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By Maria Kneas

Something happened back in September when Charlie Kirk was killed. We saw a level of shameless, in your-face evil that was just staggering as people openly celebrated his death. That is when Candace Owens viciously turned against Charlie Kirk’s widow. And that is when Candace Owens and Tucker Carlson became viciously antisemitic and spread their lies all over social media. Candace has about six million followers on YouTube and Tucker has about 13 million followers. That gives them influence over a lot of people.

On top of that, for the last few years, people have been turning more and more to social media, instead of getting information for themselves. They have gotten used to reading short bites instead of articles—let alone books (or even booklets). Because of that, “influencers” like Candace and Tucker are getting more and more influence. And responsible researchers who write books and booklets are getting less and less influence.


Reading requires time and focus. Many people are going through difficult times right now. And as a result, they are doing less reading.

Jesus told us that things would get rough before He returns. Look at the sequence in Romans 1:18-32. We are watching that play out here in America, and also world-wide.



Look at 2 Timothy 3:1-9. Paul warned that perilous times would come because people would be “lovers of themselves.” And then he gives a list of terrible things that people will be doing as a result of being so self-centered. Well, that is a good description of what we see happening in our society. And world-wide.

Also look at 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Paul warned that a time would come when men would not endure sound doctrine. They would want to have their ears be tickled instead of knowing the truth. That is a description of what we see happening in our society in general, and in a lot of what calls itself the church.


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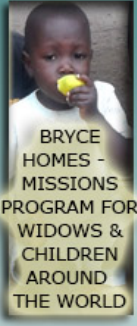
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That has become so widespread that one pastor refers to “remnant churches” and “remnant Christians.”

Be encouraged, Lighthouse Trails. I’m praying for the editors, staff, and for your authors. I know this must be a difficult and challenging time for the ministry. We need to keep on praying and keep being faithful. No matter what happens for we know God is faithful.

There are NO exceptions to Romans 8:28. Because we love God, He will make ALL things work out for our long-term, eternal good. Because we are suffering, we may not fully recognize the good that He brought out of it this side of Heaven. But sooner or later we will look back on what we went through and be grateful for it because of the good that God brought out of it.

LTRP Note: [Maria Kneas](#), a widow for nearly fifty years, is a Lighthouse Trails author and has been a true faithful friend to this ministry for many years. Many have been touched and helped by her writings, which are filled with godly wisdom, important insights, and needed encouragement.

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By Jessica Russak-Hoffman
Jewish News Syndicate

A Georgian national known as “Commander Butcher,” who admitted to plotting a mass-casualty attack targeting Jews and minorities in New York City, was sentenced on Wednesday to 15 years in federal prison, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

Michail Chkhikvishvili, 22, a leader of the neo-Nazi extremist group Maniac Murder Cult, pleaded guilty in November to soliciting hate crimes and distributing bomb-making and ricin instructions. He was extradited from Moldova.

Federal authorities said that the plot evolved into a plan to poison Jewish children in Brooklyn on New Year’s Eve by distributing candy laced with toxins, and that Chkhikvishvili tried to recruit someone to dress as Santa Claus and pass out the poisoned candy. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

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U.K. —”Hundreds of child abuse cases involving witchcraft and rituals go unreported to police”



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By Holly Evans | Independent (UK)

Hundreds, if not thousands, of ritualistic [abuse](#) cases against children have gone [unreported in the last four decades](#), as experts described it as the “most shadowed form of abuse”.

An analysis of [police](#) data undertaken by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) revealed a “gap”, with just seven cases investigated in 2024 out of 4,450 instances of child abuse, marking just 0.2 per cent of all investigations. . . .

A similar survey of 100 UK psychologists found that 38 per cent had dealt with one or more cases of satanic or ritualised abuse, with a new report calling for urgent training across safeguarding practices to recognise such practices. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

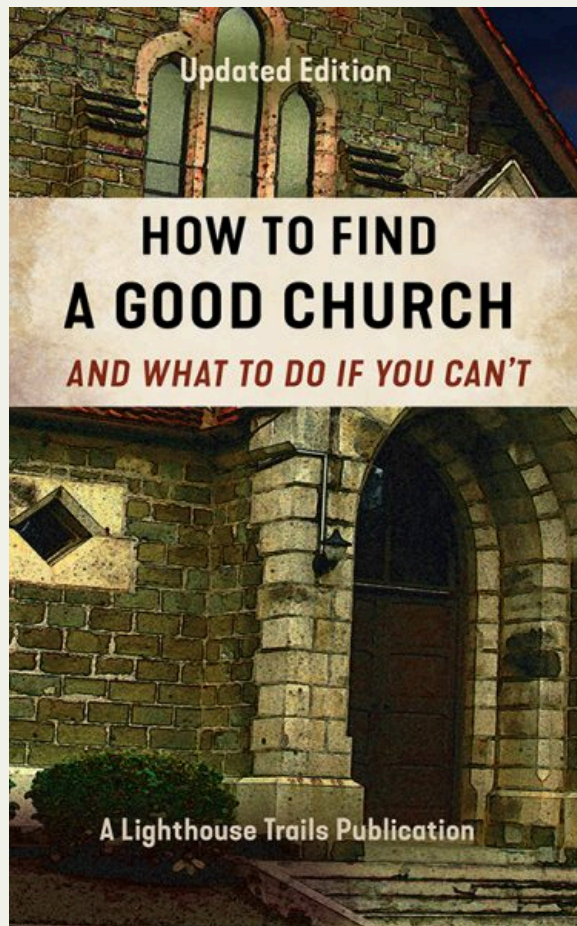
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[Child Sexual Abuse Scandal at Matt Chandler’s Popular Village Church Raises Concerns Over How Churches Handle Abuse](#)

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2026 Updated Edition of Booklet: "How to Find a Good Church and What to Do If You Can't"



Lighthouse Trails first released this booklet, *How to Find a Good Church and What to Do if You Can't* in 2018. Since then, this booklet has been widely circulated. We have just released our 2026 Updated Edition of this booklet. **You are welcome to print this booklet from this page, or [click here](#) to buy a high-quality copy for \$1.95 from our store.**

Part 1: LOOKING FOR A GOOD CHURCH

Some Questions to Ask

We have often been asked, “How do I find a good Bible-believing church?” There are many believers who are struggling to find one in their own communities. To start with, we usually recommend they make phone calls to potential churches and ask a few concise questions such as:

“Do you have a Spiritual Formation program at your church?” or “Is your church using teachings and materials from RightNow Media?”

Since thousands of churches would answer yes to both or at least one of these questions, they are worthwhile to ask, and it would certainly narrow down the scope of one’s search. Here are a few other questions that could be asked:

Is the pastor using *The Message “Bible”* in his sermons and studies? Because this paraphrase is very often used by pastors and teachers who promote a New Age/ “new spirituality” (as the language in *The Message* helps support these false teachings), it is another indicator that a church *could* be going in the wrong direction. Possibly, the pastor just isn’t aware of the problems with *The Message*. If he is open to receiving information about it, that can be a good sign that this particular pastor/church is willing to become educated. However, if after giving the pastor some reliable information, *The Message* is still being quoted, this would not be a promising sign that the church is trying to be discerning.

- Is the church connected at all with Bethel Church of Redding, California? And is the church using worship music from Bethel? Bethel influence is huge today, and many churches are getting on board with the Bethel craze. Before starting your search for a church, make sure you understand what the Word of Faith/NAR, Latter Rain, and Apostles and Prophets movement is. Lighthouse Trails has several trustworthy authors who write about these issues. You'd be surprised to learn how extensive this influence has been in North American churches, even in ones that do not consider themselves charismatic or Word Faith.
- Ask a potential church if it would mind mailing you a few recent Sunday programs or bulletins. When you get them, look for some of the key terms used within the contemplative/emerging/"new spirituality" camp: e.g., missional, servant leader, soul-care, spiritual formation, lectio divina, transformation, transitioning, silence, organic, authentic, rhythms, eucharist, spiritual disciplines, Christ follower, Christian formation (or Christian spirituality—a term often meaning the same as Spiritual Formation). Just using these terms alone doesn't suddenly make a church contemplative or emergent/progressive, but it does show that at least one person in leadership at that church is reading books of that persuasion, and eventually that person's influence will affect that church adversely.

Ask the pastor or other leader at a potential church this: "What books on prayer and spiritual growth would you recommend? An honest answer to this question could give a clear picture of where the church leadership is at in many respects. If you are not familiar with the names of the authors the pastor recommends, do some research. Lighthouse Trails Research Project has a vast amount of research on many of today's new spirituality authors. Also try Let Us Reason Ministries (<https://www.letusreason.org>), Spiritual Research Network (<https://www.spiritualresearchnetwork.org>), and Warren B. Smith's [YouTube channel](#).

Don't Forget About the "Isms"

At some point, it will be important to find out where a church is at regarding things like Calvinism, Catholicism, New Ageism, ecumenism, antisemitism, wokeism, mysticism, legalism, and other isms—all of which cause great unbiblical imbalance to the body of Christ. You can ask the questions about these things, but you might not get a straight answer just like that. You may have to do some digging. (**Note:** *Lighthouse Trails has a large archive of printed materials and online materials that address all of these "isms." Our search engines can help you find those important writings.

Doctrinal and Mission Statements

In addition to these types of questions, be sure and visit a church's website as there you may be able to find the answers to these and other questions without making the phone call. When on a website, see if there is more talk about unity, "culture," community, social justice, relationships, and relevancy than about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If it does talk about the Gospel, make sure it isn't talking about the "social gospel" (which refers more to a collective ideology than to biblical salvation). We've seen a lot of churches use the term "gospel," but when you find out their definition of the word, it has nothing to do with Christ's finished work on the Cross.

You can check out the doctrinal and mission statements, but be on guard—a church can have a somewhat solid-sounding doctrinal statement and be actually going in an entirely different direction. Listen to a Lighthouse Trails interview called *Beware the Bridgers* for some information on that ([a free link on our blog](#) or a [CD at the store](#) are both available). And by the way, remember who some of the more popular "bridgers" are closing the gap between "rightly dividing the Word" and spiritual deception in millions of people's lives: Beth Moore, Rick Warren, J.D. Greear, Tim Keller, Francis Chan, Ruth Haley Barton, John Mark Comer, Mark Batterson, etc.—those who claim to be orthodox biblical Christians but who promote the new spirituality.

Conferences

When on a church's website, you can usually find out which conferences the church is involved with or recommending to their church members. There are many "Christian" conferences and events (e.g., Passion Conference, If Gathering, Catalyst), usually with high attendance, taking place yearly that are pumping up Christians with heretical ideas and "theologies." If you find out a church you've been researching is involved in any of these, that is a big warning sign.

Books and Bookstores

Once your search for a new church has narrowed down to a few churches, a weekday visit to these churches' bookstores would be important. Look for books by Richard Foster, Gary Thomas, Henri Nouwen, Lysa TerKeurst, Tim Keller, Dallas Willard, Sarah Young (*Jesus Calling*), John Mark Comer, and other authors discussed and critiqued on the Lighthouse Trails website. Researcher Chris Lawson has a booklet titled [A Directory of Authors: Three Not Recommended Lists](#) that provides an extensive list of authors who fall within the contemplative, emergent/new spirituality/New Age camps. It's an excellent resource. You can buy the booklet for less than two dollars or print it for free from our research blog.

While searching for a good church, it would be important to find out where a particular church is in relation to *Jesus Calling* and *The Shack* (still two of the biggest sellers within the Christian market today). Many churches have been allowing New Age ideas, such as "oneness versus separation" into their congregations through such books. It's essential to read former New Age follower Warren B. Smith's materials, which will help you identify what the New Age is and how it can disguise itself as a better, more enlightened "Christianity." You might ask about women's and men's Bible study groups and which books are being used at these meetings. That will tell you a lot. And don't forget to find out which books are being used for the young people. The new spirituality often enters a church through youth and college groups unbeknownst to the adults in the congregation.

Remaining Discerning

When all this has been done in your search for a true Gospel-focused, biblically sound church, if there are any in your community that have passed the contemplative/emerging/woke/Word of Faith/NAR/new spirituality test, maybe it's safe to take your family for a Sunday visit. Are many of the people walking in carrying Bibles? Seeker-friendly and church-growth churches often discourage that because it might "offend" unbelievers (or as they say *unchurched*) who come to church. Does the pastor at some point in his sermon talk about sin, the Cross (the atonement), and salvation? These are subjects many churches avoid because of the "offensiveness" of these messages. Better to offer an espresso drink and a little rock n' roll music during the service and a psychology-based, feel-good message that appeals to the carnal senses (sensual) than to spiritually build up the inner man.

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. (Ephesians 3:16)

Once you have found a church that seems to be sound, you should not stop being discerning. That must be ongoing. That might seem like a "paranoid" or overly concerned attitude to have, but if we remember the many verses in Scripture that talk about spiritual deception (right from the Garden of Eden all the way to the Book of Revelation), we will realize it is the responsibility of the Christian to be discerning and watchful. And if you have a pastor and church leaders who are truly led by the Lord, they will *want* you to be discerning. The Bible often refers to the latter days before Christ's return where deception will run more rampant than ever. We *must* be discerning.

Signs to Watch Out for

In Roger Oakland's booklet [How to Know When the Emerging Church Shows Signs of Emerging Into Your Church](#), he gives a list of signs to look for to see if a church is becoming or has become emergent/progressive. As you begin to attend a new church, this list may be helpful to you and your family:

- Scripture is no longer the ultimate authority as the basis for the Christian faith.
- The centrality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being replaced by humanistic methods promoting church growth and a social gospel.
- More and more emphasis is being placed on building "the kingdom of God" now *before* Jesus Christ returns and less and less on a coming judgment.
- The teaching that the church has taken the place of Israel and Israel has no prophetic significance is often embraced (Replacement Theology).
- The teaching that the Book of Revelation does not refer to the future but instead has been already fulfilled.
- An experiential mystical form of Christianity begins to be promoted as a method to hear the voice of and get close to God.

- The pastor may claim that in order to take the church forward, we need to go back in church history and find out what experiences were effective to get people to embrace Christianity (e.g., turning to the Desert Fathers).
- While the authority of the Word of God is undermined, images and sensual experiences are promoted as the key to experiencing and knowing God. These experiences include icons, candles, incense, liturgy, labyrinths, prayer stations, contemplative prayer, *experiencing* the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of the Eucharist.
- A strong emphasis on ecumenism is occurring indicating that a bridge is being established that leads in the direction of unity with the Roman Catholic Church.
- Some evangelical Protestant leaders are saying that the Reformation went too far. They are *reexamining* the claims of the “church fathers” saying that communion is more than a symbol and that Jesus actually becomes present in the wafer at communion (i.e., the Catholic Eucharist).
- There will be a growing trend towards an ecumenical unity for the cause of world peace—claiming the validity of other religions and that there are many ways to God.
- Members of churches who question or resist the new changes that the pastor is implementing are reprimanded and usually asked to leave.

The Mind of Christ

The task may not be easy finding a church that teaches (and believes) the Bible as if it truly is God’s Word. And, obviously, there are many issues that have to be considered. May God bless you and guide you in your search. It may seem impossible at times, but we know there are still good churches out there as we often hear from pastors who are staying the course and are aware of the times in which we live. No church is perfect, of course; but we can and should expect a church to believe and proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, that the Bible is God’s Word wholly and fully, that He desires that all should come to repentance and be saved, and that false teachings that lead people away from these truths should be avoided. We should also expect a church to emulate God’s Word more than relating to and unifying with the culture around us. May God lead you to find one of these churches.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural [carnal] man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. . . . For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:12-14, 16)

The Truth in Love

As we stated, no church is perfect, and that is because no person is perfect, nor is anyone’s understanding of biblical doctrine absolutely perfect. So while being discerning and watchful is vital in the Christian life, as is challenging and attempting to correct unbiblical teachings, it is also essential that we speak the truth *in love* (Ephesians 4:15) and with grace toward others, knowing that it is only *by* God’s grace to *us* that we are able to see and have understanding regarding the issues at hand.

For the truth’s sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. (2 John 2-3)

Part 2: WHAT TO DO IF YOU CAN’T FIND A CHURCH

On almost a daily basis, the office at Lighthouse Trails Publishing receives phone calls from believers who tell us they cannot find a church to attend in their communities. Having gotten to know many of these people over the years, we can testify that these are not “church-hopping,” overly critical, mean-spirited people but rather are ones who love the Lord with all their hearts and love being part of a church body. In other words, they are not the kind of people who just go around from church to church criticizing every little thing that is wrong. On the contrary, many of them are willing to concede on some issues but not on serious matters such as some of the ones we’ve mentioned in this booklet. And after searching

and praying wholeheartedly for a home church, they have come to the painful realization that there is not a church within driving distance (some are willing to drive sixty miles to church) that they can, in good conscience, attend.

If that is you and your family, you may be asking, “What do we do? We can’t find a church.” While Lighthouse Trails has always been very reluctant to advise people as to whether they should quit a church or just not go to church at all, we have offered some thoughts about this in a general sense. The reason we don’t advise specifically is because each family needs to seek the Lord in prayer and study His Word to find what His will is for their particular situation.

The following are some thoughts to consider while trying to decide what to do if you cannot find a church.

First and foremost, parents need to protect their children. If the church you are attending or thinking of attending is promoting false teachings such as some of the ones mentioned in this booklet and your children are in Sunday School or youth group, then you are putting them in harm’s way by allowing them to be taught by teachers with false (and often spiritually dangerous) teachings week after week. Thus, in the case where children or teens are involved, we always advise, you have to do what it takes to protect your children.

We know that some people decide to stay in a church that is going astray with the hope they can influence and help educate leadership and members. If you are able to actually do this, this can be very beneficial to the church. While we do hear stories from our readers where they have approached church leadership with their concerns and are given a green light to help bring the church up to speed on these issues, more times than not, the stories we hear are quite the opposite. What we are being told by most is that when they approach the pastor and/or the leadership with concerns, they are treated with much resistance and often contemptuously, even to the point where they are told that if they don’t like the way the church is being run, they can leave. We can’t tell you how many times we’ve heard where someone has been told to leave even after decades of faithful service and giving. So what we are saying here is this: if your church will allow you to freely share information with leadership and congregants *and* if the leadership will actually heed your warnings and get rid of the offending material, then it may be best to stay and help. But if you are being told that you can stay as long as you keep quiet, you may really need to seek the Lord as to whether this is what He would want you to do.

If your decision has been affected by point one and two, then you are most likely now without a home church. It can cause an overwhelming sense of loss if you suddenly don’t have a church to attend. But remember, you have the Lord, and you have His Word. You are not alone. Here are a few practical ideas to help you:

1. For Teachings/Sermons: If you have Internet access, search out a few good livestream services that you can watch on Sunday mornings. If you don’t have Internet access, find out if a reputable ministry has a sermon lending library (in the form of DVDs or CDs).
2. For Fellowship: Pray and ask the Lord to bring you into contact with likeminded Christians living in your area where you can meet together on a regular basis. You can use the Lighthouse Trails Facebook page or our blog to leave a comment about looking for fellowship in your region. Of course, before meeting with any stranger, choose a public place (don’t meet in any dark alleys with someone you have never met).
3. You might consider starting a “discernment” study in your home or a restaurant or library auxiliary room. You may be able to let interested folks know about it through your local newspaper with a small ad or on a local community Facebook page.
4. If it is just your spouse or family (or a couple families), you can come together for a home “church” service (“where two or three are gathered . . . there am I in the midst”—Matthew 18:20). Pick up a few used hymnals from a local thrift store or the Internet that you can use for your worship time; you can watch a sermon online and spend time in the Word, in prayer, and in fellowship.

We have seen some pastors and church leaders turn Hebrews 10:25 (where we are exhorted not to “forsake the assembling of ourselves”) into the “eleventh commandment,” insisting that Christians attend a church no matter what. But can you imagine the apostle Paul sitting week after week listening to false teachings and saying nothing? Why do we think he was persecuted so much? It was for speaking truth. It’s interesting to note that in verse 23 preceding that verse, it says that we are to “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.” That’s a strong exhortation. While not having a church to belong to is not the ideal situation, we are living in a time of great spiritual delusion described in the Bible. In our human nature, it feels “safe” to be in a large group surrounded by others, but in comparison to the two-thousand-year history of the true church, what we have in North America today with an abundance of churches is not the norm. The norm for the church has been persecution, isolation, imprisonment, and believers secretly meeting in homes or elsewhere. Just read Georgi Vin’s book *The Gospel in Bonds* to see this.

It seems we are quickly approaching a time in North America (and throughout the western world) where it will not only be unpopular to be a Bible-believing Christian, it will be illegal. Meanwhile, an apostate “Christianity” is gathering momentum where the foundations are being destroyed while outwardly everything may appear to be normal.

In closing this part, keep in mind that God intended the church to be a place for building up the body of Christ and not for tearing it down. You are not alone if you are at a loss for good fellowship. In this booklet, we have offered some practical advice on how to find it, but in our day, we must each seek the Lord in how we can best do that.

Part 3: A SMALL FRACTION OF LETTERS WE’VE RECEIVED FROM THOSE SEARCHING FOR A CHURCH

Reading Through the Bible Helped Us to Spot False Teachings

A couple years ago, my husband and I saw some red flags in the church we were attending, so we decided to try a new church. We had been reading through the Bible and studying, and that was the only way we were able to see the false teachings being taught in a lot of churches. Now we have seen everything from Preterism to mystical-type teaching, some Roman Catholicism, and more! Satan is really targeting the church right now in these last days!

Only a Few Aware

My husband and I recently left our little country church. The pastor there is practicing “Spiritual Formation.” He began as a co-pastor, but when the other pastor had to resign due to health reasons, it became evident something wasn’t quite right ever since the co-pastor assumed the position of lead pastor.

On the surface, everything seemed OK, but then we noticed some of the deacons resigned and left the church. Some of these folks were friends, whom we had been in Bible studies with, small groups, etc. At first, we thought they left because the pastor left. But there was something else we just couldn’t put our finger on. . . . Attendance was continuing to dwindle; we started to make some phone calls to the deacons who resigned. As our calls were returned one by one, the common thread was the pastor wanted them to read a book by Ruth Haley Barton [a highly influential contemplative/New Age sympathizing figure]. . . .

We have been searching for another church in our area. Now that we are on our toes and know what to look for, it has become quite difficult to find a good church home. . . . Knowing what we know now about SF and emergent, contemplative, etc., it has proven difficult to settle down anywhere. It’s like choosing the lesser of the evils. One multi-site church is seeker sensitive and Purpose Driven and offers Karate and Yoga. In the other community church, in the next county over, you are in a rock concert during worship, the lights turned down, and the band on the stage singing “to” you not with you.

Anyway, that’s where we are at. I was thinking and praying about doing a Bible study on the emergent church and SF and contemplative. Folks in our area have not heard of this. *We* didn’t until six months ago, and it’s been a revelation. There is only a few of us here who are aware of this movement slithering into our local churches.

Religious Correctness in the Churches

Our Christian churches are being strongly influenced by what I call Religious Correctness. It is similar to Political Correctness. If you question anything, you are told to sit down and shut up. Do not rock the boat.

I am a former Roman Catholic who now knows and loves Jesus Christ. In Sunday school class at my church, when I questioned Mother Teresa, and I also brought up some of the anti-biblical practices of the RCC, I was told that I could either keep quiet or leave.

Besides that, last Sunday's sermon at that same church was all about getting more of the un-churched in our community to come to church. Nothing about a sinner's need for a Savior was even mentioned.

Instead of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a church is now supposed to be run like a business. Growth is the most important thing. Thankfully, the Lord has already led me to a strong Bible-believing church.

Asking for Answers at Church, But Ignored

My nondenominational home church started making changes, mostly subtle, a tad unusual, but nothing overtly alarming or distressing. For example, they started reading from *The Book of Common Prayer*. Popular authors like John Ortberg and Gary Thomas were taught, and since they sounded good and got the stamp of approval from our leaders, we followed along. Here's a surprising change, coming from a nondenominational church with missionary denominational roots: they started practicing Lent and even had an Ash Wednesday service. . . . It was justified with "our church fathers did it, so we will." Naively, a friend and I decided that reasoning was fine. I was heavily pregnant with my second child that evening. As they were calling people up to get ashes on their forehead, pew by pew, I was having contractions. When they were just a few pews away, we had to leave due to my contractions. . . .

Sober and grieving, we had to address the issues at my church. We penned a letter to all the pastors, buying and sharing informational books on this movement, and asking for answers. We were ignored. A year later, a respected person there raised concerns about us, and then we were called. That meeting with the senior and another pastor revealed that the senior pastor did breath prayers (mystical prayer), and their pride was palpable. It was our second blow dealt by leaders we had loved and trusted.

We fully believe that if you are wondering for yourself if you are being called to take a stand against this apostasy, just humbly ask the Lord for wisdom. Humility is essential here. Yet this stand we are proposing is no small task. In Matthew 10, the Lord warns that He did not come to bring peace but a sword, dividing people from those whom they love most dearly for His namesake. Everything and everyone must be laid down at the altar; we can hold nothing back. Personally, we cannot count the relationships that have been lost or damaged due to our stand, nor can we express the personal toll this has taken on us. But by God's grace, we endeavor to surrender all. Jesus is worth it!

Church Pastors Knew Exactly What They Were Doing!

A few years ago a friend at my church came up to me looking quite disturbed and said, "Can you believe our church is teaching contemplative prayer?"

I just looked at her in shock and asked, "What's wrong with contemplating and praying?"

She said, "No, no, no! You don't get it—it's not that—it's Contemplative Prayer!"

I asked again, incredulously this time, "What's wrong with contemplating and praying? I don't have a problem with that—at all."

She said, "You don't get it—but I'll bring you a book next week that will explain it." And she brought Ray Yungen's, *A Time of Departing*.

It helps to have an open mind. If a Christian brother or sister tells you they have something they want you to consider—at least be willing to consider it. I started the book with an open mind and was quickly engrossed by it. It very methodically and logically lays out the case against contemplative prayer/spirituality/meditation. By the end of the book, I realized what our church was doing was really dangerous and completely unbiblical. It's a prominent well-known megachurch in New York City where I had heard the pastor speak out against eastern/mystical meditation from the pulpit so I naively thought he must not be aware that the church was promoting it in several of its weekend classes.

After reading Yungen's book and doing a little further study, I had the information I needed to go to the leadership of the church to warn them what they were getting into. I say naively, because as it turns out, they knew exactly what they were doing, and they had every intention of continuing it. They knew it was unbiblical, but they didn't care. And that's all I needed to know to make my decision whether to stay or leave the church. I decided to depart. It truly was a time of departing for me!

Staying in or Leaving a Church . . .

We want to be in a strong local church, sure. But if we find ourselves in an unfortunate place, we can also step up there and try to influence people back toward truth. I don't claim to know where the line is, exactly, on when to leave such a place. But it would be good to self-evaluate and make sure we're not cowardly slipping away merely to avoid awkward conversations. Part of a believer's role is to help others stay true and grow.

Spiritual Formation Infiltrating So Many Churches

Spiritual formation has been of particular interest to me as I've watched its infiltration into nearly every church here in the Albuquerque area. It is so difficult to explain this deception to friends who are being introduced to it in their churches and para-church organizations. Near the end of the Covid scare, I was blessed to find a small Bible church with a pastor who is well aware of the dangers of spiritual formation.

Also, the search engine on your website has been extremely helpful in keeping up with emerging trends and finding great articles from other discernment ministries. May you have courage and strength for the good fight until He comes for us.

Many Churches Destroyed

The Purpose Driven Life teaching with its rock-like music bands has destroyed many churches in our area. It has become difficult to find a God-honoring, truth-preaching congregation. After different tries, we now look for truth-preaching pastors on TV. We do miss the fellowship with other believers.

One of the "Better" Churches

At one of the "better" churches in our area (the pastor still preaches straight from the Bible, speaking the truth in love), the pastor has also unfortunately been promoting Sozo, a new counseling method popularized by Bethel Church of Redding, CA, which has been engaging in problematic practices for some time. That local church also promotes "word of faith" teachers. I attended a Bible study there with a friend, and one of the leading women of the church was actively involved in reading *Jesus Calling* every day. It is very sad and very concerning to see "strong" Christians falling for these things.

We Thought We Were Safe

We left a moderate Baptist Church in Raleigh because of the emergent teaching. Thank the Lord, a number of families left because once we connected the dots, we left. We were all rather shaken that this extreme theology could be right under our noses and we didn't recognize it.

So, my husband and I found a conservative church with their statement of faith reflecting the five fundamentals of the faith. We thought we were safe, but we still met with the pastor and his wife to be on the safe side. We discussed our previous experience, gave the minister books and materials from the Lighthouse Trails website, and we were assured he would not tolerate emergent.

An assistant pastor, with the approval of the senior pastor, showed Jeff Bethke's film, and he quoted [Catholic panentheist priest] Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (what is a Baptist pastor doing quoting him!). I just assumed he was ignorant, and perhaps he was. But I documented the dangers of these two people and gave it to him. No follow-up desired. At this point, I'd be flipping out if I was a pastor reading this information. But, no response to me. Then, a Sunday-school teacher was allowed to introduce Bill Hybels and his teaching. Then [1,000 Gifts](#) [by Ann Voskamp] is allowed to be taught to the women. I documented in detail the dangers, the leaven, being brought into the church. I left it with the pastor and his wife.

Then a familiar call comes to our home (this is our second church dealing with this) from the pastor basically telling me to stop it. Asking the pastor if he had a problem with *1,000 Gifts*, he said 90 percent was solid and 10 percent questionable. I replied that since when do we as Christians put percentages on allowable heresy. I said, "I don't mind if this book is taught as long as you also use this as a teaching time to warn about emergent and pantheism and all of its authors she references." Deaf ears. Then I

find out the Bible study leader for the women loves *Jesus Calling* and *1,000 Gifts*. Where is the discernment? The pastors are not guarding their flock. We are sick at heart. This pastor said he reviewed Lighthouse Trails and had problems with you all.

Wish Pastors Would Be Honest

If the “new spirituality, soul care, contemplative prayer” are a gauge of what is happening, it seems like it is blossoming in leaps and bounds in the world. But what concerns me is that, often one would be able to attend our church and hear a magnificent, passionate sermon, and many of the sermons that are preached are such that they just couldn’t get any better. But then we hear of someone like Ruth Haley Barton’s series of Bible studies being held at the church. Occasionally, we hear of names of authors whose writings seem questionable, being mentioned in sermons, and there is little mention of the return of Christ anymore. And the word “sin” is hardly ever mentioned. The church does a lot of good things for suffering people in various parts of the world, and I sincerely believe that many of the people attending have never even heard of this new spirituality.

What I truly wish is that if the pastor/pastors are striving to guide the church in the direction of the new spirituality, that he/they would come out and tell us and be honest about their intentions. I sincerely think they should be more truthful, but possibly they fear division in the church. And so it goes on—a slow trend to the new!

I don’t attend the church anymore, but I am very concerned for my children and grandchildren. I tell them what I sincerely think is happening, and after hearing it several times, I think that young people believe that we “old folks” are of another generation and that they now know a new and better way. Am I alone in my thoughts?

Churchless in the Church

A while back, I sent either links or material to those who, in increasing numbers, find themselves in churches where they are no longer welcome, be they founding or sustaining members, or new arrivals seeking a place to worship and share with like-minded believers. Some stories detail how people were actually booted out of churches they helped start and financially support. Many, like us, had horrible experiences and had no choice but to leave.

. . . I think it’s important that folks understand they are not alone and that in a growing number of cases, it’s not the fault of the departing believer but the pastor and church. Just because someone is churchless doesn’t mean it’s their fault; yet we’ve heard countless preachers issue stern mandates that Christians absolutely must be church-ed.

My wife and I thank the Lord regularly for our both having obtained a solid foundation in God’s Word at Bible school and are also grateful for bringing us together in unusual circumstances; but almost every married couple’s meeting-story is unusual! It’s literally just the two of us and the Lord. We have the idea that we’re a rather rare situation and that most other people have more, if not much more, social exposure than we do, but that assumption could be wrong.

The Spirit of Truth

I’ll be 75 soon and was genuinely “born again” about 43 years ago. I knew next to nothing about churches, denominations, cults, etc. but was immediately thrust into the “morass” of modern-day professing Christianity. Over the years, I’ve attended many churches across denominational (and cultic) lines and felt like I was put through a wringer. But the Lord was with me every step of the way, teaching me by experience church after church. I remember thinking “What’s wrong with me? Am I so self-righteous and judgmental . . . am I the problem? All this time I was reading my Bible, Genesis through Revelation, daily, year after year, and I began discovering that “the Spirit of truth” really will “guide you into all truth” (John 16:13) when you search through the word of truth (John 17:17).

Slowly, year after year, and church after church, I was learning how to discern truth from error and discard all of the seeker friendly, Purpose Driven, Calvinistic, hyper-charismatic, emergent, New Age, and cultic nonsense. My own experience has been that there are still good churches out there, but they are few and hard to find.

Church at Home—He Is With Us

Like many of you, my husband and I read God’s Word together at home as we pray for His direction in these end times. This is our eighth year to be reading the Bible through together. We would be so happy

to be part of a biblical Christian group, but in our searching since leaving the church we were members of for years because of false teaching infiltrating our assembly, we have not been able to find a church that is not compromised.

I am thankful that as we gather in Jesus' name to read God's Word and to worship Him in spirit and in truth, He is there in the midst of us.

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Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (Colossians 2:8)

Editor's Note: If you would like to share your experience in trying to find a biblically based church, please feel free to write to us. We will share your letter with our readers (without using your full name). We hope this booklet has been some help to you in your own situation.

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Letter to the Editor: "Warren Smith's Report on Akiane and 'Heaven Is for Real—A Necessary Warning'"



Dear Lighthouse Trails:

Warren Smith did an excellent job on his booklet, [*Heavenly Visions of Jesus Or “Lying Signs & Wonders” of a False New Age Christ?—Akiane Kramarik and Heaven is for Real*](#). He provided so much detail and documented evidence. In thinking over what happened to both Akiane and Colton Burpo, it seems quite unfair that the devil has used children with the visions, dreams, and experiences they encountered—but since when does the devil play fair! Yet, not only have these two, along with their families, been led into serious deception, but look at the impact, as Warren described, on countless millions through the paintings, the book, and the movie that promote a false Jesus. Plus, the way in which the experiences of these two – Akiane and Colton – merge together make a stronger impact for the dark side, pulling more people into it.

I, myself, was also led into the deception of New Age teaching in my twenties, and for seven years, I attended a New Age church that included Yoga, going to fortune tellers, and being hypnotized. The woman pastor read from the Bible every week but never once mentioned sin, the devil, or Hell, and I had no idea I needed to repent and be born again. It was a true miracle God did for me as I just lost interest and left even before I was saved. Now, though, because of my experience in New Age, I can easily recognize it in others who follow it.

What concerns me most about Akiane’s beliefs is that she professes to be a Christian, but I see no evidence that she actually understands the teaching in the Bible about what a true believer is; yet she has and will continue attracting many to her paintings and exposure to New Age lies by professing herself to follow Jesus Christ. Sadly, many Christians have no idea there even is a false “Christ” and a false “Gospel.”

I did learn something new from Warren’s report about the Jesus that Colton Burpo encountered. Colton said that the “Jesus” he saw looked just like the painting by Akiane! I had never read Colton’s book (*Heaven is for Real*) and was not interested to learn of the details of his experience. Second Corinthians 11:4 is a critical warning we have as believers—to be on guard to this type of deception relating to the false Jesus that Akiane and Colton are promoting.

I thought Warren’s statement, that most Christians don’t understand how far our spiritual Adversary will go to deceive people—even little children! It also seems utterly amazing that many people report that Akiane’s portrait of Jesus is the same image as what many people say they saw in a near-death type of experience of Heaven and the appearance of Jesus.

Warren included details of an interview at the conference called “Heaven Is Real” between John Burke and Akiane. I could hardly believe when I watched it that John Burke affirmed her as a Christian especially after he asked her to describe how she daily met with the Lord to draw near to him, and her answer was to go to her art studio first thing and said nothing of reading the Bible or prayer. That answer revealed so much.

In reference to Warren’s description of “automatic painting,” I believe lying spirits could do this through a person inviting it and yielding to it. I tried the automatic writing when I was on the New Age path, but it did not work for me (Thank you, Lord!). And I completely agree with the admonition that Warren ended with and the Scriptures from Acts 17:11 and Matthew 26:41.

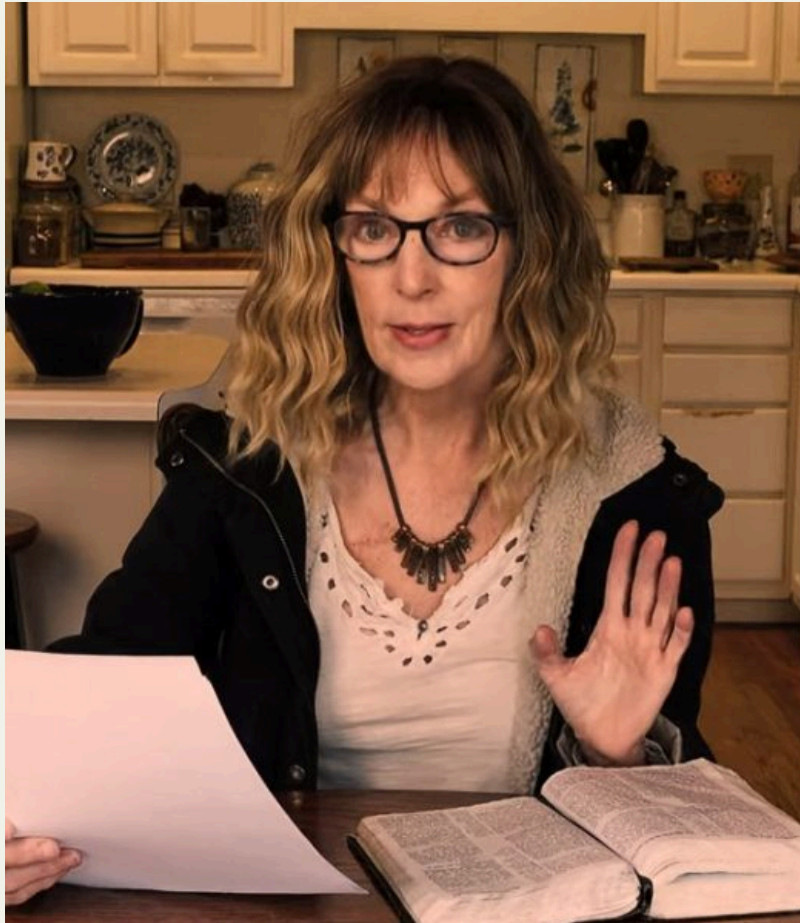
May God help us in these last days. I thank Him for the many warnings He gives us in His Word because He loves us and does not want to see us overtaken by the devil and his schemes. I pray that Warren Smith’s information in this booklet will influence many people for good and for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Carolyn K.

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“A Farewell Video Message From a Dying Woman”



Holly Drake is in the end-stage of a rare form of cancer. She recently did [a video on YouTube](#) and expects this to be her last video.

Holly has been a committed follower of Jesus Christ since the early 1970s, when as a teenager she trusted the Lord while at a summer Bible camp. Her degree in elementary education led her to homeschool her four sons with curriculum rooted in God's Word, while she and her husband Jason raised their family in the mountains of western North Carolina.

After years studying naturopathic herbs and wild edible plants, Holly taught adult students but was drawn into deceptive teachings (e.g., *Jesus Calling*) for 13 years through a close friend who claimed to channel messages from Jesus and was influenced by New Age teaching.

Her path out of deception began about a year ago when Holly was searching for ways to share Jesus with her non-Christian students. She came upon a podcast by former New Age leader Doreen Virtue and then to former New Age follower Warren Smith's book *The Light That Was Dark*—and her eyes were opened to the deception she had been involved in. Since then, she and her husband have been able to speak with Warren Smith on a number of occasions. His mentorship has been invaluable to them. Holly now uses her YouTube platform to warn about spiritual deception and to share the Gospel with churchgoers and friends alike.

We hope you can remember to pray for Holly and her husband during this time. We find it amazing that given her present suffering, pain, and apparent little time left, she wanted to put her energy into speaking to her audience about important spiritual matters.

Click the link above to watch the video or see it below. At the 18:40 minute mark, Holly talks about the reality of her cancer.



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"Can A Genuine Christian Be Antisemitic?"



By Olivier Melnick

Shalom in Messiah Ministries

Depending on who you ask, the answer can either be yes or no...It's complicated! But it doesn't have to be. I have witnessed people getting very emotional over that very topic. I have seen people get judgmental, verbally abusive and divisive to validate their position on either side of that fence.

People do not have to agree on everything, but there must be clarity between them when specific words are used. So first, two words must be defined: Christian and antisemitism, and then, three questions must be posed: Are Christians perfect? Are the Jewish people without fault? Does criticism of Israel and the Jewish people always constitute antisemitic rhetoric? Some of it might sound very basic and possibly even condescending to some of our audience, but remember that clarity is the goal here. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

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Jesus Calling, Contemplative Prayer, the Silence, the New Age, and Psalm 46:10



By [Warren B. Smith](#)

Countless references to meditating, being quiet, being still, relaxing, resting, letting go, and reciting Psalm 46:10 are found throughout *God Calling* and *Jesus Calling*. They are all suggested ways of entering into “the silence” to experience God’s presence.

The New Age/New Spirituality likewise places great emphasis on these same ways of entering the silence in order to experience God’s presence.

The reason so much emphasis has been put on stillness and invoking Psalm 46:10 in the New Age/New Spirituality is because stillness has provided a “channel” for supernatural communication. What I came to realize years ago was that the silence allowed deceptive spirits to establish contact with those of us who were naïve and undiscerning “listeners.” The conditions of stillness, openness, and receptivity were ideal for deceptive spirits to inject ungodly thoughts and understandings into our minds. And now the same thing is going on in the church which sees no need to test the spirits. Along with testing the spirits, Scripture also warns us:

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)

There is good reason why the “Jesus” of *Jesus Calling* wants those he calls to “Come to Me with your defenses down” and “Relax”¹:

Make your mind like a still pool of water, *ready to receive whatever thoughts I drop into it.*² (emphasis added)

Sit quietly in My Presence, *letting My thoughts reprogram your thinking.*³ (emphasis added)

*Let Me control your mind.*⁴ (emphasis added)

The “Jesus” of *God Calling* [the occultic book that inspired Sarah Young to write *Jesus Calling*] says:

Remember that I can work through you better when you are at rest.⁵

Similarly, the “Jesus” of *Jesus Calling* says:

I can do My best handiwork when you sit in the stillness of My Presence, focusing your entire being on Me.⁶

The “Jesus” of *God Calling* urges readers to “cultivate silence”:

Cultivate silence. “God speaks in silences.” A silence, a soft wind. Each can be a message to convey My meaning to the heart.⁷ (emphasis added)



And, in like manner, New Age matriarch Alice Bailey's channeled spirit guide Djwhal Khul said:

One of the primary conditions that a disciple has to cultivate, in order to sense the plan and be used by the Master, is solitude.⁸ (emphasis added)

There is nothing in Scripture that tells us to let our “defenses down” and sit in silence. Scripture tells us instead:

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5)

It is a simple fact that many of the teachings and communications we received in the New Age were channeled during meditative and contemplative quiet times when we were absorbed in the silence. In our New Age meditations, we would sometimes meditate on and contemplate certain passages of Scripture. At an Edgar Cayce conference I once attended, we began each day by meditating on Psalm 46:10—“Be still, and know that I am God.” Looking back on that experience now, I understand why that particular Psalm was used by so many New Age groups for contemplation and meditation. The spirit world was only too willing to take something the true God was saying about Himself and translate it into something the occult/New Age was saying about man. It was a very clever tactic.

We were being “still” and we were quoting Scripture, but we were continually affirming that we were God by emphasizing the “I” as we repeated the phrase I am God over and over again. We were “going within” to the “god within.” Be still and know that “I” am God. In our open and unguarded state of “being still” we were not being taught that God was God. We were being taught that “we” were God.

The “Jesus” of *A Course in Miracles* also used Psalm 46:10 to deceptively teach this New Age concept. We were to “be still” and to know that we were God. This false “Jesus” actually used this verse to introduce his heretical teaching that “[t]he journey to the cross should be the last ‘useless journey.’”⁹ Our New Age journey was around the Cross, not through the Cross. We learned from *A Course in Miracles* and our other New Age teachings that we didn’t need Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Rather, we could save ourselves by “being still” and “awakening” to the inner self-realization that we were God.

Eileen Caddy and Findhorn

Ironically, Psalm 46:10 was the founding credo of the pioneering New Age community of Findhorn in Scotland. Co-founder Eileen Caddy distinctly heard the words “Be still and know that I am God” in a meditation, and as a result Findhorn was founded on this Bible verse. She described her “Be still” experience:

Yes, we were like children then, and God was still somewhat like the Father, separate and above us, reaching down to help. But gradually I have come to understand what it means to find that same God within myself. . . .

The first time I heard this voice was in 1953, when Peter and I were visiting Glastonbury, a center of spiritual power in England. I was sitting in the stillness of a small private sanctuary there, when I heard a voice—a very clear voice—within me. I had never experienced anything like that before. It simply said, Be still and know that I am God. What is this? I thought. Am I going mad? I had been brought up in the Church of England and learned in Sunday school about the “still small voice within”—but when you actually hear a voice, it’s a different matter. I was really quite shocked, because it was so clear.¹⁰

“God” later told her:

What greater or more wonderful relationship could man ask for than the knowledge that he is truly one with Me, and that I am in you and you are in Me.¹¹ (emphasis added)

She wrote:

Accepting the reality of this oneness came slowly. In fact, at first I felt it was audacious even to speak of such a thing. *Yet I couldn't deny my experience.* I know that God is within each one of us, within everything. I feel that the Church teaches about the God outside of us, but that's the same God as the one within. You can call him by different names if you like, but there's only one God.¹² (emphasis added)

Misuse of Psalm 46:10

Eileen Caddy's New Age understanding of the "God within" and "oneness" started with an inner voice that told her "Be still and know that I am God." Like Caddy, so many people who have been raised in today's church have been similarly deceived into believing that the "be still" verse from Psalm 46:10 is God's heavenly instruction to enter into solitude and silence so they can hear His voice. Ironically, the real meaning of this verse has nothing to do with sitting in silence, practicing the presence, or any meditative practice. Undiscerning church leaders have misappropriated Psalm 46:10 to justify contemplative prayer. They now use this verse to incubate a "conversation with God."

Trusted Bible commentaries and discerning pastors teach that the command in Psalm 46:10—"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth"—is a call to faith and obedience, not to contemplative prayer. Matthew Henry's respected Bible commentary presents a more accurate exposition of this verse:

Let his enemies be still, and threaten no more, but know it, to their terror, that he is God, one infinitely above them . . . he will be exalted among the heathen and not merely among his own people, he will be exalted in the earth and not merely in the church. . . . Let his own people be still; let them be calm and sedate, and tremble no more, but know, to their comfort, that the Lord is God, he is God alone, and will be exalted above the heathen. ¹³

Using Psalm 46:10 as a call to practice contemplative prayer is completely contrary to the intent of this passage of Scripture. However, this is what is being advocated in the New Age/New Spirituality, the emerging church, God Calling, and Jesus Calling. In fact, the "Jesus" of *Jesus Calling* falsely teaches that Psalm 46:10 was given as a command to "sit quietly" in his presence:

The world has changed enormously since I first gave the command to be still and know that I am God. However, this timeless truth is essential for the well-being of your soul. As dew refreshes grass and flowers during the stillness of the night, so My Presence revitalizes you as you sit quietly with Me.¹⁴

Sarah Young also states in her "Introduction" to *Jesus Calling*:

A life-changing verse has been "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Alternate readings for "Be still" are "Relax," "Let go," and "Cease striving" (NASB). This is an enticing invitation from God to lay down our cares and seek His Presence. I believe that God yearns for these quiet moments with us even more than we do. . . .

This practice of listening to God has increased my intimacy with Him more than any other spiritual discipline, so I want to share some of the messages I have received.¹⁵

This "enticing invitation" does not come from God. Her interpretation misses the real meaning of the verse and is actually more consistent with the New Age twisting of this verse. God definitely meets us in our prayer times as well as when we think on Scripture, but Psalm 46:10 is not an invitation to be still and listen for God's voice. Rather, God is calling Israel into an attitude of quiet faith and rest in which His people will trust that no matter how perilous the times, He is working out His plan among the nations. Everybody is to literally be still, know He is God, and know that He will be exalted among the nations and in the earth.

Sarah Young followed up her erroneous teaching on Psalm 46:10 by stating that "God yearns for these quiet moments with us even more than we do." This is reminiscent of the "I need you more than you need Me"¹⁶ statement that was uttered by the "Jesus" in *God Calling*. Nothing in Scripture substantiates either one of these statements. And there is nothing in Scripture about being still and sitting with pen in hand waiting to hear from God while practicing the presence and doing contemplative prayer.

Biblical Meditation

Biblical meditation is different. We are to meditate on—think on—His Word, His precepts, His laws, His attributes, His statutes, His testimonies, and His works.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word. (Psalm 119:148)

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psalm 1:2)

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. (Psalm 119:99)

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. (Psalm 143:5)

LTRP Note: You can read more of Warren Smith's writings on *Jesus Calling* in ["Another Jesus" Calling](#)

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