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“Many Shall Come in My Name”

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Luke 21:8, “Many shall come in My name.”

There is an invasion of New Age Theology and practice in churches. It began with the desert fathers, medieval mystics, monks and hermits. It comes to the modern era through the Roman Catholic Church. In the late 20th century it invaded liberal Protestantism, and is now creeping into Evangelicalism. Fundamentalists are already being lured by its promise of a better spiritual life. You may hear it called “Contemplative Sanctification,” “Contemplative Prayer,” “Centering Prayer,” “Contemplative Spirituality,” and sometimes, “Spiritual Formation.”

The distinguishing characteristic of this movement in all of its forms is meditation. Just as Eastern religious devotees attempt to put themselves into a trance by repeating a mantra, so Christian Contemplatives attempt the same thing by repeating a Christian word or phrase until the mind is emptied. Supposedly, God then speaks directly to the Christian and he experiences a closeness to God that he has never felt before.

The result of this practice is a message given to an empty mind. It offers a fellowship and a relationship on a higher plane than that which the mind is capable. The message is consistently ecumenical, transreligious, pantheistic, panentheistic and Satanic. The believer is repeatedly told that he is Christ, or that we are all Christ, evolving into the next level by realization of this truth.

For a list of well known schools and conferences where “Contemplative Sanctification” is promoted, and a list of those schools, churches and conferences where it is not promoted, check out this website: www.Lighthouse Trails Research.com. This site will also provide a list of men and women who promote the subject in conferences.

A few books to check out as well:

A Time of Departing by Ray Youngen

For Many Shall Come in My Name by Ray Youngen

Running Against the Wind by Brian Flynn

Deceived on Purpose by Warren Smith

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