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The Spiritualistic Subversion Of Adventism by Ted Schultz

One of the events slated to transpire during the proclaiming of the message of the third angel under the power of the Holy Spirit, is the unmasking of the inroads of spiritualism. GC 606. Who would have ever thought that the inroads of spiritualism would have to be unmasked within our own household of faith, but it would not be the first time. At the beginning of the twentieth century spiritualism was making an inroad into Adventism which was met with swift and clear warnings to the church. That spiritualistic onslaught was variously identified as mysticism, spiritualistic theories, spiritualistic interpretations, seductive theories, deceptive theories,

pantheistic theories, scientific theories, delusive theories, false theories, spiritualistic ideas, fantastic theories, sophistries, erroneous theories, error made to appear as truth, philosophical speculation, sophistry of satanic devising, the present apostasy, pantheistic ideas, the great apostasy. Series B, No. 2, p. 52, 46, 15, 55, 53; No. 6, p. 41, 42, 44; No. 7, p. 4, 17, 24, 37, 49, 57.

Many of these terms may apply to the new theology, higher criticism, and the spiritual formation movements within Adventism today, thus the many warnings in regard to the alpha apostasy apply to the present omega apostasy.

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA

The varied spiritualistic theories that were being brought forward by medical workers, ministers, and teachers were referred to as the alpha of “deadly heresies”. The servant of the Lord warned: “I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people.” Series B, No. 2, p. 53. At another time a very emphatic warning was given to those who would come face to face with the omega apostasy; “The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.” Ibid. p. 50. For those who do not have hearts and minds tuned to that precious gift, the Spirit of Prophecy, stand in grave danger of falling prey to the omega apostasy. Undoubtedly the spiritualistic theories, the spiritualistic interpretations, and the spiritualistic ideas will not remain merely at a theoretical thought level indefinitely, but will eventuate into a spiritualistic manifestation of one kind or another. Those theories will at last find expression in one form or another in the

practical experiences of the life. A mind that has been exercised in spiritualistic ideas and theories will readily receive spiritualistic manifestations. This is as natural as the second step following the first.

BIBLE STUDY WITH DEMONIC ASSISTANCE

As the world moves rapidly to the end of probationary time, increasing numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, instead of calling people out of Babylon, are going to Babylon to seek guidance of one and another of the Catholic orders such as the Jesuits, Franciscans, Benedictines, Cistercians and Dominicans. Remember,



“The spirit in which you come to the investigation of the Scriptures will determine the character of the assistant at your side.” TM 108. Going to Babylon when God is calling us out is disobedience plain and

simple. Therefore if we come with that spirit of disobedience to the house of Babylon to learn her approaches to the Word of God and resort to the writings of the Jesuit Ignatius Loyola and his spiritual exercises, by what spirit will we be guided? It most certainly is *not* the Holy Spirit. The ideas contained in the “spiritual exercises” were received under the dictation of the “Virgin Mary.” James A. Wylie, *The Jesuits*, p. 22. (1881). What leaders could possibly be thinking when they recommend the writings of Jesuits or have Jesuits speak in our pulpits is a mystery. And when leaders in high places stand by as they watch it happen is also a mystery. “Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.” Lev. 19: 31. “And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.” Lev. 20:6. Our Heavenly Father has given these laws to be a blessing and a safeguard to His people. If we drink deeply of the books of Babylon, will it not lead us to Babylon rather than out of it? Would it not on a most practical level lead us away from our landmark doctrines?

UNFOUNDED RUMOR?

The concerns of a growing number of people about Jesuit spiritual formation making inroads into our schools and churches has been referred to as the “promotion of unfounded rumors” and “obsession about conspiracy theories in the church”, “a fantasy” that has “no substance in reality.” *Gleaner*, August, 2015. But when faithful, intelligent and well-informed church members see the promotion of books that contain pantheistic and spiritualistic teachings they have a just and good cause for genuine concern. And when they see books promoted in our publications that promote Eastern forms of spiritual

formation it is dishonest to respond in our church papers that it is all “a fantasy.” It is an interesting thing to observe church leaders promoting certain books that contain spiritualistic concepts, and then watch church leaders double down in their denials that any such thing is happening. Since the denials by many leaders is becoming more strident, perhaps it would be well to produce some documented examples of how certain publications are being promoted that contain spiritualistic content. Richard Foster, a mystic, was highly promoted in the *Adventist Review*, January 19, 2006, with a two page interview on pages 12 and 13. On page 23, almost a whole page was devoted to the advertisement of his book, *Celebration of Discipline*. Foster’s book is also recommended by Jon Dybdahl, a leader in our higher educational institutions for many years. In his book *Hunger*, which was published by a division of Review and Herald Publishing we find these words of approval by Dybdahl. “While I could have cited more titles, I have deliberately tried to select what I believe are some of the best. I hope you’ll read some of them.” *Hunger*, p. 136. We further note that a class syllabus for 2004 at Andrews University, for the course GSEM 706 Spiritual and Theological Foundations For Ministry under the heading, **Selected Bibliography**, gives recommendation to Richard Foster’s book *Celebration of Discipline*. In fact the list of books shown in the syllabus and the list found in Dybdahl’s book are almost identical even to how the books are grouped and classified. We now quote a few lines from Foster’s book to illustrate the character of the reading material being recommended in our schools as well as to church members in general. “As you enter the story, not as a passive observer but as an active participant, remember that since Jesus lives in the Eternal Now and is not bound by time, this event in the past is a living present-tense experience for Him. Hence, you can *actually* encounter the living Christ in the event, be addressed by His voice and be touched by His healing power. It can be more than an exercise of the imagination; it can be a genuine confrontation. **Jesus Christ will actually come to you.**” (Page 26, italics in the original, bolding supplied). Yes, the word “actually” is italicized to stress the point that Christ will come to you in that very sense.

MODERN-DAY CONJURING

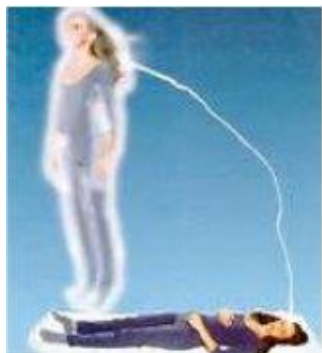
This is modern conjuring which God strictly forbids (Deut. 18:9-14). The imagination becomes the channel by which demonic spirits are summoned. When Foster teaches that it is Jesus that “will actually come to you,” it is a lie and deception. While entities may appear during these exercises of the imagination, it is a lie and a deception. It is not Christ that appears.

Notice how Foster links up the concept of the Eternal Now with the idea that one “actually” encounters Christ through the imagination. The concept of the Eternal Now is nothing but pure, unadulterated spiritualism. Tony

Campolo (who says he had a born-again experience from reading the Catholic mystics, such as *The Spiritual Exercises* of Ignatius Loyola) in his forward to *Adventism for a New Generation* stated that the concept of the Eternal Now—“...had synthesized well with some Seventh-day Adventist theological thinking. I had strongly suggested that what Adventists said about Christians ‘sleeping’ after death until the return of Christ was reconcilable with the traditional Protestant belief that at death Christians are instantaneously present with the Lord in heaven.” Steve Daily, *Adventism for a New Generation*, p. xii. The doctrine of the Eternal Now is pantheism. It is creation spirituality from which flows the concept of the Cosmic Christ; that is to say, Christ is in and part of all things in the universe. The pantheist Matthew Fox said, “Divinity is found in all creatures. The divine name from Exodus 3:14, ‘I Am who I Am,’ is appropriated by Jesus who shows us how to embrace our own divinity. The Cosmic Christ is the ‘I Am’ in every creature.” *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, p. 154.

ASTRAL PROJECTION

Foster states, “After a while there is a deep yearning within to go into the upper regions beyond the clouds. **In your imagination** allow your spiritual body, shining with light, to rise out of your physical body. Look back so that you can see yourself lying in the grass and reassure your body that you will return momentarily. **Imagine** your



spiritual self, alive and vibrant, rising up through the clouds and into the stratosphere. Observe your physical body, the knoll, and the forest shrink as you leave the earth. Go deeper and deeper into outer space until there is nothing except the warm presence of the eternal Creator. Rest in His

presence. Listen quietly, anticipating the unanticipated. Note carefully any instruction given.” *Celebration of Discipline*, p. 27.

This is describing astral projection (out of body experience) in a way that has married biblical things to the occult. Foster’s teachings directly contradicts the Bible’s teaching on the state of the dead by giving the impression that one has life separate from the body. Foster boldly states, “We of the New Age can risk going against the tide. Let us with abandon relish the fantasy games of children. Let’s see visions and dream dreams. Let’s play, sing, laugh. The imagination can release a flood of creative ideas, and exercising our imagination can be lots of fun. Only those who are insecure about their own maturity will fear such a delightful form of celebration.” *Ibid.* p. 170.

When one sees the various New Age mystics that Foster refers to in his book, it becomes apparent that it is more than mere “fantasy games”, “fun”, “dreams”, and “laughter” that is presented. Foster refers to such ones as Harvey Cox, Meister Eckhart, Thomas Merton, Elizabeth O’Conner, Agnes Sanford and Evelyn Underhill and a host of others. Notable author Constance E. Cumbey observes, “One interesting means of gauging an author’s orientation is to see who he quotes and in what context he quotes him.” Cumbey, *A Planned Deception-The Staging of a New Age “Messiah”*, p. 105. Cumbey, focusing in on Foster’s books leaves us with a thought provoking question. “Why are his books ones that occultists feel comfortable reading and selling?” *Ibid.* We could ask why certain General Conference entities feel comfortable reading and promoting books that occultists read and promote. A great deal more could be pointed out of Foster’s promotion of Eastern meditation, the *Spiritual Exercises* of Ignatius of Loyola, the use of the rosary, spiritual direction, “the divine Center”, the institutionalized Confessional, etc. In the Adventist Review’s promotion of *Celebration of Discipline* the readers were informed that it had been “Reviewed by Peter Prime, the associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association.” It would be fair to say that with two pages devoted to an interview with Richard Foster, a one page ad for his book as well as a review by a member of the General Conference Ministerial Association, in addition to this book being listed in an Andrews University syllabus and also being listed as a recommended book in a book published by Review and Herald Publishing, that this was a very informed and deliberate action on the part of high level General Conference entities to promote this man and his book. But please do not get the impression that this book is an aberration in relation to the many books that are referred to as recommended reading both for students and church members in general. In another list of books in the Andrews syllabus on page 61, we find under the heading, **Books to Consider**, twenty three books with fifteen being readily recognized as Catholic and of those fifteen at least seven are written by Jesuits. There are other books that are written by Jesuit trained authors. For example we see the book *Letters of Spiritual Direction* written by Francis de Sales who lived from 1567 to 1622. Francis de Sales was a Jesuit trained bishop of Geneva. St. Francis of Assisi appeared to de Sales on the south shore of lake Geneva. What’s wrong with that? Francis of Assisi died in 1226. So who was it that appeared to Frances de Sales? Of course we know of a certainty who it was. The question remains, why would we want to use a source such as this for any purpose at all—especially for purposes of spiritual direction? Surely Seventh-day Adventists would know what spirit is leading under such circumstances. A mere look at who published the book ought to cause concern. It was published by Paulist Press. In 1960 the Roman Catholic Hierarchy reminded America through the pages of *Our Sunday Visitor* that the Paulist Press was

established to print such books as those now recommended at Andrews University and in the Church's publications.

“Protestantism is just as wrong now [1960] as it was in 1517. It is the duty incumbent on us as Catholics to ‘spread the word’ and make America Catholic...Father Isaac Hecker founded the Paulist Fathers for the express purpose of ‘making America Catholic.’ They are still at it and doing a fine job of it. It is the goal of every bishop, priest, and religious order in the country. No Catholic can settle, with good conscience, for a policy of appeasement, or even mere coexistence with a non-Catholic community.’—July 31, 1960.” Fernando Chaij, *Preparation for the Final Crisis*, p. 177, (citing *Our Sunday Visitor*). By promoting books produced by Paulist Press and other Catholic entities, the General Conference has been assisting Rome in making America Catholic, but this is not the work God has given us to do. **Far from helping to make America Catholic, our work is to proclaim the three angel’s messages, part of which is to call people out of Babylon!**

On November 18, 1905 the servant of the Lord wrote; “Now the publication of ‘Living Temple’ has brought about a crisis. If the ideas presented in this book were received, they would lead to the uprooting of the whole construction of the faith that makes Seventh-day Adventists a chosen, denominated people.” *Series B*, No. 7, p. 49. The books being recommended for study by our students and members of the church are ten times worse than that of Kellogg’s *Living Temple*. It may be reasoned by some that these spiritualistic books are not published by our church therefore church leaders are not to be condemned for what they contain. But if books published by the church promote those books then the guilt is the same as if the church had published those very books. Of the seventy five books recommended for reading in the book *Hunger*, only one is a Spirit of Prophecy book—*Steps to Christ*. The vast majority of the books are by leading names that promote New Age, Eastern forms of spiritual direction and disciplines, Jesuitism, spiritualism, pantheism, higher criticism and outright occultism. In our next study we will continue the documentation of evidence, showing that the expression of concern by faithful members of the church in regard to the inroads of spiritualistic reading material is not just “a spiritual witch hunt” on their part that is supposedly based upon nothing more than a “conspiracy theory.” This evidence will stand as verified fact notwithstanding denials from some in influential positions.

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HEALTHY VS. UNHEALTHY FOOD

by Lynn Hoag

A Major Problem: The Simple Solution

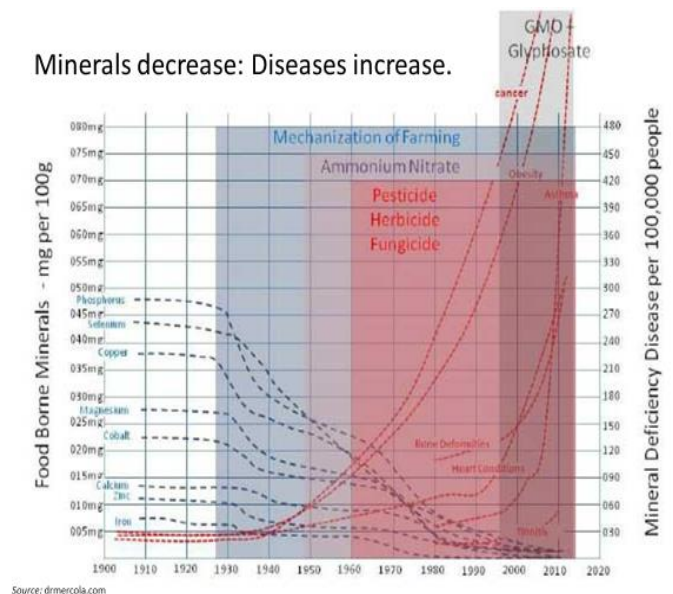
Food:	Food:
As Grown Today	Grown with Full Minerals

Healthy Soil = Healthy Plants =
Healthy People and Animals

Sick, Depleted Soil = Sick Plants =
Sick People and Animals

Everywhere we see disease, pain, and suffering. Why?

Take a look at this chart, prepared by Dr. Mercola. It covers 100 years of agriculture in the U.S.A., showing that as minerals have become depleted in our farmland, or lands, the rate of disease has increased proportionately. Pay special attention to the time 1995 to the present, when GMOs (genetically-modified organisms) are an increasing percentage of our total food supply.



This chart shows that as the minerals decrease, the rate of disease increases, skyrocketing in proportion.

Q: So what is the solution?

A: Fully mineralized, properly balanced soil.

We are counseled by God through Ellen White that we should “farm scientifically.”

Q: So how do we farm “scientifically”?

A: 1) Test the soil to see what it needs;

2) Add the amendments in right proportions to bring the soil to fertility.

Ocean water plays a key role in amending the soil. It has 92 minerals, all in a perfect balance, identical to human blood. Well, almost, not quite. When diluted with fresh water and used on plants, it produces amazing results in making the plant’s immune system strong to resist disease—fungal and bacterial—and insect attack. It also intensifies flavor, resulting in the best-tasting fruits and vegetables.

By adding ocean water to the soil, you are adding all the nutrients, all the elements in the periodic chart you studied in high school chemistry class—except some of the gases. If you now add nitrogen, phosphate, and iron (if you need it), in the proper ratios, you will have an excellent fertilizer, in a perfect blend.

Ocean water is chemically close to human blood and has been used in transfusions in extreme conditions. During World War II, double-filtered ocean water was used as a substitute for human blood transfusions.

In contrast to what we see on the land, plants and animals that live in ocean water don’t suffer from diseases much at all, and then only when there is a pollutant in their water, such as agricultural chemicals.

Where the Mississippi River empties into the Gulf of Mexico, a dead zone exists in the water the size of New Jersey. It is caused by agricultural chemicals being washed off the land into the Gulf. Fish swimming into this area die. Were it not for the exposure to such pollutants, plants and animals living in the ocean would thrive and have no disease.

Atomic bomb experiments have been conducted in the ocean, for instance, in the Bikini Islands. Animals there have diseases. Other than these exceptions, ocean creatures, such as trout and other cold salt-water fish, live much longer and are up to 2½ times larger than the same species living in fresh water. From studying the ocean plants and animals, we see many advantages to living in a mineral-balanced environment.

In the ocean, animals and fish have no cancer, diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, or other diseases.

Fresh-water trout, 100% of which will have liver cancer by age 5



Salt-water trout, 100% of which have **no** liver cancer – **ever**, and grow 2 ½ times bigger.



If the perfect balance of minerals in the ocean permits plants, fish, and other ocean creatures to live without disease, then could the perfect balance of minerals on land (assuming no toxic pollutants) support the life of land plants and creatures—including humans—without disease?

It is very important to dilute the ocean water: 10 parts fresh water to one part ocean water.

CAUTION: DO NOT DRINK OCEAN WATER. The minerals are in a crystalline form and toxic to humans.

Let the plant take up the nutrients, then eat the plant.

In the photosynthesis process within the leaves of the plant, the plant will combine carbon from carbon dioxide in the air with the crystalline chemical salts. These minerals have now been changed to organic, bioavailable food, i.e. most healthy to consume. For more information, go to www.suncountrygardens.com (Lynn Hoag)

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Welcome to Fall 2018

Feast of Tabernacles



Note: Campgrounds will be available the prior week and stay longer, too (no charge).

If coming from the South, plan on 45 minute drive north from Bakersfield. Take Hwy 99. Passing through Bakersfield on Hwy 99 you will come to a cut-off to the right marked Hwy 65 to Porterville and Sequoia Parks. Take Hwy 65 north (the only way you can) past Ducor to Terra Bella, Ave. 95, (this is a stop signal). Turn East (right) on Ave. 95 & go about 3 miles to Rd. 256. Turn left (North) onto Rd. 256. Continue one long block to Ave. 100. Ave. 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. **The address is 25810 Avenue 100, Terra Bella, CA 93270.**

If coming from the North, plan on 1 1/2 hour from Fresno. Continue South on Hwy 99 to Pixley. Watch close; it is but a little distance from Tipton. Take Ave 96 East to Hwy 65. Ave 96 will become Ave 95. (Continue east past the town of Terra Bella on Ave. 95 about three miles to Rd. 256. (There is Tuff Products at this' corner). Turn left (North) on to Rd. 256. Continue one long block to Ave. 100. Avenue 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. **Address is 25810 Avenue 100, Terra Bella, CA 93270.** Campground entrance is on east side of house.

RVs and tents are welcome, free hookups with electricity, water.
(Water for RV is not for drinking, bring your own bottled water)

Available motels:

1. Motel 6 – least expensive (559-781-7600)
2. Best Western – has a Denny's (559-781-7411)
3. Holiday Inn Express – newest (559-782-1200)



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