http://www.scribd.com/doc/47784235>

Todd Bentley a savage wolf in sheep's clothing <http://tinyurl.com/32ljrbcb>

<http://tinyurl.com/24c4d7h>

Revisionism and Emma's Gender Change - Again

This is an update to an article first posted in July, 2008. Emma, who once was a female angel, had gender re-assignment surgery in June of 2008. Amazingly, she is now female once again. With God "all things are possible."

"I'm not talking about Emma, the female healing angel."

-Todd Bentley 2/21/10 at Morningstar



In order to understand Todd Bentley and to make sense what is going on at Morningstar, you must first understand Bentley's angelology. For most of us, angels are not central to the gospel; they are "waiting in the wings" as it were. Why does his angelology cause so much controversy? Well, here's a quote from Bentley while at Lakeland:

"I told the Lord why can't I just move in healing and forget talking about all that other stuff?" **"Because Todd, you've got to get the people to BELIEVE IN THE ANGEL"...**"And I said God, why do I want people to BELIEVE IN THE ANGEL? Isn't it about getting people to BELIEVE IN JESUS?"...And He Said, "People already believe in Jesus, but the church doesn't believe in the supernatural."

The issue here, as I see it, is not that angels might be upstaging Jesus (which may be a valid issue) but rather Todd's reported conversation with God, in which God instructs Todd to **"get the people to believe in the angel."** That is not a valid commission by God, it is "another gospel."

When Bentley talks about "the angel" he is often talking about the named angel "Healing Revival" that only Bentley and a few others have purportedly "seen." This angel, whom he also calls "The Angel of the Lord" whispers words of knowledge into his left ear. I'm just wondering out loud if we should take his word for it. Well, this angel has now shown up at Morningstar, but of course, only Todd can see it. He said "you didn't see it of course, it was a spiritual thing" implying that the rest of us...uh, you can see where this is going.

He has mentioned "The Angel of the Lord" hundreds, if not thousand of times, in his meetings. Often he alternatively states that Jesus is whispering in his left ear, as he gains his healing "words of knowledge." The Old Testament phrase, "The angel of the Lord" refers to Jesus in pre-incarnate form. If he is calling the post-ascension Jesus an angel, a created being, he is simply being blasphemous.

The confusion, in Bentley's mind, has been longstanding. At a Toronto meeting circa 2004 Bentley stated:

"This might not even be an angel, it might actually be Jesus, The angel of the Lord. So maybe it wasn't an angel that came to me maybe it was actually Jesus."

We are trusting this man to discern spirits?

Aside from the amazing fact that Bentley has mentioned more "named angels" than the whole of the scripture, he teaches that we have many personal angels at our beck and call.

"When I need a financial breakthrough I don't just pray and ask God for my financial breakthrough. I go into intercession and become a partner with the angels by petitioning the Father for the angels that are assigned to getting me money: "Father, give me the angels in heaven right now that are assigned to get me money and wealth. And let those angels be released on my behalf. Let them go into the four corners of the earth and gather me money." And apparently, using angels to gather money is quite successful.



"Now let me talk about an angelic experience with Emma. Twice Bob Jones asked me about this angel that was in Kansas City in 1980: "Todd, have you ever seen the angel by the name of Emma?" He asked me as if he expected that this angel was appearing to me. Surprised, I said, "Bob, who is Emma?" He told me that **Emma was the angel that helped birth and start the whole prophetic movement in Kansas City in the 1980s. She was a mothering-type angel that helped nurture the prophetic as it broke out. Within a few weeks of Bob asking me about Emma, I was in a service in Beulah, North Dakota.** In the middle of the service I was in conversation with Ivan and another person when Emma appeared. As I stared at the angel with open eyes, the Lord said, "Here's Emma." I'm not kidding. **She** floated a couple of inches off the floor. It was almost like Kathryn Khulman in those old videos when **she** wore a white dress and looked like she was gliding across the platform. Emma appeared beautiful and young-about 22 years old-but **she** was old at the same time. **She seemed to carry the wisdom, virtue and grace of Proverbs 31 on her life.**

She glided into the room, emitting brilliant light and colors. Emma carried these bags and began pulling gold out of them. Then, as **she** walked up and down the aisles of the church, **she** began putting gold dust on people. "God, what is happening?" I asked. **The Lord answered: "She is releasing the gold, which is both the revelation and the financial breakthrough that I am bringing into this church. I want you to prophecy that Emma showed up in this service-the same angel that appeared in Kansas city-as a sign that I am endorsing and releasing a prophetic spirit in the church."** See, when angels come, they always come for a reason; we need to actually ask God what the purpose is. Within three weeks of that visitation, the church had given me the biggest offering I had ever received to that point in my ministry. Thousands of dollars! Thousands! Even though the entire community consisted of only three thousand people, weeks after I left the

church the pastor testified that the church offerings had either doubled or tripled.” [Link](#)

While many people would make a big thing about a female angel, I'm even more concerned that Bentley's story seems to change with time.

In early 2008 more and more people were raising the issue of the lack of biblical precedent for an female angel. Bentley had a few other fires to put out at that time, and so it appears that Emma morphed into Ernie- in response to the questions.

"A while ago, **Bob Jones told me about an angel that helped birth the entire prophetic movement in Kansas City in the 1980s. The Lord had sent this angel to help nurture the prophetic ministry (and gift), at a time when it was being re-established in the modern-day church in North America.**" **A few weeks after our conversation, I attended a church service in Beulah, North Dakota.** In the middle of the meeting an angel glided in. As I stared wide-eyed at the angel, I heard the Lord tell me that this was the same angel that was involved with the prophetic movement in Kansas City. The angel floated a couple of inches off the floor emitting a brilliant light and colors. **He** appeared young--about 22 years old--but old at the same time. It was as though **he** carried the wisdom, virtue, and grace of Proverbs 31.

From Bentley's [The Reality of the Supernatural World](#), p. 230f:, June 2008.

Proverbs 31, of course, describes the virtues of an excellent wife. Darn, that sort of messes up the story, don't it?

Angels do far more than gather money for us. According to Bentley:

"We do not battle against flesh and blood, we do not battle with demonic power, **the angelic hosts do.**"

Of course, this apparent paraphrase of Ephesians 6:12 contradicts the actual scripture.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. "

So it appears that Bentley not only makes up stories about what God told him ("The Lord answered: She...") but he also makes up scripture.

The choice is yours. Will you follow a man whose proclamations contradict the very Word of God, or will you remain faithful to the scriptures? This should not be taken lightly.

The real problem with telling stories is that you have to remember what you said previously so that you don't get caught in a lie.

And it never stops. Here, less than 2 years since Emma became a "He" [once again](#) Todd Bentley declares that Emma is a female angel. (Morningstar, 2/20/2010, timestamp 02:21:58).



Bentley also claimed that night to have seen "a pillar of white light" from the ceiling to the floor. Yeah, I saw that too. And yes, they have smoke machines and blue lights on stage just in case God does not show up. Just like Nadab and Abihu.

<http://beyondgrace.blogspot.com/2010/02/revisionism-and-emmas-gender-change.html>

Unlike Todd Bentley ECC believes in marriage and the family

Position Statement

The Evangelical Christian Church in Canada (Social & Moral Conservative Guidelines)

- 1. Marriage** Marriage is a lifelong covenant relationship between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. It is a lifetime relationship in the eyes of God. We believe in the covenant faithfulness of each man and women in marriage before Jesus Christ.
- 2. Family** The family is to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care for its members as it enables them to serve God, groups of people, and creation. Family is the foundation to Canadian society.
- 3. Homosexuality** Homosexuality is a sinful and unacceptable lifestyle and behavior before God, and the church of Jesus Christ. The ECC will never bless same-sex unions of any kind. We believe that homosexual behavior is "inconsistent with New Testament Christianity." We believe that God can fully deliver a person from the practice and the inclination of homosexuality.
- 4. Common-law living** The ECC does not accept fornication among couples. We support chastity and purity in relationships outside the marriage bond.
- 5. Abortion** Abortion is the murder of innocent children and it is not a form of birth control. We oppose abortion except in rare pregnancies where the life of the mother is at risk, only after Godly counsel. We encourage all people to raise your voice against the killing of children or the elderly.

6. Abolition Movement We are a historic anti-slavery group that feels that many Africans and other groups of people are experiencing slavery around the world. We continue to show our opposition against any treatment that shackles many in the sex trade war that holds people captive against their wills.

7. Water Baptism We believe that baptism is one of two ordinances enjoined upon believers by the Lord Jesus Christ. We baptize in name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit.

8. The Lord's Supper We believe that this is the most blessed bond between the body of believers and the risen Lord, and between one another, as it is experienced in the sacrament of Communion.

9. Death and Burial Funeral practices differ in various parts of Canada and the United States. Along with this, there is increasing divergence in conducting final rites at the time of death. The ECC in Canada offers this to the public. Our traditional approach is: Organ Meditation, Scripture, Hymns, Obituary and Word of Tribute, Meditation and Prayer, and Benediction. The ECC in Canada accepts the traditional and spiritual burial of the body. We also accept cremation ashes of the body.

10. Poverty & Homelessness Poverty and Homelessness are complex issues that defy a single, simple solution. Homelessness and poverty include family breakdown and violence, unemployment, recent immigration, release from prison, substance abuse and addiction, mental and physical illness and shortage of affordable housing.

11. Substance Abuse We recognize that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and it should be treated with great respect. We are opposed to the production, sale, purchase and abuse of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, and other harmful drugs; including the abuse of prescription drugs. We believe that people can seek and find freedom from these vices.

12. Euthanasia We do not support and believe that mercy killing should end life because of a painful and incurable disease.

13. War We do not support war, but we strive in every means to find peace among all nations of the world and common enemies. We do not accept military involvement in a country unless it is for peacekeeping assignments, or a country is threatened by a common enemy.

14. Women in Ministry The ECC accepts women in ministry and believes that the call of God is upon all those who hear and respond to it. We support men and women in all areas and positions in ministry.

15. Creation The three creative acts of God are recorded in Genesis: 1. the heavens and the earth; 2. animal life; 3. human life. The 6-day creative act refers to the dateless past, and gives scope for all the geologic ages, and we believe in the fall of man in sin as oppose to evolution.

16. Godhead (Trinity) We believe in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit as one true God. We also believe that salvation is only through Jesus Christ who is the only Way, the Truth, and the Life.

17. Israel The ECC supports and stands with Israel because the Restoration of Israel is God's timetable for end-time prophecy. We believe that untold blessing and rewards are given to those who financially support and stand with the nation of Israel. We need to stand with her by praying for her. The ECC stands by and believes that the holocaust happened during World War 2 to the Jewish people.

18. Bible We believe in the infallibility and inerrancy of the scriptures as originally given by (verbal) inspiration of God in both Old and New Testaments. We also believe that it

is the sole and final authority on all matters of faith, life and every area it touches. We are opposed to religious error that holds people captive against their freedom in Christ.

19. Heaven and Hell We believe in a literal eternal Heaven and Hell. Heaven is for the blood cleansed, born again saints of God; and Hell is for those who are unsaved and reject Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

20. Body of Christ We believe that every believer today is the true Church of Christ's body and bride, and we also believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ no matter the Christian denomination.

21. Gifts of the Holy Spirit We believe that each believer is given a spiritual enablement by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and given a capacity for specific service in the church. No believer is destitute of such gifts. For by one Spirit we are baptized into one body. The issue over tongues and fivefold ministry gifts of the church are only in the power and the control of the Holy Spirit. It is our responsibility to judge the working of the Spirit with prayerful discernment.

22. Creeds Our only creed is the Bible and Jesus Christ; however we also accept the reform position within the Restoration Movement, and also doctrines of the Armenian Faith.

23. Environment The ECC believes that the earth is the Lord's and it is the responsibility and the purpose of every Christian and non-Christian to clean up the environment within their communities in Canada and in all nations around the world. We also believe that the events taking place with the weather around the world is according to end-time prophecy.

24. Diversity The ECC does not expect their ministers to follow a certain dress code or a certain way of worshipping God. We do not have a certain mode of preaching or practices in keeping with certain feast days. We do not indicate what Bible translation our ministers must read and preach from. Diversity of ministry and race are accepted within the ECC.

25. Denominationalism The ECC does not believe in denominational walls that separate believers in the Spirit of Christian unity. We believe that all Christians are one in the body of Christ. We also enjoy fellowship together within all Christian denominations, and all Christians in the love of Christ.

26. Stewardship The ECC believes in the biblical principle of stewardship as commanded by Christ. <http://www.cecconline.com/node/5>

It's Super Todd!

Look up in the pulpit, it's a wolf, it's a demon...NO, it's super Todd!

Able to leap over God's truth with a single bound!

Able to heal the sick by kicking the afflicted to death!

Able to supernaturally travel to far off places, third heaven, open portals!

Able to magically change his wife into a younger woman!

Able to deceive some of the very elect!

Just picture his super hero costume, black tights, with a big skull face in orange with a black and silver cape! ICKY!!!

Necromancer Rick Joyner And The Fallen Magician Todd Bentley

From: [True to His Ways](#)

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 2:28 PM

To: baruchhouse@hotmail.com

Subject: Fw: The Occult in the Church (must watch video)

Dear Reflections Subscribers:

I have received this video from a few people. It features 2 false prophets who are discussed in *True to His Ways: Purity & Safety in Christian Spiritual Practice*; namely, necromancer Rick Joyner and the fallen magician Todd Bentley. It also demonstrates graphically some of the occultism in the Charismatic Church that is discussed in *True to His Ways*, such as drumming to summon spiritual presence, the wailing of those under demonic influence, and the distressing sight of a woman proclaiming an occult "vision of Jesus", using biblical terminology in demonic fashion.

Click [Here](#) to watch.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwzbcMXpSQ&feature=player_embedded

Yours because His,

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LAKELAND REVIVAL WAS DEMONIC

ONLY A FOOL WOULD DEBATE THAT LAKELAND WAS NOT DEMONIC. A FOOL LIKE STEPHEN STRADER! NOTHING GOOD CAME FROM IT EXCEPT IT EXPOSED THE THIRD WAVE FOR WHAT IT WAS – DEMONIC!

I have posted this before but this was a word for word account of what Lou Engle spoke in May 2008 regarding Lakeland. It is exactly what he said not one word added or taken away.

(Lou Engle speaking from IHOP) I stand here today ..I've been on the phone with Rick Joyner and Bill Johnson. They have never seen anything like the coming of the glory. People are being delivered from additions during worship.

Frankly I have to confess that I struggled in my own heart with this whole thing. Yet I've known it's the Lord. I felt like the Lord said today Lou..."Don't just stand back". Bob Jones is saying "this is the Third wave that I saw". Then I felt like the Lord saying "Don't just stand back aloof from this outpouring pray that it intensifies...it spreads through the whole land and people start getting saved. We have to be careful this could be a manger and you don't want to miss the birth place of something that offends your heart. I just feel I'd like us to stand and cry out to God. They said it's coming here...let it intensify....let it spread.

Bill Johnson said "It's beyond miracles. It's the glory realm that's coming". We're learning to stand in the glory....and I don't understand it but I felt like the Lord said "Don't let your heart be offended" I want you to pray that it spreads and intensifies and out of KC we should not just stand aloof but we should pray that it intensifies. I want you to pray with me.

Father we say it's the Latter rain...it's signs of the glory that is on us...We believe for more and more and more. Bring it here to KC...intensify it nationwide until people are being delivered of every kind of demon, every kind of mental disease...God we call on you...Jesus what about doing good and healing all who are oppressed of the devil. Lord breakout with your goodness and mercy all across America...come to KC...come in the way you want to come....but come send the Latter rain...take away our arrogance and any pride in our heart. Lord if we are somehow something different...oh God open the healing of our children....for every sickness and disease we are now calling on you. Thank you God. Rick Joyner said that God is answering the prayers of the Call. I say God ...could it be that you are answering the cries of eight years of day/night intercession out of KC? Lord....MORE...MORE...Come Come Come Come Come.

It's already on us and we are believing for more....stadiums will be filled with signs and wonders...but your hand on Todd Bentley mightily....pour out in Lakeland....spread it around the whole nation. You should pray for the rain...the time of the Latter Rain... at the Call in KC we began to pray that 2008 would be the beginning of the great awakening. I don't want to miss it...what we been praying for..

Father a prayer reformation...that leads to the greatest awakening in the history of America...Lord rip through the nation...amend NBC and ABC...shock the news ...shock the media with your glory...Oh Jesus we saying you're the one...come and offend our pride,,,but come...come...come with the latter rain of glory...deliver us from our addictions...deliver the men of America...they are groaning under their addictions...set them free God...come with a fast deliverance Jesus.

The debate was over ...Lou Engle had said "it was God" and many of my friends packed their bags and left for Lakeland. Upon returning, people seemed even more positive it was a great move of God. They came to our home and tried to lay hands on all to receive the anointing that they had received from Todd Bentley. We were forced to stop this from happening in our home.

 *Comment by ester | October 29, 2009*

<http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/2008/08/27/mike-bickle-ihop-cult-like-tendancies/#comment-52179>

TODD BENTLEY IS AN ADULTERER, LIAR, THIEF, DRUNK AND DECEIVER

107 Sharon on Oct 20th, 2009 at 12:39 pm

Well after reading through some of what people have written on here I would like to add my 10 cents worth

I worked for Todd for over 5 years and travelled with him.

Do I agree with what he has done? No. His wife and children are suffering beyond belief. Having to sell their house because a single mom can't afford a mortgage and Shonnah was a stay at home mom. She has endured much heartache and yet has been gracious through it all. We all can learn from her

As for his remarriage, I have sat back and watched this all unfold. Him having vacations (prior to marriage) with his girlfriend, in Hawaii and getting drunk and who knows what else went on, does not constitute repentance.

Repentance is when you "turn from your wicked ways" but he continued to do what he wanted till he was married and then came back for "healing". I cannot see what is in his heart but his actions speak volumes. There is much more that I can say on this subject.

Does God forgive? Yes and we should too but I do not think he should ever be placed in a position of leadership. How can you when the example you are giving doesn't line up with the word of God?

My husband left me for another woman after 16 yrs of being together and he is now married. The aftermath of what I am going through has been far reaching. Whether financially, emotionally, whatever, it doesn't go away over night.

My desire is that people would humble themselves and pray. Pray that you don't become the next person caught in this situation. Pray for those marriages you know aren't working out. God says that if we humble ourselves and pray he will heal our land.

Instead of being harsh judges, allow God to be God and we pray for his will to be done.

I have had an amazing time working at Fresh Fire and have grown in my walk with the Lord and experienced more than I thought possible. that is because my focus was on the Lord and not Todd.

We need to return to that place or this will happen over and over again. There were some amazing and Godly people there.

Anyway, that about covers my time, wish you all God's blessing and do not use this as a crutch to stop seeking after the Lord and for the supernatural. It is alive and well and I am thankful that God used Todd to open me up to so much more than what I had been taught.

Pray that can be your testimony too!

<http://www.benedictionblogson.com/2009/03/09/todd-bentley-remarries-apologizes/>

I was about to become a king at Lakeland, says Todd Bentley

By Rick Hiebert.

<http://www.benedictionblogson.com/>

Todd Bentley's November 17 webinar is proving to be part of a series. And something that he says in the taped version of his webinar on "the anointing", as saved on his [website](#) is unnerving, if not scary.

I've listened to Bentley preach for years, and so his mixture of things that are good, thoughtful and Biblical sprinkled on a body of things that sound aberrant, if not heretical, within the same address, is something that I am used to in one of his messages. Such is his webinar on the anointing.

[His next, fans might note, to be on on the subject of "intimacy with God". It's set for December 15.]

I might add more on his webinar in the comments below, but there is one thing that he says that sets off an alarm that I feel that I need to cite. It fails my smell test.

It comes after Bentley has been talking about David at length. David didn't look like the "best" person for God to use, Bentley points out, but God did nevertheless. Gradually, David grew in his anointing, i.e., his sphere of influence and power. When David became King of all Israel, Bentley argues, he came into his "third anointing" and all the promise of the day that he had been anointed by the prophet Samuel had been fulfilled.

Some of his listeners, Todd says at the end of the 64th minute of his webinar, are about to come into their "third anointing" this year.

Starting at 64:26, Bentley says:

*"Everything changes when the kingly anointing comes. When the kingly anointing comes on you life, that's when you begin to reign--"he [David] began to reign at 30"...and then all of a sudden the third anointing comes, the kingly anointing....when you come into you third anointing, that's when you begin to reign. I'm telling you what I touched in Lakeland, what I touched two years ago, what I touched five years ago, it was just on my way to third anointing, it was on my way to **kingship**, and I'm saying, My God, I haven't even began.... "*

He goes on to promise that his listeners will go on to operate in the fullness of their giftings soon, but the damage has already been done.

Recall the wrong teachings of Lakeland. The people who weren't healed. The people who were "healed" and then went on and died. Does Bentley expect now that all this will happen in a bigger and worse scale?

Let's give Bentley the benefit of the doubt for a moment and assume that Lakeland was a great and fine revival. We see no Evan Roberts style humility here. Had Bentley said, "I really liked being an evangelist. People were blessed and touched and God did some great things. I'm sad that that is gone," it would be one thing. But he doesn't.

We have Bentley proclaiming, with raised voice and flailing of arms that he is to be a king, with incredible amounts of authority and power. He has not yet begun to operate in the levels of mischief, er, anointing that he plans to.

This isn't the humility of a humbled man. This is pride, if not hubris.

If I had the flawed record of Bentley, I would hesitate in wanting to be a king. I would just try to not be in the King of King's way as I served Him.

Some of Bentley's critics feared that the evangelist was flirting with the Manifest Sons of God heresy. Would this fit? I fear it does.

Scary. Really scary, I would say.

Why Rick Joyner may never be frank in public about Todd Bentley

By Rick Hiebert.

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On November 17, last Tuesday as I write, evangelist Todd Bentley had another of his "webinars" on his website. This time, one about getting "the anointing" of the Holy Spirit.

You may have a look at the webinar yourself, as it is [up on his website](#). But I noticed that "first things first" applied.

Before the main part of the webinar, Jason Hooper, a Morningstar itinerant minister, did the equivalent of taking an offering over the Internet. (It remains in the version posted at Bentley's website, and begins at the 17:58 mark. Just click on the button at the left of your screen as the video plays.)

Hooper, who has no doubt been set up by Joyner and Bentley to say exactly the right thing here, says something incidental that is perhaps quite interesting.

He begins his offertory talk by leading into a teaching on how you can "sow into an anointing". This teaching, popular in the more extreme fringes of charismatic Christianity, would have the would-be donor go beyond giving because you might like the speaker, or might want to help with what they are doing. No, what they are instead doing, argues the teaching, is getting the right to have some of the person's anointing or gifting for yourself. Like Todd's evangelistic gifts? Well If you cross Bentley palm with silver, you'll get some of his gifts of the Holy Spirit for yourself.

It's very shrewd, isn't it? Simony is alive and well?

Anyways, it's when Hooper goes into some of Bentley's recent history to woo you into forking over some cash that he says a couple of interesting things that may reveal more than he intends to.

Starting in the the 20th minute of the video, Hooper begins to argue that Lakeland was not only a revival but that it birthed other revivals around the world. Lakeland, he said, worked like a wave and "as it cr—" he almost says crashed, "it" broke like a wave and then went out to sea again.

It's surprising how ephemeral Lakeland was, let alone other revivals spawned by it. It being the Internet Age, why haven't we heard of them?

Hooper continues. At 22 minutes in, he says:

"...When I think of Todd Bentley, what comes to mind is that no one has done more , in the past ten years, at releasing, uncapping the well of the supernatural miracles, healing and overall supernatural lifestyle empowered by the gift of faith and radical love and compassion [than he], whether it be for the widows and the orphans or for the lame...."

"....After Lakeland begin [began] to crash, what happened was that people began to speak death over the wells that had been opened at Lakeland. They began to speak death and accusation, but what we have here is we have an opportunity to redig the wells..."

Hooper ends his talk by saying "it was easy to give in Lakeland" but harder to do so now, when Bentley really needs it.

So, if you give to Bentley, Hooper argues, Lakeland will be back even greater than before. Such a bargain!

Can we really say that Todd Bentley has been greater than anyone else in ministry the past ten years? No wonder Hooper took this part of the webinar, as it would make Todd Bentley seem swelled headed if he said these things about himself.

Todd Bentley has been better than anyone else in the charismatic movement at mercy ministries? Really?

And can you suggest that he has a heart for "widows and orphans" when he created a widow and orphans, in a defacto way, by divorcing his first wife and declining to raise his kids?

When Hooper goes on to talk about "speaking death" over the wells of Lakeland, he is referring to media criticism of Bentley and the revival, as well as print and Internet critiques of what went on.

You may recall that Bentley's critics usually targeted his mistakes, errors and possible heresy. Their work is usually well documented. If Bentley is who he says he was and Lakeland was what Bentley said it was, it should be fairly easy to refute their criticism. Yet Bentley and Joyner have proved unadept at doing so.

This "sowing death" comment taps into a teaching that is circulating in Bentley's circles. Words can not only hurt your feelings, they have the power to actually damage your work an ministry in and of themselves. Thus the "speaking death". Bad things perhaps happened to Bentley and his ministry after people were critical of him.

Which brings us to Rick Joyner, who has made a mantra of saying how much he "appreciates" even critical comments in the various Bentley restoration videos. But what does one of his interns, Jason Hooper, teach? That bad people "sowed death" on Todd Bentley by criticizing him. One assumes that Hooper would follow a Morningstar train of thought.

So Rick Joyner might himself not want to "sow death" on Todd Bentley's ministry. It's a solid educated guess that this is the case as Rick Joyner criticized Charisma editor J. Lee Grady as almost being Pharisaical in his self-righteousness when he criticized some of Bentley's errors.

What would this mean? It would mean that not only would Joyner not want Bentley to take a frank look at himself, such critiques and concerns would be treated as the spiritual equivalent of infecting Bentley with the swine flu virus. On his river voyage to restoration Bentley, thanks to Morningstar minions running interference for him, would sail past a series of Potemkin villages where Lakeland was only wonderful and great.

Joyner may "appreciate" the critiques that any public figure in the church should have to be able to deal with by pretending they do not exist in Bentley's case, in the name of sowing "life" and not "death".

It's the Emperor's New Clothes, er. Revival.

This may explain why Jack Deere, who is supposed to be helping with Bentley's restoration process, is nowhere to be seen or heard from as of yet. The Christian writer and speaker was reportedly supposed to be the "tough cop" and ask the "hardest questions" of Bentley. But we do not hear of his point of view.

I guess we don't want to "speak death" over Todd Bentley, do we, Mr. Joyner?

TODD IS A FALSE TEACHER AND A SORCERER

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We, the leaders of the charismatic church, have built on hype, sensation, innovation, programs, personality and charisma. This has produced: shallowness; false movements; novice leaders— gifted but immature and untested; a deficient understanding of God's word; the building of man-centered rather than kingdom-centered churches and ministries; competition rather than cooperation; humanistic, self-centered Christians who don't understand sacrifice and commitment; Christians without discernment; superstar leaders; a perverted and powerless gospel; prayerless

and anemic Christians; a replacement of the fear of the Lord with the fear of man; and a young generation that is cynical of it all – Dutch Sheets

Todd Bentley now carries the label of a liar and a deceiver. I'm sorry to mention it, but I felt personally deceived in the same way when Ted Haggard's sin was exposed and he was immediately removed from ministry...

Suffice it to say that there is more than I am going to mention. First of all, Todd has been removed from public ministry until further notice. He has resigned from the ministry he founded, Fresh Fire, so he is no longer a part of that board. It has become clear that he indulged in periodic drunkenness. He has no intention at the moment of reconciling with Shonna, nor does she with him. Their marriage has been torn for years by his emotional attachment with at least one other female whose physical contact went beyond hugging and kissing and holding hands. Enough said-maybe more details will be revealed later-but it was clearly immoral. All of this was skillfully concealed by lying and by swearing close associates who had observed his behavior to secrecy - Peter Wagner

Todd Bentley: "...take me or leave me and lot of you have left me. But you're coming back!"

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Evangelist Todd Bentley, continuing his campaign of working while he is "not working" aired a new webinar on "healing" last Thursday, new wife Jessa featured at its beginning. The Oct. 22 internet broadcast on his website, although not specifically about the scandals that drove him from his work over a year ago now ("Watch the videos," said Todd Bentley, "We're not gonna talk about that tonight 'cause that's not why we are here."). There are bits of news relating to the scandals that Todd lets slip accidentally.

A recording of his webinar now is on streaming video on the front page of his [website](#) .

The "healing webinar" itself is a cute idea.

Do I believe that God can heal via the Internet?

Yes.

Do I believe that people can respond to "words of knowledge" over the Internet?

Sure.

But even Bentley's friends should admit that this way of going about things is open to possible abuse.

One of the most telling criticisms of the Lakeland revival last year was that reporters found that people were not healed after Todd proclaimed from stage that they were, or died after Todd spread the word of their good news. Reporters could check to see if their healing lasted (which given Christ's own idea that the ten lepers he healed should be examined by others, is a soundly Biblical idea). But with this webinar, this Biblical check and balance is impossible.

Todd could easily say, in this sort of context, that someone has come back from the dead, say, but he can't or won't say who it is.

When we compare this with Christ's healings in the Bible—which, for one, offered contemporary readers and healers of the accounts enough information that they could often track down those who were healed and resurrected for themselves—Todd allows no room for those checking on him to check his work. Which, I suspect, given how he was clobbered by the press during and after Lakeland, Todd prefers.

His words of knowledge in the webinar seem precise, but they are phrased in such a way that in any largish Internet audience will have at least two or three who answer to it. There was sure to be a "young teenage girl" with bulimia" or a "lady with an anxiety disorder" or a "Peter" who had suffered a leg injury at work. Todd even gave himself an out by saying that if Peter, say, was a friend of yours, you could tip him off and he could log on to the recording later "and get his healing".

If you have vague words with an open ended response time, that improves your chances for success.

Another of the ways that the old fashioned in person way is better is that when and if someone is healed, it adds impetus to the preaching of the gospel. It allows the onlookers to have the majesty and grace of God brought home to them directly. Not so with a recording where you don't see or hear people getting healed directly.

Why settle for second best...unless you can't "heal" in the very best way?

The webinar interspersed "words of knowledge" with Bentley answering various reader-submitted questions on healing.

It opened with Jessa and Todd praying together. He opened the floor to her getting "words of knowledge too", but she ducked out after the opening prayer, and he did the rest.

Bentley was sure to attribute anything good that might happen to "the greatness of His [God's] power". "Is anything too great for the Lord", Bentley asked, adding that he was claiming the promise that God would redeem his life from destruction. This is a power which apparently was unable to save Bentley's first marriage. (I wonder if Bentley is eager to see God really bring "righteousness" and "justice" in his life.)

Bentley adds, shortly after the 15 minute mark, that he had to hold on to the promise that there was life in the midst of destruction and that there would be justice for the oppressed. (Readers recalling what has happened to Shonnah and his kids would see this claiming this as a bit of hubris on his part.)

Late in the video Bentley mentions that he needs money so that they can "go to school" and "have a house to live in". A commenter at Bene Diction Blogs On has mentioned, on a second or third hand basis, that Shonnah may have had to sell her house. Did Todd's money go missing in transit?)

The questions tended to address issues of “why haven’t I been healed yet.” Bentley had a CD series that proposed various generic reasons why people are healed and not healed and many of his answers referred to things that he has already taught before.

A question about emotional healing led Bentley to suggest that due to the lateness of the hour in many cases “I believe that we are at a place in the body of Christ where we don’t have five years, ten years ” to do extended emotional or physical healing as a process and therefore God would start to do more instant healings.

Continuing on the subject at around the 28 minute mark, he brought up his “dark night of the soul” when, reportedly, God brought up memories of when he was abused. He can now remember these alleged incidents without suffering the attached emotions for no apparent reason . (That would be great...but easy to experience if these things had never happened.)

I understand “women’s mood swings,” Bentley said “I had a bunch.”

Another question on whether you can induce healings by what you do led Bentley to reminisce about his crusades overseas.

“I had a great worldwide ministry and I ran it right into the ground,” Bentley said. “Boom, I did it.”

In Africa, he claims, often “everything was all wrong” with the equipment, or the weather, or the music, but he was able to heal anyway. He added that he felt pressure as the famous Western evangelist thinking that his audience was thinking “Come on, magic man.”

What he would do, he said, is try what he had done before, in the hopes that it would work again. One person would be healed “and then it’s like dominoes” and others would be healed as well.

Bentley promised to pray over prayer requests that were sent to him. “It’s the reason I’m alive” he said. (So much for him coming off the road if that is what is best for him.)

“....take me or leave me—and a lot of you have left me,” Bentley said. “But you are coming back!”

He counseled that people wanting to be healed stay away from their friends who disagree with you about healing. “Atmosphere has everything to do with healing,” he said “Draw real boundaries up.”

Something that he says shortly after the 55 minute mark, alluding to his future plans, is very interesting. “I’m going to be going out to Baltimore to meet with the Revival Alliance and get into the anointing,” he said. This is C. Peter Wagner’s group.

Remember at the tail end of the Lakeland revival when Wagner and others came to Lakeland to pray for and predict wonderful things for Todd? Todd and Rick Joyner did. Wagner and his friend would later point out that Bentley, with Joyner looking on

approvingly, has entered into a formal relationship with the Revival Alliance, where he came under the leadership of Wagner's informal group. (Stephen Strader explains this in some detail in his book on Lakeland .)

In a "restoration" video, however, Joyner and Bentley tried to lie and say that nothing formal had happened. (In a post from this spring, shortly after the video appeared, I explained this in some detail. It's a quite a blatant lie and you can read all about it [here](#).)

If there is no formal relationship between Bentley and Wagner's group, as was argued quite forcefully by Bentley and Joyner, why does Bentley need to go to Baltimore to talk to them?

Another viewer asked when it was appropriate to use violence in prayer as Smith Wigglesworth did and Bentley bragged about doing in Lakeland. (The video in which he knees a cancer victim in the stomach is still the most popular "Todd Bentley" video on YouTube.)

He took a night to tell his favorite stories, which was sampled on YouTube and I have read similar stories in his old books and heard them on his old tapes when he tells them.

"That was over a decade of ministry", he said "I haven't heard of any instances where anyone was hurt when I prayed in that way."

"It is like a Smith Wigglesworth it is like a gift of faith" he said, but he was careful to issue a disclaimer, thanks to his lawyer I think, that you shouldn't do anything like that yourself unless moved to do so by the Holy Spirit.

"It was a gift of healing, and people have died that I have prayed for," Bentley said. Ah!

Bentley knows that people have read the famous [World story](#), where Warren Cole Smith followed up and found that people who had been "healed" according to the bragging of Todd's old ministry had died of their maladies a year later. Don't listen for a second, however, and you will miss that acknowledgement.

You can't answer all the questions about healing in just over an hour, but Bentley ended with a plug for his "healing bundle"—books and CDs that would answer your questions.

He promises a webinar on his website on Tuesday November 17, which will address "the anointing" of God. Wanna bet that he will have an "anointing bundle" to see; answering all the questions of that webinar?

"I'm going to be coming back in phases," Bentley said. "In one sense, there are things that we are doing now, here locally and with Morningstar"

But, as he predicts "great things in 2010", a guess that he will be back preaching full tilt early in the new year is probably a good one.

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LAKELAND - THE INSIDE STORY

Stephen is the pastor of Ignited Church in Lakeland that originally invited Todd Bentley to conduct evangelistic meetings.

We took time to talk about the Lakeland Outpouring and I asked him point blank if those of us on the platform that night needed to issue an apology.

He said, "No! We were all deceived by Todd."

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Pastor Karl Strader Is History <http://www.christiannews.0catch.com/strader.htm>
Todd Bentley remarries, apologizes <http://www.benedictionblogson.com/>
"Sorry about the adultery. Please send us money" <http://www.benedictionblogson.com/>

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO TODD BENTLEY?

Todd Bentley has issued the following:

"It has been a long while since I have spoken publicly and openly. I am sorry for the hurt and confusion that my decisions have caused the body of Christ. It has been a true season of brokenness, hiddenness, and a long process of grieving. As many of you now know, my previous marriage has endured years of unresolved conflicts. I apologize that it has ended in divorce, and I take full responsibility for my part for the ending of the marriage. I realize that my silence and decisions have caused many of you to feel hurt, confused, and offended. The reason for the silence was for my need of healing, creating a restoration process under a team of qualified leaders, much needed rest after the Lakeland Outpouring, repentance, and the divorce process.

I have now relocated to Fort Mill, South Carolina and have entered into my restoration and healing process under Rick Joyner, Jack Deere, and Bill Johnson. I am confident of this one thing—that God is faithful to His promise and my hope is to be fully restored, strengthened, healed, and to learn from all the mistakes I have made along the way. Thank you friends and partners for your continued prayers, encouragement, and love. I am committed to the work of the Holy Spirit and confident that the good men around me will help me be restored first as a man, as a husband, and ultimately to fulfill God's call on my life."

[Todd Bentley: The Webinar](#)

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Todd Bentley, the Canadian-born evangelist, finally sat down to field questions from the public via an Internet “webinar” on Thursday September 10, 2009, shortly after 9 PM Eastern time. You can tell, however, that he wasn’t fielding questions from reporters. And the “answers”, as is so often the case with Bentley, raise even more questions in turn.

The webinar is on Todd’s website as the top item under The Instant Streaming Audio section. This post however, works off the raw audio feed as it was broadcast live that evening. (There may be some differences in the two—one that you can spot right away is that the directions for webinar participants, by one of Bentley’s assistants, weren’t broadcast over the Internet due to a signal failure, but it appears in the version as saved on the website.)

It might remind you of an infomercial in that it has the barest of specifics, if any. It is designed so that you will sign up now. Operators are standing by.

Mr. Bentley began with one of the themes of the videos that he has been making with Rick Joyner.

“Restoration. Restoration is a process and I’m in a process. God is a wonderful healer and I’ve been having some of the best days of my life, really,” Bentley said. He then continued with an argument that everyone needs to be restored by God in some way. “And that’s my prayer. God restore my soul. Not just my mind, will and emotions. Restore my relationships, restore my family....”

[This raises the question of how this can be done, given that Bentley is now divorced from his first wife, Shonnah. He now lives in North Carolina, on the opposite end of the United States from Abbotsford B.C. where his family lives. He mentions later in the webinar that he only meets with Joyner periodically right now, which raises the question of why Bentley doesn’t live someplace like Sumas, Washington, where he can be an active parent of his three children. You know, do their laundry, feed them dinner, help with their homework. Be a real parent. But instead, he lives on the other side of the U.S.. So much for Bentley putting himself in a position to allow God to answer this prayer.]

[As this is being written, Bentley has just put up an entry on his blog discussing a recent vacation trip to New York City. So, if he cared to go to Northern Washington state to devote himself to his kids, money is not a barrier. And if he wanted to devote himself to study, as he says he is doing, the Vancouver B.C. area has fine libraries, theological schools and a Christian university not far from his old house. He could read up on

theology, as he says he wants to do, and be home in time to make his kids dinner and do their laundry.]

He continues, explaining what “restoration” would mean to him.

“Restoration means to bring back to the place for your former condition. That’s what I want God. Not only do I want to be back in the place that I was, but beyond. I’m not only going back, I’m going beyond ‘cause ‘the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former house.”

[If God intends that Bentley be restored to relationship with Him, but do something else with his life, Bentley has just told the Lord that he will refuse to listen to what He said. He is also refusing to listen to those Christians who fear, for various reasons, that he was never suited for evangelist work in the first place. Charismatics often complain about “putting God in a box”, but it would seem that Todd Bentley is dictating to God what answers to his prayers are appropriate and which are not.]

“‘If a man dies, will he live again?’ That’s the question we are asking tonight. Can a man that has died lived again? And I believe that he can,” Bentley says in reference to himself.

Bentley then admits that some of his failures have been very public, and then turns to passages in Jeremiah and Job which he thinks apply to his case.

“God will restore Peter. God will restore David. God will restore Israel, God will restore You, God will restore me. We must believe and call forth the ministries of restoration in this hour”

[God will restore Saul...God will restore Judas Iscariot.... Er, strike that. Seems that repentance is involved, and that Bentley needs to begin with that before restoration can take place.]

Bentley cites the problematic interpretation of Galatians 6:1 that his friend Rick Joyner has been using. He then goes on to say that he feels a need for constant repentance in his own life:

“I’ll never be good enough. I’ll never be righteous enough. I’m just pressing towards the mark....I’m learning from my mistakes. I’m repenting of my sin and I’m admitting my failures and I’m humbling myself, one, before the Lord. My repentance has been over the past year, over and over again. Two, my repentance has been before my leaders in accountability.”

Bentley, you’ll remember, willingly came into a formal leadership “covering” under the leadership of C. Peter Wagner’s group and then, in a later video, tried to lie his way out of it by saying that nothing took place. Rick Joyner is probably the next to be thrown under the bus if he thwarts Bentley’s plans in any way.

“My repentance has been public in some of my videos. There’s been over 24 videos,I know that in the future that God’s going to anoint me to be one who restores.”

This allows us to look at a rhetorical trick that Bentley and his friend Rick Joyner have used over and over again. If you throw on one of their videos, they will say something like "We're going to answer some questions..." without actually answering questions. Bentley will say that he is going to repent of something, without actually doing it.

Bentley uses this trick for two reasons. First, he is assuming that you will not pay close attention to his statements, and assume that saying that he is about to do something is the same as actually doing it. Secondly, he is keeping in mind his audience. Some Charismatics are happy with pretty well any sort of action or statement from someone who has "the power". Others are more conservative and careful, judging statements and activity by careful use of the Bible. Bentley's vague non-apologies allow people from either "side" of his audience to assume that he is apologizing for the issue that they are most concerned about. He can give the impression that he is going to "apologize" for something that would dismay a "conservative" while not alienating the "liberal" in his audience who thinks that that is nothing to apologize for. Cunning as a fox, he keeps the unwary of both "sides" supporting him.

How can we judge whether he is repentant when you have to guess what he is repenting of? How can we judge whether he is truly sorry for his "mistakes" when he invites us to assume that they are whatever we assume them to be, and not something that can be objectively measured against the Bible and what it teaches?

A repentant statement would be something like this, pointed and specific. A hypothetical example would be "When I was in Lakeland, I made the statement from the stage that God had told me that He wanted 1,000 donors to donate \$1,000 towards the building of a site for the revival. I have since admitted to my associates that that was untrue. God never said that to me. I lied to you and I apologize for that lie."

It's funny that even though he has been "repenting" for over a year, Bentley finds himself unable to make frankly contrite statements like this. Of course, if he made a series of honest statements like this, this might lead people to think "This Bentley fellow lies like a rug..." which would play havoc with his plans to return to ministry.

Bentley continues with a discussion of events at Lakeland. Naturally, a question uppermost on the minds of many is "Were there any documented miracles?" Bentley says:

"Were there any people that we know were healed by doctor's reports and medical reports. We do have those. People have asked me 'Todd, do you have the doctor's reports?' Of course after everything was over in Lakeland and I resigned from Fresh Fire Canada, the ministry in Abbotsford, and I've been in a season of restoration, I myself don't have those documents, but I know that they are still being put together and there's been an investigation and that's gonna be available. You're gonna hear more about that later. There were healings though....And yes, there were resurrections from the dead. I don't have all the numbers, but the important thing is, God knows."

Did you notice that Todd said that he had the materials and then that he did not almost in the same breath?

What happened to the package for materials that was given to the reporters from the

ABC program Nightline, from which they were unable to confirm that medically validated miracles took place? Bentley' you'll recall, pulled himself off the stage for a night, needing an "immediate rest" after the program aired. Given that their debunking of his work would certainly come up again in the future, wouldn't it be wise to hold onto this material?. Unless, of course, you realized that it was a house of cards that would topple in the lightest media breeze. Which means that you need another set of "miracles" to bring forward. That is what Bentley's staff is doing now.

Is it reasonable to ask Bentley for this? Well, when you recall the Biblical story of the ten healed lepers, you'll remember that Christ did not get indignant and insist that they were healed without a confirmation. They were sent to a rabbi to be examined, and it, moreover, was Christ's idea. So asking for medical confirmations for healings is Biblical.

Bentley then cited the Internet outreach of the events at Lakeland, and claimed that during the revival he preached for 127 consecutive nights. (Can we get a fact-check on that?)

"We want to remember that revival and say that it isn't over...and as we talk about the future and [hear] 'Todd are you coming back to ministry?'"

Bentley said:

"I'm making plans...to see that revival move to England, to Australia...to visit many of the cities that we planned to [while] in Lakeland."

"It's been a bump in the road. It's been a time out. I thank God that I'm...in the season that I'm in right now so that God can get done in me what He needs to get done so that we can continue to see what we saw in Lakeland spread all over the Earth."

He makes a passing reference to his website, suggesting that if any of his viewers had a question "more often than not, the question has already been answered." Why the "question-and-answer portion of the "webinar" then. (Viewers of the videos looking for concrete and frank answers to their questions will probably be disappointed.)

"We are gonna take trips to the nations....at one point."

"When is that gonna happen?" he adds.

"At this point, it's day by day, week by week. We're listening to the Lord. I'm just resting. I'm just spending time in His presence, reading a lot of books, meditating in the word, just enjoying life...it's been over a year, and I'm still saying God cleanse me...."

Those who are skeptical of Bentley may detect a note of forthrightness in what he says next:

"You know, people have asked me 'Todd are these videos that you are doing with Rick [Joyner]—is it just to get you back into ministry? Is that the whole goal? Well...yeah! I do want to fulfill the call of God but the restoration process isn't just a end to a means [sic], a means to an end just to get me into ministry again. I love Jesus first and foremost, I love my family..."

"Well, yeah" was spoken with a subtext of "well, duh!" by the way.



One would think that a spectacular failure would lead most people to think that they weren't suited for the job of a world-famous evangelist in the first place. Is that the case with Bentley? Well, we see no evidence of rethinking on his part. It's all full speed ahead.

Bentley then implies that having "a huge organization" contributed to his collapse. "Over 70, 80, 100 employees, television...I'm not going to preach 300 meetings a year again."

He is counting on his listeners not having paid close attention to him again. The latest records available from Fresh Fire Ministries from Canada's taxation employees reveals that his ministry from 2008—bear in mind the name change—lists 20 full time employees and seven part time employees for the year of the Lakeland revival.

Here is the link to the [2008 Canadian tax returns](#) for Bentley's old ministry.

Something else is interesting in these listings—the Canada Revenue Agency (Canada's IRS) lists that Fresh Fire Ministries—which Transform International was before the name change—took in \$8,076,116 Canadian in "Total Revenue" and spent in Total Expenditures \$ 4,912,252 Canadian.

Is Transform International sitting with over \$3 million in the bank?

What happened to it?

Bentley would almost certainly have been the employee earning between \$80 and \$120,000 Canadian per year in the CRA listings. So, when he took the stage in Lakeland and said "I'm only getting a salary..." Well, what a salary!

Bentley, under provincial law in British Columbia, would have been owed his "vacation pay" on leaving his job. Severance pay, when let go without "cause" is also the norm in Canada.

Also, a gift of \$95,000 Canadian "to qualified donees" is listed there as well. Bentley, one may guess, was perhaps given a year's pay to leave quietly.

Bentley was never really on television. GOD TV filmed what he was already doing, so there was no extra energy expended on his part.

Preaching "at 300 meetings a year" is an overstatement. He did travel and teach extensively, but at the time, Fresh Fire Ministries sent out his itinerary regularly. It revealed, to those who were on his e-list that at the most he would be involved with one conference per week. At most. Often there would be several weeks in between engagements. He did work, but a Google cache of his itinerary would reveal no harder than many evangelists do.

Continuing his arguments that he was overworked, Bentley adds that he is vowing not to make the same mistake again. (Longtime observers of Bentley will remember that his "Dark Night of the Soul" in 2005-2006, also blamed on overwork, resulted in an extramarital affair that Bentley says made their marriage "touch and go" from then on.

Would his “adultery” with Jessa—as the old governing board of his former ministry put it—be the second example of this sort of thing happening?)

Bentley also said that he does not “have the time to answer all the questions” regarding his divorce and remarriage, so he plans to put a statement up on his website, which makes it almost a year and counting now for some of those wanting to know what went on.

The evangelist is accepting invitations to speak, and says that he will go wherever the “the Lord” sends him. Bentley added that he is tempted to go back to his roots and speak to smaller churches of 200-500 people as he is led. (What may be happening is that these might be the only bookings that he expects to field—smaller churches hoping against hope that they will be able to get the “star of Lakeland” to preach. Also, at smaller churches, he is more likely to be received with less criticism and more awe.) People seem to be noticing, as noted above in the Canadian tax authority’s return for Bentley’s old charity for the year of Lakeland, 2008, that the revival took in a lot more money than it spent. (The CCRA seems to note a \$3 million surplus for Transform International—Fresh Fire’s new name—for last year.)

Bentley’s response? “I didn’t make my millions”.

“I didn’t get any money from the offerings at Lakeland...Some months later they [the old Fresh Fire board] decided that they wanted to make a one time donation...”

Bentley implies that at one time he was down to his last \$20 as he gave up all his personal property to Shonnah Bentley in the divorce.

The evangelist has referred to getting “Pentecostal handshakes” before Lakeland. That is, someone shakes your hand and gives you money in their palm. If we note that later on in the webinar that Bentley complained that at Lakeland he was continually asked to meet partners, revival participants and ministers, which cut down on his prayer time, we can wonder if there were lots of opportunities for people to say “Here, Todd, buy something for your kids. Here, Todd, buy yourself something...” and give Bentley personal donations that never made it into the collection plate. If he was spending time outside of the services prayer for people, and they happened to give something to him “for the revival” , how much of that made it into the collection plates?

We have his annual salary of, let’s say \$100,000 Canadian.

The \$95,000 Canadian gift from the ministry to the “qualified donee” was likely to Todd. Add an unknown amount of money in “Pentecostal handshakes” or other unclaimed benefits (“Let me buy you lunch”...“Why don’t you and your new wife stay with us for free...”)

This adds up to Todd Bentley going through \$200,000 in a year and a half.

This doesn’t count personal property and assets squirreled away in a bank’s safety deposit box, say, that Shonnah Bentley might never have known of.

The \$20 story, then. What has Bentley been spending his money on?

Talk of finances in the webinar naturally leads to whether Bentley is paying support to his ex-wfe and children. Bentley says he is “taking care of them as God enables me.”

(With trips to Kansas City and New York City, let alone trips that we may not know about, we can assume that such payments are timely and plentiful from Bentley, right?) "I'm involved in my children's life. I can have as many video conferences, Skype as I want," says Bentley. And how many does he want? How often are they?

"I'm able to go to Canada and have free access with my children," he adds.

Has he?

How many times?

(This raises the question of whether Bentley is a landed immigrant in the U.S. now. Given his burden in the past—think of his "Canada Awake" tour of a few years ago—to see Canadians saved, Canadians might wonder why Bentley feels the need to become an American. Of course, the answer is that is where the big money is in the charismatic wing of Christianity is, but Bentley owes Canadians an explanation of the switch, given that Americans already have lots of workers and evangelists while in Canada, relatively speaking, the harvest is plentiful and the workers are fewer. This entire issue is ducked in the webinar.)

Bentley mentions, in another place in the webinar, that he only meets with Rick Joyner every week at most, usually. What about Bentley moving to Washington state, as places where Bentley has ministered in the past—and even did preparatory work for starting a church plant—are only a 30 minute drive from Abbotsford B.C.? Instead of being merely a vacation host for his children, he could help his kids with their homework, take them to church, make them dinner, do their laundry—all the things that a fully involved parent does. Isn't his new wife Jessa interested in taking part in their lives as a stepmom? Someone who is interested in the "healing of his family" as Bentley professes to be, would be thinking in this way. Does he have to be on the other side of the country from his kids? Or does he want to? Has Joyner, at this time in his restoration, suggested a move to be closer to his kids?

We are now well into the "question and answer" section of the webinar and the next query was about balancing forgiveness with the need to live with the consequences of one's sin. I'm dealing with guilt and shame was Bentley's answer, but I have overcome it. "God, I've lost it all. And nobody did it to me. It was my own foolish mistakes." While citing his alleged overwork, he made sure to mention that he had just felt the Holy Spirit.

"2005 was when my marriage fell apart. It wasn't Lakeland, but back in 2005 we were on the verge of divorce."

(Left unmentioned was the fact that this was due to an affair with a different lady, whose name has circulated amongst Bentley's internet critics and has had nothing to do with Bentley for some time.)

"People asked 'What about Jessa?' Jessa wasn't in the picture, I didn't know a woman named Jessa..."

Very shrewd from Bentley. He takes the fact that Jessa wasn't the one that he had an affair with in 2005 and uses that to make his listeners doubt that he has ever had an extramarital affair. If people mess up and confuse the two incidents, such confusion can be used to "prove" that Bentley has no no extramarital affairs, instead of two.

A little later comes a question about his tattoos and what they really mean. Speculation



was rife during the Lakeland events that his tattoos were actually satanic. Bentley's frankness and detail in denying during the webinar means only that he realizes that he has a "straw man" that he can easily knock over.

"They are all religious tattoos. "I'm not taking this body to heaven with me anyways. I didn't have a motive...Motive is everything. It's just art. I don't think that whether I have art in my skin has anything to do with my salvation."

If we obey one letter of the law [in not getting tattoos], take off that cotton T-shirt, don't eat bacon and when your wife has her period, "send her out of the camp for seven days.

"I'm not under the law. I'm not prepared to live under any of those things. I'm sorry I got them. It's been a few years now..."

Many Christians do get tattoos. What we need to recall, however, is why the Israelites were told not to have them. The surrounding peoples did use tattoos—cutting the skin—as part of their religious life. Motive is all-important, of course, but Jewish laws having to do with religious practice should give more pause than the ones saying don't cook an owl on your barbecue and eat it.

Bentley's getting of tattoos was probably not a sin, but it was perhaps unwise. As a public figure and minister, why have the sorts of tattoos that could be misread and misunderstood? Has Bentley decided to have cosmetic surgery to get rid of the tattoos that he is "sorry" that he now has?

Bentley is being dishonest here. He got his tattoos in 2006, which is not 'years ago' for those wanting to think that they date from his pre-Christian days (as many around the time of Lakeland did). At the time he had a blog on MySpace, which has since been scrubbed. However, a post on his tattoos was saved from August 2006, in which Bentley's tattoos are explained by then Bentley intern Kevin Paterson.

"This is what Todd feels," was added to the post. "For us as Christians, living under the covenant of grace and the law of love, whether someone gets a tattoo or not is between them and God. They need to take it to God and hear from Him whether it's right for

them or not. God's concerned with the heart motive of why people get tattoos rather than the act itself. He wants people to do all things, even getting tattoos, with a right heart motive and for the right reasons. So, if someone feels like they can, in clear conscience before God, get a tattoo, then it is not forbidden. If someone cannot get a tattoo in clear conscience, they they should not. However, no other Christian can judge others who get tattoos, because we don't know people's heart motives—only God knows."

Todd then begins to describe his tattoos with notes like:

This tattoo is of the Star of David - and the Hebrew writing on either side says King David this is significant to me because my dad's name is David and King is my family name on my mother's side."

"This is my most recent tattoo got it in Hawaii this week when I was there with my wife for holidays. It says Yeshua, Ruach, Yahweh Yeshua = Jesus, Ruach = the hot fiery breath of God, Yahweh = God. It has the harvest wheat running through it. I wanted the triune God bound around my neck."

"This arm piece consists of many tattoos. The fire around the wrist then goes into the Star of David, and then goes into a scene from Revelation 4:7 the 4 living creatures which are surrounded by the eyes and wings. The next part is the 3 crowns cast down before the throne which have my 3 kids names on them; Lauralee, Esther and Elijah."

"Then on the back of that arm is the sun on my elbow (that hurt so much, had to get it done twice), a portrait of Jesus up top, and I have the crown of thorns around my arm, piercing my skin. (this was my first tattoo ever!) Then you see the eyes and wings as well. Then we have Jesus coming out of the Secret Place surrounded by the glory of God."



Bentley continues in similar manner describing his 25 tattoos in language that states emphatically that they had personal or Christian significance for him. And now they mean nothing to him once they have been publicly questioned? It's interesting to see Bentley maintain the courage of his convictions here. A question on the mind of Bentley's listeners was when they could expect to see his "doctrine of divorce and remarriage".

"Shortly I'd like to have it [up on his website] tomorrow [September 11], next week [September 13 to 19]"

Readers [can check on his website](#) to see if this promise to his listeners was kept.

Not surprisingly, Bentley planned to argue that “if you are remarried God can use you...” The next listener question asked whether the “bitterness between you and Shonnah” had been resolved.



In replying, Bentley mentioned that he actually had a marriage counselor with him in Lakeland, and they met weekly while the revival was going on. (This while he was reduced to spending only a hour per day with his family, engaged in all these meetings with pastors and donors, engaged in all these media encounters that never took place.)

“I had a clear conscience in my heart that I did everything that I could,” he said. (Really, what else do you expect him to say?)

His following remarks need to be quoted at length:

“I did get remarried. Because I believe that it is better to get remarried than to burn. I said ‘God, I’m in love. This woman is in love with me. God I want to honour you...I’m going through a season of restoration. I want the love of my life to stand with me and support me and it’s gonna happen anyways. I’m gonna get married now.’ That may not have been the best decision at the time for all of you, but today I’m very happy. I’ve never been this happy. Sorry for you to hear that. I am happy. Very happy. And I’m glad that I have the lady of my life today that I have today and that doesn’t mean that I dishonour Shonnah. I love her...we’re moving on and I ask you to move on with me.”

Some comments on this:

One—at the time that he and Jessa married, which was very quickly after the laws for



no-fault divorce in Bentley’s home province of British Columbia allow—they had been in a relationship strong enough to allow Bentley to say that she was “the love of his life”. This proves that Bentley was dating Jessa—if not more—while still legally married to Shonnah.

Two—if we recall that Bentley and Jessa had, supposedly, no relationship at Lakeland.

This means that this relationship came out of nowhere. How plausible is this? Three—note the chilling language from Bentley that should probably be edited from the webinar feed on his website. I’m happy...and if you don’t like it, too bad. He also tells God in his alleged prayer that the marriage with Jessa “is gonna happen anyways.” Guess that God is going to have to “deal with it”. No miraculous getting back together with the mother of his kids.

Bentley does admit that he remarried quickly. (But, speaking ironically, if you want him to be “happy”—and isn’t that the superior guideline for moral decisions for any Christian—why quibble?)

“Now I’m guilty of getting into a relationship too quick. I’ve had to repent and say ‘God, it was wrong the way that I did it.’ It was messy. But thank God it is today, and not yesterday,”

(Anybody brazen enough to dictate to God whether he will remarry shouldn’t worry about when, perhaps.)

The next question asks about what, practically, Bentley will do to ensure that he doesn’t fall again? Bentley replies that his friends, who have told him that they won’t restore him umpteen times, will kick his butt. Also, he won’t adopt the same schedule.

“My new wife won’t have it, wherever I got my wife will go with me, she’s gonna be at my side.”

(After two extramarital affairs by Bentley, one involving Jessa, one has to conclude that she is a smart lady to insist on this!)

Bentley promised, by the way, to answer many of the unanswered questions online, in a “top 20 or top 30” most asked questions page on his website. Has he done it yet?

The last question that Bentley took asked what parts of the Lakeland revival were fleshy. Replying, Bentley said that in April and May 2008, “when the revival was purest”, he spent a lot of time in prayer. But as the revival got busier he spent hours dealing “with the media” and meeting with friends, associates and pastors. “There were days that I spent only 1 hour with my family,” he complained. Prayer suffered.

Oh? Then why does Stephen Strader, pastor of Ignited Church, which hosted the revival, write in his book on Lakeland that he never could get to talk to Bentley for weeks at a time?

The media coverage of the revival was sparse, comparatively speaking, until things started to collapse and by that time Bentley wasn’t speaking to anyone.

Nothing prevented him from taking time off. Indeed, he was able to take a day off at short notice right after the ABC Nightline expose aired. Bentley says about Lakeland:

“It became too much of a marketplace. Too much marketing. Too much promotion. It was like a circus. Everybody wanted a table. Everybody wanted and I thought we’ve gone from the revival to building something and I don’t want to build something.”

Viewers of GOD TV may have gained that impression on the night that Bentley said that God had told him that He wanted 1,000 to give \$1,000 each towards the building of a facility for the revival. It turns out that Bentley admitted to his friends that God had said no such thing, so this particular part of the webinar would have been a great time to publicly apologize for that. No apology was given.

Speaking of marketing and promotion, Bentley then, his last question answered, went on to promote a \$30 package of materials, a "healing bundle" that he wanted to sell listeners through his website. He cited his "partners area" of his website—accessible only to those who had paid \$25 US once in donations to his ministry.

He closed with a time of non-specific prayer for his listeners. "I'm praying that sometime in the next year"...that he would start preaching again.

Whether he should, given the sorts of things he said in the webinar, is perhaps an open question in the minds of some.

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1. [1 Rick Hiebert](#) on [Sep 30th, 2009 at 12:47 pm](#)

Thanks BD. Hopefully this will be of interest or use to your readers...

2. [2 walter kambulow](#) on [Sep 30th, 2009 at 2:21 pm](#)

Nothing has changed at all. Todd Bentley is still a liar, a thief, an adulterer, a deceiver and not a true man of God at all!

It's unfortunate that some fools still believe that he has something to offer!

3. [3 Therese](#) on [Oct 1st, 2009 at 5:16 am](#)

He hasn't changed a bit - still the same old manipulative, evasive, deceitful ways. Not a sign of remorse, brokenness, or insight into his own problems. To me he's exposed here as only looking out for #1. He still badly needs therapy - is Rick Joyner any kind of a qualified Christian therapist? Apparently whatever he's been doing with T.B. has been a failure because absolutely nothing has changed. Restoration means to restore back to the image God had in mind before the created thing went haywire. Todd Bentley is not restored. I think this time all he will have left is a cult following, if he has anything - unfortunately there always seems to be those willing to follow cult leaders and can't see the truth even when it slaps them in the face - BAM! - but the Way of Jesus Christ of Nazareth it is not. They're going to get back the same rapid-fire auctioneer peddling his wares to a manipulated crowd that they had before. And I'm very sorry if the world looks at that insane spectacle and blames Jesus. Maybe God will have mercy and not let things get off the ground this time, or at least shut it down sooner if it does get started.

Todd Bentley remarries, apologizes

☐ **78 Grace** on [Aug 27th, 2009 at 8:29 pm](#)

Just a few thoughts:

"Let he who is without sin cast the first stone. " Jesus said that.

Does God forgive sin? Yes

Is there any sin too great for him to forgive and heal? No

Is one sin greater in God's sight than another? No

Is adultery a greater sin than judgmentalism? No

Does God refuse to forgive when a Christian falls and needs to be brought back to Him?
No

☐ **79 Bene D** on [Aug 27th, 2009 at 11:03 pm](#)

No argument Grace, God's forgiveness is greater than our sin.

This issue of adultery is an end result of lies, deception, abberant theology, extra-biblical beliefs, the misconceptions of the responsiities of so called leaders.

The issue is does belief and behavior line up with the word of God?

The issue is the goals of Todd Bentley.

The issue is the fruit of his life.

The issue is about who he aligns himself with.

The issue is the failure of Christians to be Bereans.

The issue is studying to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who doe not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

As someone who needs forgiveness daily, His call is to go sin no more. And only His Grace, His healing, and Love can accomplish that in us.

☐ **80 Bethany** on [Sep 5th, 2009 at 6:28 am](#)

I went to several of the revivals that were held in Lakelad and I could not believe that people actually aurgued with me that TODD was the #1 reason for them being there.

How sad that was. If people was not there for JESUS and only him, that is the greatest Sin and Sadness in ALL this unnessessary Madness.

□ [81 Bor K](#) on [Sep 17th, 2009 at 11:58 pm](#)

"He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her..." (JOhn 8:7)

□ [82 Walter Kambulow](#) on [Sep 18th, 2009 at 2:06 am](#)

1JN 3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

□ [83 Therese](#) on [Sep 18th, 2009 at 3:24 am](#)

The issue is not throwing stones, the issue is trying to convince believers why this sadly mixed up guy is not appropriate for spiritual leadership in the Body of Christ.

"Be ye holy even as I am holy." Does anybody honestly think the adjective "holy" in any way describes this fellow, or that he is even in pursuit of holiness?

Rose on [Mar 9th, 2009 at 9:51 pm](#)

His remarriage is not accepted by God. He is living in adultery!

Check out what God has to say about divorce and remarriage.

"A husband must not divorce his wife."

1 Corinthians 7:11

because;

"The Lord was witness to the covenant made at your marriage." Malachi 2:14

which binds a man to his wife for life;

"A wife is married to her husband as long as he lives."

1 Corinthians 7:39

and because;

"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery."

Luke 16:18

Therefore, if a man divorces his wife and marries another he becomes an adulterer;

"Thou shall not commit adultery."

Exodus 20:14

"The man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul."
Proverbs 6:32

"Adulterers...will not inherit the Kingdom of God."
1 Corinthians 6:9

A divorce does not free a man from his wife because;

"A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives."
1 Corinthians 7:39

Man invented no fault divorce. Divorce does not dissolve a marriage covenant. Jesus calls remarriage adultery. No legitimate marriage is ever called adultery.

What God Has Joined Together, Let No Man Separate!
This Is A Command From Jesus Christ

Adultery is identified in every passage where the remarriage of divorced persons is mentioned.

Divorce and remarriage is so readily accepted today that we have lost sight of God's view almost completely. The teaching of the Word of God on this issue must be vigorously presented so that young people will not divorce and enter into adulterous remarriages.

Many people today are trying to justify divorce and remarriage, when the Bible says that marriage is binding "as long as both shall live," and that two persons joined in marriage are "one flesh."

It is our conviction that Christians must work hard at trying to reconcile divorced partners. We must make them understand that all relationships after a divorce are viewed as adultery by God and must be ended.

Now is the time for the church to speak up on what the Bible has to say about divorce and remarriage before another generation is deceived.

The Bible clearly says that whenever remarriage occurs, adultery results, and that is pretty clear to every Bible reader.

In Romans 7:2 we are clearly told why the remarriage of divorced persons is adultery. It is adultery because the first marriage is still binding. "A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives." Since she is bound to him as long as he lives, all other relationships are adultery. This is easy to understand.

People talk in our day about "ending" marriages.

But that is impossible to do, you can't do it.

It is not divorce, but death, that ends marriages. The only thing that divorce does is, make a new relationship adultery and while remarriage is legal in the eyes of the

government, it is illegal to God. As long as a former mate is living, the original marriage union is secure in God's eyes—and that is the State of Marriage.

When one of the married partners separates from the other and joins himself to someone else, that does not free him from the state of marriage that he is in with his first wife, but instead, it enters him into a state of adultery. The truth about divorce and remarriage is clear. The adulterous relationship resulting from a second marriage is sinful and needs to end.

Mark 10:5-9 indicates that marriage is a divine institution which was ordained by God from the beginning, and it is not particularly a Christian institution. Mark 10:6-9 says, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they two shall be one flesh...what therefore God hath joined together, let not men put asunder." Jesus says that marriage is binding in all cases, and it was that way from the beginning, not just since the beginning of the Christian era.

The marriage vows are binding upon all, whether Christian or not.

Proverbs 28:13 makes it clear that God wants all of us to turn from sinful living. John the Baptist lost his head defending this principle. Mark 6:17-18 tells how John the Baptist had said that it was not lawful for Herod to have his brother's wife after a divorce. Herodias, was legally divorced by Roman law, and newly married to Herod Antipas, but John still said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have her." after they were remarried.

Brothers and Sisters, don't go shopping around for someone to justify what Jesus Christ clearly and repeatedly condemned. God has not changed His law to allow a man who has stolen another man's wife to keep her. Nor has He changed His law to allow a woman who has seduced a husband away from his wife and children to keep someone else's husband. Nor will He join two people in a God condemned wedding ceremony.

Marriage is binding on all—whether Christian or non-Christian. It is important to notice that neither the Gospel of Mark, nor the Gospel of John recognized Herod's second marriage as valid. In Mark 6:17 it describes the woman as "his brother Philip's wife," after a divorce. He called her Phillip's wife after she was divorced. That is whose wife she was, even though Herod had married her. The divorce did not end the marriage. She did not become Herod's wife upon remarriage. Herod was living with her in adultery; she was still Philip's wife. God does not recognize the second marriage because the first marriage is binding until death. That is an eternal principle settled in the eternal counsels of God.

Marriage is not just a Christian institution; it is a broad general institution, and therefore it is binding whether you were married when you were 18 by a judge, or united in marriage at age 25 in a typical church wedding ceremony. From God's point of view, all marriages are binding, and can be broken only by death. Divorce does not dissolve the "bond" of marriage. If it did, there would be no adultery in a remarriage. The Bible condemns remarriage after a divorce.

Every faithful disciple of Christ needs to speak God's truth about marriage and show people, according to Scripture, that they are bound to their first spouse as long as they live.

Oh how we must help them see the truth and keep them out of adultery, because...

Adulterers do not inherit the Kingdom of God.

For further information, check out these sites;

<http://www.marriagedivorce.com>

<http://www.holymatrimony.org>

<http://www.catz.net>

<http://www.cpr-ministries.org>

<http://www.benedictionblogson.com/2009/03/09/todd-bentley-remarries-apologizes/>

A STATEMENT and APPEAL REGARDING LAKELAND

written by Dutch Sheets. (Aug 21, 2008).

It has now been a couple of weeks since I heard about Todd Bentley's plans for separation and divorce. Like everyone, I have had a variety of emotions including anger, sadness, and grief. Every time I see this scenario repeated, I grieve: for the husband and wife involved; for the family that will be scarred in so many ways; because of the incredible reproach it brings to Christ; and the distortion it gives concerning God's heart and ways. I am praying for Todd and his family.

I was asked numerous times to write my position on Lakeland while it was happening, but always felt checked by the Lord—the waters were too muddy and emotions too high. I now feel strongly that the Lord wants me to do so. It will be arguably one of the greatest risks of my ministry to date, but one I feel must be taken. Fathers, when given the voice to do so, bear the responsibility of giving correction and wisdom. I hope mine qualifies for the latter. I assure you I have spent many hours praying and thinking through the situation. The risks are broad: with some of my dearest friends and co-laborers, I risk harming those relationships; with many in the charismatic body of Christ, I risk appearing to be an arrogant, "self-appointed" spokesperson for them; to the "I told you so" crowd, I risk the accusation of "spinning" the situation. (As far as the heresy hunters and revival police—not those who raised legitimate questions about Lakeland, but the attack dogs who make their living and build their ministries criticizing everyone else—I lost respect for them long ago and couldn't care less what they think.)

My purpose and sincere prayer in writing this statement, however, is three-fold: to see healing begin for the body of Christ; to initiate a process that can remove the reproach brought to Christ and the Church; and to do these things while preserving and honoring my current relationships. I pray that these desires, along with my heart, come through loudly. And I hope I'm writing this

with true humility— who among us clearly sees all hidden in our own hearts? Let me also preface this statement by saying that what needs to be said cannot be done quickly or carelessly. I do not want my heart to be missed and am not willing to run that risk for the sake of brevity, so please bear with the length. (Incidentally, I think it will be obvious no one involved in the Lakeland situation has asked me to write this; and for the sake of integrity on my part, none have been consulted concerning what I'm stating.)

Mistakes at Lakeland

Did leaders handling the Lakeland situation make mistakes? Yes— huge mistakes.

Beyond the obvious fruit of salvations and healings, can good come from Lakeland, as some have suggested, even with the recent revelations concerning Todd Bentley? Yes, but only if there is complete honesty and transparency, the removal of all attempts at self-preservation, and absolute humility from all sides.

Did I endorse the Lakeland meetings? No, I did not, nor did I condemn them. I acknowledged that healings were occurring and some were being saved, which I still believe and rejoice over. I realized and stated that the thousands of people attending were hungry and sincere, as were those involved in leading the 2 meetings. The worship was regularly good. But looking past some of the immediate and positive results, I, like many, also looked ahead to the possible fruit from questionable doctrine and experiences, exaggeration and hype, youthful pride, character issues and the frightening potential of a 32 year "young" man leading a movement that could shape the future of the Church.

These things were frightening, very frightening, to others and me. When something has the potential of setting precedent, birthing a movement and being reproduced as a prototype, we are no longer simply endorsing good brothers, good intentions and miracles. Doctrine and foundations will be built on these events. Teachings and paradigms for future ministries will be formed—in short, the next generation of the church and the move of God in the earth could be greatly impacted. This is why I stopped short of endorsing everything at Lakeland. Just as importantly, I could not ignore the "check", the uneasiness, the sickening feeling deep in my spirit telling me something else was wrong—terribly wrong—in this situation. Like other leaders I tried to push past my uneasiness with the showmanship, the "bams," the head butts and kneeling, along with certain experiences and doctrines, all in order to embrace the good. Like many of my friends I tried to be—and believe I was—gracious, accepting, ready to think "out of the box", etc. But try as I may, the uneasiness in my spirit just wouldn't leave.

Did I voice my concerns to the appropriate people? Yes, including stating my concerns for Todd's marriage to the Lakeland Outpouring Apostolic Team. Did they listen? Some did, some didn't. But I want to state emphatically, this is not an "I told you so" statement. In fact, much of what I want to address goes back several years into our charismatic Christian history. And I assure you that concerning our present weaknesses in the charismatic church, there is plenty of blame to go around. Personally, I've been right at times with my discernment and decisions, wrong at others. It would be worse than hypocritical for me to point the finger of accusation—I have no stones of judgment to throw. Nonetheless, mistakes were made and must be acknowledged and learned from in order for us to heal, grow and move forward.

Some of my closest friends endorsed and participated in the Lakeland meetings. For them I have both criticism—all of us lose credibility at this point if we're not completely honest—and affirmation. Should they have been more discerning and have listened to the warnings they received? Obviously. Should those who "aligned" Todd with spiritual fathers (which was a good thing) and positioned him to receive help if he chooses to accept it) have realized to do so publicly was a mistake and could be interpreted by those watching in no other way than as a

complete endorsement? Yes, they should have, especially when the event became a commissioning ceremony, complete with decrees and prophecies of going to higher levels, predictions of Todd's increasing world-wide influence and leading a world-wide revival, emphatic and prolific endorsements of his character, etc. How could those watching believe the evening was anything but an aligning, endorsing and commissioning ceremony? It was. It really doesn't matter who laid their hands on Todd—all share responsibility. This was unwise at best, naïve at least and at its worst, foolish. And should the leaders involved have realized that those of us connected to them relationally, ministerially, and as movements—some even in alignment with them apostolically and as sons and daughters—would feel minimized, if not betrayed, by the fact that they were in essence taking us onto the stage with them? Yes. These feelings were inevitable, especially when we had such uneasiness and asked them not to. Should there be an acknowledgment of these mistakes to the body of Christ for the sake of accountability and in order to rebuild trust? I believe so, and remain hopeful this will happen.

With such strong statements of disagreement, what is the affirmation toward my friends who led, participated in or endorsed this ceremony (and the meetings in general)? Simply stated, I know their hearts. It is not a contradiction of my criticisms toward some of their actions to, at the same time, defend and endorse their hearts and character. It is completely appropriate — when true—to defend a person's heart and integrity while disagreeing with their actions.

I think the blunder of that night was huge and very damaging to the body of Christ, but I also realize that in their hearts, those involved honestly felt they were doing the right things. Again, while not defending the action taken, I would defend the character and integrity of Peter and Doris Wagner as vigorously as anyone I know, and do so with absolute confidence. There are no two people, and I mean that literally, who embody the qualities of humility, integrity, holiness (no compromise!), sacrifice, unselfish kingdom-thinking, the tireless giving of themselves to Christ's cause and the body of Christ—and do I need to add risk-taking?— as much as Peter and Doris Wagner. It remains my great honor to be associated with them and call them a spiritual father and mother. And again, while not minimizing or “sweeping under the rug” any wrong decisions, I remain steadfast in my belief that similar affirmations could be made of others involved—either directly or indirectly—in the ceremony. And some of them still see their endorsing of Lakeland as an endorsement of revival generally, not of Todd personally.

The Bigger Picture

It may come as a surprise, however, that my real purpose in writing this is not to only state the above, as important as I believe saying it is. My primary purpose, and I believe my assignment from the Lord, is to identificationally repent on behalf of the leadership of the charismatic body of Christ (see Nehemiah 1:4-7; Daniel 9:1-19). In doing so, I do not have a pompous, “no one else will, so I'll do it” attitude, nor am I arrogant enough to think I have become the spokesperson for the charismatic church. But in the same way that I can identify with the racism of white predecessors and repent to blacks, Native Americans and other races, I can represent the leadership of the charismatic body of Christ and identificationally repent for our sins and weaknesses. I encourage leaders who find my statements true and appropriate to join me.

Beyond the simple fact of it being appropriate, I firmly believe it is the only way to begin the process of rebuilding trust with those asked to follow us and to remove the cynicism of the world we ask to listen to us. As you know, regaining credibility is much more difficult than attaining credibility. Concerning what I'm about to say, I don't believe I have a critical spirit, nor do I want to diminish the sacrifices, faithfulness, and hard work done by so many in ministry. The fact remains, however, that we have failed the Lord and His people in many ways—not just with Lakeland but in countless other situations—and must repent if we are to be trusted in the future.

And as you also know, no repentance is effective if watered down and couched in excuses, therefore, I intend to be brutally honest:

1) We, the leaders of the charismatic community, have operated in an extremely low level of discernment. Frankly, we often don't even try to discern. We assume a person's credibility based on gifts, charisma, the size of their ministry or church, whether they can prophesy or work a miracle, etc. (Miracles and signs are intended to validate God and His message, not the messenger; sometimes they validate the assignment of an individual, but never the person's character, lifestyle or spiritual maturity.) We leaders in the Church have become no different than the world around us in our standards for measuring success and greatness. This has contributed to the body of Christ giving millions of dollars to undeserving individuals; it has allowed people living in sin to become influential leaders—even to lead movements, allowing them influence all the way to the White House. Through our lack of discernment we built their stages and gave them their platforms. We have been gullible beyond words—gullible leaders producing gullible sheep. When a spiritual leader we're connected with violates trust, is exposed for immorality or falls below other accepted standards of behavior, it does not exonerate us simply to say we don't condone such behavior. Those we lead trust us to let them know whom to trust. We have failed them miserably in this regard. For this lack of discernment, and for employing and passing on inappropriate standards of judgment, I repent to the Lord and ask forgiveness of the body of Christ.

2) We, the leaders of the charismatic church, spin our involvement and fail to acknowledge our responsibility when other leaders fall— all of which stems from our self-preservation and pride. Enough of the spin—we're no different than Washington, DC. Every time another embarrassing and disgraceful situation is exposed, the dancing begins. It seems that no one bears any real responsibility except the man or woman who actually commits sin. Incredibly, we even blame "revival" itself—the pressures, attacks, weariness, the "revival is messy" argument, etc., saying it is responsible for the failures. This is disgusting. Those of us on boards of fallen leaders, those who helped give them a voice, put them on TV, published and endorsed their books (yes, I have), etc., are not exonerated simply by saying we don't condone the wrong behavior or that we didn't know. We're supposed to know. I don't believe anyone is expecting perfection from us—I know I'm not. We're far too human for that. But we are expected to have enough humility to look the world and those who follow us in the eye when we miss it and say, "we were wrong and we are sorry." Our careless accountability has caused the body of Christ to be spiritually raped and abused. It has produced disillusionment and brought immeasurable reproach to our God and cynicism to His message. Concerning Lakeland, what was called the "greatest revival since Azusa Street" has become possibly one of the greatest reproaches. We, the leaders of the charismatic church, are responsible. For not accepting and acknowledging our responsibility, for caring more about our own reputation than Christ's, I repent to God and ask forgiveness of the body of Christ.

3) Our procedures and standards of accountability are incredibly inadequate. We have provided camaraderie, not biblical accountability. For those on Todd Bentley's board who had previous knowledge of his marriage problems and said nothing, it was more than a mistake—it was reckless, foolish, and irresponsible. For those on the stage the night of his aligning and commissioning who knew and said nothing—ditto. For those there who didn't know, my question is, "why didn't you?" You were trusted to know. That is one of the purposes of public commissioning and the purpose behind the concept of endorsement. I'm not trying to point the finger; I'm endeavoring to get us to be honest about our failures—we have serious credibility issues. Have I ever laid hands on, commissioned or endorsed anyone without adequately checking them out? Yes, but you better believe I'll be more careful next time! And we must not single out Lakeland. We're all guilty. What about the leader in my city who ran with some of the leading spiritual fathers in our nation— sincere and good men, I might add, and not all

"charismatic" leaders—who sang his praises and helped build his stage—all while he was doing drugs and having sex with other men? But we shouldn't blame only the high profile cases—what about those of us who unknowingly have had adulterers on our staffs or appointed elders that turned out to have compromise in their life? Sounding familiar yet? This is so epidemic that every member of the body of Christ stands guilty—what pastor or leader did you follow that turned out to have sin issues? What ministry did you support that was unworthy? There is plenty of blame to go around. The big question becomes not "who do we blame" but "how do we fix this mess?" Leaders can live in sin—adultery, homosexuality, financial wrongdoing, drugs, etc — for years without it being realized. They can offer completely unacceptable lifestyles for the body of Christ to follow and still keep their TV programs and lavish lifestyles. In the name of grace, compassion and forgiveness we have lowered the standard so much that often there isn't one. We have bought into the lie that true discipline is "shooting our wounded." We have made a mockery of biblical restoration, making "ministry"—not healthy individuals, marriages and families—its ultimate goal. The fact is, integrity matters. No, we don't need legalistic, pharisaical standards, but we must have standards. For this lack of biblical accountability, I repent to God and I ask forgiveness of the body of Christ.

4) We, the leaders of the charismatic church, have built on hype, sensation, innovation, programs, personality and charisma. This has produced: shallowness; false movements; novice leaders— gifted but immature and untested; a deficient understanding of God's word; the building of man-centered rather than kingdom- centered churches and ministries; competition rather than cooperation; humanistic, self-centered Christians who don't understand sacrifice and commitment; Christians without discernment; superstar leaders; a perverted and powerless gospel; prayerless and anemic Christians; a replacement of the fear of the Lord with the fear of man; and a young generation that is cynical of it all. We are responsible, not the devil; he takes what we give him. For this compromise in the way we build, for giving the Church watered down wine, commercial Christianity, a flashy but weak Church and hype disguised as anointing, I repent to God and ask forgiveness of the body of Christ. Galatians 6:1-5 is an appropriate reference with which to end this statement: "Brethren, even if a man caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each one shall bear his own load." NAS

My passionate prayer is that God honors this repentance — I believe He led me to do it and therefore, will—and uses it to begin a process of cleansing and healing for all of us. In order for the coming great awakening to bear maximum fruit we must have both, as well as a course correction that sets us on a path of wisdom leading to life. There is no doubt that past moves of God have been aborted, ended prematurely and contained error or heresy that have wounded, if not destroyed, many. The healing revival of the 40's and 50's, the charismatic movement, discipleship movement and Jesus movement are all examples. My heart is to help shape a movement, the fruit of which will last for decades — better yet, forever. And I have great expectations for us—I am not a cynic.

My passionate prayer is also that Todd Bentley's marriage survives and thrives...that he turns his heart fully toward Christ and toward those with whom he is aligned, and allows them, as God leads, to put him on a path of complete restoration. I thank God for those who were touched by the Holy Spirit at Lakeland and while watching it on God TV and the web. May we all move forward into all God has planned for us in this awesome season of endless possibility.

With great hope—Dutch Sheets.

Todd Bentley Is Not A Christian

Jesus heals, I must disagree with you when you wrote, "Miracles and gifts of the spirit don't validate a Christian. The fruit of the spirit validates a Christian. peace, love, patience, hope, joy, faith." First, you did not mention all of the fruit of the Spirit but I know what you mean (Gal. 5: 22 -23). **The reason why I disagree with you is because you continuously mis-identify people, like Todd Bentley as a Christian. He is not a Christian nor are those who go chasing after the counterfeit signs and so-called miracles that he and others misrepresent as being from the Holy Spirit. Real Christian Believers do not get deceived and offer counterfeits because they draw attention to themselves and they cannot tell the difference between the work of the Holy Spirit and the work of the devil and demons.** They do not do the things that the New Testament tells us clearly are the work and character of authentic Christian believers. They glory in their sin and make excuses for their adulterous work, drunkenness and love of money to say nothing of all the works of the flesh which they seem to think are the fruit of the Holy Spirit. As a man once told me: *"If it doesn't look like a sheep, and eat like a sheep and talk like a sheep and do sheep things, it isn't a sheep"*. Well, just stop and look at all the un-Scriptural things these people are doing. They do not look like Christians, they don't eat as Christians, they do not talk like Christians and they do not do Christian things. So, they are not Christians.

Jesus tells us that the "signs" following confirm the preaching of the Word and prove who are authentic believers. This is very clear when you examine the Greek definition of "signs". They were the reason why Nicodemus said to Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that you are a man sent from God; for no man could do these signs that you do, unless God is with him" (Jn. 3: 2). The legitimate 15 Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12: 6 – 8; 1 Cor. 12: 8 – 10) prove that we are authentic believers. The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 22 – 23) describes the Character of Jesus which the Holy Spirit develops us so that we can use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Because the real or authentic Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not being used and encouraged with these counterfeit Christians who demonstrate counterfeit gifts, we have to be very careful in choosing our words as I think you have done in your letter. I learned a long time ago that there are "Christians" and there are "christians" (religious people) who are not believers. People, like the person you mentioned who received healing and made the mistake of attributing it to Todd Bentley has not learned that whoever calls on Jesus will catch Jesus' attention, even while watching a deceptive person pretending to be a believer, and answer their prayer and heal them. When I examine these counterfeit Christians, according to Scripture, they are not believers according to Jesus Christ. Because most pastors and churches do not encourage the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and use the 15 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are easy victims when the counterfeits are demonstrated. This is an important ministry that we have in the churches that I am invited to preach and do ministry. As you know it is "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4: 12). So, I suggest that you do not look upon such people as Christians because they are not.

 Comment by [Gordon Williams](#) | July 19, 2009

□ Gordon,

I agree with you. Todd Bentley and anyone chasing miracles rather than Jesus is fake. So yes Todd Bentley is fake. But miracles like I said don't validate a "Christian" or one who supposedly follows God. Jesus said in Matthew 24 that many deceivers will perform miracles that it would deceive even true Christians. The fact is that a person can be in sin and perform genuine miracles. Why? Because miracles and healing is based on grace not human performance. Which means no one can earn healing or salvation. It's all 100% grace of God. So yes a person can deliberately sin and authentically heal the sick. Another reason is because God will heal people through anyone He wants. Even if they're false prophets God will still heal people because its GOD healing them, not the person praying for them. Do you remember Jesus sent out the 12 disciples to heal the sick. Well Judas was one of them and Judas was never a true 'Christian. If Judas, a non 'Christian, can perform miracles. Then false prophets like Todd Bentley can perform miracles. Does that make them a true Christian? No, it just means they understand the authority and power in Jesus' name and their using it for "their" own benefit.

Remember Jesus said on the judgment day many will say but Lord we cast out demons in your name and in your name did many signs and wonders. But Jesus said depart from me you workers of iniquity I never knew you. So signs and wonders ONLY, DONT validate a Christian. But rather a godly life, righteous living, the fruit of the spirit, and Miracles validate a Christian. Signs and wonders are great and very useful but if the someone's ministry is based on signs and wonders and not focused on Jesus then there is a problem.

 Comment by [Jesus Heals](#) | July 25, 2009

<http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/2008/08/03/charismatic-gemstones-and-glory-gold-dust-signs-and-wonders/#comment-49590>

Why should anybody be surprised that Bill Johnson, who rehabilitated adulterous lying thieving Todd Bentley, and Peter Wagner, the false Apostle who doesn't perform miracles and says , *Todd Bentley now carries the label of a liar and a deceiver. I'm sorry to mention it, but I felt personally deceived in the same way when Ted Haggard's sin was exposed and he was immediately removed from ministry...* will be speaking at Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship on January 19-22, 2010 <http://www.tacf.org/events/conferences/pastors-leaders> ?????

Todd Bentley's Second Marriage To His Mistress The Greatest Testimony

In the sixth video of the Todd Bentley restoration saga on the Morningstar website, dated 25th March 2009, Bill Johnson, Rick Joyner and Todd Bentley speak on the *Ministry of Reconciliation*.

You can see the video here – [3.25.09 New Update-Todd Bentley's Restoration](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oK_yDxVq2w&eurl=http%3A%2F%

I continue to be amazed at the continual deceitful lying spin that come out of the mouths of all of these men.

Among other tactics, they keep on repeating their lies, while adding some new ones into the mix. It has been frequently said that if someone says something often enough, however ridiculous and untrue, their audience will find it hard to believe they are not being sincere. At the very least they will be worn down by it all, and even if not believing the lie will still think the person genuine. And all the new lies and spin coming into the mix also has the effect of confusing and throwing up even more of an obscuring smokescreen for these men to hide behind. It goes without saying this deceitful behaviour is not befitting alleged "men of God".

These men also use the tactic of claiming one thing about the Todd Bentley restoration process, and actually manifesting and doing something entirely different.

So, for example, they say there will be no covering over, excuses will not be tolerated, it will be thoroughly transparent "*as frank and as open as possible*", Rick Joyner is open and listening to everybody's views and so on and so forth, yet this is not what is actually taking place before our very eyes. However, the deceivers that they are, they know that a significant number of people will be fooled by their statements that this *is* what is actually happening. Just because *they say so* and say it frequently.

More examples of these kind of untrue statements are in this sixth video. There Rick Joyner is saying, and not for the first time: "*we don't forgive excuses, we forgive sin.*" and Bill Johnson says: "*Genuine repentance is what we look for in these situations.*"

This sounds absolutely fine, it gives the impression these men are being tough on sin and not making excuses for what went on and are demanding genuine repentance - if you do not look past these statements to see what they actually are doing, that is - making numerous excuses and not acknowledging any sin on any of their parts for *anything!*

Seeing what all of them have come out with to date – there being NO repentance from Todd Bentley about anything he has done [even for the adultery and divorce smokescreen], the PR spin on everything, the continued lies, the double-speak, the endless pathetic excuses for Todd Bentley's behaviour from Rick Joyner, the refusal to use the word "sin" for his "mistakes", the abusive bullying behaviour by Bill Johnson and Rick Joyner to accept this false non-apology of a Todd's ala "*you gotta sow mercy if you want mercy*" – all done in a false restoration process, undertaken by false ministers to restore a false minister to a false gospel, show these men for what they are - false. They are extremely crooked liars and deliberate deceivers. Again, their behaviour more than shows what they are and who they belong to. It is time the church woke up to it and refused to tolerate these shenanigans from such charlatans in the House of God.

Another example is the claim, *'this is not about promoting Todd Bentley but for the benefit of the 50% of the church struggling with divorce.'* This is so obviously untrue about what this process is really about, yet still these men still persist with making this false claim.

Again, Bill Johnson says in this video: *"genuine repentance means if I make a mess I've gotta clean it up."* The only way the latter part of this sentence could be possibly true for him is 'cleaning it up' as in *whitewashing*, as that is what he has been doing along with other NAR leaders. But that is not connected to genuine repentance, it is connected to disingenuous deceit.

Whitewashing is ungodly and is what Jesus blasted the pharisees for. It is bizarre that Johnson and Joyner would blast their critics for being "pharisees" when it is actually they themselves that manifest true 'pharisee-ical' tendencies - elitism, spiritual abuse, whitewashing and pretence, lies, hypocrisy and dual standards – behaviour *not* found in the main people who warn about them.

The glaring thing here is as well, if Todd Bentley's repentance was genuine and sincere, we'd need only one public statement from him - with no lies, no excuses, no sock puppets alongside him, but a really broken man confessing his sins and saying: "I'm sorry. I grievously sinned against God, I grievously sinned against the church. I grievously sinned against my family.... I lied, I cheated, I scammed, I abused, I mocked, I blasphemed. I debauched. I did not keep my marriage bed pure. I deliberately passed on false impartations that I knew to be demonic etc." And then he would keep his head down for *years* producing fruit in keeping with being a changed man. But this does not happen as the man is not sorry. And not changed but for the worse.

However, possibly the most audacious claim in this video, underlining that Todd Bentley has not changed, is not repentant and does not know the word or ways of God, [and is not interested in following them either], is his saying that his new hasty marriage to his Lakeland mistress, Jessa Hasbrook, was a second chance from God, and that he wants to make it an amazing testimony of what marriage can be.

Wow! This takes some nerve.

And go figure, so the message for all those currently struggling in marriages is, divorce your wife, leave your kids and get a newer younger prettier model who is also your bit on the side for a while – and you can then have the greatest marriage and the greatest testimony – [after Todd's that is, as he is naturally the greatest as he always allegedly has been - the biggest angels and the biggest anointing and the biggest experience in the biggest revival and the biggest heart.] Yeah, I can see how that would work for people in the seven year itch whose eyes are tempted to stray elsewhere!

Transcript from 3.44 minutes on the video

"I only have one choice now ...

[spot the micro expression, a small curled grin when he says this]

"- to go forward and say "God, how can I help people in the future. You know, why can't I have the greatest marriage? Why can't I be the greatest advocate of marriage ...

[Here he makes an over the top huge sweeping gesture - see still shot below from when he says this at 3.51 minutes - this body language underlines the bragging, the lying and also the delusional sense of grandeur]



Why can't I be the greatest advocate of marriage?

"Just because you have a failure in the past doesn't mean you can't use that to be – to promote – something great in the future.

{Note again the narcissism and the slip in the admission he thinks himself that something great. Note also his calling his divorce a failure and not what it is – sin.}

That's what I want my testimony to be, to be what God intended marriage to be because not everybody gets a second chance ...

[Second chance?!!!!!! Divorcing his wife to marry his mistress?]

... some people have been married twice, three times over, but they still deserve to learn to do it better the next time and do it best. I want to be that message of divorce is bad, stay in love -

[That is not the actual message that ought spread! Note the distortion]

... and people might say, how can you say this when it is all so fresh, and I say that's why I'm here learning from good men..."

Good men? Where are they then. I don't see any in this sorry debacle.

Third Wave Ministries Are Liars and Deceivers

Third Wave Ministries such as Phillip and Darlene Fields Founders of Great real Ministries <http://getrealministries.us> sent out a mass email yesterday stating:



God wants YOU well

By Phillip Fields

July 21, 2009

I definitely believe God wants us well, spirit, soul and body. Every week I come into contact with people who are struggling with their wellness and their wholeness. They have lost hope for healing and are operating in the "less than" category in their health. Frankly I am tired of hearing why healing can't work. The truth is God Wants You Well. I along with a host of other leaders am launching a 30-day prayer campaign to stand with God's people believing that His health plan becomes our reality. That's right for 30 nights we will gather in the Name of Christ and we will do what Jesus did.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18,19

- 30 SPECIAL DAYS OF HEALING PRAYER AND MINISTRY FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
- TEARING DOWN DENOMINATIONAL BOUNDARIES FOR A COMMON PURPOSE
- GOD'S PEOPLE CRYING OUT FOR REAL CHANGE & REPENTANCE
- THE BODY OF CHRIST MINISTERING IN ONE ACCORD
- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS POURED OUT
- PEOPLE ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD
- MARRIAGES ARE RENEWED & FAMILIES ARE RESTORED
- THE DESPERATE ARE HEALED, DELIVERED AND SET FREE
- YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SET ABLAZE WITH THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- MIRACLES, SIGNS & WONDERS ARE WITNESSED WITH OUR EYES, IN OUR TIME
- GOD'S WELLNESS PLAN BECOMES A REALITY BECAUSE A NAMELESS, FACELESS REVIVAL TRANSFORMED THE COMMUNITY

GOD WANTS US UNIFIED!

We are relationally networked and affiliated with the following Apostolic/Revivalist/Healing Ministries, partnering with them to bring the life-transforming power of God from Heaven to earth:

- Global Legacy, Bill Johnson, Bethel Church, Redding, CA
- Global Awakening, Randy Clark, Global Awakening Apostolic Center, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Hunter Ministries, Healing School Ordination, Charles & Francis Hunter, Houston, TX
- ORU Ministers Alliance, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

Any ministry that is associated with Bill Johnson is off the wall and is a cult. And Bill Johnson is a total arrogant idiot and who with another false prophet Rick Joyner worked at restoring Todd Bentley back to the ministry! See The Shotgun Blog A divorce from reality?

<http://westernstandard.blogs.com/shotgun/2009/04/divorced-from-reality.html>

Todd Bentley is the tattooed former criminal who in July 2008 stepped down from his controversial revival in Florida over an affair with a woman. Bentley, raised in Gibsons, B.C., was known to be a heavy drinker. During his ecstatic services he would often punch or kick sick people in the name of healing them. It wasn't his outrageous claims of raising the dead that finally landed Todd Bentley in trouble. Not the contradictory sermons, or even his criminal past. Not the face piercings, the neck-to-knee tattoos, the biker-dude lifestyle. His followers could live with all that; it was part of the act.

Bentley, a 32-year-old former drug addict from the west coast, was the hottest thing going on the global televangelist circuit. A hog-riding faith healer with a devil-may-care attitude. Then he failed his flock, the old fashioned way: cheating on his wife. Todd Bentley, disgraced, went into hiding for six months and then resurfaced.

<http://westernstandard.blogs.com/shotgun/2009/04/the-art-of-the-apologeticnonapology.html>

<http://westernstandard.blogs.com/shotgun/2009/05/i-guess-that-if-you-die-and-go-to-heaven-thats-a-healing-of-sorts.html>

Readers who have been following my series of posts about Canadian evangelist Todd Bentley may be interested to know that he is back on the job.

This morning, despite the concerns of many Christians who looked askance at the collapse of Mr. Bentley's Florida revival and his marriage, Mr. Bentley announced the launching of his new website. It has print and video teachings, an internet store and a page where you can ask him to minister at your church. So, he's back on the job. I may have in depth analysis of this later, once I have had time to read and listen, but I wanted Shotgun readers to be the first on the 'net to learn this which, according to Google, is apparently the case. {I do have one passing, tongue-in-cheek observation though. The typeface for Mr. Bentley's ministry logo is apparently

borrowed from the original TV series of Star Trek. Any idea in your mind that Mr. Bentley is so spiritually adept that he can "go where no man has gone before" was probably put there by accident.) Posted by Rick Hiebert on June 22, 2009 in Religion | Permalink
<http://westernstandard.blogs.com/shotgun/2009/06/back-on-the-sawdust-trail.html>

Canadian Revivalist Todd Bentley preached on seven fold restoration including the restoration of marriage and had a mistress during the Lakeland demonic revival and- was drunk most of the time - http://www.endtimeschristianity.com/cgi-bin/webbbs_files/webbbs_config.pl?noframes%3Bread=135

He stated *If your marriage needs to be restored then stir up your faith and ask: "My God, please, I want You to restore my marriage, and I want it to be better than it was in the first place. I want there to be double the intimacy." Get aggressive. Don't just settle for an "okay, restore my marriage" attitude. "Restore my marriage and give it to me double!"*

So why did Todd divorce his wife and not practice what he preached? Because he is a hypocrite, a false one, a son of hell just like all the preachers in the Third Wave!

Rick Joyner and Bill Johnson being both caught up in the realm of deceiving spirits, could only reinforce TB's behavior. TB's declaration of "opening up the stargate portals to the third heaven" had absolutely nothing to do with God or His heavenly realms...it is based on previous declarations by high level occultist. His "angel" connections were not God's angels, they are familiar spirits and demonic forces. What he does and declares is UTTERLY SATANIC...not "just a little eccentric." The opening up of these "portals" that TB is engaged in is activated by his own soul power/soul energy called kundalini in Hinduism. There is much material on the web about it as it is practiced by those in the occult/new age especially <http://newchristian.org.uk/kundalini.html>

Bill Johnson, Che Ahe, John Arnott, and Rick Joyner, leaders in the Third Wave and mentors of Todd Bentley, specialize in getting people possessed with a Kundalini demon. Many of the Third Wave leaders such as Wesley Campbell and Stacey Campbell or Heidi Baker or Patricia King have a Kundalini demon! See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WER74TDgVVk&feature=related>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aWpTvcM74U&feature=related>
and http://www.blinkx.com/video/todd-bentley-apostolic-and-prophetic-commissioning-3-4/Aaw4i_tak8ltdRZ2SAka7w

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And it's a fact that all the prophecies and prayers seen in the Todd Bentley Apostolic and Prophetic commissioning were false, useless and dead! It would have been very useful instead of just making a general statement *"We believe another strong wave of Revival will descend upon us very soon. We have had several encouraging Prophetic Words recently, that God is about to move again very powerfully"* that we were told who these prophets were and what was their proven track record so we could do what the scripture tells us to do in 1 Corinthians 14 "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge" instead of taking the word of fools who supported and mentored Todd Bentley!

Who can deny that IHOP is the bastard child of the now debunked and evil Kansas City Prophets alliance which spawned the twisted and deviant line of sexual predator Bob Jones, homosexual catholic Paul Cain, convicted child abuser, serial adulterer Todd Bentley.

Mike Bickle led a team of false prophets as KCP prophesying in 1990 that the UK would experience great revival. Not only does history show this to be false, but affirms the very opposite to be true. The UK has slid further into moral and spiritual decline ever since.

From Kansas City to the religious fiasco in Toronto, to the failed revival at Brownsville resulting in a major church split and public financial scandal, and on to the infamous heresy and abuse of Lakeland. The same odious characters at the core attracting like-minded charlatans including the Strader brothers, Daniel imprisoned until 2036 for defrauding elderly Christians out of \$3 million and Stephen who was thought by the judge to be just as guilty.

After Bentley's exposure in the USA on ABC Nightline he was swiftly removed from ministry to prevent further scrutiny. Not only was he unable to provide evidence of a single healing, many who were pronounced healed have since died. Furthermore the Arnold Palmer Hospital has stated that claims of resurrections were bogus.

A thread of carnality and heresy runs through the veins of this movement whose very DNA was present in the disgraced William Branham. It would seem that many Christians have still to learn that our privilege of calling is fulfilled in the PURSUIT OF GOD, not experiences. The twisted "charisma" of these false teachers/prophets bears no resemblance to the biblical practice of charismata or charismatic gifting as spoken of by Paul in 1 Corinthians 14. Even the scoundrel Benny Hinn spoke against Todd Bentley and the Third Wave!
<http://www.christianresearchservice.com/BHinn39.htm>

Todd Bentley was EXPOSED as a LIAR and a THIEF!!! During the Lakeland revival Todd also said that God told him to get 1,000 people to give \$1,000 dollars. When people confronted Todd, Todd admitted that God did not say that. We had positive proof that Todd Bentley along with the leaders of the Revival Alliance was spiritually abusing everyone. <http://www.a2zbookdepot.com/revival.pdf>

Todd Bentley, the criminally convicted homosexual pedophile turned drunken heretic and adulterer who kicked old ladies in the face and stomach on YouTube at the failed Lakeland, Florida counterfeit revival has entered into a biblically adulterous re- marriage while under a "process of restoration" led by biblically proven false prophet Rick Joyner. Bentley was ring master at a debacle of lunacy and false healing debunked on national TV orchestrated by the infamous Strader family, whom the District Attorney implicated in financial scandals defrauding elderly Christians of millions of dollars. While the Florida District Attorney publicly names Pastor Steve Strader as complicit in the swindling, his brother was sent to prison for over 30 years as a professional gangster under American anti racketeering RICO statutes. Bob Jones was debunked as a sexual predator with vulnerable women while Paul Cain was publicly disclosed to be a drunken pervert with a life long history of alcoholism and homosexuality. (Jacob Prasch) See <http://moriel.org/MorielArchive/index.php/news/usa/false-prophet-rick-joynertodd-bentleys-re-marriage>

In 2009 after the revival failed and Todd Bentley divorced his wife, Rick Joyner led the restoration team which included leaders who had vouched for Bentley's good character in the past even as he was deceiving us all, and has posted a letter on his web page. We are informed that 'Even so, they are married now and are resolved to make the most of their marriage, their lives, and to continue to serve the Lord in the best way that they can. '

Their being married far from making it right has in my view made matters even worse and totally disqualified Todd Bentley from any reinstatement in ministry in the foreseeable future. It means there is no repentance. He has simply gone into outright rebellion by marrying his mistress. Even if his wife had chosen to divorce him, which does not seem to be the case, a more judicious, moral and righteous course of action would have been to break off this

adulterous relationship and stay celibate before God Instead, he remarries quickly. And we are put before the fait accompli. Is there a recent translation of the New Testament that decrees that the solution to adultery is to quickly divorce the offended party and marry the mistress? (Pastor Bola Olivia Ogedengbe, ABBA HOUSE church, Paris) <http://bolaoged.com/?p=743>

Todd Bentley now carries the label of a liar and a deceiver. I'm sorry to mention it, but I felt personally deceived in the same way when Ted Haggard's sin was exposed and he was immediately removed from ministry...

Suffice it to say that there is more than I am going to mention. First of all, Todd has been removed from public ministry until further notice. He has resigned from the ministry he founded, Fresh Fire, so he is no longer a part of that board. It has become clear that he indulged in periodic drunkenness. He has no intention at the moment of reconciling with Shonna, nor does she with him. Their marriage has been torn for years by his emotional attachment with at least one other female whose physical contact went beyond hugging and kissing and holding hands. Enough said-maybe more details will be revealed later-but it was clearly immoral. All of this was skillfully concealed by lying and by swearing close associates who had observed his behavior to secrecy. Peter Wagner

Wagner, unlike Arnott admits that he, and the "apostles" where well aware that "chaos and confusion had begin to invade the Outpouring" but he went against the warnings of the others...

I concluded that the best protocol was to do the alignment first, then deal with the issues that had been raised. My other friends disagreed and urged me to deal with Todd's problems first then do the alignment. I respected their point of view and I was very sorry that I had to follow God's leading for me personally instead of taking their advice. It was not a comfortable decision.

Typically then, he passes the blame for his mistakes on to God, rather than taking any personal responsibility (It's not my fault, God told me to!)... He goes on... *Stephen Strader, who has been keeping records, affirms that the evil that the prince of the power of the air had been subtly introducing into the Outpouring I started to be exposed and unraveled the day after the alignment, June 24!*

Some questions then... **if that is correct and accurate what then was the "Chaos and confusion" that so worried Strader that he felt he needed to bring in Wagner in the first place? And what where the "problems" that Wagner and his friends where debating before the 24th June?** Hmmm there's a bucket full of contradiction there as far as I can see! http://markjberry.blogs.com/way_out_west/2008/08/c-peterwagners.html

Todd Bentley now carries the label of a liar and a deceiver - Peter Wagner

So what does it say about John Arnott , the supposed apostle who laid hands on Todd Bentley on the commissioning night hosted by C. Peter Wagner?

C. Peter Wagner (Founder and presiding apostle for the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) and founder of the International Coalition of Apostles (ICA) - and Chuck Pierce (vice president/apostle in the NAR) were so adamantly denouncing TB Joshua they said nothing of the Toronto Blessing (John Arnott) where people were: barking like dogs, rolling on the floor laughing, shaking violently and showing off gold dust and gem stones that miraculously appeared out of nowhere. Apologies, correction, they did not appear out of nowhere an angel dropped the gemstones, apparently it had nothing better to do with its time.

How odd that Wagner and Pierce never once since told John Arnott that what was happening at his Toronto Vineyard church was demonic and all this stuff happened back in 1994 already. Funny how Wagner and Pierce condoned Todd Bentley (who ran the Lakeland Outpouring) to the point of doing what they called 'The Alignment Ceremony' live on God TV for everyone to see in which they ordained him as an evangelist.

For those that don't know, in 2008 (April to July) there was a revival in Lakeland Florida where people were thrown around by some invisible force (which they, Charisma Magazine insisted was the Holy Spirit). People shook violently on stage claiming the most bizarre manifestations, visions and visitations by angles. Todd Bentley punched and kicked people to heal them, spoke of visiting people in dreams and also told of countless trips to heaven where he once stuffed his pockets with gold from a treasury room. He blasphemously baptised people in the name of the father, the son and the bam. But who could forget the 39 people claimed risen from the dead.

The apostles and prophets (NAR/ICA) said this was God moving in an incredible way, until the night Todd Bentley was exposed as a fraud...well, the poor guy was dumped like a bag of hot potatoes by his fellow apostles. John Arnott is supposed apostle who laid hands on Todd Bentley on the commissioning night hosted by C. Peter Wagner. Many of the Third Wave leaders such as Wesley Campbell and Stacey Campbell or Heidi Baker have a Kundalini demon!

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and http://www.blinkx.com/video/todd-bentley-apostolic-and-prophetic-commissioning-3-4/Aaw4i_tak8ltdRZ2SAka7w

Let's look at the following common manifestations of the risen Kundalini in occult practices as seen in the Third Wave supporters and leaders.

- Muscle twitches, cramps or spasms.
- Energy rushes or immense electricity circulating the body
- Itching, vibrating, prickling, tingling, stinging or crawling sensations
- Intense heat or cold
- Involuntary bodily movements, jerking, tremors, shaking; feeling an inner force pushing one into postures or moving one's body in unusual ways.
- Alterations in eating and sleeping patterns
- Episodes of extreme hyperactivity or, conversely, overwhelming fatigue
- Intensified or diminished sexual desires
- Headaches, pressures within the skull
- Racing heartbeat, pains in the chest
- Digestive system problems
- Numbness or pain in the limbs (particularly the left foot and leg)
- Pains and blockages anywhere; often in the back and neck
- Emotional outbursts; rapid mood shifts; seemingly unprovoked or excessive episodes of grief, fear, rage, depression
- Spontaneous vocalizations (including laughing and weeping) -- are as unintentional and uncontrollable as hiccoughs
- Hearing an inner sound or sounds, classically described as a flute, drum, waterfall, birds singing, bees buzzing but which may also sound like roaring, whooshing, or thunderous noises or like ringing in the ears.
- Mental confusion; difficulty concentrating

- Altered states of consciousness: heightened awareness; spontaneous trance states; mystical experiences (if the individual's prior belief system is too threatened by these, they can lead to bouts of psychosis or self-grandiosity)
- Heat, strange activity, and/or blissful sensations in the head, particularly in the crown area.

And anybody who has gotten involved with these Third Wave deceivers will testify that longsuffering and kindness are not demonstrated by the leaders or followers but rather arrogance, pride and intolerance and Bill Johnson of Bethel Church Redding California is a classical example with his use of sarcasms and character assassination of those who would dare to oppose his views including his support of lying, thieving adulterous

Todd Bentley - <http://newswithviews.com/West/marsha73.htm>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtVGxJU-j2I>

Instead of judging human experiences by the Word of God, these Third Wave false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ masquerading as angels of light and are demon led and inspired (2 Corinthians 11:15) suggest that we judge the Word of God by human experiences. When we base interpretation of truth on our experiences we totally lose the basis of truth. The Psalmist said, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

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Todd Bentley, Benny Hinn, PDL, Emerging Church, New Age... all of this stuff is serving to prove that there is little discernment anymore among those who claim to be God's people. Why? That's probably a broad question but part of the answer is that no one knows or cares what the Bible says.

The attack against God's authority began in the garden with, "...hath God said...?" and has continued until today.

The major attack today is not from the loony left media but from inside the 'Christian Church'. Positive-thinking pop psychologists pretending to be pastors question whether God's word still applies or just out-right ignore it altogether.

MBA business plans have replaced prayer-soaked pleas for God to move. No wonder there are no awakenings or revivals anymore.

If God showed up for a service, even He might have trouble navigating the entertainment megaplex in order to find the auditorium to take part in the multimedia extravaganza! My question is this: Would God even be recognized if He walked down the isle in the person of His Son?

Stand strong, people of faith! God is sovereign. He does not depend upon our plans, goals, programs, or false-fire entertainment shows. He is Lord whether we even exist or not.

We must get back into the Bible and know what it says. God wrote the book. We should read it.

 *Comment by Wally | August 1, 2009*

Sylvia, Thank you for your response. yes, I do know what Trevor Baker did in relation to Todd Bentley. He is a friend and is being loyal. This is very sad and I continue to be distressed about

it. I'm puzzled. Nevertheless, Trevor is a holy and decent human being and a man of God. I just wish he'd abandon his loyalty to Todd Bentley. He could support him in other ways, I feel. No-one wants to abandon Todd Bentley. he deserves help, counselling and restoration. Sadly, I do not believe he is truly repentant. I was there in Dudley when Trevor Baker came back with the "anointing". It was a crush and there were a lot of excited visitors. I understand your point of view on this.

I cannot understand how Todd can be accepted back into ministry after a period of less than a year. he got married in March and began the "restoration process" after that. He hadn't seen his children for months. The suffering, hurt and distress this man has caused is beyond belief. What are some Christians thinking of? he lacks the stability and the character to lead a great revival. What is particularly shocking is the way leading ministers and prophets slavered, yes slavered over T Bentley even as he was in the depths of sin.

Oh, what a show they have made throughout the world and what fools they have shown many Christians to be.

 *Comment by Carrie English | August 2, 2009*

Sadly Trevor Baker is too involved with the likes of Todd Bentley. I saw Trevor and Sharon at one of Todd's conferences back in 2005 and since that time he has always been heavily involved with Todd Bentley. The centre they run in Dudley is looked upon as a extension of Fresh Fire. Trevor Baker probably was not impacted so much by the vision of Fresh Fire but more the man knowing as Todd Bentley and has decided to stick with him. Cut your ties with the Bakers and anyone that is still involved with these cults.

Worrying development has appeared that Todd Bentley as well as meeting up with Bickle is hanging around World Revival Church in Kansas City, the very church that did not want to look like Lakeland. The guy is itching to get back into role playing and being the star. Is it any wonder that he finds the WWE entertaining?

 *Comment by [Geoffrey](#) | August 3, 2009*

In reply to Carrie.

Todd, I am sad to say, is the least of Trevor's problems. Between 3 and 4 years ago I heard Trevor preach at Dudley having been taken there by my former pastor. I remember my heart sinking as he (Trevor) spoke glowingly of a man called Bobby Conner. He also spoke highly of a great man of God from the past who went by the name of William Branham.

On the way home I told my pastor what I had discovered that very week on the internet about false teachers and false prophets. My pastor just brushed it aside – he had great respect for Trevor and did not consider my concern as anything to be concerned about.

The same thing happened around a year later. I was on the internet and somehow came across a Prophet by the name of Rick Joyner. I discovered that he had written a book called The Quest (or something like that) and it transpired that some Christians were up in arms about it. Hours later (I had been working a night shift) someone walked up to me in church and gave me that very book. My first reaction was that I had been warned in advance (as with my trip to Dudley) but something akin to the following happened in my thought processes on being handed the book...

"Don't let the Devil prevent you from reading that book. Why do you think there is so much opposition to it?"

And like a fool I went and read it. Because of my respect for 'proven' men and women of God (idolatry would be a better word) I turned what had been a warning from God into Satan trying to rob me of a potential blessing. After all, the person who handed me the book I considered (and still do) to be sincere in her desire to serve God.

Just an hour ago I happened across a video of Trevor on the stage at Lakeland last year. A Prophet, some would say the greatest Prophet of our generation, spoke words over Trevor. His name is Bob Jones. You may have seen this video, but if not type in the words 'Prophetic word for the UK with Bob Jones'.

What I saw in Trevor's eyes was nothing short of terror – the sort of anguished terror that you see in the eyes of a wildebeest when in the jaws of a lion. I have to say it is a heartbreaking scene and I can imagine it haunting me for some time to come.

You may want to do some research on Bob Jones and William Branham. Not so much their misdemeanors, though they will invariably crop up, but their teachings and prophecy track records. Trevor could sever all links with Todd today but it wouldn't make any difference. The tree that Trevor has eaten from – and encouraged others to eat from – has very dark roots. He was eating from this tree way before Lakeland. The fruit of it, ultimately, is death.

 *Comment by David Green | August 4, 2009*

I continue to be saddened and distressed by Trevor Baker's continuing involvement with these ... well... pulpit pimps if I may borrow a phrase. Sadly, he is going down the same road as they are and I cannot see fruit coming from his associations. Trevor Baker encourages hefty donations just like the Americans. He spoke at one conference in Dudley and said that some of the audience could write a cheque for £10 000 and they wouldn't miss it. Excessive giving was encouraged as it was said that a blessing would follow. I am still waiting for the big blessing promised after my own generous giving. It's shocking that we have to be so alert about people preaching the Word of God. Who can we trust?

 *Comment by Carrie English | August 14, 2009*

It's good to see so many researching those who call themselves prophets and apostles-good to see discernment.

I'll share some thoughts-William Branham is a man who did have tremendous healings and visions. I don't think anyone who did research on him could deny that. However, he had many errors in doctrine such as denying the trinity, stating that the serpent had sexual relations with Eve producing Cain, and his God-view which is what we would modalism. He also believed the Angel of the Lord was with him during his times of healing. Anyone who knows Scripture knows this is impossible. So those are some thoughts on William Branham.

I have yet to see what will become of Todd. I'll hold my comments until I see what happens. However, I consider Bill Johnson & Rick Joyner to be unfit for Todd's restoration process. I know many in the charismatic camps would drop jaws at such a comment, but it's true. They are both mixed up in the same non-sense – blind leading the blind.

It's a sad thing in my heart to watch all of these things unfold. Todd and many others in the charismatic camp consider William Branham to be one of the greatest men of God and from

what I understand, it's even been said that the angel who was with Braham is now with Todd. Folks, can you see the history here? The heritage?

Finally, I'd challenge some of you who are on this blog and posting and reading and gathering in all this information to share this information constructively. Glory be to God, after several years of research and understanding spiritual gifts and how they ought to be used properly, orderly, and biblically, I'll be speaking on this topic soon in my own home church so that the church can be built up. I believe God's calling and His gifts are irrevocable (Romans 11:29). And so instead of JUST being here, I've also felt the Lord prompting me to speak on how to walk in gifts of the Spirit in a biblical way: prophecy that is prophecy (1 corinthians 14:3), tongues that are orderly AND WITH interpretation, etc. So I encourage folks to continue to come here and share and be kept up to date-but be out there encouraging those with gifts to walk in them. Don't just be a discernor, be an encourager.

P.S. – Because you have a gift, doesn't make you special. Because of Jesus you are special and God has set His love on you in Christ.

P.S. 2 – In the days of Noah, the giants were wiped off the face of the earth. Take comfort knowing that one day God will wipe the earth of so-called charismatic spiritual nephilim as well.

 *Comment by Jman | August 15, 2009*

<http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/2009/06/23/todd-bentley-cashes-in-his-dividends/#comment-49826>

Posted at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/16725487/Todd-Is-Back>

Suggested Reading:

The rape of the church - the Todd Bentley quagmire <http://bolaoged.com/?p=743>
Not Innocent" <http://www.a2zbookdepot.com/xxcrxxoxoks.pdf> or
<http://crooksaog.tripod.com/>

Todd Bentley John Arnott False Prophecy and Prayer
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aWpTvcM74U&feature=related>

Third Wave Exposed
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/15902535/THIRD-WAVE-EXPOSED>

New Apostolic Reformation
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Dr. Pat Holiday Newsletters
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