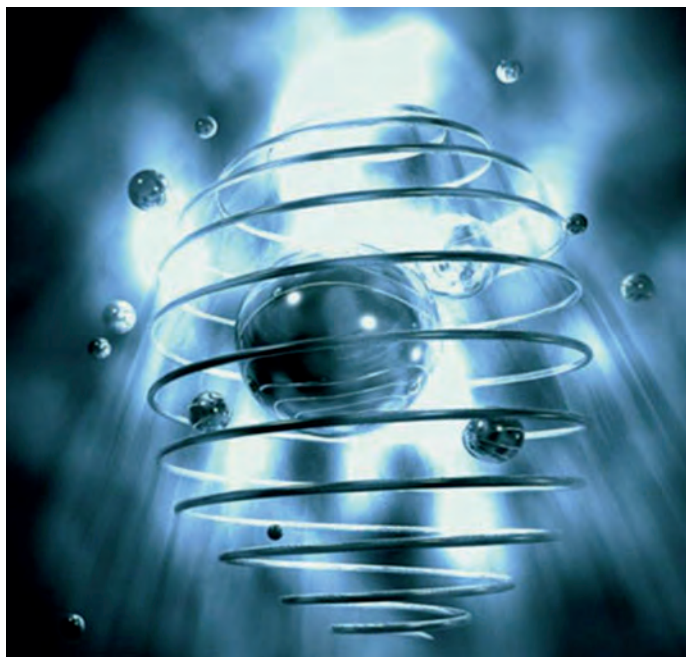




QUANTUM CHRISTIANITY

HAS THE GATEWAY TO HEAVEN BEEN DISCOVERED?

By Albert James Dager



IN 1900, a German theoretical physicist, Max Planck (April 23, 1858 - October 4, 1947), developed a new theory of physics called quantum theory, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1918. Quantum physics (aka quantum mechanics) attempts to shed new light on understanding atomic and subatomic (quantum) processes. It has been joined with Albert Einstein's theory of relativity to produce the fundamentals of 20th-century physics, and has captured the imagination of not only scientists, but philosophers and religionists of all stripes including Christians. It isn't the fact that subatomic elements have been discovered that is so intriguing. Most thinking people would have suspected that atoms are made of smaller stuff. How small is small, anyway? To man, the earth is huge; in relation to the universe, the earth is smaller than an atom is to man. The attraction to philosophers and religionists is not so much that such small matter exists, but the manner in which

quantum particles function—a manner that suggests to some a spiritual connectedness to all of nature.

New Agers have taken the research into quantum theory, and in particular string theory, to mean that we are all part of one big whole—a universal consciousness that is reflected in the macro world which we perceive as reality. To them, what we see and experience with our senses is not true reality; true reality is a tenuous, vibrating expression of magnetism, light and energy—a “Force” that permeates the universe. Some Christians have taken a cue from New Age quantum spirituality to suggest that the New Agers are correct in many of their assessments, but that they have merely missed the mark on the spiritual reality of that “Force” having personality—that the Force is “God.” To New Agers, and mind-science practitioners, among others, the concept of “god” is that of a universal “all mind,” which encompasses everything and everyone as “god”—a form of pantheism.

The study on which we are about to embark will be found fascinating and even strange—surreal in many respects. But before we address the mystical—and particularly the Christian mystical—beliefs associated with the quantum realm, we must take a short course in quantum theory. We will then understand the spiritual implications of “Quantum Christianity,” and why it has been adopted by some well-known Christian teachers who believe they can harness quantum forces to effect changes in the macro world in which we live—that we can alter and even create our own reality. Is it possible that the word-faith and the signs-and-wonders teachers are correct after all?



Max Planck

A CRASH COURSE IN QUANTUM PHYSICS

The Latin word *quantum* means “as much as, so much as; how much? how far? how great an extent?” and was introduced into physics by Max Planck in 1900. In physics, it is the smallest amount of physical quantity that can exist independently, especially a discrete quantity of electromagnetic radiation.¹ The word was reinforced by Einstein in 1905. The term “quantum theory” was first used in 1912 to describe the research into quantum physics begun by Planck.

It isn’t necessary to thoroughly understand and/or retain understanding of the scientific facts with which we deal, but it will be a help in assessing the idea that the quantum realm is really a gateway into the spirit realm—a bridge between Heaven and earth. Some say it *is* the spirit realm.

I am not an expert in quantum physics, but in trying to relate certain facts, I have drawn from credible scientific sources. I’ve had to “dumb down” the complex mathematical and scientific explanations of quantum theory for my own benefit, and it would take volumes to adequately address quantum theory. Even all the volumes written on the subject leave a lot of room for speculation about what it all means. Quantum physicist Richard Feynman has said, “I think I can safely say that nobody understands quantum mechanics.” And physicist Steven Weinberg stated, “There is now in my opinion no entirely satisfactory interpretation of quantum mechanics.”

We should keep this in mind as we consider the application of quantum theory to spiritual practices promoted by Quantum Christians.

How Does the Quantum Realm Function?

The quantum realm is likened to an entirely different universe that operates on different physical principals than the “macro world”—the external universe that is visible to the eye. Quantum particles are so minuscule they cannot be measured using standard scientific methods or devices.

In Newtonian or classical physics, time and space have definite properties, and matter moves through time and space in a linear fashion, from point A to point B. In quantum theory, quantum elements are seemingly not bound by time and space. Nor is there any definite state of existence for quantum matter; everything exists in a state of possibilities dependent upon whether or not that matter is “observed” from an outside vantage point.

If that seems fantastic, it is. Yet we must understand that among quantum scientists there are many disagreements on how these phenomena play out. There are still many sceptics within the field of science, and nothing is “written in stone” so to speak. In fact, there is no conclusive understanding of the quantum realm; there are many competing interpretations and conflicting theories. This is largely because quantum physics isn’t conducted with normal observation, but through mathematical formulae which are often

at odds with each other. Thus, even after almost a century of research, quantum scientists still can’t fully explain the quantum world. Much of what quantum physics implies rests in the discipline of philosophy.

In spite of this, we find within Quantum Christianity many dogmatic statements that “prove” certain unbiblical and extra-biblical claims relative to what Christians can do under the “anointing” of God.

But whatever one wishes to claim as “truth” in assigning spiritual applications to quantum theory, the best that can be said is that the spiritual applications are nothing more than theory as well. We must keep that in mind also as we see what both New Agers and Quantum Christians present as “truth” based on quantum theories.

In his book, *Quantum Glory: The Science of Heaven Invading Earth*, author and Quantum Christian Phil Mason says:

...I was disappointed to learn that there is not one conclusive interpretation of the quantum world. Instead there are quite a few competing interpretations that have given rise to conflicting theories within the field of quantum physics.²

He goes on to say:

Many of the conflicting theories are driven by metaphysical speculation where those who are doing the speculating are seeking to interpret quantum realities through their own unique paradigm. I was encouraged to find that there were some clear concepts that have emerged from the study of the quantum world that are almost universally accepted by most quantum physicists. The divergences come from the various schools of interpretation that have arisen as different theorists from different traditions have sought to place an interpretation upon the emerging discoveries of the sub-atomic world.³

This sounds like the manner in which different Christian denominations, sects and movements interpret God’s Word. In fact, we will see that Mason, as well as other Quantum Christians, also “interpret quantum realities through their own unique paradigm.”

Wave-Particle Duality

The first shock to the system of classical physics was the discovery that light can behave like a stream of particles (called photons), as well as exhibit wave-like properties. This means that light can be at the same time both matter (a photon) and energy (a wave of electricity). This unique property has come to be called “wave-particle duality” which led to the term “wavicles.” In classical physics, all that exists is either one or the other—matter or energy. But in quantum physics, there seems to be a contradiction to that accepted wisdom.

² Phil Mason, *Quantum Glory: The Science of Heaven Invading Earth* (Maricopa, AZ: XP Publishing, 2010), p. 53.

³ *Ibid.*

¹ *The Free Dictionary*, <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/quantum>.

Why is this important to our study of Quantum Christianity? Because those who relate the quantum world to the spirit realm believe that by accessing the quantum realm under the “anointing” of God, Christians can translate those phenomena into the macro world in which we live, and will one day be able to perform many “signs and wonders.”

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We will now turn our attention to specific teachings by a number of Quantum Christians to see how they apply these various aspects of quantum theory to their approach to God’s Word.

One of the earliest forays into Quantum Christianity, at least in published form, was by Annette Capps in 2003 with her booklet, *Quantum Faith*. Following seven years later was Phil Mason’s *Quantum Glory*, published by XP Publishing in 2010. At the time of this writing, the latest “Christian” book on the subject is *The Physics of Heaven*, authored by Judy Franklin and Ellyn Davis, which is a compilation of these ladies’ writings with contributions by Bill Johnson (senior pastor at Bethel Church, Redding, CA), Bob Jones (of Kansas City Prophets notoriety), Beni Johnson (wife of Bill Johnson and co-pastor at Bethel Church), and others, several associated with Bethel Church in one way or another. Judy Franklin is administrative assistant to Bill Johnson; Ellyn Davis is an author of books used in the Christian home school market. None of these writers claim to be experts in quantum theory, but they believe they understand it sufficiently to apply their theological interpretations to it in a dogmatic fashion.

Is God truly revealing new truths to these people, or have they, like so many charismatics, assumed that any thought that enters their heads is the voice of God? The reader may judge for himself as he considers their words.

The Bridge Between Heaven and Earth

Is the quantum realm a bridge between the physical and spiritual realm? Or is it the spiritual realm itself? Phil Mason suggests both possibilities:

...Throughout this book I develop the idea that the phenomenon of quantum non-locality represents the bridge between heaven and earth.⁴

In order to be faithful to what God has revealed in Scripture it is necessary to affirm that the quantum world of non-local reality is not in any way divine. But could the non-local quantum world be appropriately described as “spirit” without asserting that it is divine? This is an important question that needs to be resolved if we are to deepen our understanding of the true nature of the quantum world. The traditional New Age interpretation of “spirit” mirrors the ancient Eastern traditions which have always been right at home with the dualism of spirit and matter.⁵

⁴ Ibid., p. 21.

All of these particles and/or waves appear to be connected. How can it be that every atomic and subatomic element is hooked up? Is this invisible world a part of the spiritual realm?⁶

This question is left unanswered, but the idea is bolstered with a lot of conjecture but no scriptural or empirical scientific proof.

Consciousness in Matter

The seemingly supernatural quality of quantum physics has given rise to speculation by New Agers that there appears to be a conscious awareness within atoms, suggesting that the entire material universe has consciousness. This idea has also been adopted by Quantum Christians who suggest that man is able to create his own reality, and spoken words are actually substance that impacts the atoms within matter. Phil Mason says:

What are we to make of atoms that appear to have an inbuilt capacity to know when they are being observed? Surely one of the most curious attributes of quantum weirdness is this appearance of conscious awareness in atoms themselves which causes them to materialize in the presence of a conscious observer.⁷

Long before Mason and the other Quantum Christians mentioned, Annette Capps was couching quantum theory in the word-faith philosophy with the idea that matter can think:

The things that you desire are made up of atoms. They know what you believe, hear what you say and behave accordingly!⁸

Things are responding to your words every day, so speak good things to all that surrounds your life. If you really believe Jesus’ words, you will monitor your thoughts and conversations, because you are the one giving substance to your world through words!⁹

You have a choice to use the energy of your words to change matter. The things in your life will obey your words. By speaking to objects such as your computer, “Stupid computer! It’s going to crash!” you will find that it obeys you. It doesn’t care whether crashing is a good thing or bad thing, it just obeys you. Or you can make another choice when speaking to “things”. “This is a good car. It always starts and runs well.”¹⁰

Words are the carrier of substance. They carry the substance to wherever it is directed. If you direct your

⁵ Ibid., p. 106.

⁶ David Van Koeveering, “Keys to Taking Your Quantum Leap,” *The Physics of Heaven: Exploring God’s Mysteries of Sound, Light, Energy, Vibrations, and Quantum Physics*, ed. Judy Franklin and Ellyn Davis (Crossville, TN: Double Portion Publishing, 2012), p. 134.

⁷ Phil Mason, *Op. Cit.*, p. 68.

⁸ Annette Capps, *Quantum Faith* (England, AR: Capps Publishing, 2003), p. 9.

⁹ Ibid., p. 13.

¹⁰ Ibid., p. 14.

faith toward your bank account with the intention of filling it to overflowing, then your word-energy vibrations causes [sic] your bank account to become a magnet for the substance of money. Money (substance) will begin to come to you through a variety of different places.

If you direct your faith to the healing of your body, then your words carry healing energy to the cellular level of your body. On the vibrations of your words, faith-substance is carried to your body where it becomes healing-substance.

Just as God created the universe by faith-substance and word-energy, you create your own universe by your faith and your words. If you don't like what you have created, you can change it!¹¹

These people can't get their cat to obey them, but they're going to get the entire universe to hop to. There are about 100 trillion atoms in a single human cell, and about the same number of cells in a human body. What if one stubborn atom among the trillions that make up a single cell decides not to cooperate? Bad atom. He might have to go in for reorientation (read "brainwashing").

Annette Capps is the daughter of the late word-faith guru Charles Capps, to whom she credits her belief in word-faith theology.

I recall a radio program many years ago in which Charles Capps taught that God is bound by our words. Whatever we ask for, He must grant without exception. To illustrate, he gave an example of wrong prayer to the effect that, if your child has a fever and you ask God to take away his fever, the child will die. This is because fever is a good thing, meant to burn out an infection. God has no choice but to grant your request to remove the fever, thus causing your child to die from the infection.

This asinine view of God renders Him a buffoon who sits in Heaven and says, "Duh, I guess I gots to do what my 'saint' asks. Duh, I gots no choice."

Does God not know the intent of one's heart? Has He no free will of His own? Or is He so stupid or bound by man's ignorance that He can't make an intelligent decision?

These people liken God to the genie in the story of Aladdin who granted three wishes to whoever released him from the magic lamp in which he was imprisoned. Whereas Aladdin released the genie by rubbing the magic lamp, these people "release" God by saying the magic word, "Jesus." As long as the name of Jesus is used, God must comply with their pronouncements. Only they're not satisfied with a mere three wishes; they want wish after wish, *ad infinitum*.

New Agers would say that the genie and the lamp were one consciousness; Quantum Christians give credit to God for creating the lamp, but then render Him having jumped inside to await their beck and call.

That is the kind of thinking behind the word-faith doctrine—the kind that developed Quantum Christianity.

And it doesn't work.

Yet to impress the idea upon us that the material world has consciousness, Quantum Christian Phil Mason quotes theoretical physicist and mathematician, Freeman Dyson, accepting the 2000 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion:

Here is a brief summary of my thinking. The universe shows evidence of the operations of mind on three levels. The first level is elementary physical processes, as we see them when we study atoms in the laboratory. The second level is our direct human experience of our own consciousness. The third level is the universe as a whole. Atoms in the laboratory are weird stuff, behaving like active agents rather than inert substances. They make unpredictable choices between alternative possibilities according to the laws of quantum mechanics. It appears that mind, as manifested by the capacity to make choices, is to some extent inherent in every atom. So I am thinking that atoms and humans and God may have minds that differ in degree but not in kind.¹²

What Mason fails to do in quoting Dyson is relate Dyson's words prior to those Mason quotes:

I am content to be one of the multitude of Christians who do not care much about the doctrine of the Trinity or the historical truth of the gospels. Both as a scientist and as a religious person, I am accustomed to living with uncertainty. Science is exciting because it is full of unsolved mysteries, and religion is exciting for the same reason. The greatest unsolved mysteries are the mysteries of our existence as conscious beings in a small corner of a vast universe. Why are we here? Does the universe have a purpose? Whence comes our knowledge of good and evil? These mysteries, and a hundred others like them, are beyond the reach of science. They lie on the other side of the border, within the jurisdiction of religion.¹³

What Mason also failed to do was include ellipses where he left out an important part of Dyson's speech. Before the final sentence beginning, "So I am thinking..." Dyson said, "The universe as a whole is also weird, with laws of nature that make it hospitable to the growth of mind. I do not make any clear distinction between mind and God. God is what mind becomes when it has passed beyond the scale of our comprehension. God may be either a world-soul or a collection of world-souls."

Mason is quick to point out that Dyson "also believes in God," but he doesn't tell us what Dyson's idea of "God" is. Mason also omitted what Dyson went on to say:

¹² Freeman Dyson, quoted by Phil Mason, *Op. Cit.*, p. 68.

¹³ Freeman Dyson, Acceptance Speech, 2000 Templeton Prize.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, pp. 22-23.

We stand, in a manner of speaking, midway between the unpredictability of atoms and the unpredictability of God. Atoms are small pieces of our mental apparatus, and we are small pieces of God's mental apparatus. Our minds may receive inputs equally from atoms and from God. This view of our place in the cosmos may not be true, but it is compatible with the active nature of atoms as revealed in the experiments of modern physics. I don't say that this personal theology is supported or proved by scientific evidence. I only say that it is consistent with scientific evidence.¹⁴

Such dishonesty as Mason displays with his selective quotes permeates Quantum Christianity. Throughout his book, Mason attempts to make a distinction between Quantum Christianity and New Age spirituality. At the same time, he quotes nominal "Christians" whose thinking is more akin to that of New Age spirituality than it is to biblical truth. The same is true of other Quantum Christians whose works I will be quoting as we proceed. We will see that much of what they present as truth is extra-biblical and often unbiblical. Many Christians can't even discern the unbiblical, let alone the extra-biblical—those things that are offered as truth, but are not found in Scripture.

Therefore judge nothing ahead of time until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will reveal the counsels of the hearts. And then every man shall have praise from God.

And these things, brethren, I apply to myself and to Apollos for your sakes, so that you might learn by us not to think beyond that which is written, so that none of you will be prideful against one another. (1 Corinthians 4:5-6)

In light of God's Word, how do we explain the phenomena of wave-particle duality and the "seeming intelligence" of atoms? We begin by reminding ourselves that light is a creation of the true God; whatever properties it possesses, they were given by Him:

"I am YHWH, and there is no one else. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil. I, YHWH, do all these things." (Isaiah 45:6-7)

Can man fully understand God? Of course not. Can man fully understand the intricate mechanism of God's creation? No. Man can understand only what God allows him to understand. God isn't so concerned that we ferret out the intricate details of His creation, as He is that we live by His Word. When we try to stretch the boundaries of our understanding of nature to the point of inculcating ungodly metaphysical theories into a "Christian" religious philosophy, we have strayed beyond His Word.

Science has not been able to explain these properties of light, so it has come to rest in the realm of metaphysics.

¹⁴ Ibid.

Religion is one metaphysical discipline, and all religions, including Christianity, seek explanations for the unexplainable. Just as religion—including Christianity—fails miserably in attaining much truth because it relegates God's Word to merely one among many equally valid sources for truth, metaphysics cannot provide anything other than more questions.

As we delve further into Quantum Christianity we will find that the promulgators of this "new revelation" hold many unbiblical and extra-biblical beliefs.

Once the property of occult mysticism, the belief in a universal consciousness has weaseled its way into Quantum Christianity. The only difference is that some Quantum Christians may believe that God is transcendent, but has imparted some of His consciousness into His creation.

If that sounds foreign, it is. It is foreign to Scripture. Quantum theories are being adopted as a means to reconcile Christian mysticism with science. This is largely because Christian mystics don't want to lose ground to the New Age mystics as they seek to meld science with occultism. Thus, Quantum Christians are grasping at straws in the hope of validating their mystical interpretations of Scripture.

Time Doesn't Really Exist

Quantum Christians point to another phenomenon associated with the particle wave theory, known as the pilot-wave theory, to suggest that time is relative, and, in fact, doesn't really exist. The idea behind the pilot-wave theory, proposed by Louie De Broglie in 1927, is that each particle has an associated wave function that ostensibly travels ahead of the particle and detects whether or not it will be observed. In the 1950s, De Broglie's theory was developed further by David Bohm who posited that pilot waves are non-local (not detectable in any particular location), and therefore are not subject to the constraints of time or space. This theory has given rise to speculation that the quantum realm is not subject to time and space, but that the past, present and future co-exist. This, in turn, allows for the possibility of time travel and the ability to traverse the universe at speeds far exceeding the speed of light—even instantaneous relocation from one end of the universe to the other. Then there is bi-location where an object can be in more than one place at a time (since time doesn't really exist).

Phil Mason quotes the late physicist John Wheeler to support the idea that time is relative:

All of this suggests that quantum time is clearly not the same as our collective perception of time. John Wheeler asks the following question in response to his delayed choice experiment. "Should we be prepared to see some day a new structure for the foundations of physics that does away with time? Yes, because 'time' is in trouble!" The discovery of the curious relationship between time and the quantum world parallels the discoveries of Einstein in the early 20th

century when he wrestled with the issue of time's relationship to space.¹⁵

Further, it is speculated that the past can be altered by "observing" photons of light emitted billions of years ago that have traveled to earth, to cause them to change course. Says Phil Mason:

Einstein himself concluded that "The distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion." Daniel M. Greenberger came to this conclusion: "Einstein said that if quantum mechanics were correct then the world would be crazy. Einstein was right – the world is crazy!"

Wheeler decided to expand his thought experiment to the universal scale by considering a photon that was emitted billions of years ago from a distant star that is now travelling toward earth. At some point on its journey toward earth it must pass by a distant galaxy which will affect the trajectory of the photon. According to Ross Rhodes,

"Gravitational lensing" predicted by general relativity (and well verified) will make the light bend around the galaxy or black hole. The same photon can, therefore, take either of two paths around the galaxy and still reach earth – it can take the left path and bend back toward earth, or it can take the right path and bend back toward earth. Bending around the left side is the experimental equivalent of going through the left slit of a barrier; bending around the right side is the equivalent of going through the right slit.

If an astronomer on earth chooses to apply the delayed choice experiment to the travelling photon as it arrives on earth, his choice will determine which path the photon travelled, either to the left or to the right of a distant galaxy billions of years ago! Does that sound absolutely bizarre? Welcome to the strange world of quantum mechanics!¹⁶

So Mason is telling us that scientists can alter the past merely by applying what quantum scientists call a "delayed choice experiment" on photons that are traveling toward earth. The problem is that the macro world cannot impinge upon the quantum realm to the degree that Mason suggests. Scientists cannot detect photons of light emitted before they reach earth, simply because, guess what, those photons have not yet reached the earth. So how would they even know those specific photons, emitted from cosmic sources beyond current detection, exist before they reach the earth? By the time they've reached the earth it's too late to conduct the delayed choice experiment, thus rendering the theory moot.

Again, it isn't so important to understand all the details of these conflicting theories within quantum mechanics; what is important is to understand that there *are* conflicting theories, and that no dogmatic spiritual applications that stray beyond what is written in God's Word can be proven.

Changing the Past

The idea that man can apply the delayed choice experiment to photons of light emitted billions of years ago has also given rise to speculation that the past can not only be altered, but can be erased. But although some phenomena may (or may not) seem to work on the quantum level, that doesn't mean they can work on the macro level. How God has formed His creation is still among His "hidden things." There is nothing in His Word that allows for the past to be erased and/or altered by man.

But consider that possibility. Might some well-meaning person undo the Lord's crucifixion? What if many experimenters undid the past in different and conflicting ways? Because of the fact that no one has been able to conduct such experiments within the macro universe, there are no answers to these questions. Yet Quantum Christians seem to think there is some spiritual application of these quantum principles that they can induce if only they can find the key to those "hidden things." Not content with living holy lives before the Lord and allowing Him to determine history, they wish to play god, obviously lacking the sense to do so.

Parallel Universes

One of the more incredible theories associated with quantum mechanics is the idea that parallel universes exist wherein everyone and everything is duplicated with different outcomes. If the past can be altered or erased according to multiple applications of delayed choice experiments, then it stands to reason that there must exist multiple dimensions in which the universe continually replicates itself according to the many applications of delayed choice experiments. If one through seven billion people all apply the delayed choice experiment, then there must be created, at the moment of those delayed choice experiments, from one to seven billion new universes that reflect the changes imposed by those experiments. Otherwise, conflicting experiments would cause conflicting results within a single universe, which would be impossible. This would be true if even just two people were able to conduct such experiments.

On April 5, 2010, Fox News reported on an experiment by quantum physicist Andrew Cleland at the University of California at Santa Barbara, which suggests that the theory of parallel universes may be true. The simple manner in which the article explains the concept of parallel universes may be of help in our understanding it:

The multi-verse theory says the entire universe "freezes" during observation, and we see only one reality. You see a soccer ball flying through the air,

¹⁵ Phil Mason, Op. Cit., p. 75.

¹⁶ Ibid., p. 76.

but maybe in a second universe the ball has dropped already. Or you were looking the other way. Or they don't even play soccer over there.

Sean Carroll, a physicist at the California Institute of Technology and a popular author, accepts the scientific basis for the multi-verse – even if it cannot be proven.¹⁷

In 1954, a young Princeton University doctoral candidate, Hugh Everett III, came up with the idea that parallel universes exist. These universes are allegedly exactly like ours, having branched off from our universe. According to the theory, “Within these parallel universes, our wars have had different outcomes than the ones we know. Species that are extinct in our universe have evolved and adapted in others. In other universes, we humans may have become extinct.”¹⁸

Everett was trying to explain why quantum matter behaves so differently from how matter is observed in the macro universe. Everett's theory questioned the accepted wisdom of Niels Bohr who suggested that measuring a quantum object forces that object into one comprehensible state or another. Everett posited that instead, when a measurement is taken of a quantum object it causes a split in the universe, causing the universe to be duplicated numerous times according to each possible outcome from the measurement.

In a science article published in *How Stuff Works*, the consequence of parallel universes is explained simply:

As unsettling as it may sound, Everett's Many-Worlds interpretation has implications beyond the quantum level. If an action has more than one possible outcome, then – if Everett's theory is correct – the universe splits when that action is taken. This holds true even when a person chooses not to take an action.

This means that if you have ever found yourself in a situation where death was a possible outcome, then in a universe parallel to ours, you are dead. This is just one reason that some find the Many-Worlds interpretation disturbing.¹⁹

Among all the theories held within the discipline of quantum mechanics, the most bizarre has to be that of parallel universes (aka “many worlds”). Like all theories within quantum mechanics, the parallel universes theory is based on mathematical formulae that are in conflict with other mathematical formulae. This is why there is such disagreement among quantum physicists as to what all the data mean.

¹⁷ John Brandon, “Freaky Physics Proves Parallel Universes Exist,” Fox News, April 05, 2010, <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/04/05/freaky-physics-proves-parallel-universes/>.

¹⁸ <http://science.howstuffworks.com/science-vs-myth/everyday-myths/parallel-universe.htm>.

¹⁹ *Ibid.* 2.

But this is lost among those whose imaginations run amok in hopes that the theories they find useful to their presuppositions about God, nature and religion will be verified. This is true among Quantum Christians as well as New Agers. Annette Capps, whose foundational booklet, *Quantum Faith*, is cited by other Quantum Christians, recommends two books for Christians to consult in order to better understand quantum physics. One book is *Parallel Universes* by Dr. Fred Alan Wolf (aka “Dr. Quantum”), a physicist who has authored several books and papers on quantum theory. In view of the vast amount of material available on the subject, much of which is written in laymen's terms for better understanding by non-physicists (as is Wolf's), one questions why Capps would suggest the writings of someone whose spiritual understanding is more akin to New Age thinking. According to Wolf's website:

Step into the world of physics—but bring your spirituality along. Fred Alan Wolf is a theoretical physicist and firewalker who sees the sacred in everything—and can give you a theorem to prove it. From every angle he blasts the boundary between science and spirit, and can make universal consciousness sound like a logical idea. He may be the first physicist ever to break into pop culture celebrity. In his featured appearance in the movie, *What the Bleep Do We Know?*, he brought cutting edge quantum theory down to earth, and stirred a cult following by heralding proof of ancient spiritual principles for a mainstream audience. “Mind is not limited or contained within the boundaries of the material world,” says Dr. Wolf. “Mind is not in you and in me separately. Mind is universal, escaping time and space. So when ideas pop into existence, it's not just in your mind that they're happening.” Heavy stuff? Yes. But “Dr. Quantum” has a disarming way of delivering profound statements with gusto and a generous dose of mischief, so that even if you yawn at the mere mention of an electron, this time you'll want to wake up and come along for the ride.²⁰

This glowing account of Wolf's beliefs in light of Capps's recommendation reveals something about Capps's own beliefs and how they parallel New Age Thought. Wolf has much to say in favor of the theory of parallel universes, which suggests that Capps finds the theory credible.

Although the theory of parallel universes is mentioned by Quantum Christians, none has challenged the concept, as if to at least consider it a possibility if not an empirical fact. That Capps would recommend Wolf's book on the subject tells us that she and those who cite her writing certainly entertain that possibility. But how does the theory of parallel universes jibe with biblical truth?

²⁰ <http://www.fredalanwolf.com/>.

Were the parallel universes theory true, every nanosecond quadrillions upon quadrillions of parallel universes would be created each time every one of the seven billion people on this planet made a choice. But let's say only one parallel universe were created each nanosecond, or even each hour, by conscious decisions made by only one man. The number of parallel universes created over the past 6,000 years would be beyond calculation.

A single, simple question should put this theory to rest in the minds of true believers: How many Jesuses are there among these innumerable universes? Did He make the wrong choices in some of them, thus failing to fulfill His purpose in any of them? Are there souls saved in this universe that aren't saved in other universes?

Such questions are not posited within any quantum theories I've read, but what other conclusion can be reached but that it is pure nonsense?

One can see immediately how patently ridiculous this is. Yet among Quantum Christians, the idea of parallel universes is given serious consideration.

Quantum Teleportation

The strange qualities of the quantum realm have given rise to speculation that teleportation (the instant transportation from one location in the universe to another) is possible. Phil Mason quotes a *National Geographic* news report:

Austrian researchers have teleported photons (particles of light) across the Danube River in Vienna using technology that calls to mind Scotty beaming up Captain Kirk in the science fiction series.

"We were able to perform a quantum teleportation experiment for the first time ever outside a university laboratory," said Rupert Ursin, a researcher at the Institute for Experimental Physics at the University of Vienna in Austria. Teleportation involves dematerializing an object at one point and transferring the precise details of its configuration to another location, where the object is then reconstructed.²¹

Mason is ecstatic about the possibility that teleportation may one day be a viable means of transportation for Christians who can rule the world through the realm of quantum physics. But, again, he fails the honesty test by not including the full information. Lacking even the ellipses needed to join separate portions of this quoted article, he omitted the caveat contained in the following extensive information from the article he quotes:

So what are the chances of developing a transporter that can beam people from one location to another, *Star Trek*-style?

"Nothing we do will help us build Scotty's apparatus," Ursin said. "The reason is very simple: A human

body contains too much information to scan and build all replicas."

For a human to be teleported, a machine would have to pinpoint and analyze the trillions and trillions of atoms that make up the human body. Only recently have scientists taken preliminary steps toward teleporting even a single, whole atom.²²

So the original photons are destroyed through attempts at quantum teleportation, and what appears at the other end is a replica. Even if it were possible to apply this process to the macro world, the best that could be accomplished is the destruction of a person for the creation of a clone. But hope springs eternal in the minds of Quantum Christians.

String Theory

Underlying current research into quantum matter is string theory, which postulates that all matter in the universe is composed of vibrating filaments (strings) and membranes (branes) of energy. String theory developed as a result of attempts to reconcile general relativity (gravity, the foundation of classical physics) with quantum physics (which defies the gravitational properties of classical physics). String theory also suggests that extra dimensions to the universe must exist, although they are unobservable.

String Theory is still in the infancy stage, and there are many conflicting theories. To explain string theory sufficiently would take far too much space and expertise to relate here. Suffice it to say that string theory plays a major role in Quantum Christianity's supernaturalism. The idea that all matter is (possibly) made of vibrating strings of energy has given rise to mystical interpretations of how God works through certain Christians to produce miracles, signs and wonders.

Likening the Holy Spirit to energy, Phil Mason states:

...When we speak of something being "energized" we are indicating that there is an impartation of energy or spiritual power. The book of Hebrews not only reveals that Christ "sustains the universe by the mighty power of His command," (Hebrews 1:3 NLT) it also reveals that His word *energizes* the physical universe.

One way we can understand this is to theorize that at a sub-atomic level the continual vibration of these unimaginably minute strings of energy is occurring as the result of the Word of God being perpetually spoken over all of creation. The power source that sustains the universe is the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the invisible energy of the Holy Spirit that Paul called "His energy (*energeia*), which so powerfully works (*energeo*) in me." (Colossians 1:29 NIV)

In this text Paul used the Greek word *energeia* from which we derive the English word energy. This divine energy not only energizes the life of the believer, it also energizes the entire physical universe. Could it

²¹ Phil Mason, Op. Cit., p. 86.

²² Ibid.

be that the acceptance of string theory amongst a number of quantum physicists converges with biblical revelation to provide evidence that this entire “physical” universe is actually energised by some kind of invisible spiritual energy?²³ (Emphasis in original)

...Perhaps we could say that the energy of the Holy Spirit is the power source that excites and energises these created strings that are themselves a manifestation of energy that exist [sic] within other dimensions.²⁴

Mason’s surmising is predicated upon a number of “ifs”:

“If string theory is an accurate description of the smallest building blocks of matter....”

“If string theory proves correct....”

“If indeed all elementary sub-atomic particles are expressed uniquely because of the variation of the vibration of the strings....”

From such qualified statements, Quantum Christians devise dogmatic assertions designed to uphold their theological presuppositions. In this case, it is presupposed that Christians have the power to manipulate matter through the spoken word, and even through unspoken thoughts. They believe that string theory gives a scientific basis for that presupposition, and they use it to convince others of the same.

Creating New Realities

Quantum Christians declare that only God can create reality, as stated by Phil Mason:

As we journey together into the world of the quantum, I think you will see that the strangely counter-intuitive world of quantum physics, rather than substantiating the claims of New Age teachings, actually substantiates the revelation that God alone has the power to create reality and to restructure the quantum field.²⁵

Yet many contradict themselves by stating that men (believers and non-believers alike) can create their own reality by unlocking the mysteries of the quantum realm. In her introduction to chapter 13 of *The Physics of Heaven*, Ellyn Davis states:

In this chapter, David Van Koevering explains that, because of the laws of quantum physics, our spoken intent can bring something from the unseen realm into the seen and we can make the non-material appear in material form.²⁶

Van Koevering tells us how one can create one’s own reality by “popping a qwiff” (aka “quiff,” bringing one singularity into reality out of two or more possibilities):

...Atoms are made up of subatomic particles, and subatomic particles are made up of superstrings, tiny donut shaped packets of energy that spin at a specific frequency—or sing as in a pitch.

None of this is real in this dimension because they exist only in a state of possibilities until someone observes them. Then, at that observation, the potential becomes a thing—a particle or a wave. This quantum wave collapse, caused by observation, is your first step to taking a quantum leap. You can see or observe a God qwiff (something God shows you that is not yet real in this dimension) and, by observing, or popping that qwiff, cause that potential to become your reality. Be careful what you see; you are going to get it! Be careful of what you say; you will get that too!²⁷ Ellyn Davis assumes a bit too much in the following:

Another idea that “popping a qwiff” forces us to at least entertain is that somehow human consciousness is a fundamental creative force in the Universe, since it is our consciousness (as the “observer”) that seems to determine whether something appears as matter or not. If this is true, it means that we have the power to create, manipulate and change the “reality” of our world by our expectations or intentions.²⁸

It shouldn’t be a stretch for us to believe that, as “observers” to whom Jesus gave all power in heaven and earth, we can, through faith, intent, prayer and declaration, call things into existence. Jesus has given us the power, through our faith and our intent, to “pop a qwiff” and bring things from the unseen world into the visible.²⁹

Since Christians believe that our thoughts and attitudes (“the thoughts and intents of the heart”) can have a powerful influence on the world around us, it shouldn’t be hard for us to accept that thoughts and emotions might actually give off energetic “vibrations” that can cause changes in the physical and emotional atmosphere.

In fact, Dr. Walter Weston reports in *Prayer Heals* that most people emit a variable electromagnetic frequency that approximates the Schumann Resonance, the earth’s resonant frequency. Researchers have also shown that the hands of spiritual healers can emit over 200 volts of electricity whereas non-healers hands produce no more than 4 volts.³⁰

David van Koevering says:

Where will you start? What quantum leaps have come up in your spirit? You have been given a new

²³ *ibid.*, p. 169.

²⁴ *ibid.*, p. 171.

²⁵ *ibid.*, p. 26.

²⁶ Ellyn Davis, *The Physics of Heaven: Exploring God’s Mysteries of Sound, Light, Energy, Vibrations, and Quantum Physics*, ed. (Crossville, TN: Double Portion Publishing, 2012), p. 133.

²⁷ David Van Koevering, *ibid.*, p. 135.

²⁸ Ellyn Davis, *ibid.*, pp. 122-123.

²⁹ *ibid.*, p. 128.

³⁰ *ibid.*, p. 129.

cosmic consciousness. Pop those God qwiffs and cause upper bandwidth to change your reality!³¹

Well, there's a "quantum leap" for you. Where in Scripture is human consciousness a "fundamental creative force in the Universe"? And where in Scripture are we told we have, or can have, cosmic consciousness, new or old. This is a New Age term; it isn't biblical or even Christian in its origins. According to the New Age website called Cosmicconsciousness.com, cosmic consciousness is a state of heightened awareness of one's interconnectedness with all things in the universe—a state where one can access the collective consciousness of the universal all-mind—the collective wisdom from higher spiritual dimensions.³²

The "higher spiritual dimensions" of which the New Agers speak is not Heaven; it is the demonic realm. As much as Quantum Christians say their teachings are not New Age thought, the truth is that they are greatly infected by New Age thought, believing that just by associating belief in "Jesus" with New Age philosophy and calling it "Christian" they are justified in making such outrageous claims.

In *The Physics of Heaven*, Davis consistently presents New Age beliefs in a convincing manner without offering any refutation. Rather, she expects us to assume that those beliefs are really "truths" that have been hijacked by the New Age movement. Says Davis:

It's obvious that the New Age has used quantum physics as part of its belief structure. But are any of the ideas advanced by quantum mysticism compatible with Christianity?

Yes, they are. I think the beliefs of quantum mysticism are compatible with Christianity in many ways but are totally incompatible in a few, most important ways.

Christians and quantum mystics part ways over four issues: (1) where God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit fit into the picture; (2) what constitutes sin; (3) where the Bible fits into the picture; and (4) what happens after we die....

However, there is much that we can agree on. In fact, as the authors of some chapters of this book have mentioned, all truth is God's truth and there are many precious "God-truths" hidden in Quantum Mysticism for us to claim as our own.³³

The maxim, "All truth is God's truth," is not biblical; it is a term first coined by the Roman Catholic Church father, Augustine, based on the premise that all truth meets at the top. It posits that science and religion may be equally true, and if one contradicts the other, then that which is wrong must give way to that which is right. This may sound reasonable, but it may also be subjective on many levels.

Today "All truth is God's truth" is used in psychology and New Age philosophy to mean that man's theoretical knowledge is on the same level as God's Word. It has been naively adopted by Christians who, if pressed, couldn't tell you what it means except for a feeble idea that what is factual is also God's truth. But this trivializes God's Word and brings it down to the mundane.

It's possible that this is done more in naïveté than with malicious intent by Christians, but those who use it demonstrate woeful ignorance of the difference between God's Truth and man's perceptions of "truth."

As far as the mere four differences that Davis asserts separate Christianity from New Age mysticism, that, too, is far too simplistic. Just because someone believes correctly along the lines of those four biblical issues doesn't mean that he is on the right track by adopting New Age mysticism and calling it "Christian." For one thing, she doesn't say how these issues fit into the picture. There are many conflicting "Christian" interpretations of these issues. It is not "Christianity" to which we must subscribe; biblical truth is what determines if we are on the right spiritual path. And although Quantum Christians quote much Scripture to assert their beliefs, most are "proof texts taken out of context to establish pretexts."

Matter Co-existed with God

Annette Capps denigrates our God with other foolish ideas, one of which is the belief that matter existed with God; He didn't create the universe from nothing, but arranged it from matter that already existed:

...Before God spoke and said "Let there be light", the substance for light was there. The sound vibration of His words caused the substance to manifest and appear.³⁴

To validate this error, Capps cites Hebrews 11:3:

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (KJV)

If Capps misstated her case and believes that God created the substance first, let's give her the benefit of the doubt. But as stated, it's pretty suspicious considering the myriad other unbiblical and extra-biblical things she promotes.

Seeking Truth Among the False

We saw how Quantum Christians misapply Scripture in order to justify trying to ferret out truth from those who teach spiritual error. Ellyn Davis describes three key concepts that she says have been hijacked by New Age mysticism, but are actually based in biblical truth:

The first major concept is that the world we live in is not the "real" world, but an illusion;

The second major concept is that the universe is a unified, inter-connected whole;

³¹ David van Koevinger, *Ibid.*, p 144.

³² <http://realpsychicpower.com/cosmic-consciousness>.

³³ Ellyn Davis, *Op. Cit.*, p. 127.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 7.

The third major concept is the idea that, since material reality needs an observer to make it assume material form, human consciousness, acting as individualized expressions of divine consciousness, has the power to create material reality.

Davis sums up her hypothesis with this statement:

However, many quantum concepts appropriated by the New Age are actually distortions of Christian spiritual truths....³⁵

The first major concept, that the world in which we live is merely an illusion, is not biblical; it is a Hindu concept called *maya* which connotes that the things that appear to exist are constantly changing, and are thus spiritually unreal.

God did not create unreality; He created a universe that is as real (exists) as He is. Furthermore, He has declared that although the current heavens and earth will one day melt with fervent heat, they will be recreated as eternal realities. If matter is an illusion, then Jesus is an illusion.

The second major concept, that the universe is a unified, inter-connected whole, rests on shaky ground. A Chevrolet may be said to be a unified, inter-connected whole as the sum of its parts (and a Chevrolet is not a Ford). But each part has its own role to play. And even if string theory may be true, the strings would still be separate elements working to keep the macro world functioning; each has a role to play. But here we're speaking of the material realm, not the spirit realm. We are all individual spirits created by God to function according to His will. Only those who are born again by His Spirit can be said to be "one" in Christ where our spirits are united, yet separate and distinct. Otherwise all mankind would experience the same universal fate, which is the opposite of what Scripture tells us.

The third major concept, that human consciousness acts as individualized expressions of divine consciousness, is purely New Age. We are not individual expressions of God. This serious error reflects the word-faith doctrine that we are all gods—expressions of the true God to the point of being able to create reality as He does.

These people don't exactly think things through. They believe, "The way that God moves in power looks a lot like the New Age."³⁶ In truth, it's just the opposite. The way that the New Age moves in power looks a lot like God.

Ellyn Davis recounts how she uses her former New Age experiences to understand God's truth as revealed in that error:

I moved to Sedona fully prepared to discount everything I saw and heard as coming from a source other than the God I knew and loved. But, as a scientist, I was intrigued by what I found there. I saw healings and mystical experiences and revelations to rival anything I had seen or experienced in the church.

I encountered an understanding of the natural world and how it interacted with the spiritual that I had sensed but had never been taught in any of my science classes.

It wasn't that I wanted to become a New Ager, I just wanted to find out if maybe they had uncovered some truths the church hadn't. The strange thing was, much of what I saw and heard embodied biblical principles and could be backed up by Scripture.³⁷

At that time, I could not find a single Christian leader who shared a similar interest in finding out if there were truths hidden in the New Age. Now we are beginning to hear more and more revelation that is in line with what New Agers have been saying all along and we are hearing more and more teaching about Christians "taking back truths" from the New Age that really belong to citizens of the Kingdom of God.³⁸

Many in the church have tended to write off all dabblings into Quantum Mysticism as blasphemous and demonically inspired. However, there are a few courageous Christians who are beginning to speak up and say, "Wait a minute, there may be some God truth there that really belongs to us and that we should know about!" These Christians are spearheading an effort to extract the precious from the worthless and make those truths available to the church at large.³⁹

What Ellyn Davis states is really the core of Quantum Christianity. These people honestly believe they see some truths within New Age philosophy that, in their thinking, is God's truth. In truth, New Age mystics have developed an unproven theory of spirituality from the unproven theories of quantum physics. What it seems to come down to is that these Christians, who believe so passionately that they possess supernatural power, are envious of the occult practitioners who seem to exhibit more power than these Christians possess.

...I believe that a great work of God is in process as He restores knowledge and insights that have been lost to Christians but are now hidden in the teachings and practices of Quantum Mysticism.⁴⁰

Nothing has been lost in the way of spiritual truth. God's Word is sufficient for all truth necessary for the believer to know:

All Scripture is given through inspiration by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly equipped for all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

³⁷ Ellyn Davis, *Ibid.*, p. 14.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 15.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, pp. 16-17.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 17.

³⁵ Ellyn Davis, *Ibid.*, p. 116.

³⁶ Jonathan Welton, *Ibid.*, p. 45.

These allegedly lost truths were never known to the apostles of Jesus. Were they important, would not the Holy Spirit have inspired the apostles to record them in the Scriptures? Has God been so lax as to forget to mention these important “truths,” but allow occult practitioners to learn them? This is a lie from the pit, and these pathetic people who think they are all powerful are revealing how woefully ignorant they are of the truths that really matter.

The God Sound

Quantum Christians believe that sound plays a most important part in accessing the quantum realm in order to create reality and achieve all the signs and wonders expected as “the Church” ushers in the Kingdom of God on earth (without the Lord’s return, at least at first). This is claimed by Judy Franklin through what she calls “a prophetic word the Lord gave me about the coming importance of sound.” Speaking in the first person tense as God, she says:

“Just as the people were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, when suddenly there came from heaven a noise, and this noise was like a violent rushing wind, there will come again a noise that I will release from heaven. This noise—this sound—will be released and, just as those people in that upper room were changed, people who hear this sound that I will release will be changed. While I am not calling any of my people to sit in an upper room and wait, I am calling them to a place where their spirits are in an upper room position to receive what I am about to release. This sound that I will release will cause people to think differently.”⁴¹

Fancying herself a “prophetess,” Davis states:

After I had researched sound for about 10 years, the Lord started speaking to me more distinctly and began showing me visions of what was to come and how believers affected by the new sound from God would have power over the elements, over wind, rain, fire, and the waves.

This book is just a precursor to the revelation that God is going to give us when He releases a new, transforming sound. In the first section, Elyn and I share our journey of discovery about sound, light, vibrations, energy, and Quantum Physics. Bill Johnson writes that we can’t just camp around old truth, but should seek new truths for our generation and then preserve those truths for the generations that follow. Also, Jonathan Welton explains that Christians need not be afraid of being deceived by counterfeits but should realize that whenever we see a counterfeit, we should try to discover the “real” behind it. And then the other contributors share what they are discovering about sound, light, energy, vibrations, and quantum physics.⁴²

The next thing the Lord told me was that soon He would release a sound from heaven that will literally change the structure of how we think. This new sound will transform us like the transformation spoken of in Romans 12. Our minds will be renewed so that we think like Him and are no longer conformed to this world but conformed to the will of God. Bringing heaven to earth is our mandate, and to do that we need to think more like heaven.⁴³

This idea of sound being used by men to effect signs and wonders is predicated upon string theory. It is postulated that the strings of energy that make up the elements of atoms, and are expressed in the matter that makes up the entire universe, are vibrating at the subatomic level. Different atoms emit different vibrations which, in turn, produce sounds that are outside the range of human auditory range.

Quantum Christians state that God’s voice vibrates at a specific auditory range (as if they have some inside information that the rest of us, including the writers of Scripture, don’t have), and if we can match that range through music and song, we can produce the same miracles that God does. Quantum Christian Ray Hughes tells us that the four universal elements are water, wind, fire and earth. He then says:

We are the only ones made in His image. We are the creatures God chose to give free will to accept or reject His sound breathing in us. The wind does not have a will, and neither does fire nor water. Man has been given a will, because man has been given a soul. Therefore, we have a choice to align our sound with the sound of heaven, while the other elements remain inanimate. Fire simply sounds like fire, wind sounds like wind, and water sounds like water. Man sounds like man, but we have been given the creative ability to release the sound of God.⁴⁴

Can anyone really say what “the sound of God” is? And even if we could duplicate His “sound,” where do we find in Scripture that we can create reality by trying to mimic it? This is one of those “new truths” of which today’s “prophets” speak. The idea that God is giving to these people “new truths” is as old as the oldest deception. There are no new truths by which believers in Jesus must be guided in teaching and practice. God’s Word has proven sufficient for thousands of years, and there is nothing in His Word that suggests the latter-day “apostles” and “prophets” will lead us into new truths.

Dominion Theology

At the heart of Quantum Christianity is the belief that “the Church” can bring about the transformation of the world system from darkness to light. Christians will one day

⁴² Judy Franklin, “Introduction: A Glimpse of Things to Come,” <http://heavensphysics.com/introduction/>.

⁴³ Judy Franklin, *Ibid.*, p. 2.

⁴⁴ Ray Hughes, *ibid.*, p. 67.

⁴¹ “God” speaking through Judy Franklin, *Ibid.*, p. viii.

gain sufficient control of the various aspects of human society to create a moral and just society. Jesus will return in His “Church,” not bodily. He will merely sit in Heaven guiding the “Church” in its conquest of the nations.

Charismatic dominionism sprang from the Latter Rain Movement of the mid-20th century, which included the Manifested Sons of God (MSOG) doctrine. Briefly, the MSOG teaching is that certain believers will “overcome” through submission to the latter-day apostles and prophets, resulting in their transformation into immortality. They will be “Joel’s Army,” able to do great feats of wonder to bring the world into submission to the apostles and prophets. All this will take place before the Lord returns. (For an in-depth study of dominion theology, see my book, *Vengeance is Ours: The Church in Dominion*, Sword Publishers.)

It is no surprise that Quantum Christians believe they can tap into the spiritual forces of the quantum realm in order to bring about a new world order. Says Judy Franklin:

As I said, this book is a conglomeration of different insights and information gleaned by Ellyn, me, and the other contributors. Its sole purpose is to share what we have discovered so you can go on your own journey of discovery with God into the realms of sound, light, energy, vibration, and quantum physics. Why? Because I believe what the Lord has been showing both of us is the absolute truth that will help us bring God’s kingdom to this earth.⁴⁵

I began to understand that if this world is actually going to be what it was created to be in the beginning, now that Jesus has redeemed everything we need to know what this power is, this “sea of quantum light” that undergirds everything. And, more importantly, we need to know how to access it.⁴⁶

Bob Jones believes that God is giving “badges of authority” to both men and women to “holy” confiscate from unbelievers what he and his ilk think they should have:

That badge is like a blank check and it has the number 341 on it. Both men and women are being given the authority of badges and there are six things they have “blank checks” to do: healing, holy confiscation, prayer, petition, teaching, and ushering in prosperity. Prosperity will go from one group to another. Those who are prepared will have it all there when others need it.⁴⁷

Jones further states:

The recent earthquakes and tsunamis are a natural shifting in the earth and a change in the axis of the earth and change in even nations. It’s only natural that there is a spiritual changing of nations too. These

changes are occurring for what purpose? We’ve turned away from God. These shiftings are to turn us back to God.

With all these earthquakes and the shifting of the earth’s axis, it’s almost like the whole world has been out of alignment and everything is being “tuned.” But it’s about tuning everything, not just the earth. It’s about tuning us and everything about us. When we get in harmony with God and begin to really worship the Father in spirit and truth, there’s no time there. You’ll think that you’ve been in it a minute and I’ve known times when we were in worship for hours, and it only felt like minutes. We’re going to take authority over everything down here back and literally give it back to the Father.⁴⁸

Bill Johnson believes Christians can bring into being today the millennial prophecies that God’s Word tells us will occur when Jesus returns:

If it’s true that the promises of restored cities and healed nations are actually millennium promises...and if the promise of God’s glory being manifest all over the earth is far off into the future...and if in fact the people of God will not reach a place of true maturity, living like one mature man—then I must ask the question—is there anyone hungry enough for what He has shown us in the Scriptures that we will pull into our day something that is reserved for another? Is there anyone willing to lay themselves down to bring more of God’s promises across another great divide?

If you can see God’s coming future promises, and He hasn’t blinded your eyes to His intent, then He is hoping to hook you into the role of calling “into being that which does not exist.” It is the role of the desperate heart of faith. We have the opportunity to affect the direction and flow of history through our prayers and intercessions. This is where we take hold of the future. This is why He wants to show us, “things to come.” The future is now, and it belongs to us.⁴⁹

Ellyn Davis affirms Johnson’s theory:

And, because of our inheritance in Christ, we can reach into God for what has been reserved for tomorrow and pull it into our today.⁵⁰

God has determined that He will one day cause the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdoms of our Lord [God] and of His Christ (Revelation 11:15) when Jesus sets foot on the earth. But Quantum Christians can’t wait; they “hunger” for that day to come without Christ present, and with them in control. This makes God double-minded. Has

⁴⁵ Judy Franklin, *Ibid.*, pp. vii-viii.

⁴⁶ Judy Franklin, *Ibid.*, p. 7.

⁴⁷ Bob Jones, *Ibid.*, p. 22.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, pp. 26-27.

⁴⁹ Bill Johnson, *Ibid.*, p. 178.

⁵⁰ Ellyn Davis, *Ibid.*, p. 171.

He has given us His inviolable Word while hoping that we will act contrary to it and make things happen before His timetable?

If God has reserved His millennial promises for tomorrow, who are these people to think they can take it from Him for today?

What audacity!

But it is understandable that these people would think this way, because they separate God from His Word. Although they quote a lot of proof texts from the Bible, they really believe in subjective “new truths” that contradict God’s Word. They believe the Holy Spirit is the only source of truth, and the source of their power:

All truth comes to man through the only source of truth we have, and that is the Holy Spirit. There is no other source of creativity than the Holy Spirit. When you see your future, you are getting information faster than the speed of light through a means of streaming superluminal particles. The barrier of light speed is bridged from this subluminal realm to the higher bandwidth of the superluminal realm by the Holy Spirit.⁵¹

Yes, the only source of truth is the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit has already imparted truth to us in the written Scriptures. When people say the only source of truth we have is the Holy Spirit they are conveniently and subtly saying that God’s Word is not our source of truth; they are separating God’s Word from God’s Spirit. Then they can say the Holy Spirit has said what the Holy Spirit has not said, and convince others to follow it even if it is contrary to God’s Word. But God is not double-minded to act contrary to what He has already revealed as truth. Otherwise truth becomes subjective to circumstances, and God is merely a capricious prankster. But He tells us, “For I am YHWH, I do not change. Therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Malachi 3:6).

These false teachers should be glad He does not change, lest they be consumed for their blasphemies now.

Apart from Scripture, all “truth” is subjective. The Lord said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). He also prayed to the Father, “Sanctify them through Your Word. Your Word is truth” (John 17:17).

Anyone who comes to you with a new “truth” that is not written in God’s Word is a false teacher, no matter what else he says, no matter how sane and knowledgeable of Scripture he seems, and no matter what legerdemain he performs to make gullible people believe he can perform miracles, signs and wonders.

But What About the Signs and Wonders?

These Quantum Christians attempt to persuade believers to follow them by touting what they call signs and wonders, claiming incredible miracles, healings, even raising the dead. But there is no empirical evidence to support their claims. Most of what they state is anecdotal. These things

have been investigated by skeptics and true believers alike, and none have been able to verify that they ever occurred.

Does that mean that every claim of a healing or other miracle is false? No. God still heals as He wills, but not always, and not just because Christians claim healings or command healings. It’s also important to remember that Satan can counterfeit some miracles, as did Pharaoh’s magicians who duplicated some of those done by God through Moses (Exodus 7 - 8). Psychosomatic healings are well documented also, and many of them are only temporary. Even so, we have to ask if there is any real difference other than that false teachers in the churches claim to work miracles, signs and wonders in the name of Jesus.

Most of these Quantum Christians are associated either directly or indirectly with Bethel Church in Redding, California, pastored by Bill and Beni Johnson. Bethel is one among many “river” churches—churches that stress a new revival represented by a river into which believers must jump in order to be in God’s will and to receive His blessings, many in the form of wealth, prosperity, healing, and other signs and wonders. Some river churches openly teach Manifested Sons of God doctrine; some keep that doctrine within an elite circle of “enlightened” people.

Bill Johnson wrote a foreword to Phil Mason’s book, *Quantum Glory*. In lauding Mason for his book and how it can be used not only to reach New Agers and scientists but non-believers, and even believers who run from these “deep truths,” Johnson began his foreword with this sentence:

The world only has a voice when the church is silent.

Wrong! The world has a powerful voice during this age, and much of the world’s voice is found in the churches. It will continue to have its voice in the world and in the churches until the Lord returns to mute it considerably. Even then, there will still be an evil voice of unbelief and false worship during the Millennial Kingdom. Johnson’s words reflect the positive attitude that characterizes the dominion thinking which is giving false hope to carnal Christians, that they will one day silence the world through their own efforts on behalf of their different Jesus.

The Johnsons and their church are notorious for alleged signs and wonders as well as positive thinking and positive confession, word-faith doctrines and dominion theology. They claim many signs and wonders, and they report that during their services there appear manifestations of the Holy Spirit through feathers and gold dust materializing in the air.

The Glory Cloud

One of the most reliable attention-getters at Bethel Church and some other “river churches” is the “Glory Cloud”—a swirling cloud of gold-colored particles that seems to appear from nowhere. The “Glory Cloud” is supposed to represent the presence of God in the midst of the congrega-

⁵¹ David van Koevering, *Ibid.*, p. 141.

tion, much as the Glory Cloud that appeared in the Tabernacle in the wilderness during the sojourning of the Israelites on their way to the Promised Land. It's remarkable how the river churches' "Glory Cloud" often appears at the same time it is being preached about. Other alleged manifestations of God's presence are feathers, "gold" dust, and alleged precious gems, some of huge size, that seem to appear in people's hands and on other parts of their bodies.

These alleged manifestations of God's presence are not a new thing. They've been observed for decades in some churches. Analysis of some of the "gold" dust has shown it to be gold-colored mylar, and the "gems" to be nothing more than costume jewelry. But just as stage magicians baffle their audiences with their seeming magic, the hucksters who come in the name of Jesus baffle and amaze their audiences. When caught at their deception they use it as an excuse to "increase the faith" of their shills; if they can be made to believe that God is real in a palpable sense, then they may be better able to exercise faith to receive their healing, money, or whatever else they want from their genie god.

At Bethel Church, the ceiling is conveniently blacked out, and the spotlights are located lower and focused (conveniently) exactly where the "Glory Cloud" is expected to appear. No one can actually see from where the gold-colored particles come. Can someone say, "ventilation system," or "shaken container" above the lights? I'm sure Penn and Teller could tell us how it's done.

It's interesting that, as the audience is ooohing, and aaaaahing, and taking pictures, Bill Johnson seems nonplused about the whole thing. Evidently, to him it's just all so natural.

I believe it is all so natural. It surely isn't supernatural.

The reaction of the audience is quite different from how the saints of old reacted when confronted with the presence of God—falling on their faces and trembling in fear and awe.

Most of the teaching and preaching at Bethel Church, as at all the "river churches," centers on alleged signs and wonders, and little on reliable teaching of God's Word. What truths they share are milk, with little or no meat to accompany them.



The "Glory Cloud" at Bethel Church, Redding, California

But the healings

What about the many claims of incredible healings in the name of Jesus? Phil Mason, who is a local director of a healing room associated with the International Association of Healing Rooms, says that he is the director of a healing ministry that takes the glory of God into New Age festivals, because New Agers are awake to the supernatural. He gives examples of different New Agers who were healed through his work—six to be exact. Besides those healings he claims occurred at New Age gatherings, Phil Mason tells us what he has witnessed as a local director of a healing room that is part of the International Association of Healing Rooms:

In 2009 we had a couple come to the healing room who just three months previously had been in a motorbike accident and they were both thrown from the bike, suffering significant injuries. The woman's ankle was severely fractured but the doctors failed to properly diagnose the fracture. She had just had an X-ray the day before she hobbled into the healing room. Her foot was completely healed, followed by her neck, and then God lengthened her injured arm by about 2 to 3 centimetres [sic] because it came out of the cast shorter than her other arm. Meanwhile her boyfriend experienced healing in the other healing room, and when they came together they compared healing stories. Neither of these people were followers of Christ but they were so shocked by the goodness of God that they eagerly received a Bible and went away powerfully impacted by the love and power of God.⁵²

...Recently I met a couple of men who were soaking up the vibe and enjoying a cup of chai. I asked one of the men if he was experiencing pain and he told me he was in chronic back pain with titanium inserted into one of his vertebrae. We prayed for this guy and he was instantly healed! All the pain left his upper spine! He then asked us to pray for him to be delivered from nicotine addiction.

His friend, who observed the back healing said, "Can I have some, too?" He didn't need any physical healing so we offered to lead him into a supernatural encounter with Christ. We ministered to him and he fell into a deep trance accompanied by intense sobbing. He later attested to having the most wonderful experience of his life as his heart was healed of some deep emotional pain. One of the most memorable aspects of this healing encounter was the look of astonishment on the faces of these two men. They asked us with all sincerity who we were, questioning if we were really angels!

I recently met the fellow who experienced the back healing and he was still enjoying his new back but he

⁵² Phil Mason, *Op. Cit.*, pp. 253-254.

was even more astonished by the fact that he had not touched a cigarette since the night we prayed for him. His nicotine addiction was completely healed along with his back!⁵³

“Soaking up the vibes”? Okay. But as a local director of a healing room, these are the only two healings Mason chose to include in his book? Remarkable.

Following are some claims to healing in the name of Jesus that are much more remarkable: rheumatism; astigmatism and hernia; lungs; fibroid tumor; spinal trouble; valvular heart disease; cancer; tuberculosis; deafness.

From where do these testimonies of healings greater than those related by Mason come?

They are just a few of many testimonies of healing found in a book titled *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, authored by Christian Science founder Mary Baker Eddy. All these healings, if true, were accomplished through mind science in the name of Jesus.

Quantum Christians would protest that this is an example of how New Agers have hijacked the mysteries of God to counterfeit His healings. But no one can hijack God’s mysteries; no one can hijack what God doesn’t want hijacked. Counterfeits, they are, to be sure. But they were not accomplished by tapping into the secret power of God; they were accomplished by spirits other than the true God. The reason I point them out is to demonstrate how spiritual deceptions come in the name of Jesus and may manifest themselves through “power encounters.”

Just because someone claims to work in the name of Jesus doesn’t mean they are of the Lord. It is telling that even in his testimonies of healings through the healing room, Mason never tells us that any of these people repented of their sins and received Jesus Christ in truth as their Savior and Lord.

That’s not to say that some may have done so; Mason claims that his teams lead many to Christ. But we have no way of knowing how true that is, or how lasting it may be. Nor do we know to which “Jesus” these people are led.

We must not look for validation of truth through signs and wonders. We must look for validation of signs and wonders through truth—the whole counsel of God rightly divided.

Where Is The Gospel?

In none of the accounts of healing does Mason say anyone came to Christ, or even that the Gospel was presented. But he does claim to see “dozens of people give their lives to Christ on the spot because God just revealed Himself to them!”⁵⁴

He speaks much about the power of Christ being released, but where is the proclaiming of the Gospel or calling people to repentance?

Nor does Mason say anything about people coming to Christ in the “healing rooms,” although they evidently hand out Bibles to some people who will take them.

I can’t be dogmatic about the idea that the Gospel is subordinated to the “signs and wonders,” and probably not fully proclaimed, but it would seem that Mason would have mentioned that in at least one sentence in a 400-page book, especially where he gives testimony to his healing power.

The Gospel is not stressed in any of the writings of these Quantum Christians. Their focus is so fixed on the desire to perform signs and wonders and intrude into the realm of angels that it seems the Gospel is just a minor factor, if any factor at all.

Wacky Doodle Dandy

Only in America could a theology like Quantum Christianity develop. The American mindset of success, prosperity, and the idea that “you can be anything you want to be,” and “you can do anything you want to do,” rules. We are truly blessed to live in this wonderful country, and I thank the Lord often for that blessing. But let’s not let it go to our heads. Let’s not think we can create reality with the proper mindset, even if we want to credit the Holy Spirit with our deeds.

The Water Car

Quantum Christian Cal Pierce relates an experience he had in which, at the end of a meeting about angels, an angel gave him the formula for a water car that would go far in ameliorating the effects of global warming:

At the end of that meeting an apostolic leader spoke and said, “God is beginning to release Kingdom building codes.” From my experience with construction, I know about building codes so wondered what this might mean. As soon as the session was over, I looked up to see an angel standing right in front of me. I’m not an angel type of guy, but suddenly there was an angel speaking to me saying, “I’m sent by God to answer your question about the energy crisis. I am the energy angel.” All I could think was, “What on earth did I have for breakfast?”

The angel went with me back to my hotel room and began talking to me about energy. He told me that if we continue to draw resources from the planet, from the earth, we’ll pollute the environment and the resources will eventually run out. But if we draw resources from above, they’ll never pollute the planet and they will never run out. Then he said, “I want to show you the water car.”

I said, “The what?”

He replied, “The water car. I’ll be right back.”

He promptly disappeared and I was left thinking, “What happened? Where did he go? Do I have a forgetful angel?” As soon as I thought that, the angel returned. He had a scroll and said, “This is the water car,” as he unrolled the scroll. On the scroll was the blueprint for a vehicle. It had no engine, drive line, or transmission.

⁵³ Ibid., pp. 254-255.

⁵⁴ Ibid., p. 253.

Instead it had a tank and electrodes and a water container and some sort of closed system that linked them all together.

I couldn't understand the blueprint and said, "I'm not an engineer." The angel replied, "Well, I am. I'm going to show you how energy can be produced with water and light. I will come alongside you and show you more details about the water car and you'll get more information as time goes by because I'm going to connect you with people who will help you."

It was a nice day outside, so I asked the angel if he wanted to take a walk with me. His answer was, "I've been walking with you for 30 years but you just didn't know it." We went outside and walked around for awhile and he shared how water produces energy and about Niagara Falls and how we can use water to produce power. He said, "Fast water will equal energy. Let me show you how water can be moved fast with light." I replied, "I'm amazed. I'm walking with an angel." He looked at me and said, "I'm amazed too." I said, "Why would you be amazed?" and he said, "I'm amazed because I've been trying to get your attention for 30 years."⁵⁵

Amazing, yes. I hate to break it to Pierce, but the water car was invented over 100 years ago. It was called "The Stanley Steamer."

And rushing water can create energy? Wow! Engineers who build dams should be told about that!

I guess this angel's water car runs on different principles, though, because it has no drive line. That's something to consider. How does the power make its way to the wheels?

Pierce says the angel told him, "because God spoke His creative will, man can also speak words that create."

Angels obey the sound of His word. When we speak His word, angels then take what we say to completion.⁵⁶

Pierce isn't speaking about God's Word as His written Word, the Bible. He's speaking about a sound God makes to create something—a sound that we can duplicate by our speaking things into existence:

...It's our partnering with the angels and angelic activity that is going to cause sound to become creative. Angels are around you to activate the revelation of the truth that *you speak* out into its creative form.

That's why faith requires a confession—so that it can be heard. Because those angels don't know what you're thinking, they're waiting to hear what you're saying. So, as we speak out the word that God has given us, angels will begin to bring it to completion and it will no longer go out void.⁵⁷ (Emphasis ours)

I recall something in God's Word...

Let no man defraud you of your reward in a self-effacing humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind and not holding the Head, from whom all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increases with the increase of God. (Colossians 2:18-19)

Of course, Quantum Christians might well tell us that they don't worship the angels; they just work together with them. Okay, but there is plenty of false humility and a desire to intrude into the realm of angels. And although these Quantum Christians claim to hold the Head (Jesus), one must ask, "Which Jesus?"

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds would be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes proclaims another Jesus, whom we have not proclaimed, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not received, you might well bear with him. (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

A Teeny Creation by Man

Much of what Quantum Christians claim as fact is purely anecdotal, relying on the trust of those to whom they speak and write. This secondhand story from Cal Pierce is for you to believe. Or not:

I later met a man God had taken to heaven and shown how to produce four dimensional objects with sound. This man told me he has used sound to project a house that is 2 1/2 inches square and is three dimensional so you can walk around and look inside the windows. He said, "I'm about to enlarge the house to 18 inches." That was my first encounter with the creative power of sound.⁵⁸

Wow! Even God never created an entire house—of any size. He did create the materials out which a house can be constructed. But to create an actual house with windows and everything?

I wonder if this man Cal Pierce met has since been able to create teeny, tiny little people to inhabit the house.

Do We Have The Same Power And Authority?

Quantum Christians base their theories of supernatural ministry on the premise that all believers have the same power and authority on earth that Jesus has. There is nothing in God's Word that gives us the power to create reality by attempting to muster conditions whereby we might intrude into the quantum realm.

And consider this: if Quantum Christians are using natural means to effect "miracles" and create reality, then

⁵⁵ Cal Pierce, *The Physics of Heaven*, Op. Cit., pp. 89-91.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 92.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, pp. 92-23.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 91.

there are no miracles. It's merely the implementation of scientific knowledge, albeit on a subatomic scale.

Scripture reveals that all authority and power on earth was given to Jesus by the Father. Nowhere does it say He has given us all His authority and power. But He did allow his twelve apostles and 70 other disciples to demonstrate God's power in order to validate His ministry (Luke 10:1-20).

The gift of the Holy Spirit was promised to all believers for all time (Acts 2:38-39), but there is no promise that the Holy Spirit will prompt us to create reality. The only specific believers in Scripture who had power to work miracles were the apostles and the 70 disciples (Luke 10:1-12).

That doesn't mean the Father won't answer our petitions for healing and other needs, but we aren't given a "blank check" to do whatever we wish just because we use the name of Jesus or claim to do so in the power of the Holy Spirit. Even if we did have a blank check, we can't write it for an amount not authorized by the holder of the account.

To my question above whether the man who claims to have created a teeny little house is also able to create teeny little people to inhabit it, Quantum Christians would surely say, "Oh, but life can be created only by God, not man."

Why? After all, since God has given to these people all the authority and power that Jesus has (as they claim in many places), they should be able to create life, too, right?

But if they can't create life, then they don't have all the authority and power that Jesus has.

Now, that's a real problem. Because if they don't have all the authority and power that Jesus has, which would include the ability to create life, then their entire house of cards called "creative power" comes tumbling down.

Either they have all the authority and power Jesus has, or they don't. Which is it?

I'll give you a clue: if we have the same authority and power that Jesus has, then He has no more authority or power than we have.

Convoluting Scripture

Like all false teachers, Quantum Christians twist God's Word, allegorize clear passages, and apply outrageous interpretations to fit their false doctrines. Annette Capps states:

In the quantum, subatomic arena, there are only possibilities and probabilities. Things don't work like you and I think they should. Nothing is there until you look. All that exists is only an infinite number of possibilities. (Remember Jesus said, "*All things are possible to him that believeth.*" Mark 9:23)

Whereas gravity works whether anyone is present or not (a tree falls down, not up, even if no one observes it), subatomic particles are not there unless someone (an observer) looks for them. We can't really know what they are doing, or even if they exist when we are not looking. It is possible that they "are not".

I Corinthians 1:28 says that God has chosen the "things that are not to bring to nought things that are."⁵⁹ (Emphasis in original)

1 Corinthians 1:28 has nothing to do with quantum theory. Let's put that verse into its proper context:

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

That no flesh should glory in his presence. (KJV)

It is clear that the things "that are not" are not quantum particles. Otherwise, God would be using quantum particles to bring to nothing the things that exist. That's what "nought" means—"nothing." God isn't using subatomic particles to destroy the substance He created.

Paul was expressing how God chooses the weak things in order to demonstrate His power through them to bring to nothing things that exalt themselves. Thus, He will receive the glory for all we do. Quantum Christians want to appropriate the glory for themselves. They are the ones who say they can do mighty things by exercising certain disciplines. This is attempting to do God's work while giving the Lord mere lip service.

Kris Vallotton, senior associate leader at Bethel Church in Redding, states in the Foreword to *The Physics of Heaven*:

This book is a foretaste of things to come, unearthing what the great Apostle Paul penned nearly two thousand years ago. "Since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made..." (Romans 1:20). What a profound revelation! Creation itself is like heavenly breadcrumbs strategically placed on the path of life to lead us into understanding the depths of God.

The Apostle Paul went on to say that the Saints are to, "...bring to light...the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places," (Ephesians 3:8-9).⁶⁰ (Emphasis in original)

Talk about convoluting Scripture. Nowhere in Ephesians 3:8-9 does it say the saints are to "...bring to light...the mystery which for ages," etc. These words from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) take on a whole new meaning when placed in proper context. The mystery to

⁵⁹ Annette Capps, Op. Cit. pp. 16-17

⁶⁰ Kris Vallotton, "Foreword," *The Physics of Heaven*, Op. Cit., p. i.

which Paul referred is specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the Body of Christ. It has nothing to do with believers being commissioned to reveal secret power locked within the quantum realm.

That's what one may truly call a "quantum leap" of irrationality and unbiblical theorizing.

In the Introduction to Chapter 2 of *The Physics of Heaven*, we read:

In Jeremiah 15:19, God says, "If you extract the precious from the worthless, you will become My spokesman." In this chapter, Ellyn Davis shares how we may have to delve into areas we previously considered off-limits to extract the "precious" from the "worthless" and recover lost truths that belong to the people of God.⁶¹

Jeremiah 15:19 is used to justify delving into New Age metaphysics in order to learn how God works through the quantum realm. But the writer has taken this verse out of context and reveals a woeful lack of biblical understanding. To understand the meaning of Jeremiah 15:19 it must be kept in context. Jeremiah was lamenting Israel's backslidden condition and spoke the words of Yahweh in the process:

Therefore YHWH says this: "If you return, then I will bring you again, and you will stand before Me. And if you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but do not to them." (Jeremiah 15:19)

God was speaking through Jeremiah to tell the Israelites (the precious) to return to Him from among the heathen (the vile). He was not telling them to learn truth from the heathen while avoiding their errors. How often we are told by those who want to mix truth with error, "Just eat the watermelon and spit out the seeds." That cliché may work for eating watermelons with seeds (if you can find them anymore) but it has no bearing on spiritual truth.

Bill Johnson tells us that for the first time in "church" history, we have an opportunity to "grab the concept of spiritual inheritance." He quotes Luke 11:24-26 about the unclean spirit who goes out of a man, then comes back with seven other spirits more wicked than himself so that the condition of the man is worse than at first. He then says:

This sounds like a strange passage to throw in with the concept of spiritual inheritance. But there is a principle of the Kingdom in this passage that is vital for us to understand and that principle is this: We have the opportunity to recover lost wealth of prior generations that was, for whatever reason, disregarded.

I have no finger to point or bone to pick. But there were realms of God that were entered into in past generations that were neglected. Who knows the reasons? I don't even care. All I know is that there are

⁶¹ Introduction to Chapter 2, *The Physics of Heaven*, p. 11.

realms of God, realms of past triumphs and victories that the Church entered into that are not a present day experience. It's a tragedy because He said, "The things that are revealed are yours and your children's forever."⁶²

Johnson continues to offer esoteric interpretations of deliverance—deliverance of people, houses, churches, etc., basing his conjecture on a misapplication of these Scriptures.

In the first place, it's a huge stretch to apply Luke 11:24-26 to an unproved, unscriptural teaching on recovering some alleged "lost wealth." In the second place, when he quotes Deuteronomy 29:29, he not only misapplies it, he demonstrates lack of spiritual understanding. Let's look at that Scripture:

The secret things belong to YHWH our God, but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, so that we may do all the words of this law.

This isn't telling us that God has revealed His secret things to us, but that those things He has revealed are for the purpose of leading us in the path of obedience to His Word. The secret things are entailed in His written Word, which He tells us not to go beyond (1 Corinthians 4:6). By taking out of context the words he chooses, Johnson fails the very Scripture he quotes.

Bill Johnson speaks regarding the "Glory Cloud" citing Isaiah 60:2:

Here's what the Lord says. He says, "His glory will be seen upon you." [laughter, cheers] His glory will be seen—will be seen. The context is Isaiah 60, the darkness comes to the earth—deep darkness to people, but His light will appear upon you, His glory will be seen upon you. The contrast is unbelievers will see the presence manifested on the earth. [applause]

I honestly feel like He's trying to get us ready for stuff. I feel like He's wanting to get us ready for how He, I've just got this sneaking suspicion He's about to surprise all of us. Maybe scare us a little bit, you know. It's really a big deal to me that we have things happen from the Lord that we don't understand, can't explain, and cannot control. And to me that's a healthy thing.

It says "His glory will be seen upon you." Turn to somebody and prophesy over them, "the glory of God's going to be visible upon you."

Two very big problems here: 1) No one can on the spur of the moment at the command of another, prophesy something. True prophecy comes at the behest of the Holy Spirit whom we cannot control; 2) The context in which Johnson couched Isaiah 60:2 is entirely wrong. It is a millennial promise to Israel when they will be brought into the

⁶² Bill Johnson, "Recovering Spiritual Inheritance," *The Physics of Heaven*, Op. Cit., p. 35.

Land of Promise, and the Gentiles will come to them. Read Isaiah 59:19 - 60:5 for the full context.

Johnson misapplies these Scriptures to justify the alleged appearance of God's "Glory Cloud" in his services.

These are just a few examples of the many (and I mean many) Scriptures that are convoluted by these false teachers. It would take a book to list them all.

Don't Worry About Deceptions

Just like all false teachers, Quantum Christians do not want to be examined for what they teach and practice. Yet in condemning their detractors, they are in essence doing just what they condemn their detractors for doing. Bob Jones tells us that we should not worry about being deceived:

Many Christians have been afraid to reclaim the authentic because they consider the power of the counterfeit to be overwhelmingly deceiving. The perception is that one could accidentally fall over the edge and suddenly be operating in the counterfeit without meaning to.

Personally, I have a lot more faith in the Lord's ability to keep me than in the devil's ability to steal me away. Jesus said that He has us in His hand and no one can snatch us out.⁶³

Jones also tells us that, rather than point out the darkness that surrounds us, we should just display our light.⁶⁴ All this sounds reasonable, but Scripture consistently warns us about false teachers, and urges us to test all things, particularly those things that come in the name of Christ. It's easy enough for believers to spot counterfeits in the world system; what is much more difficult is spotting counterfeits within the Body of Christ. In truth, we need to do both: let our light shine, and discern the evil in our midst. Sometimes we find that our light shines brightest when confronting the false brethren. We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by such righteous-sounding platitudes. Remember that Satan's ministers are often transformed as ministers of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:15).

As far as the Lord holding us in His hand, it is with open palms. He does not grip us so tightly that we cannot exercise our free will to wander from His truth. That is why He warns us in His Word not to take our salvation so lightly. Paul is speaking of himself and Timothy, and thus what he says applies to all believers:

It is a faithful saying: For if we are dead with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us.

If we do not believe, He still abides faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Put them in remembrance of these things, charging them before the Lord that they not strive about words to no profit but to the subverting of the hearers.

Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. (2 Timothy 2:11-15)

When Paul says, "If we do not believe, He still abides faithful; He cannot deny Himself," he isn't saying that the Lord will abide faithful toward us should we stop believing in Him. He's saying that He remains faithful to Himself.

Whether or not one wants to apply loss of salvation to these words, or at the worst loss of rewards and/or standing in the Kingdom of God, it is still a dire warning not to stray from the truth of God's Word. Yet Quantum Christians tell us otherwise.

How Do We Tell the Difference?

Bob Jones tries to assure his readers that it is really difficult to be deceived. He offers this litmus test to know if someone is a false teacher or not:

The test of what power source a person is operating in can be boiled down to the question, "Is Jesus the Lord of their life?" According to Romans 10:9-10, a person must acknowledge that Jesus was raised from the dead and that Jesus is the Lord of his or her life. If a person will not agree with these two things, then it is a fact that they are operating from a source other than the true Jesus of the Bible.⁶⁵

This is a simplistic answer that doesn't offer anything near the truth of how to discern the true from the false. In the first place, Romans 10:9-10 has nothing to do with discerning true and false; it has to do with salvation:

But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith, which we proclaim, that if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him shall not be ashamed."⁶⁶

Are we to be so naïve that we don't think Satan and his ministers of righteousness would use the name of Jesus, causing us to think false teachers are saved just because they believe the Lord was raised from the dead?

The devils believe, and they tremble in fear, awaiting the day of their final disposition to the lake of fire (James 2:19).

Mormons believe Jesus was raised from the dead and that He is the lord of their life. A car I saw some years ago had two bumper stickers. One read, "Jesus is Lord"; the other, "Read the Book of Mormon."

⁶³ Jonathan Welton, *ibid.*, p. 44.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 42.

⁶⁵ *ibid.*, p. 46.

⁶⁶ *ibid.*

Questionable Associations

The charge of “guilt by association” is often leveled against those who question why someone of assumed integrity would associate with people of suspect character (i.e., fellow travelers with communists, Nazis, etc.). Certainly we all know and even associate casually with some of opposite beliefs. But there is good reason to suspect one’s integrity when one praises people of suspect character and/or appears with them on the same platforms without calling those suspect people to account. There is good reason, therefore, to question the beliefs and practices of those Quantum Christians who lend credibility to those whose teachings and practices are unbiblical. Ellyn Davis lauds Ern Baxter, a disciple of the late William Branham, who was instrumental in developing the scandalous shepherding movement of the 50s and 60s. (Baxter has never renounced the shepherding philosophy.)

Towards the end of his life, I was fortunate to sit under the teaching of Ern Baxter. In his younger years, Ern had been an associate of William Branham, so he had seen more healings and miracles than almost anyone I have ever met. When I met Ern, he had lived through multiple moves of God and had this to say about them, “When the Holy Spirit moves on, all that’s left is dove dung.”

I believe that the Holy Spirit is moving again. So do all of the Christian leaders who contributed to this book. They are all trying to position themselves to be “where the puck is going to be,” not where it’s been.

None of them want to be caught in the “dove dung” left behind when the Spirit moves on. They all agree that the next move of God will cause a shift at the deepest level of who we are—perhaps at the very “vibrational level” that the New Age movement has been exploring. They also agree that there are precious truths hidden in the New Age that belong to us as Christians and need to be extracted from the worthless.⁶⁷

What a terrible analogy to tag on the Holy Spirit, as if there is any corruption within Him to be left behind. This speaks volumes about how these people view our holy God. There is nothing in Scripture about “moves of the Holy Spirit” that are “imparted” for a season. That Davis would quote such an abominable thing from a pioneer of an ungodly, perverse movement as that of shepherding should cause any thinking believer to shrink from anything else she has to say, even if there may be some modicum of truth to it.

As far as what is left behind when the Holy Spirit “moves on” (who says the Holy Spirit moves on, anyway?) perhaps we could say that it is man’s movements that are left behind to spawn more evil conjecture.

Throughout the books produced by Quantum Christians we find endorsements, recommendations, references

and accolades from and to questionable spiritual sources, including Dick Joyce, Larry Randolph, Bill Johnson, Beni Johnson, William Branham, Oral Roberts, Rick Joyner, John G. Lake, Che Ahn, Patricia King, and others associated with Latter Rain, Manifested Sons of God, New Apostolic Reformation, The World Christian Movement, and other forms of dominion theology and word-faith errors.

These people have been looking for “the next move of God” for over a century, and there is no “next move of God.” God’s redemptive plan is being worked out according to His timetable, and there is nothing we can do to hinder it or move it forward, regardless of what these Quantum Christians say.

New Age Gleanings

I mentioned earlier Annette Capps’s recommendation of two books—the first being Fred Alan Wolf’s *Parallel Universes*. The second book she recommends is *The Dancing Wu Li Masters* by Gary Zukav. This book does offer a more easily understood delineation of quantum physics, but it also incorporates elements of eastern mysticism as one foundational element to understanding quantum physics. The title is based on Zukav’s interpretation of the Chinese words Wu Li (Woo Lee), meaning “patterns of organic energy.” He learned this term from a T’ai Chi master who was leading a workshop at Esalen Institute in northern California. Esalen (named after an American Indian tribe), is a New Age retreat center where people go to experience transformation and realization of their human potential. On Esalen’s website we read:

Human possibilities vastly exceed our imagination. Realization of the human potential transcends religious and scientific dogma. Mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, and social dimensions of our being are inextricably joined. Transformation of consciousness is the basis for transformation of the world; individually, collectively, and in social systems. All share the potential to love, learn, feel, and create. Esalen explores these possibilities and celebrates unity in diversity.⁶⁸

Sprinkled throughout *The Dancing Wu Li Masters* are references to Buddhist, Hindu and other eastern philosophies used to enhance Zukav’s explanation of quantum physics.

There are numerous other books Capps could have chosen to recommend for easier understanding of quantum physics, including *Quantum Physics for Dummies*. Why would a professing Christian choose this one and *Parallel Universes* to recommend unless she finds some affinity with the philosophies expressed? How many weak and new believers might be persuaded to dig deeper into those philosophies to effect the creation of their own reality that they naively think is possible?

While offering weak responses to New Age applications of quantum theory and occult science, Quantum Christians offer what they consider evidence that New Age practitio-

⁶⁷ Ellyn Davis, *Ibid.*, p. 18.

⁶⁸ www.esalen.org/page/our-mission-values

ners do have a handle on truth that Christians lack. Ellyn Davis explains how “healers” work:

Electrical and Magnetic Measurements: Healing practitioners can emit powerful pulsing biomagnetic fields from their hands in the same frequency range that biomedical researchers use to help accelerate healing of soft and hard tissue injuries. These fields are about 1000 times stronger than the strongest human biomagnetic fields.

Brain wave activity in healers: Studies of brain wave activity in “healers from all over the world (psychics, shamans, Christian faith healers, Hawaiian kahunas, etc.) have shown that during healing moments the healers’ brain waves became phase and frequency synchronized with the earth’s geoelectric micropulsations—the Schumann resonance.”

Temperature: During energy healing, the temperature of the healer’s hand rises as much as 4 degrees.

Infrasonic Sound: Researchers in China report exceptionally high-intensity infrasonic emissions from the hands of more seasoned healers.⁶⁹

And this is helpful to believers in Jesus, how? Are these “healers” empowered by the Spirit of God? If so, then God doesn’t care who uses His power; He is making it available to everyone regardless of belief or unbelief. He must then have given His power to Pharaoh’s magicians.

If, on the other hand, these practices are empowered by a different spiritual power, why do we want to learn from them? And can we say they hijacked God’s power if the power source is other than God?

If Christians and non-believers alike are accessing the same power source, we’ve got a real problem. If, on the other hand, they are merely practicing science, then there are no miracles involved; God doesn’t perform miracles. He wants us to use science to create our own reality. In that case, can these people claim to be practicing true signs and wonders? Would they not, in truth, merely be practicing science?

This cavalier attitude toward God, His power, and His Word, is indicative of false teachers who confuse God’s spiritual power with their own imaginative attempts to duplicate His power. Is that no different, really, from what Pharaoh’s magicians attempted to do (Exodus 7:7-12)?

CONCLUSION

Didn’t Jesus say,

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and in Your name have cast out devils, and in Your name done many wonderful works?’ And then I will say to them, ‘I never knew

you; depart from Me, you who work wickedness.’”
(Matthew 7:21-23)

When Christians quote as credible sources for spiritual truth those whose religious philosophy is unscriptural and/or extra-biblical, one must question the spiritual integrity of those Christians. If their spiritual integrity is lacking, then we would be wise to look with skepticism at their religious philosophy as a whole. This is especially true if their religious philosophy is based in large part on unbiblical and extra-biblical teachings.

Teachers anointed by God do not convolute Scripture. They may on occasion, due to the weakness of their flesh, misstate things, and even misunderstand things related to Scripture. But they would not be so far off base as to consistently misstate and even misapply God’s Word, and as well, join themselves to others who do the same.

Teachers anointed by God do not dupe their followers into believing false “signs and wonders.”

Teachers anointed by God do not lend credibility to occult practitioners by suggesting that they hold “truths” that belong to God’s people.

Teachers anointed by God do not share the same platform with false teachers; they do not cite those false teachers’ works; they do not laud those false teachers as “men of God.”

Those who do these things are not anointed by God. They may believe some truths of the Word, but there is little if any evidence that they understand God’s Word sufficiently to be able to teach it. Certainly they are not anointed by God to teach His people. And if they are not anointed by God, who would want to listen to them?

Let’s heed our Lord’s admonition through the apostle Paul:

I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all patience and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but from their own lusts, having itching ears, they shall heap to themselves teachers, and they shall turn their ears away from the truth, and shall be turned to fables. (1 Timothy 4:1-4)

It is my hope that those who read this will at the very least question what they hear from well-known teachers within the Body of Christ, and will study God’s Word diligently to show themselves approved—workmen who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

God’s mysteries in relation to His creation are to remain mysteries until He reveals all He wishes to reveal to His resurrected saints. What happens in the quantum realm stays in the quantum realm. Let’s live in the real world in which He desires us to move in obedience to Him. ❖

⁶⁹ Ellyn Davis, *Op. Cit.*, p. 40.

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Dear Friends,

This special report began as the lead article for our spring issue of *Media Spotlight*, but as it progressed we realized that it was much too long for that. Rather than break it into two or more segments over the next few issues, we decided it would be better to send it to you as a special report.

Consider this a bonus as we will still be sending our spring issue to those on our mailing list, but it will be delayed a bit as we research new information and recoup from putting together this important writing.

We hope this special report on Quantum Christianity will enable our brethren to put up safeguards against this relatively new “revelation” emanating from some well-known and respected teachers among Christians. As usual, we find that certain propositions put forth to convince believers that there is now a new and spectacular “truth” we must accept in order to be in on the latest “move of God,” is fraught with speculation, conjecture, half-truths, misapplication of Scripture, even obvious deception.

The first couple of pages address some science relative to the quantum realm of nature, with some smattering of how that science is being exploited by certain teachers to convince Christians of how it may be used to produce signs and wonders in creating their own reality. The remainder goes into much more detail regarding those teachings.

May it be of benefit to you and perhaps to others with whom you wish to share it.

As with all our special reports, this one is also available on request. If you need additional copies you may either download it from our website, or contact us for hard copies.

Thank you for your patience in waiting a bit longer for our spring issue. And thanks, as always, to those of you who have blessed us with your prayers and gifts to Media Spotlight.

In Jesus' love,

Al and Jean

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