

CHURCH, CHRISTIANS, DISCIPLES

- The 21 Century Church is facing a great challenge
- It is a challenge of relevance
- Where we are as the global church is not too far away from where the church was before the reformation spearheaded by Martin Luther in 1500AD
- In those days, the church drifted from biblical Christianity and evolved into a strong religious institution, influencing politics and business but far away from the vision of Christ who is the supreme head
- If we cannot interpret our present realities, it is most likely we will not be able to engage our present society or our future!
- Where we are is not a NEW Thing!

- **DISCIPLESHIP**, *noun* The state of a disciple or follower in doctrines and precepts.
- **Disciple** — a scholar, sometimes applied to the followers of John the Baptist (Matt 9:14), and of the Pharisees (22:16), but principally to the followers of Christ. A disciple of Christ is one who (1) **believes his doctrine**, (2) **rests on his sacrifice**, (3) **imbibes his spirit**, and (4) **imitates his example** (Matt 10:24; Luke 14:26,27,33; John 6:69). (from Easton's Bible Dictionary, PC Study Bible formatted electronic database Copyright © 2003, 2006 Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
- Jesus was not interested in just decisions or names but transformation!
 - Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
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DISCIPLESHIP AND “WHAT IS TRUTH”

- Ask anyone today, "What is truth?" and you're sure to start an interesting conversation.
- One of the most profound and eternally significant questions in the Bible was posed by an unbeliever.
- John 18:37-38 Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked. NLT
- Two thousand years later, the whole world breathes Pilate's cynicism.

- **So, what is truth?**
- Here's a simple definition drawn from what the Bible teaches: ***Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God.*** Even more to the point: ***Truth is the self-expression of God.*** That is the biblical meaning of truth. Because the definition of truth flows from God, truth is *theological*.
- Truth is also *ontological*—which is a fancy way of saying it is the way things really are. **Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it so.** Therefore God is the author, source, determiner, governor, arbiter, ultimate standard, and final judge of all truth.

- **Discipleship and True Freedom**

- John 8:31-32 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." NLT

- **The Battle that has been..... and continues today and will continue till Christ Return!**

- God's Rule vs. Man's Self Rule
- **Isaiah 14:12-15** "How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. 13 For you said to yourself, '**I will** ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. **I will** preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. 14 **I will** climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' 15 Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths. NLT

- **Genesis 3:1-7** The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" 2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" 4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." 6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, NLT
- **Psalms 2:1-3** Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? 2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. 3 "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." NLT
- **The Battle is for who is going to sit on the throne of our life?**

"Most compelling defense of Christianity"
— Gen. Mike Huckabee



DARK AGENDA

The War to Destroy
Christian America

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- **Back to Alice Bailey** -- It is from her desire to see the dominance of the New Age movement that Alice Bailey wrote a 10 Point Plan / Charter to destroy Christianity so that New Age philosophies may become the one world religion for the world

I. TAKE GOD AND PRAYER OUT OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- She said: “Change curriculum to ensure that children are freed from the bondage of Christian culture.”

2. REDUCE PARENTAL AUTHORITY OVER THE CHILDREN

- She said: “Break the communication between parent and child.”

Children are Unbeatable

Children are Unbeatable states the case for violence free parenting. It is a report focusing on the negative effects of smacking/hitting as a parenting tool.

- In 2004 80 New Zealand children were surveyed on their opinion feelings about being smacked.
- Shockingly only 8% had never been smacked whilst 1/3 had experienced serious harm.
- Overwhelmingly children agreed that smacking made them angry, confused and even unloved.
- Anti-smacking is about providing children with the same rights as adults to be protected from assault.

3. DESTROY THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAMILY STRUCTURE OR THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN FAMILY STRUCTURE

- She said: “Liberate the people from the confines of this structure. It is oppressive and the family is the core of the nation. If you break the family, you break the nation.”

4. IF SEX IS FREE, THEN MAKE ABORTION LEGAL AND MAKE IT EASY

- She said: “Build clinics for abortion and put health clinics in schools. If people are going to enjoy the joy of sexual relationships, they need to be free of unnecessary fears. In other words, they should not be hampered by unwanted pregnancies and diseases.”
- Abortion as told by Christians is oppressive and denies our rights, we have a right to choose whether we want to have a child or not. If a woman does not want the pregnancy, she should have the freedom to get rid of that pregnancy in the easiest and painless way possible’. Besides, if you carry the unwanted pregnancy, then give them up for adoption, that system is so unkind to them - so just get rid of them and spare them that life and the hindering of yours.
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5. MAKE DIVORCE EASY AND LEGAL, FREE PEOPLE FROM THE CONCEPT OF MARRIAGE FOR LIFE.

6. MAKE HOMOSEXUALITY AN ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE

7. DEBASE ART, MAKE IT RUN MAD

- She said: The arts are one of the primary keys to changing culture.

8. USE MEDIA TO PROMOTE AND CHANGE MINDSET

- She said: The greatest way to change human attitude is media (again, the arts).

9. CREATE AN INTERFAITH MOVEMENT

- She said: “Promote other faiths to be at par with Christianity, and break this thing about Christianity as being the only way to heaven, by that Christianity will be pulled down and other faiths promoted.”

10. GET GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE ALL THESE [POINTS] LAW AND GET THE CHURCH TO ENDORSE THESE CHANGES.

- She said: “the church must change its doctrine and accommodate the people by accepting these things and put them into its structures and systems.”

- Back to “Dark Agenda”

- “Radicals in America today don’t have the political power to execute religious people and destroy their houses of worship. Yet they openly declare their desire to obliterate religion. In their own minds, their intentions are noble—they want to save the human race from the social injustice and oppression that religion allegedly inflicts on humanity. “Religion must die in order for mankind to live,” proclaimed left-wing commentator and comedian Bill Maher in *Religulous*, the most-watched documentary feature of 2008. Both title and script were transparent attempts to stigmatize religious people as dangerous morons whose views could not be taken seriously.”
- The establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive which induced me to the Field, the object is obtained, and it now remains to be my earnest wish and prayer, that the Citizens of the United States would make a wise and virtuous use of the blessings, placed before them.—GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1783