

Evangelizing the Western Mindset - Part 13

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of meeting the fundamental needs of love, wisdom, power, and worship, and warns against the dangers of occultism and scientism in the modern world.

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Description

This sermon delves into the new consciousness of the 1980s, exploring the shift towards a technological magic age and the blending of supernatural beliefs with materialistic views. It highlights the emergence of a space-age messiah concept in movies like E.T. and the societal hunger for heroes. The sermon emphasizes the need for Christians to embody a balance of revelation and practical service, marrying technology with spiritual insight to navigate and counter the prevailing spiritual trends.

Transcript

Lord Jesus, we thank you again for the opportunity we've had in this series to study your word and to look at the world around us in view of ministering to it. Help us, we pray, to maximize our time here in this session and give us a picture of our world that will create a compassion in our lives to love people the way you love them in Jesus' name, amen. I come now to a study of what we call the new consciousness.

I've given it the name psychic technology, just a word to sum up this need. Out of all of the contemporary writers of our time, I don't know anybody who has seen this with clearer insight than C.S. Lewis. In his science fiction trilogy, the third one, called *Bad Hideous Strength*, has to be one of the most brilliant books.

You read a book on prophecy written by Christians, it usually involves the beast and stamping on the hands and various other things. But Lewis probably summed up, without using biblical imagery, more what is going on in your time and mine than any other writer I can think of, secular or Christian. *Bad Hideous Strength* is set here in England in a little village where a group of people called N.I.C.E., who are anything but N.I.C.E., the police figure there is a militant lesbian.

The instructions that are given from this are given from a disembodied head, a person who speaks, who is being kept alive by a machine. In other words, the head is kept alive by a machine, but the voice that is coming out of the disembodied head does not belong to the person who originally owned the head. Now in one gruesome symbol like that, he talks about the command given to this kind of world will be something

supernatural supported by technology.

You see that? The voice speaking out actually is a demonic voice. It belongs not to the person who originally owned the head. The technology is keeping that head alive.

That's his image of the beast. Now what an incredible picture that is. It's much heavier than some stomping around guy with black robes on pointing fingers at people.

And the quote that really impressed me was this one. The soul hath gone out of the wood and the water. For that hideous strength confronts us, and it is as the days when Nimrod built a tower to reach heaven.

You see that in the old days when it talks about the building of the tower, and I analyze that in Devil Take the Youngest, in this new book, the study on the war on childhood has its own family tree. And Nimrod and Semiramis and Tammuz in those early days were the first anti-Christian kingdom and the first anti-Christian pattern. When they built that tower of Babel, it was not a Mickey Mouse attempt by neo-primitives to build a ladder that would go up into heaven.

They weren't that stupid. It was an astrological construct. The tower was designed the same way as people build pyramids to focus psychic energy.

It was designed as a combination of mathematics and astrology and occult sciences in an attempt to work out how God put the universe together. And it was actually an occult construct. Do you know how pentagrams are drawn and stuff like that as an energy-focused center for spiritual powers? The tower of Nimrod was the greatest attempt by people who profoundly understood that spiritual powers rule the physical world to find out how God put the universe together.

Our equivalent today would be an occult person studying astrophysics to find out the secrets of matter and energy. Because if you can manipulate matter and energy on another level, then you can rule the universe. And it was so dangerous that the scripture says God personally intervened in human history.

And Lewis, with that incredible insight, that hideous strength confronts us again. We are again visiting. We are in the time when the tower is being built again to try and crack the secrets of the universe outside of biblical worldview and rulership of God.

I want to briefly mention a man by the name of Arthur C. Custance. Arthur C. Custance is an anthropologist and a Christian scholar. He has a doctorate in anthropology.

He has degrees in languages. He's a very, very sharp man. He's Canadian, Custance, and he did a series of volumes called the Doorways Papers, a result of some 27-odd years of research.

To read Custance is very refreshing. It's like hitting somebody like Schaeffer or Lewis. It's a whole new chain of thinking you never thought before.

He's a very original writer and thinker. The Doorways Papers were published by Zondervan in the United States. One of the first books that was done was one called Noah's Three Sons.

And Noah's Three Sons is a study of human history and anthropology from a Christian perspective and an excellent, excellent book, the best book I've ever seen by a Christian on anthropology. In other words, how did our races get here and the development of them? And he had a slightly unfair advantage in that he had a record of the early distribution of the races from biblical times and with his knowledge of Middle East

languages and study of anthropology, he put the giant jigsaw puzzle together. Where did everybody come from? That kind of thing.

Still shrouded in mystery, but he came up with an analysis I'll give you here. He believes that Noah's Three Sons were each given a major contribution to make to human history and that they always appear in this order. And there's a reason.

To the sons of Shem were given the task of revelation. And that is why the three major religious systems in the world today are all Shemitic in origin. Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

To the sons of Ham, which are broader than just the black peoples of the earth, he believes that the Hematic peoples were the genetically most diverse and the most powerful in their genetic distribution. And that many of the so-called colored peoples of the earth are actually Hematic in origin. And that God allowed the Hematic peoples to go to these hairy areas that were almost impossible to colonize and to master their environments.

In other words, they went to wastelands like the Eskimos and they took over, taking a barren, almost nothing there, and making a whole living environment. They went into tropical rainforests and they used what was there. And that their great strength was technology.

The practical solution of life problems. And that the third major stream, which is called the Gentile nations in Scripture, the Jethetic nations, Jepheth or Jepeth, that their great strength was illumination. And that here we have the Indian civilization, we have Greek civilization, we have the western world's great strength today.

That these three streams can be traced in history and that whenever one stream crossed another stream it resulted in an explosion of creativity and all kinds of things. We gave this earlier in an earlier study on a divine order in which to learn. Revelation, God speaks, practical technology, practical service.

You do it. Illumination, He explains it, maybe. Remember that? There was an order.

Now what Customs points out is if these two streams combine you get something of tremendous power. Revelation and illumination combining give you theology, which is the illumination of revelation, with all the implications of that. If illumination and technology combine, you have science.

Understand that science is different from technology. It's quite possible for a scientist to be able to explain to you a combustion engine, to give you the analysis of the fuel used, but not be able to drive a car or fix it. There are two different things.

Technology deals with practical applications. Science is the theoretical study of those things. And then if we were to look at the Western world, this is the mindset we're dealing with particularly.

Our great strength, even in our technologies, is illumination. That's our inheritance. From Indian, from Greek roots, our big thing is being able to clarify, categorize, communicate, transmit information, you know, all this stuff.

What we are really low on are these other two things. The practical application of those things and revelation. So the third and the missing stream from these two is if you took revelation and technology and married them together.

And the hunger in our time, among people especially whose whole thing has been facts, information, data, transmission, all this, is these two things combined. The occult equivalent of these two we've called psychic technology. The marriage of the revelation or the idea of the supernatural with the technological.

But in this case, demonic revelation with scientism instead of just science. There is a Christian equivalent to this. Can you give me the name of any person who was brought up in a culture very much like ours in which technology and the occult went hand in hand and that this person not only survived in that culture but was promoted to a very high level of leadership within that culture while retaining his commitment to the living God? Daniel is a classic example.

And when we see Daniel's life, we see the biblical original from which psychic technology is a clone. He is a man of great revelation. He's a man who understands the dreams that nobody else can understand.

He is also very, very practically a man who is able, so politically neutral he's able to survive three different governments in exactly the same position in each. When the last government kills the entire previous government and retains him in exactly the same position to administer in the new government. Now that is called political neutrality.

Matter of fact, an example in recent times would be Werner von Braun, the head of the German rocket program, who when America finally overran the German program, Werner von Braun wasn't sent off to war trial to be executed for the V1s that dropped on London. He was borrowed and put straight into the program to help develop rockets for the western world because he was too valuable to lose. You see that? Now that, the person who is able to work with both technology and revelation, who understands the practical thing.

When I say technology, don't think of gadgets. Don't just think of gadgets. Think of Bill Garthard for instance.

That's technology. The practical application into life. There are actually three different kinds of wisdom in the scripture.

Three different words for wisdom. This word, this is the word Sophia, from which we get sophisticate. It's the wisdom of the big picture.

We call it absolutes of wonder wisdom. It's the Francis Schaeffer type. The get back out of the world, take the big long look at it.

This wisdom here is called phronesis and it is translated usually prudence. That's Bill Garthard type stuff. What to seek, what to avoid.

The consequences if you do this. How to forgive, how to do those things. The last one here is called sunesis.

And if you changed that U to a Y, because they don't have a Y in Greek. What do you go? And put a TH in there. Synthesis.

That's the wisdom that puts things together. That goes, wow, I get it. You know, this one links with that.

That's what we're strong on. Synthesis stuff. What we're not strong on is phronesis and Sophia.

So we'd say the ministry that can touch young people's lives today is strong on the practical solution to life problems. There are answers and revelation. The big picture.

I think John Wimber is particularly effective because he's a man who comes from this thing. This thing here, the illumination thing. He's obviously an aware man and an educated man.

But he's a man also who is encouraging people to move out into the supernatural. And is very practical about it. It's not a mystical thing.

It's like there's facts, there's an analysis of this, that and the other thing. Do this, try this, you know. It's a very pragmatic approach to healing.

It's not the healing line and, you know, now let your faith loose and God has called me and nobody else in the universe to do this. Do you see that? Whoever puts these together will name the age. I want you to get a vision of what a ministry to young people that would touch the 80s particularly is like.

It's those two things. Kids are hungry for that now. I'll show you now very quickly how this arrived in the culture.

And we'll buzz back of what we've already touched on very, very fast. And I can't take too much time on this. But there are four fundamental needs.

The Bible lists these for us. Love, wisdom, power and worship. There are others of course you can probably think of.

These are four fundamental ones though. They're very, very important ones. The first two are actually the conditions of happiness.

In order for there to be peace or for there to be unity or to be harmony or agreement, can two walk together except they be agreed? Oh, I hate this. That thing. There are two fundamental conditions.

We call this one, sad we have to use a negative word, and selfishness. In order for people to agree together, to have true unity, true peace, they must give up their self-centeredness. There can be no lasting peace or unity or agreement or harmony until selfishness is dealt with.

Every major thinker from Buddha to Marx, everybody understood, selfishness is a problem. If you want to bring people together, you got to get rid of it somehow. Secondly, there must be understanding.

If you are going to agree or have harmony, you must have a common source of understanding. The knowledge you have must be both true and valuable. You can agree that you could fly, but if you can't and you jump out of the top of a very high building, it will shatter your illusions.

Those are the two conditions of happiness. Without those, there will be no peace. There is no peace to the wicked, God says.

There is no peace at all. So those are very important. The world is on a search for love and for wisdom.

We want answers and we want somebody to care for us and watch over us and that whole thing. And so the Scriptures many, many times, this is the great command. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbors as yourself.

On these hang all of the law and the prophets. And if you love God, what is the principal thing you are to seek? Wisdom is the principal thing, God says. With all you are getting, get understanding.

Once you love God, then seek after wisdom. It's another name for Christ, the head of the church. So those two are important.

Third one, power. We need a source of energy outside of ourselves. No man is an island, John Donne said.

And that's absolutely true. You look at us. How are we sustained? We are kept alive by chemical energy.

We eat food. It's transformed by our biological systems into energy for us. And how does that food get there? There's a complex chain in the world.

It's fed by a nuclear furnace up there. Now nobody is truly independent. If you got truly independent, you'd be dead.

You see that? You're all dependent. We draw on outside sources to keep us alive. And it's just as true in the supernatural world as it is in the biological world.

Man was never meant to live alone. We need a source of power then. Not only internationally.

How many would like to make a billion dollars for biblical purposes, of course? Then come up with a new source of energy. Come up with something that's... Oh, okay. Come up with a new source of energy and power that nobody has explored before.

And the final one is this one, worship. And that is we must give ourselves to something bigger than ourselves. Man was made like that.

Many scriptures on this. We won't have time to go into these in detail. I've been working 15 years on a book called Dark Wave, Bright Star that takes these areas and amplifies them up a little bit.

Now in the 60s, these things were counterfeited to a whole generation, all right? What we've got here are needs. These are fundamental needs. You cannot live without these needs being met.

In the 1960s, those needs were substituted. Can you give me some alternatives? There's more than one, but we'll take just some simple ones. Can you give me a counterfeit love? Instead of this security, what was substituted? We'll take our 60s, our radical 60s again.

What was given as love in the 1960s? So much so that love became equated with this. Sex, love equals sex. Elizabeth Mobley, a psychiatrist here in Cambridge, has done an interesting little book called Homosexuality, A New Ethic.

And in it, she deals with one whole untouched area in the Christian church. How do you minister to gay people in a positive way, not just prophetically speak up against the sin of sodomy? And the thing she brings out, which I think is very, very powerful, is that people who are sodomites or lesbians, or use gay if you want to use the word, but it's not a good word because it's not really true, suffer from a lack of same-sex love. In other words, it's not just an aversion to opposite sex, it is a lack of love from somebody from the same sex.

A boy who has a distant dad, or a non-existent dad, or a dad who split when he was two or three years old, grows up with a great hunger for a father's love, same-sex love, see, a man's love for a man. And without that there, he becomes an orphan, a psychological orphan, and goes through exactly the same kind of hurts that any, if my little boy, who was seven, lost his daddy now, all these things would happen. He would feel hurt, he would feel grieved, he would feel angry, he would go through some real hard changes, whether he was a Christian or not.

You see that? And that hunger for love has been equated with sex. See that? So that to the kid who's being damaged by a broken family relationship, and I've never met one yet in all the ministry I've had with people who are sodomites or lesbians who have not had that to be true, whether it happened before they were even old enough to understand or not, the same-sex love parent is gone, it's missing, vanished, not there, absent physically or psychologically. Which means that person has a real hunger to be loved by somebody of the same sex, only in this it was made sex.

Love equals sex. So in other words, to meet the need, the person was looking for sexual relationships which do not meet that need. And then it gets worse.

It gets partner after partner. That's true, just as true in the heterosexual world as it is in the gay world. So in other words, ministering, let's just take that particular area because I believe with David Wilkerson, one of the heaviest duty things God could do is to set a spiritual awakening among the gays and have genuine friendship and genuine love divorced from that sexual and erotic content which the world has made, see? In other words, to be friends with somebody, you've got to sleep with them, which is baloney.

Married people know that. You can sleep with somebody and not be friends with them. You know that.

You can have a big argument, see? So this love made into sex was so successful that to make love meant have sex with, but it's not the same thing at all. And that is why the Christian seems to present to the gay world either one of two things. The gay says, we have to have this.

We have to have this. We have these fundamental needs and this is the way we are. And the Christians say, no, no, no.

You'll go to hell if you believe that. But do you see the problem? What the church must speak out against is the eroticization of a need that is not the need. How do you deliver a person from a need? So I deliver you of the need to eat.

You can't counsel a person out of a need nor deliver them out of a need. And you can't marry off somebody, say what you need, son, because you're gay, is to marry somebody. That'll cure your need.

And it does not cure the need because it isn't the same sex. What gay men need is to get saved from their sexual immorality, which in this case is sodomy, and to develop real friendships for Christians to really love them and care for them and provide that which they have missed. One of the number one lesbian activists in our country, in New Zealand, was led to the Lord by a team of young people from the Agape Force.

And two of the girls there poured their lives into this girl. She's seven years old in the Lord now and she is one of the most significant figures speaking against the gay and lesbian movement in the country. But you know what her great concern is? There is no ministry at all in the whole nation to gays or lesbians.

There are only Christians speaking prophetically and non-evangelistically. You want to see how much there is in the Bible on orphans? Because that's what they are, orphans. Okay, do you understand that? Sex was made love.

It isn't. It's not. Sex does not meet the need for love.

Second, what about wisdom? What was the 60s answer to wisdom? Drugs is one of them and we put that one there, especially the hallucinogenics that was offered. Remember Timothy Leary's time? Way to get into that upper story and experience without having to run it through the rational. There were other things.

TM was offered as one. Scientology was another one. You could become clear and know all things.

Only the founder didn't know that the IRS was after him when they caught him. So he had a lapse of omniscience. Most of you are aware that drug taking and drug use is a characteristic of the last civilization.

It is the word pharmakia in Scripture and its original meaning. Matter of fact, pharmakia, from which we get pharmacy, pharmakia, E-I, E-I. From the Tental New Testament of 1526 to the present day translations, almost no English version of the Bible, they used the primary meaning of pharmakia.

They have preferred to use its tertiary and, as far as I'm concerned, least significant translation, sorcery, which is the real meaning of sorcery, to induce religious experiences through the use of drugs. That's what it means. So a most serious warning is repeated five times for us in the Scriptures.

The use of drugs to induce religious experiences implied is a chief source of last day's deception and a fundamental disqualification from the kingdom of God. Scriptures like Revelation 18, 21-23, 9, 20-21, 21, 7-8, 22, 11-50. I'm just reading them.

You don't have to write them down. Galatians 5, 19-21 are words like sorceries or sorcerer or witchcraft. If you substitute drug taker or drug pusher for those words, you'd understand how profound Bible links deception with the widespread use of drugs in the last days.

I've got lists here of drug taking. Revelation 18, 23 I'll read. I'll call it pharmacolatry, the door to mystery, the initiation of the secret wisdom, the wisdom of the religion of modern man.

Scripture says your merchants, the one who bought and sold, you understand that the drug business is worth more than all the top ten fortune companies combined. Make more money from drugs than the top ten fortune companies combined. Just in the U.S. We're talking about multiple billions of dollars.

Any people that can afford to buy a \$200,000, \$300,000, \$400,000 plane and let it crash because the guy just parachutes out with drugs strapped to his body and the plane goes on pilotless. That's the way they're getting them in now. Let a half a million dollar plane just crash in the thing just to dump your load.

He's dumping a lot. Scripture says your merchants were the great men of the earth and by your use of drugs were all nations deceived. It has been made possible by technology on a grand scale.

Mass production. Tailor-made drugs today. Just change a little bit and even staying ahead of what's legal.

New drug comes out. They haven't had a chance to say whether it's legal or not. The time they say it's illegal, they change a little bit of the molecule and send it out again.

See that one still isn't illegal. Now we come to next one, power. We have a lot of different contenders for the power thing here.

Counterfeit spiritual power. Many people in the 60s who felt threatened by powerful people took up the same thing to defend themselves. Like, you know, some guy, he saw karate people or some martial arts.

He studied martial arts to, you know, Elvis Presley's bodyguard. This guy that got saved and, you know, just killed people with his bare hands, you know, registered weapon type. People study the same thing in order to protect themselves.

It was the occult power systems that were presented in the 60s. Today in the 80s, this thing has come through, the idea that in the universe there is an energy or a force you can tap into. And it will not only give you wisdom, it will give you power.

And to George Lucas, the force, you know what it is? It is the life energies of each individual person who dies. If you die, your life energy joins up like a cell in an overmind, great cosmic overmind. And so because it's good people and bad people, it's just one huge energy field up there.

You can tap into it for good or for evil. The dark side of the force can seduce you or the good side. Completely amoral.

It's this Tao thing again. It's the good is just as important as the bad. But it is an energy there.

Now there is a tremendous amount of studies in the field of physics as they begin to study the new ways the universe is put together. There's a tremendous amount of study trying to explain the discoveries they make that show that the world of physics around us is a spiritual world and interpret it in the light of Eastern thought forms. There's a great need there for Christians now to go in and show the biblical reality behind that thing and not turn it over to all the guys who were meditating in their navel in the 70s and now become the directors of the major laboratories.

Do you see what I'm talking about here? This is a study of the universe and the powers around it that's being handed over to the occult in our time. The Dancing Wu-Lai Masters is one book on physics. Another one's called The Tao of Physics.

Eastern thought forms interpreting the new physics. I have one book. I didn't bring it down this morning.

One book called The Trees of the Field Shall Clap Their Hands which is one person's study of the new physics in the notion of the incarnation that God is alive in his world and he's upholding all of matter and reality. I want to do some stuff on that too but anyway. Worship.

Last one. What would you pick for worship? Simple one. To give yourself away to something bigger than yourself, grander than yourself that would draw out all the excitement.

What is the number one contender for worship? 60s. Live Aid. That really is.

It's getting more and more like worship all the time. In the 50s they used to call them pop idols. That was a good word, idols.

In the 60s, Jimi Hendrix called it electric church. In the 70s, again, accurate description. In the 80s, we have a bizarre and apocalyptic and all kinds of other groups.

But music, more particularly the rock and pop and soul, we just, I'll say rock as a general descriptor there. I mean 19 different kinds of rock there are. We'll all put under country rock, pop rock, gospel, you know.

Music has become the replacement for worship in our time. Because in the scriptures, it's allied very closely with worship. I love the C.S. Lewis image of Aslan singing in the world, the stars appearing as he sings the song and the stars come out.

All right. Given you all of that, to show you what happened, that's 60s. Remember the 60s that we talked about? All those replacements took place in the 60s.

In the 70s, a problem was had and here's the problem. Can I, I don't know if I've got this in the notes. Were the 60s anti-materialistic or materialistic? Looked like anti-materialistic, didn't it? Kids dropped out, said, hey, keep your cars and stuff like that.

But were they really? No, not really. They still believed in a materialistic universe. They threw materialism away from their parents.

But in their own minds, it was still time and chance and matter and that's all there is. No God, no heaven, no hell. If you're the devil and you wanted to rule the world, what kind of world would you want? A religious world or an irreligious world? Why religious? Because you want to be worshiped and irreligious people don't worship anything except themselves.

But you have an awful problem. If you make them religious, who knows? The Jesus movement might take place. So it's a very dangerous thing.

If you take a bunch of materialists and you want to make them religious so they worship, you've got to do something in between to get them away from their materialistic mindset. But you can't on the way. You may make awful mistakes.

Some of them may get saved. So what you have to do is put in something there that is anti-materialistic and supernatural, but not Christian. And that's where the East came in.

Eastern thought forms were the transition in the 70s between the materialistic, rationalistic thing of the 60s and into the 80s, which is a very, very occult generation. What you have to do is eliminate moral absolutes from society. You've got to get rid of that idea of absolute right and wrong.

And the East proceeds by four premises. And you'll see these all over the place. The first one is there is no absolute anything.

There is no one truth that measures all other truths. Let me explain that. Remember the elephant we talked about? The blind man and the elephant? The idea in the East comes like this.

If you said in the 70s, hey, you want to get into Jesus, they went, hmm, that's beautiful. That's a great idea. I'm already into five other things, but that would be nice.

The idea in the East comes like this, that all truth is just sort of part of one great grid. You know, these people are into Christian things, these into Buddhism, these into Krishna, these into, see? And it's all part of the same reality. So what you're talking about, you're talking about Christianity and saying how exciting and how unique it is.

It really isn't. It's all just part of one great reality. You've got the elephant's trunk, somebody else got the ear.

So the idea came that there's no absolute anything. There's no absolute one God over everything. And now see how well this fits in.

What kind of world do we live in? A fun, secure world or a really scary world? Genuinely scary. What kind of thing have you got to avoid? People stirring up trouble, okay? So people who go around and say there's only one thing and it's my way or this way are really bothersome in this world. What you got to do is say, hey, if you're into Christ, that's beautiful for you.

I'm into something else and that's beautiful for me. That makes it very hard to witness because they accept everything you say. Smile.

Yes. Wonderful. Terrific.

Are you going to get saved? No. Why not? I thought you were excited. I was for you.

Oh, it was much easier to witness the radicals in the 60s than this. No absolute truth in one person or one book. Second, reincarnation.

That is a fundamental principle. You can't find an Eastern thought form that doesn't have that as its base. Now what does that do? Well, what that does is it takes away the fear of death.

Death is one of those absolutes, life and death, that is very hard to avoid. It is one of the things that if people think about long enough, they may get saved. But not with this.

In reincarnation, everything is beautiful in its own way. You know, life just goes round and you miss it this time. It's okay, you'll come back and you can have another crack at it.

So what we're doing here, what we're looking at, I've got a... Let me just mention a few names for you. Bridie Murphy, *The Search for Bridie Murphy*, the first book which is a technical popular study on reincarnation. A hypnotist regresses a woman.

Further and further, by the technique of hypnotic regression, takes her back. She's a little child now, she's four years old. Describe what you see, starts talking about her birthday party.

Then he takes her further back. Now I'm taking you back, back to your mother's womb, now further. Silence, total blankness.

Then the woman's mouth opens up and she says, My name is Bridie Murphy. Begins to speak in an Irish accent. They go check out an island a hundred years ago.

There was a woman called Bridie Murphy that died. This woman speaking that same thing. People go, Oh shoot, it's true.

I'll tell you what happened. You get the blank mind thing and demons with perfect recall of all that is there. All out, run their little videotapes again.

And you've got a whole generation buying a fundamental lie. And the lie is, it is not appointed under man once to die, and after death a judgment. Many, many times you come back.

Isn't it funny that a beer commercial, you only go around once in life, should be biblical. Then we have Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and others. Study of life after life.

You know, the death after death experiences. Everybody seems to go through, and they always show you the lovely tunnel that you go through, and the bright light and stuff. And they don't tell you that there's two different destinies when people come out that other end.

They always play up the lovely ones and play down the horrible ones. But you see, this has become a study. Death has become a study.

It is the 20th century obscenity. It's the one thing you don't mention in polite company. It is signed, death is the greatest kick of all.

That's why they save it to last. It's a reincarnation. By the way, do you see any illustrations of reincarnation? You see it every single day on television.

Because the actor goes out then, he gets killed, and then there's a pause for the coke break, which brings life. And then he's back again in the next picture, in a different, you know, here he is alive again. Constant idea.

I'm going to read you something that was written 1,700 years ago by a guy called Plotinus, who was before Augustine. What does it matter when people are devoured only to return in some new form? It comes to no more than the murder of a person in a play. The actor alters his makeup and he returns in a new role.

This is to show us all intentions are but play. Death is nothing terrible. That to die is just a taste, a little beforehand, what old age has in store.

To go away earlier and come back sooner. Murders, death, and all its guises, the reduction and sacking of cities, the destruction of the world, you could throw in if you like. All must be to us the very incident of a plot.

Costumes on and off, active grief and lament. It doesn't matter if the world blows up. It's only a game, it's only a movie.

Everything will come back again. See that? You've got to put that one in. I've got three minutes to finish, this is ridiculous.

Hebrews 9.27 says, in contrast, It is appointed unto man once to die, and after death the judgment. I'm sure we had time to go into this, but a lot of people used to argue, well, you know, the Bible teaches reincarnation. Didn't Jesus say that John the Baptist was Elijah reincarnated and all that? We just say in passing that the reason why John the Baptist was not Elijah reincarnated is because in order to be reincarnated, first of all, you have to be ex-carnated, and Elijah didn't die.

He still has his same body. Anyway, they asked John the Baptist, are you Elijah? He said no, and he should have known. Anyway, three.

Man must live without contention. The thing I told you earlier, you know, it's a scary world. We don't want anybody rocking the boat.

That's why people don't like the Ayatollah Khomeini, because he's a man of absolutes, see? And they'll go, shoot, Elijah, scary guy. Well, he could stir up the world into war. But see, there are some people like that, and that philosophy, that's why in that philosophy, those kind of guys have got to go too.

You can't have people that do stuff like that, that have absolutes and say, no, we will not change and call America the great war, and you know, Babylon and all that. You can't do stuff like that in this thought form. Iran and Iraq are not even in the 60s yet.

We're the advanced ones. We're into the 80s and the 90s. Last one.

All life is one with God. That if you really understood things, you'd know that you are God. You're a part and parcel of Him, and you always have been.

Now, where have you seen those lies before? You shall not surely die. Where have you seen those ones? You shall be as God. Where have you seen those people? Very old.

They're not really new ones at all. They go back to the garden, and a certain snake that spoke to a girl and her husband, and unfortunately, it was a lie. And they did die.

So as the generations after them. All right, we come to the last one. Here we are.

We're getting down to the wire. This is a five-hour thing done in one session, which is ridiculous. In the 1980s, we now have the final thing.

We've moved people from a materialistic worldview to an anti-materialistic supernaturalism. Now they believe in the supernatural. They don't believe in a biblical supernatural.

Just in all life is one with God and reincarnation and other things. Our culture's gone through this. It's in the past, 15 years ago.

Now we come to the 80s. The materialistic magician, and a marvelous quote by C.S. Lewis. Again, where do I have it? This one is from Screwtape Letters.

Listen to this. Two demons talking to each other. One says, We are really faced with a cruel dilemma.

When humans disbelieve in our existences, no supernatural thing, we lose all the pleasing results of direct terrorism, and we make no magicians. People don't believe in demons, and it's hard to scare them. On the other hand, when they believe in us, we cannot make them materialists and skeptics.

At least, not yet. I have great hopes, says one demon to another, that in time we shall learn to emotionalize and mythologize their science to such an extent that what is in effect a belief in us, though not under that name, will creep in while the human mind remains closed to belief in the enemy. It's gone.

If once we can produce our perfect work, the materialist magician, the man not using but veritably worshipping what he vaguely calls forces, this is written a long time ago, while denying the existence of spirits, the end of the war will be in sight. I submit to you that that is our decade, that that is our time. Matter of fact, Paul Wells and Bergier, secular writers, did a book in 1963 called The Mourning of the Magicians.

And it was a study on the new kinds of thought that was going on. Another one done by Theodore Rozsack. It's called Unfinished Animal.

It's a study again on that same consciousness. All this has taken place, let me give you a quote from The Mourning of the Magicians, Paul Wells and Bergier, the French writers. They drew up an analysis of contemporary discoveries that point to a strong possibility of an emerging mutant mankind, a technological mystical vision and cite such terrifying examples as the Nazi Third Reich under Hitler.

You understand the supernatural stuff that was going on in Hitler's Germany? Do you know that the guy who wrote much of their ideological base was a demon-possessed man who would be travelling on a train like this and he'd suddenly be so seized, in his own words, by the demon, not just using it as an impressive thing, but genuinely he would stop the train. You know what the penalty of doing that in a tube is. He'd stop the plane, he'd go rush into a hotel and for three days and nights without sleeping or eating he would write.

He'd write on genetics and he'd write on biology and poetry and stuff like that. His name was Chamberlain. And he was into Wagner and all of these great mystical stuff.

And he fed the Third Reich all kinds of ideological basis that gave them a basis. You know they thought of themselves as a whole new kind of humanity. Somebody that was a light jump up from ordinary people and when they were finally brought to trial they could not believe it.

It was like being brought to trial by insects. They believed they were a new kind of humanity. The last time the world has ever been badly scared is during that time and what we're witnessing now is a much more deeper and global domination of the same consciousness.

Scary, scary thing. And this is what he says. To form a civilization of another kind, a satanic and magical form of civilization designed not for man but for something more than man.

They say there are two devils, one that changes the divine order into disorder and one that changes order into another kind of order which is not divine. Now, if you understand then this hunger for these two things it will help you to see the spread. I want you to do this.

Go out to a bookstore, go to a record store and have a, just to look through the magazines, have a look through, not woman's own or you know the, but you can, woman's weekly, have a look in that too. Look at those kind of things. You will see these two streams coming together.

Here's the kind of stuff. For instance, I think this is a brilliant piece. This is an absolutely brilliant piece of advertising.

It is, of course, Steven Spielberg's Close Encounters of a Third Kind. And in the ad for this thing what happens is you're traveling along the road and the distance is this light and the narrator says close encounters of the first kind, sighting of a UFO. Close encounters of a second kind, physical evidence.

Close encounter of the third kind, contact. And then it cuts all over the world. It cuts to India.

It cuts to, cuts right over the world. So now here is the brilliant piece of advertising. See that little line at the top? We are not alone.

And you think of the consequences of that. And all that we've explored in this series. Man is nothing more than time and chance and matter.

Eastern thought coming, cleaned out biblical thought forms. There's got to be something up there somewhere. And now we bring it in, not in fairy stories and, you know, witches riding broomsticks.

We bring in a technological magic. Somebody up there stronger than us, smarter than us, with power and love, you know, above our own who is able to intervene in our crazy world and bring us back into sanity. So here we have a technological salvation.

Another, this would be perhaps a little bit, this is a badly, there is the landing of the mothership on top of Devil's Tower, which is an appropriate place for it to land. Here is the mothership. It's actually a chandelier from the Hilton Ballroom.

But two people watched this movie. One was Isaac Asimov, who represents the old god of the rationalists. He didn't believe in anything except himself, you know, basically.

He is a rationalist man, very brilliant man, one of the foremost writers of science fiction stuff today. But he's an old god. He doesn't believe in the supernatural.

Just what you can see, weigh, touch, feel, measure. You, yourself. That's it.

That's the reality. He saw Close Encounters. He thought it was the most stupid movie he'd seen in an awful long time.

Another science fiction writer, Ray Bradbury, watched this movie. Ray Bradbury is the new kind. Though he's an old writer, he's a man who believes in magic and the supernatural.

He's a more poet than a science fiction writer. And when he saw this mothership come down, he wept, just like he had a religious conversion. What you're looking at is a new Jerusalem.

You're looking at a technological heaven. The original aliens of Spielberg were not actually very nice looking ones. Here was one of them.

Very unimpressive little alien. See? But then he came up with a much better looking alien. And here he is.

Now, you mentioned what you would not let your children see. I looked at this with my son. That was the only time we'd ever been, or looked at it, or seen it.

This is a technological Jesus. There are over 33 direct references to Jesus, or indirect references to Jesus' life in this little character. Matter of fact, here's a quote.

E.T. is not just a movie. It's a sacred object, a kind of household god for suburbia and for Hollywood. Item.

In the first 88 days, E.T. has become the second most popular picture in the history of movies. Now the number one money-making movie of all time. Grossing \$240 million at the box office.

Only Star Wars, \$187 million, remains ahead. Headline and variety, E.T. phone banked. E.T. producer-director Steven Spielberg asked a press conference what special effects were used to create E.T. Spielberg is horrified.

E.T. is beyond special effects. Question. What was E.T. made of? Spielberg, love.

Question. But specifically, how was he made? Spielberg, it took 12 hearts to make E.T.'s heart beat. E.T. is millions of years old.

He heals with the touch of his finger. He restores life. His adopted mother on earth is called Mary.

He dies at approximately the same time it's in military time. I keep showing you the clock. He dies at approximately the same time Jesus died on the cross.

He rises again from the dead. He says to his young disciple that he will return one day. You got basically another Jesus.

Here's an even hairier one in the last few seconds we got on this thing. Here is a cattle call for a new movie in Hawaii. There's a cattle call as a general.

Announcement through the public media. Anybody wants to try out for a movie? Well, this one, motion picture talent wanted. Beyond any thought or experience you've ever imagined.

Space Age Messiah. Production cost \$100 million. Filmed in holography.

The three-dimensional projection technique where the picture hangs out in space and you can look behind and see what's going on behind it. Dancers, choreographers, musicians, also specialists in computer graphics, ancient languages, brainwave stimulation, anamorphic visual physics, biofeedback, pulse laser, holographics, robotics, subliminal mind programming, all kinds of interesting specialists they want here. Apply in person.

Hello, village done. This is a 1980 paper. Or send resume or press kit or videotape to Temple of My God.

And all the way around Revelation 3.12. God, God, God, God, God. What we're looking at, we are moving into another kind of spiritual age. It's a magic age, but it's technological magic.

Now to sum all this, because our time has gone and is utterly short, what I want you to do is this. Go into your supermarkets. Go into your record stores.

Watch the cartoons one Saturday morning if you're in the US. Or look at children's cartoons. Look at the toys.

And what you see is this marriage of these two things. That is the new consciousness. How do you answer it? Very simple.

Not easy, but simple. We must become people of revelation and practical servant. Technology and revelation, those two married together.

It doesn't mean to say you have to be good with computers, though it just helps. What it means is you must be able to practically help people see changes. I try to use materials and stuff like that with kids.

I'll give them the vision side, the revelation side, and then put into their hands materials that will implement for them in a goth type way, what they need to do. Step one, step two, step three, do this. Teach them things like confession and restitution, and forgiveness, and things like that, that are social changing and affecting things.

Anyway, time has flown, but can we pray and just... The one last thing here is a new magazine called Heroes. Just been... There's a premiere issue of it. Great Hunger, apparently now in society, is for heroes.

And they... In it, there's Mad Max. Here's a picture, for instance, and we were looking at this earlier. There are the citizens of post-apocalypse Australia.

That looks like London Underground. These guys here. Mad Max is a ordinary man of great strength, a lonely man, who stands up in the middle of a totally crazy world and beats it.

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