NEW AGE Pt.16: THE EMERGENT CHURCH, HILLSONG

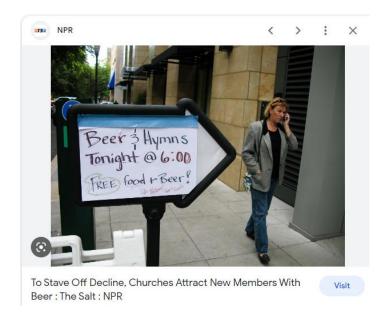
I am going to show some more New Age — meditation - practices in the church but before I do, I think it is important that we take a look at what type of church I'm talking about. And to be clear, I'm not just talking about people in the church doing New Age things, that is happening everywhere, but what I'm talking about is where the very leadership of these churches are teaching these ungodly practices right from the pulpit in the church for all to learn and participate in. The occult, new age and mysticism is right in the church today.

THE EMERGENT CHURCH

The Emergent Church is teaching New Age practices, meditation, visualization and many other things. They are teaching how to operate in the supernatural.



Here's a picture of an Emergent Church. This is Hillsong NY Church. Everyone is standing, there are no seats, and it is dark like a night club. There is a stage where the concert happens or you could say where the entertainment takes place.



Look at this, Beer & Hyms tonight at 6:00 – free food and beer! To stave off decline, churches attract new members with beer.

When you sink down to this level you will fill the church with people who are not seeking Jesus. The church should never be compromising like this. God will draw the people, we don't have to use gimmicks, Jesus is enough.



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The previous celebrity pastor of Hillsong NY church, Pastor Carl Lentz, was asked by Joy Behar from "The View," "So it's not a sin in your church to have an abortion?" He replied, "God's the judge. People have to live with their own convictions." On the right: "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25 In these days, Carl Lentz admits there is no actual godly leadership in Hillsong... Carl has been fired from Hillsong

but Hillsong is an Emergent Church and he gave us a great look at what it looks like.

The Emergent Church is what I would classify those churches that are practicing New Age as. They are cult centers. They have moved away from God, away from His Word and the Holy Spirit is not present in these churches. These churches are passing demonic anointing to their paritioners. Remember the video I played a few weeks ago that showed the kundalini anointing in these New Age churches. They serve a god but it is not the God of the Bible. They do not serve Christ Jesus.

I'm going to define as best I can what The Emergent Church is.

I did find in my research that it is a mixed bag of tricks just like New Age is. Each church is picking and choosing different practices to introduce to their paritioners. You can spot them a mile away when you know some basic things to look for.

The emerging, or emergent, church movement takes its name from the idea that as culture changes, a new church should emerge in response. In this case, it is a response by various church leaders to the current era of post-modernism. Although post-modernism began in the 1950s, the church didn't really seek to conform to its tenets until the 1990s. Post-modernism can be thought of as a dissolution of "cold, hard fact" in favor of "warm, fuzzy subjectivity." The emerging / emergent church movement can be thought of the same way.

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights (from God Who created all the lights in the heavens), with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (He never changes nor casts a shifting shadow).

God does not change. The times are changing. We have so many technological advances today. For example, God has blessed me with an online ministry. However, God's Word never changes. We don't teach it differently or mess with it or compromise it. It is the same no matter how much things change around us and no matter how much society changes, God's Word is the same.

The emerging / emergent church movement falls into line with basic post-modernist thinking—it is about experience over reason, subjectivity over objectivity, spirituality over religion, images over words, outward over inward, feelings over truth. These are reactions to modernism and are thought to be necessary in order to actively engage contemporary culture. This movement is still fairly new, though, so there is not yet a standard method of "doing" church amongst the groups choosing to take a post-modern mindset. In fact, the emerging church rejects any standard methodology for doing anything. Therefore, there is a huge range of how far groups take a post-modernist approach to Christianity. Most groups embrace post-modernist thinking, which eventually leads to a very liberal, loose translation of the Bible. This, in turn, lends to liberal doctrine and theology.

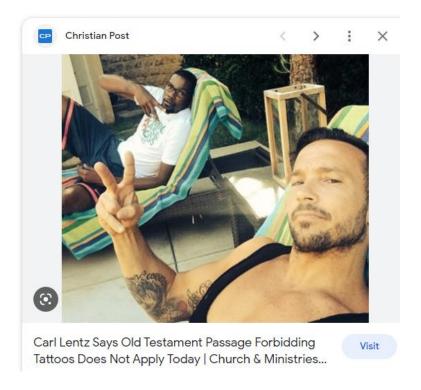
For example, because experience is valued more highly than reason, truth becomes relative. Relativism opens up all kinds of problems, as it destroys the standard that the Bible contains absolute truth, negating the belief that biblical truth can be absolute. If the Bible is not our source for absolute truth, and personal experience is allowed to define and interpret what truth actually is, a saving faith in Jesus Christ is rendered meaningless.

Another area where the emerging / emergent church movement has become anti-biblical is its focus on ecumenism. Unity among people coming from different religious backgrounds and diversity in the expression of corporate worship are strong focuses of the emergent church movement. Being ecumenical means that compromise is taking place, and this results in a watering down of Scripture in favor of not offending an apostate. This is in direct opposition to passages such as Revelation 2:14-17, Jesus' letter to the church of Pergamum, in which the Church is warned against tolerating those who teach false doctrine.

Me: False doctrine is taught in Islam, in Hinduism, in Buddhism, in Catholicism etc. This should not be welcomed into any truly godly church. Christianity is not inclusive, but is exclusive. We do not welcome all religions into the church. We do welcome all people, so that they can hear the gospel message and be saved and live a changed life. Jesus is the only way to the Father and to eternal life. (John

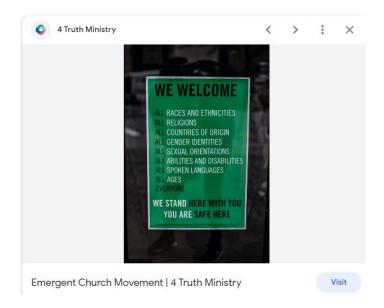
14:6) In case you wonder what's wrong with Catholicism, Mary is not the way to the Father, Jesus alone is the way. Praying through Mary is an abomination to God.

While seeking new ways to witness to a changing culture is admirable, utilizing ways which compromise the Truth of the Gospel in any way is nothing more than promoting false doctrine and leading others away from Christ instead of to Him.



Carl Lentz says Old Testament passage forbidding tattoos does not apply today.

The Emergent church is stomping all over Scripture. God said not to mark our bodies and it still stands today. (Lev.19:28) I did a message about tattooes and another message about piercings and I encourage you to listen to them if you haven't. Getting a tattoo will open doors to the demnonic and draw demons into your life.



Emergent Church Movement – We welcome: All races and ethnicities, All religions, All countries of origin, All gender identities, All sexual orientations, All abilities and disabilities, All spoken languages, All ages – Everyone. We stand here with you, you are safe here.



Emergent Church – Universalism. The Christian church standing on God's Word is not inclusive, we are not universalists. We do not welcome all religions in. New Age in the church is Hinduism and the occult and it is damaging and tearing the church down because it has been welcomed in. That is just one example.

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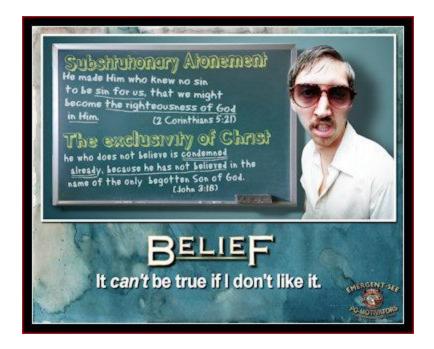
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This is from Unity Church, Simone was in this church at one time. Diversity and Inclusion Programs – Inclusion, diversity, equity, and acceptance are important to us at Unity World Headquarters. We invite people from all faiths and backgrounds to explore and use the varied resources we offer. It embraces all religions, and LGBTQ etc. It is inclusive and it is not of God.

We don't welcome all gender identities because there are only two, a woman and a man. We don't welcome all sexual orientations, a man was made for a woman and a woman was made for a man. A man and a man cannot produce a baby. A woman and a woman cannot produce a baby. This perversion is not welcome in the church and if someone comes in feeling like this and really wants Christ and to change, then of course they can be welcomed so they can hear the gospel and be saved and delivered and taught the truth of God's Word.



Substitutionary atonement – He made Him Who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21) The exclusivity of Christ – he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18) The Emergent Church's BELIEF is – It can't be true if I don't like it. You see they don't want to recognize that Jesus is the only way to the Father and to eternal life. This passage of Scripture flies in the face of them welcoming all religions into their churches.

The Emergent church is about feelings over facts. They are selfish wanting to have supernatural experiences just for kicks. The experiences we see in these churches are not producing any godly fruit or godly purpose. They are the ones experiencing the kundalini – satanic anointing. God does not just put His power on display to entertain us. He moves with purpose. These seekers have rejected Jesus. They don't read God's Word and certainly don't adhere to it. The feelings, and emotions and mystical experiences they are having do not involve God at all. They are instead provided by satan and the fallen angels. The Emergent church is in spiritual adultery against God. They are seeker friendly and will not call out and deal with sin. They don't want to offend anyone. They want numbers and want everyone happy so that the money flows in.

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They are pleasing man and not God.

Gal.1:10 - For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

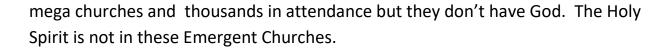
Those who are saying what the people want to hear are not pleasing God. They are leading their parishioners astray. And their parishioners are not reading God's Word for themselves to know what God really said.

The next passage of Scripture that we are about to look at was spoken by Apostle Paul to his spiritual son in the faith, Timothy. Timothy was a young pastor and this word still applies to all of God's ministers today.

2 Tim.4:1-5 - I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

We just heard how the Emergent Churches are saying abortion is ok, tattoos are ok, homosexuals are welcome into the church and those confused about their gender, all religions are accepted into the Emergent Church. They are inclusive and anything goes. This is why I said the parishioners are not reading God's Word because all of these things are clearly laid out in Scripture. God said not to murder, not to shed innocent blood. That's what abortion is, it is murder and shedding innocent blood. Tattoos, marking our bodies is against God's Word. Homosexuality is a perversion against God. Those people need salvation and deliverance to be set free. If they read the Word of God and adhered to it, they would leave these filthy churches.

They are just listening to a man who has promoted himself up in the church but has not been called, anointed or ordained by God Himself. They may have the



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