The Subtle Ruse Of The Psychic

In St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (I 5;23), he prays for Christians that "Soul and body and spirit be preserved blameless to the coming of the Lord." Scripture indicates that there are three parts of the human being. It could be said that spirit being mentioned first is of primary importance. Soul is of more importance than body. St. Paul states in Romans 8:6 that the carnal mind (body-soul) produces death but the spiritual mind (spirit-soul) gives life and peace. Jesus Christ in speaking to Nicodemus (John 4:3-6) pronounces the great tenet of the Christian faith, "except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," and "except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter in." "That which is born of the flesh (carnal-mind) is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit."

There is at present a great attack upon the teachings of Jesus and the New Testament. The attack stems from Satan or Lucifer, defined as "an agent of God's love acting through evolution." (David Spangler—REFLECTIONS p.41) The great Deceiver is at work today causing confusion between soul and spirit and seducing modern man to follow cults of the mind (today identified as spirit by the cults) and thus preventing modern man from spiritual rebirth.

Werner Erhard of EST has said "I believe that belief in God is the greatest barrier to God in the universe....I would prefer someone who is ignorant to someone who believes in God...There isn't anything but spirituality, which is just another word for God, because God is everything." (THOSE CURIOUS NEW CULTS IN THE 80'S; Peterson, W.J., p.212) This strange form of non-reasoning is being accepted by an increasing number of people including Christians because, in part, of the failure of
the Church to preach the Word of God and to lead man to salvation (the personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour) and to emphasize that it is necessary to be born of the Holy Spirit. Often active churchmen are ignorant of New Testament Christianity, have rarely, if ever, seen true Christianity in action. It is doubtless true that the church has often accepted pastoral psychology, positive thinking, possibility thinking, positive confession, intellectualism and mental science over the gospel truth and its pure proclamation. The evangelicals by rejecting the Baptism of the Holy Spirit have left their flocks subject to the ravages of the cults because modern man knows that there must be more than what he is receiving from dead formalism and traditionalism. On the other hand, pentecostals and charismatics, many times possessing a "hop-scotch" knowledge of scripture have also allowed their ranks to be invaded by psychics and mind-power cultists.

There is a tendency to place mental therapy over spiritual therapy in the healing movement including some of the churches espousing divine healing. Among mental science practices could be mentioned psychic diagnoses (the calling out of diagnoses in Christian meetings or on television) and being slain in the spirit (resting in the spirit) which often is a form of hypnotic reaction secondary to suggestion. Charismatic meetings often utilize endless repetition in songs and the working up of psychologic response through the use of percussion, hand clapping and rhythm. Often this is confused as being worship but may often be self-indulgence and equivalent to the same phenomena witnessed at rock concerts. Speaking in tongues may at times be a manifestation of hysteria, the kind of thing experienced in cultic practices. Dr. Gerald Jampolsky (a psychiatrist) records his experience with swami Muktananda after being touched with peacock feathers. "I saw colors whose depth and brilliance were beyond anything I had ever imagined. I began to talk in tongues..." (Orange County Resources, "Interview with Gerald Jampolsky, M.D."") by David Friedman Ph.D p 3).

In order to define the psychic (the pseudo-spiritual) it is necessary for the Christian to become aware of the subtlety of the psychic movement. In the psychic realm there are counterfeits of the truly spiritual in all areas including healing, soul/memory healing, counseling, tongue speaking, prophecy, miracles, supernatural knowledge, singing "in the spirit", the use of the names of Jesus and spirit, the use of the Bible, praise, dancing "in the spirit" and ecstasy, love and worship. How does one differentiate the true from the false—realizing that the false may occur even in traditional evangelical churches, pentecostal churches and christian organizations?

In most instances, the psychics will identify themselves through the titles which they use to describe their work. For example Science Of Mind, Occult Medicine, Transcendental Meditation, Silva Mind Control, Holistic/Wholistic Healing, Theotherapy, Extrasensory Perception, Metaphysical Healing, Religious Science, Christian Science, Association for Research and Enlightenment. The Christian must learn to be careful if he should enter into these areas no matter how strong his faith may be. The implication in most of the above and many other cultic philosophical groups is that the gospel is not enough for today and therefore a new gospel must be proclaimed, such gospel very often having its roots in eastern religious practices or in spiritualism. The reader should refer to Watchman Nee's "The Latent Power of the Soul." Soul power is truly powerful and there can be temptation to utilize psychic power knowingly or unknowingly in order to produce results. *Gal.1:6-9, ICor.11:3,4 (Amp.), Rev.14:6, I Cor.3:13, IJohn4:1.

When I wrote "Surgery Of The Soul," twenty years ago, it was written with the idea that the mental area of man tends to hold his spirit imprisoned and ineffective. The understanding of God's Word acts as a "two-edged sword" able to divide the soul from the spirit (Hebrews 4:12). This allows the spirit to become primary in the life of the believer. It is possible even after such soul surgery for the person to allow the spirit to again come under the authority of the soul(mind). Most often the tendency has been for intellectualism to defeat spirituality through the emphasis of mind and disuse-atrophy of spirit. Additionally, today the masquerading psychic forces have become more dangerous to the Body of Christ than intellectualism.

The time has come when the pew sitter must begin to discern those who propose to feed him mentally and spiritually. "Stand therefore (Eph 6:14) and put on the whole armor of God." "Pray at all times—on every occasion, in every season—in the Spirit." "Be well balanced-temperate, sober-minded: be vigilant and cautious at all times, for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring seeking someone to seize and devour. Withstand him, be firm in faith..." (1Peter 5:8,9).

Walk with care in the future. Keep eyes wide open. Get in the Word and stay in the Word. Use your spiritual gifts especially the gifts of discernment, wisdom and knowledge. Listen for words of identification. Those in the mental and psychic realm will identify themselves. Beware of the speaker who begins to use suggestion, repetition, bombardment and ear-splitting sound. Do not remain in meetings where your spirit is grieved. In any meeting in church or elsewhere concerning any message ask yourself is this psychic or is it spiritual? If you discern the psychic at work do not remain. Walk in the Spirit. Shun the psychic. Keep the Spirit primary.

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1986 arrived with Halley's comet somewhere out there in the blue. With terrorism in the world, starvation and turmoil in the Third World, Bishop Tutu saying he wouldn’t want to be a Christian if ______; Christian Medical Foundation continues on—giving hope—praying for the despairing and those who have given up; keeping on, keeping on. Thank you dear supporters of CMF for remembering us in a time where there is so much cause for concern for the world and the people of our nation. As the end of '85 arrived, our financial need loomed as an impossibility. How could we bring in $50,000? But through prayer and your love—it happened. Thank you Lord Jesus!

Please continue to think of CMF's needs as '86 unfolds. The cost of salaries, utilities, mailings and general running expenses amounts to $16,000 per month. Some of this is met through giving at the Tuesday and Daytona/Sun City meetings and through the help of the Littlest Angel. The remainder must come from those who receive the newsletter. If you have been helped in any way through the years—at CMF meetings—at CFO/OSL/ or FGBMFI—or at your church when we were there, please consider helping CMF so that others now may be helped as you were. Only one Episcopal Church occasionally helps CMF financially.

Thank you for praying—and giving—and making it possible for CMF to go ahead. "Give and gifts will be given you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." Luke 6:38 Amp.

The Bethesda Christian Medical Conference Center and the townhouse project on the West Bank remain dreams for the future. With American Medicine in great crisis today due to the inroads of big business and government into your traditional medical and nursing care, the concept of Christian medical care becomes more vital in 1986 than ever before. Where else in our nation is the warming being sounded and the answer given? Perhaps someone reading this newsletter can make this great vision come about.

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**BOOK OFFER**

We have many fine devotional books to help you with your commitment to God in this New Year. May we suggest "Streams In The Desert," by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman, a long time favorite which is available in the large print edition (soft cover) for $8.95 and in the small, hard cover we have Volume I or II at $9.95. Two favorites in chapel here at CMF are Oswald Chambers' "My Utmost For His Highest" and "Still Higher For His Highest," at $7.95 each,(hard cover) For the young people in your family, we recommend "Devotions For Teens," by Paul Martin ($4.95) and "Devotions For Girls," by Greta Rey ($3.95). PLEASE include $2.00 postage and handling for each book ordered EXCEPT in the case of the large print "Streams In The Desert," which will require $3.00 for postage and handling. THANK YOU!

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**TAPE OFFER**

In February, 1981, Dr. Reed gave an excellent message on "The Separation of Soul And Spirit," at one of our regular Tuesday meetings. Because of its timeliness, we feature it this newsletter issue. For those who know our beloved Jack Thomson, who died just four months ago, there's a very special portion at the beginning of this tape where he sings and testifies of God's help toward him when he suffered a stroke.

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CONTACT: Bill Pyatt (602) 978 2249

FEBRUARY 8  NEWPORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

Dr. Reed
FGBMFI breakfast meeting Oasis Restaurant 8:00 a.m.
CONTACT: Michael Schirello (813) 376 0805

FEBRUARY 15  FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA (near Mobile)

Dr. Reed
FGBMFI Eastern Shore Division at the Econo-Lodge Hotel & Resort
CONTACT: Don McGiff (205) 928-2181

FEBRUARY 21 AND 22  CYPRESS GARDENS, FLORIDA

Dr. Reed
FGBMFI "Advance For Jesus" at the Quality Inn, Cypress Gardens
CONTACT: Carroll Phillips, Jr. (813) 676 8571

FEBRUARY 23  AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA

Dr. Reed at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday service
CONTACT: Church office (813) 967 2130

MARCH 2  SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Dr. Reed and Kay
Sarasota Salvation Army Dinner and Vesper Service 5:00 p.m.
1701 S. Tuttle Ave. Sarasota
CONTACT: Brigadier Frances Eckstein (813) 365 4133

MARCH 7 – 9  FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Dr. Reed and Kay
QSL Healing Mission Calvary Episcopal Church 44 Broad Street Flleignton
CONTACT: Thompson and Carol Boys (201) 782 4219 Church off: 782 7227

MARCH 14 AND 15  SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO CANADA

Dr. Reed  FGBMFI Rally
Contact: Michael Campbell (416) 755 1557

MARCH 16  TORONTO, ONTARIO

Dr. Reed  Queensway Cathedral 1536 The Queensway 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
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Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

For the past several years, CMF has had the support of a little gift and book shop originally envisaged by Kay and Jane Canady (wife of the former rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church). Its beginnings were very simple and through the good graces of Bob Engelhard (CMF Board member) and C.D. Frethy (husband of our Book Nook's Peggy Frethy) who did all of the carpentry and even made children's hall trees and other items, our present Littlest Angel took form. It now consists of two small buildings—one for beautiful Christian gifts and one for Christ-centered books—many dealing with health and wholeness. The profit from the L/A goes to CMF to help with its expenses. The Littlest Angel really is a most wonderful financial help.

When we moved to our new location—picking up all of our buildings and even moving our fountains and gardens, there was a rather dilapidated two bedroom frame house on the property. Recently, the little house was given a new roof and new windows and doors—being made very pretty—on the outside,(all paid for!). Inside, it needs to be redone (plumbing, electricity, redecorating etc.). The estimate of this cost would be $15,000.00. When this is accomplished, the Littlest Angel will again have a chance to grow, soon to offer beautiful china, linens and antiques, as well as paintings and crafts.

Here is how! Before Christmas, Kay had ordered leaded glass angels in beautiful colors. A few angels arrived and were immediately sold. Later, much to our amazement, box after box of angels arrived from our supplier in Texas. No one knows how this happened. Suddenly, it occurred to Kay that the Lord was providing a way to renovate and decorate the little house. At Tuesday's meeting, she offered a beautiful leaded glass angel to everyone who would make a tax-deductible gift of $100.00 to CMF for the Littlest Angel. At once, 17 hands were raised. Now if you would like to be a part of this exciting project, let Kay know and she will be delighted to send one of our special angels to remind you to pray for us here at CMF and for the L/A.

In addition, the L/A has lovely gifts—Christian jewelry, a wee child in the palm of God's hand (ceramic), candelabra, beautiful placemats and napkins, gifts for men (ties, mugs, doggie models) and much, much more. The staff would be happy to select a gift for you.

Dr. Bill