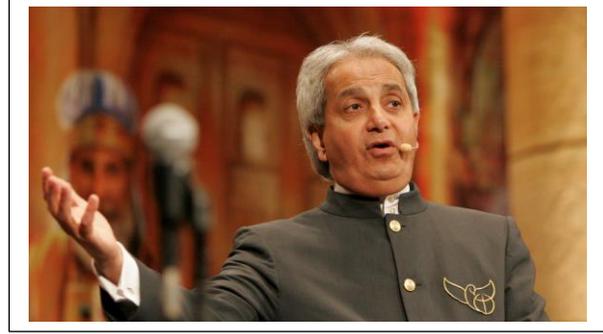


big or small,
lies are lies.

Simon was a
SORCERER,
whom the
deceived
people in that
whole area
wrongly thought
was **THE GREAT
POWER OF GOD**
(Acts 8:10)!
Imagine that!

2. Timothy 4:3



Benny Hinn once announced during one of his meetings as he stood in front of a very large crowd of a few thousand people that Adam was able to fly when he was created.

As he made this comment a quiet “wow” sound went through the crowd.

It may seem like a very trivial matter but it reflects the desire of so many of us to gather man around ourselves who can enlighten us, who can show us new things which are not mentioned in scripture.

Joseph Prince announced to a similar large crowd that God had shown him things which had been missing from the church for the last 2000 years.

He did admit that the apostle Paul had known all about it but soon after his death this ‘revelation’ was lost. For the last 2000 years the church had to be without this important message which he had finally re-discovered (thanks to a special revelation from God).

For 2000 years the many great saints who had lived life’s of true humility and of sincere dedication to God had never been able to discover what he had discovered. Even a man like Richard Wurmbrand, someone who had spent decades in prison because of his faithful love for the Lord, a man who had sat all by himself for so many years in quiet a solidarity confinement where it was just him and the Lord (who consequently wrote some of the most beautiful books ever written about the Lord) had failed to discover this truth.

Luther, Calvin and Wesley as well as all the other reformers had never arrived at that truth which this 1 man has discovered.

God had to wait for a ‘slick’ salesman from Singapore, for someone who would make millions out of his church, who would enrich himself personally as a result

of his ministry, to entrust this truth to. Even the thought of it seems completely absurd!

If ever there has been a visible example of people's unwillingness to listen to sound doctrine and to fulfill the an old prophecy than that has to be it!

2. Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when men will not tolerate sound doctrine, but with itching ears they will gather around themselves teachers to suit their own desires. So they will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths....

Richard Rohr, a Roman Catholic Monk of the Franciscan order (who is even considered a heretic in the Roman Catholic Church) has also discovered some 'deeper truth' about the things of the Spirit.

By his human wisdom and his superior understanding of spiritual matters he has discovered 'new truth' which has provided him with far greater insight and understanding into the word and into the spiritual world that surrounds us.

One of his great revelations has been that there is no need for the atonement.

According to the divine wisdom of Rohr, there really was no need for the cross.

The cross is more of a cosmetic nature than that it is real. For God did not need the cross to reconcile us unto himself!

Being a loving God He could do it without the cross! But the greatest irony of his heretical teaching is that he continuously talks about the love of God, about God being a God of love, about love, love and love. And yet he has in fact turned God into a monster!

By denying the validity of the cross as the basis of our salvation Jesus has in fact died for no reason at all! God had sent his own son to die the cruelest death on the cross when there was no need for it! Which father would want to torture his son by hanging him on a tree and by letting him hang there in the most excruciating pain just because it pleased him to do so? Only a monster from hell would do such a terrible thing! This is the God that Father Rohr believes in!

By removing the necessity of the atonement from our 'faith' he has actually turned God into a monster!

The moment you remove the atonement you are left with nothing at all.

Christianity would look no different from Islam or from any other faith with the exception that the God of the Bible would appear to be far more brutal and far less just or righteous than any other deity which has ever been worshipped before.

To remove the atonement and at the same time talk about God as being a God of love is the most schizophrenic assumption that was ever made!

Whenever we hear man or woman make such false statements, make such outrageous claims our ears should prick up and we should turn quickly away from them. Scripture has forewarned us that in the last days man and woman will no longer want to listen to sound doctrine but will rather follow those who will sooth (provide false comfort) and who will tickle (provide excitement based on new revelations) our ears.

The fact is, scripture contains all the 'revelations' and the knowledge we need! There is no need for 'external revelations' or for special new insights.

Whenever someone comes up with a 'new' revelation or with an interpretation which totally disagrees with anything that has been part of traditional doctrine or which is currently accepted in our churches then we better turn away from it in a hurry.

Just because such man can gather thousands of followers around themselves proofs nothing at all.

Islam has over 1 billion followers today. Does this proof that Mohammad was telling the truth? Numbers mean nothing at all! Numbers are simply an indication that people are easily led astray.

But how is it possible that someone could be led astray that easy?

How could any Christian follow the words of a man like Joseph Prince who belittles sin in his writings, who has completely distorted the meaning of repentance, who has reduced the true sanctity of the Almighty God by stating that He doesn't really care if we sin? How could so many thousands run after a man who has made such outrageous false statements about scripture itself?

How can any Christian follow someone like Richard Rohr who denies the fact that the death of Jesus on the cross is our only hope of salvation?

There is only one answer.

It is a lack of knowledge of scripture itself!

Once a Christian would hear someone like Prince make such outrageous statements his or her ears should prick up and he would immediately know that this man is telling a lie.

Any real Christian knows by heart (because he has learned this from experience) that it is only the blood of Jesus which has the power to save!

If our knowledge of scripture is weak than we will be easily tempted. Anyone who has a solid foundation in the word of God will not be so easily misled by the shallow words, by the lies and temptations of such man. But a man who is well founded in the word of God, who has personally experienced the impact of the blood of Christ in his own life, would also quickly pick up on the pride of such man! Only someone with exceptional pride would dare to say that he has discovered a truth which the church has been missing for the last 2000 years! It takes incredible audacity and unbelievable pride to come up with a statement like that. And we know from scripture itself that God will hide His truth from the proud and will only share it with those that are humble.

A man (like Joseph Prince) who has made millions from deceiving Gods people would be the very least qualified to be given a 'new' revelation or be entrusted with any 'new' truth.

A monk who still worships Mary, who still prays to the saints (who is still involved in the occult) would hardly be qualified to possess a greater spiritual knowledge and come forth with 'deeper' spiritual truth than anyone whom God had mightily used in the past (like the great reformers who had led thousands to faith in Jesus or like the Christians which are currently persecuted for their faith)

The true love of God will first of all produce a love for His word.

It will be followed by a love for the truth.

This truth even has a name in the Bible.

Truth in scripture is far more than a concept, an idea, truth is a person!

His name is Jesus.

Any teaching which does not make you fall in love with Jesus more each day, which does not expose your sins so that you can repent of your sins and live with a pure heart before God is never from God.

It is a teaching which has been made up by man.

Such teaching will always be soothing to our ears but it will never bear any fruit.

It will only cater to our sense of curiosity and it will produce short-lived excitement when we are 'enlightened' by those new revelations.

It will also produce a superiority status in us as well.

We will see ourselves as someone who knows more, who has discovered more than the average Christian. We have discovered a truth (an understanding, an interpretation) which has been missing from the church, from the average

Christian until this man (or woman in the case of a witch) has arrived. And we have been one of the chosen once who have been fortunate enough to discover this 'truth'.

This is usually how cults start in the beginning.

One man comes up with a 'new' revelation, a new superior insight and a crowd follows him. He soon turns into God's chosen mouthpiece (which will become more and more exclusive over time) and the crowd gets bigger. Eventually his discoveries become even more inspiring, more 'enlightening' and more exiting as well. But soon after that a structure develops and it will not be long before the crowd is imprisoned. A new cult has been born.

Every cult has the face. It will always be the face of its leader (or founder). His words will remain undisputed and his revelations will always be seen as 'divine'.

Any truth, any 'new' revelation which is not from God will eventually always end up leading us astray.

The words and the wisdom of Richard Rohr have not led his followers into a deeper understanding and into a greater appreciation of the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross.

By denying the atonement it has only led his followers to walk away from the cross into the other direction. Christianity without the cross is not Christian at all! By belittling sin (as Joseph Prince has done) it will not lead his followers into a closer relationship with the Lord either. It will only imprison his followers in the bondage of their own sins.

Our hearts cannot be washed clean unless there is true repentance and the moment we say that a Christian no longer needs to repent (as he does) we are proclaiming a message that will produce carnal Christians.

A 'Christian' who has no understanding what Jesus has done for him on the cross will not be a true Christian at all.

He will be stuck in his own carnality trying to achieve his salvation by his own works.

The fruits of a lie will always be greater confusion.

And this confusion will not take us to freedom but it will entangle us in an even greater web that is made up of deceit and of lies.

So beware whom you listen to for words can give life but they can also cause great confusion and destroy our spirit.