



AS WE LOOK at the decade of the 1950s we discern a giant leap in the decline of morality in Western Civilization. This is the period known as “Happy Days” according to the popular ABC television series that ran from 1974 through 1984. *Happy Days* depicted a time familiar to me, as those were my teen years. It was a time of muscle cars, drive-in eateries, drive-in movies, sock hops, and, by today’s standards, an innocence that was in transition to worldliness. The increasing popularity of television aided that transition with the introduction of instant access to the world’s influences by millions of homes. The United States was at the time still relatively sheltered from the *avant garde* influences upon art, politics, education, and other aspects of European culture. Television would prove to be anti-Christ’s most effective tool to change the mores of America.

Although I have often said that I grew up at the best time and place in human history, in truth that is as far as soulish satisfaction is concerned. Los Angeles during the 1940s and 1950s was still blessed with the best climate on earth. There was no smog to speak of until toward the end of the ’50s. I recall one day in January (I believe it was 1957) while at one of Southern California’s great beaches, lying on the warm sand and looking toward the northeast. I could see snow-capped mountains, and realized that within a little over an hour I could be enjoying winter sports in the snow.

The seasons still provided rain during the summer, the skies were clear, often with billowy clouds. Believe it or not, on a clear night during the 1940s and early ’50s one could see the Milky Way and thousands of stars if one lived even a little distance from the center of the city.

The temperatures, although sometimes hot, were not blasting hot for endless days or weeks. That was before the basin was paved over to become a giant frying pan. In short, it was as close to Paradise one could get while still on earth.

I understand the reason singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell wrote *Big Yellow Taxi* in 1970, with the oft-repeated refrain, “They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.”

Although inspired by a visit to Hawaii, Mitchell’s song bespoke the fate of Southern California even better. And the physical deterioration of Southern California is likewise reflected in the spiritual deterioration of not only that region, but of the United States as a whole.

TELEVISION’S INFLUENCE

The beginning of the end for Southern California’s halcyon days, I believe, came with the nationally telecast New Year’s Day Rose Parade and Rose Bowl games from Pasadena. Here were people in the Midwest, east coast, and south, freezing in sub-zero temperatures, watching folks in their shirtsleeves enjoying the festivities. The next thing we native Californians knew, millions of displaced refugees from the less hospitable climes of the United States invaded like locusts.

There went Paradise.

But that’s not the worst that television brought us. Although beginning innocently enough from a humanistic point of view, the stage was set for the coming invasion of gross ungodliness into America’s living rooms. It would take decades to come to fruition, but anti-Christ is patient, if lacking all other godly attributes. Had Americans of the 1950s known how far afield would go the blasphemy, filth, and philosophical evil that characterizes today’s television offerings, it’s quite possible that they would have never brought the monster into their homes.

That, unfortunately, is a moot point now. It is too late to turn back history, and there is no such thing as time travel whereby one could go back in time to warn them. Yet even if it were possible to warn them somehow, I doubt they would have ears to hear. As Jesus said, “Even if one were to rise from the grave, they wouldn’t believe.” Television even then offered

so many promises of leisurely entertainment and escape from the cares of the world, that people quickly became mesmerized by the monster. And it began innocently enough.

Programs such as *Leave it to Beaver*, *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*, *Father Knows Best* (isn't that a joke today?), *I Love Lucy*, *I Married Joan*, and others portrayed home life as the ideal everyone longed for. Although average home life wasn't as quaint and perfect as those shows projected, they nevertheless promoted a sense of love and wholesomeness that most people desired for themselves. So why would they believe that the lovely monster in their home would eventually turn on them and destroy their children's morals?

Yet if we look closely at some of the programming of the 1950s, we will discern a worldliness that reflects a distinction between "good" and "godly."

The relative innocence of *Gunsmoke*, for example, still contained elements of ungodliness, albeit in a "wholesome" manner. Did anyone really think Marshall Dillon's longstanding relationship with Kitty Russell was all that innocent? Did people really know what saloon madams and those pretty girls sitting with their arms around the cowpokes were all about?

Of course, nothing was portrayed to give any indication that things were less than wholesome in Dodge City during the 1870s, other than the presence of bank robbers, cattle rustlers, and other ne'er-do-wells. But there was just the hint...

In 1956, the TV remote control was invented, and people could now change channels from the comfort of their chairs and sofas. In time, the remote would do far more than change channels and control volume, making it far easier for people to become couch potatoes. And whereas there were limited stations and hours of viewing to start, today there are hundreds of stations working around the clock to push gross ungodliness.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Whereas love songs of the '30s and '40s were mostly about love, music of the '50s began to introduce more love songs that weren't so much about love as about lust. I need not go into detail, but anti-Christ knows how to appeal to the baser instincts of mankind. The big bands began to give way to guitar-and-drum combos as music saw a decline in the desire for melody, for a stronger emphasis on beat.

Oh, it was great stuff. Elvis Presley, Little



Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bill Haley and the Comets—they brought some terrific sounds that provided for upbeat dancing. I really dug it.

But with it came less godly attitudes towards the opposite sex. That, and the easy access to cars for teens, produced a lot of "marriages" in the back seats of Chevys. Some of those "marriages" became lifelong commitments, but too many of them ended in unwanted pregnancies, which led to abortions. Those unwanted pregnancies fueled the campaign to legalize abortion at a later date, playing into anti-Christ's design to corrupt and further destroy humanity.

CREDIT CARDS

From early on in the 20th century, individual store credit accounts were available. Some stores offered credit cards, as did major oil companies for their gasoline stations. In 1949, Frank X. McNamara, head of Hamilton Credit Corporation, met at lunch with Alfred Bloomingdale, grandson of the founder of Bloomingdale's department store, and Ralph Sneider, McNamara's attorney. At Major's Cabin Grill, next to the Empire State Building in New York City, they met to discuss a problem that Hamilton Credit Corporation was having with a customer who could not pay his debt. When McNamara reached for his wallet to pay for the meal in cash, he discovered that he had forgotten his wallet. Embarrassed, he called his wife to have her bring him some money. That event sparked a new idea in McNamara—a credit card that could be used in multiple locations. This led to the creation of a middleman who would act as a liaison between merchants and their customers. That first credit card middleman was Diners Club, formed in 1950 and financed with funds from McNamara, Bloomingdale, and Sneider. The first merchants were restaurants. Although beginning slowly because restaurants didn't want to pay the middleman fees, by the end of 1950 some 20,000 people were using the Diners Club credit card—a paper card with participating merchants' names on the back. In 1958, both American Express and the Bank Americard (later called VISA) were created, and the credit card became a mainstay of the American economy.

What a blessing it was. People no longer needed to earn enough money before buying high-priced items. Now they could receive instant gratification by passing a plastic card over the counter. Credit reporting agencies became a necessity to handle the task of checking credit for card issuers.

The credit card had another plus side to it. Now, manufacturers could produce goods at a faster rate to keep up with the demand. This gave rise to employment, and the employed could use credit to further increase the demand.

But with the blessing of easy credit came the curse of bad credit ratings for those who got too far in debt. No longer were people's souls owed "to the company store" (thank you, Tennessee Ernie Ford); now their souls were owed to banks and lending institutions. With the use of easy credit came the need for more income, which in turn eventually required

both spouses to find employment. This, of course, meant that, with both parents working, children had to be shuffled off to day care, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, then public elementary and high schools. In time, most parents would no longer be the character-molding factor in their children's lives. That task would fall to child care professionals and teachers, as well as to (drum roll) television programming that filled the kids' down time.

As wives and mothers left the home to earn enough to support the materialistic needs of the family, spousal relationships began to suffer. Meeting "more interesting" members of the opposite sex at work caused discontent with what they had at home. The divorce rate began to rise, to where even in Christian homes today the divorce rate is almost equal to that of the world.

It may not be obvious to most, but anti-Christ's design to destroy the nuclear family and drive its members further from God was greatly aided by easy credit. Today, the nation is reaping the whirlwind for having sowed to the wind the posterity entrusted to us by Yahweh. The satanic philosophies that permeate our public schools have, for the past several decades, turned each generation further from our Father's truth and produced a nation of many crybabies and dependents upon government largesse, as well as amoral, violent, impatient protestors against law and order.

Yet this is in keeping with the Lord's warnings that in the last days it will be as it was in the days of Noah and Lot (Luke 17:26-30) when mankind will again corrupt himself, and violence will fill the earth.

Europe and the United States of America have been the primary targets of anti-Christ while bringing this about.

THE KOREAN WAR

Also in 1950, America went to war with Korea, a scant five years after having endured the horrors of World War II. Again, this "Christian" nation was subjected to death and maiming of its youth. But the real evil was the determined policy of the Truman Administration not to fight to win, but merely to contain communism from invading South Korea. While America waged its no-win "police action" entered into unconstitutionally as a subject of its United Nations "peace-keeping" role, communism in America continued to wield influence upon the State Department and the president, urging "restraint" rather than risk the ire of a still impotent U.S.S.R. and Red China.

For the first time in history America suffered the indignity of defeat in warfare, not because of the incompetence of the brave men who fought or the military leaders in the field, but because the communist influences in our government pushed the correct political buttons to thwart every effort toward victory. The U.S. Government favored "containment," refusing to utterly defeat the North Korean communists. Today, North Korea is one of the greatest threats to the West, flexing its military muscle in the face of

an Obama administration that consistently displays weakness to the rest of the nations.

Most importantly, the Korean War (not "police action") was the first war engaged in unconstitutionally without a declaration of war by Congress. In order to circumvent the constitution (unlawfully) the Truman administration in cooperation with the United Nations denied the UN action was a war, and called it a "police action."



It was also the first time that the United States surrendered its military sovereignty to a foreign power largely administered by the Soviet Union and Red China. It had already surrendered much of its political sovereignty to that foreign power, making it ripe for the picking by anti-Christ's New World Order.

JOE McCARTHY

The name today evokes smirks and ridicule by ignorant people who think that the late Senator Joe McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) was engaged in a "witch hunt" to "find commies behind every bush." In truth—and I remember those days—Senator McCarthy was a true patriot who rightly contended that there were many communists and Soviet spies and sympathizers within the U.S. federal government, as well as in the mainstream media and the Hollywood movie industry—the latter two working to propagandize for sympathy toward the U.S.S.R. and the communist ideology.

He began his investigations in 1950, and was immediately vilified by the left-leaning press and members of Congress with left-leaning sympathies. Today, his name is synonymous with despotism and un-Americanism. In truth, he was a good man who fell victim to cowardly fools who themselves were victims of communist propaganda. His cause was not helped by his correctly diagnosed accusations of disloyalty and sex crimes (i.e., homosexuality) by a number of politicians and others within and without the government of the United States. The politicians, especially, wanted him discredited rather than themselves be exposed.

Anti-Christ used Joe McCarthy as a whipping boy for Satan's plan of destruction against the United States, and the faith of its people, which was overwhelmingly Christian, at least in the nominal sense.

Today, any truth about McCarthy has largely been relegated to the “memory hole,” as most historians approach his biographies from a biased, leftist standard. It is difficult to discern what they say is true, and what is false.

By destroying McCarthy’s reputation through the communist-sympathizing media, anti-Christ was able to continue working unabated through the U.S. government to accomplish his plans.



THE HYDROGEN BOMB

1950 was also the year that President Truman ordered the construction of the hydrogen bomb, which would release energy equivalent to 10,000,000 tons of TNT—500 times more than the first atomic bomb, which was equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT. With the hydrogen bomb, anti-Christ would have the power to threaten far more devastation than man had ever experienced from a single weapon of mass destruction, creating fear that would facilitate a desire to surrender rather than die. What escapes people who give into that fear is that a single bullet will kill them as surely as (and probably more painfully than) any hydrogen bomb. But the idea of dying or being maimed by such a destructive weapon strikes fear in any unbelieving heart.

PLAYBOY

1953 marked the advent of pseudo-sophistication for pornography with the publication of the first *Playboy* magazine. Whereas prior to *Playboy*, men were somewhat embarrassed to be seen picking up a “girlie magazine,” the inclusion of the “Playboy philosophy” with articles addressing subjects of interest to men gave men an excuse: “I just get it for the articles.”

As time progressed, anti-Christ made “respectable” men’s magazines more graphic in content. Generations of married men would find their wives unable to compete with the airbrushed perfection of the *Playboy* “models.” Pornography would be one of anti-Christ’s best weapons to destroy families.

SPUTNIK

The Soviet Union gained an advantage over the United States in the space race with the launching of the U.S.S.R.’s first satellite. People were fascinated, and perhaps a bit frightened, to learn that a totalitarian government had taken the first steps to control the atmosphere over the entire globe. Soon, science fiction accounts of warfare in space would become a possibility, with the specter of destruction rained upon innocent humans from space platforms. So far this has not come to fruition, but we haven’t reached the end yet.

In addition to military applications, the most lucrative use of satellites has been by the mass media and entertainment industries, which have harnessed the technology to bring instant access to world events and a plethora of television channels through satellite and cable television providers. Anti-Christ now has an even stronger hold on people’s minds through these innovations. And the cost to be brainwashed is staggering.

FIDEL CASTRO

In 1959, communist revolutionary Fidel Castro, portrayed in the U.S. media as a harmless “agrarian reformer,” overthrew the regime of General Fulgencio Batista. In spite of numerous prior attempts to take over the Cuban government with support from the Soviet Union, the leftist media in America soothed the fears of people by assuring them that he was not a communist, but was being maligned by right-wing extremists. However, those in the know both inside and outside the government and the media tried to warn the nation that Castro would establish the first communist government in the Western Hemisphere. Their warnings proved accurate, and until the traitorous actions of the Marxist Barack Obama in 2016, Cuba suffered censure and boycott by the United States for no other reason than there have always been a large number of people who would oppose removing those sanctions. Acting unilaterally, without the consent of Congress, Obama has dealt the Castro regime under Fidel’s brother Raul, a tremendous economic favor, in spite of Cuba’s known ties to terrorism. It remains to be seen how anti-Christ will use this treason to his benefit, and against the benefit of Americans.

THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Through the influence of the so-called healing evangelists, the acceptance of Pentecostal experiences outside the Pentecostal denominational structures began in the 1930s and ’40s. Eventually, this led to the first stirrings of Pentecostal experience-oriented religion within mainstream Protestant denominations, which came to be called the Charismatic Renewal, in the 1950s. Prior to this, those within mainstream Protestant churches who believed they had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit (allegedly through the evidence of speaking in “tongues”) left their churches to join Pentecostal churches. The first significant case of an American Protestant minister remaining in his denomination after that experience was Harald Bredesen, a Lutheran, in 1946. Another was Tommy Tyson, a United Methodist pastor in North Carolina, who was allegedly baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1951, after a congregational study of Acts 2.¹

A major influence in spreading the Pentecostal experience to mainstream denominations was Agnes Sanford, who had several years in a “healing ministry.”

¹ *The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*, Revised and Expanded Edition, Stanley M. Burgess, Ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002, 2003), s.v., Charismatic Movement.

Agnes Sanford

The late Agnes Sanford (1898? – 1982) is the fountainhead of the inner healing movement which, prior to her influence, was virtually unknown within Christian circles, being found primarily in the fields of psychology, mind-science churches, and the New Age Movement. The inner healing methodologies Sanford introduced into the churches include visualization and guided imagery. These techniques were learned by Sanford through her study of Jungian psychology. Carl Gustav Jung, in turn, learned his techniques from a spirit guide he called Philemon—a demonic entity.

Sanford also drew on Sigmund Freud’s theory of dream analysis, as well as the gestalt therapy of Frederick S. Perls, Abraham Maslow, Carl Rogers, Sidney Jourard, and Eric Berne to effect “spiritual healing.” Gestalt therapy employs such exercises as ventilation, primal screaming, and role playing.



In her books, still found in Christian bookstores, Sanford openly espouses a pantheistic philosophy and belief in Darwinian evolution, as well as confusion regarding the

possibility of reincarnation. (For a detailed treatise on Agnes Sanford and inner healing, see our special report, *Inner Healing: A Biblical Analysis*).

Sanford’s influence in the Charismatic Renewal set the stage for inner healing to spread not only to mainline denominations, but also to Pentecostal denominations and even Roman Catholicism.

In 1955, Sanford and her husband, Edgar L. Sanford, an Episcopal priest, founded the Schools of Pastoral Care—weeklong conferences for those involved in healing, such as ministers, doctors, and nurses. In these conferences the Sanfords spoke of “the power of the Holy Spirit working in men and women to the healing of their physical, mental and social ills.”

If it seems incongruous that an openly New Age devotee like Agnes Sanford would have such influence among evangelicals and the Charismatic Renewal, one should know that the New Age Movement has been making inroads into Christianity through many avenues ever since the late 19th century. Is it any wonder that the most popular and widespread “Christian” books filling the shelves of Christian bookstores are infected with New Age philosophy and psychology? The New Age Movement long ago determined to use Christian language and jargon to worm its way into mainstream Christianity. Today, there are very few Christians

who are not infected by the New Age Movement. Most who identify as Christians, particularly in the West, have abandoned the core tenets of biblical faith for psychologized, mystical religious experimentation. This was introduced primarily through the Charismatic Renewal, infecting movements like the Vineyard, Word-Faith, Pentecostalism, healing “ministries,” etc. This has been done through teachings focusing on the alleged work of the Holy Spirit, which transcends the written Scriptures. Experience has largely replaced reasoned understanding of the plain texts of the Bible. How often we hear today, “I know the Bible says that, but we must be led by the Holy Spirit; the letter of the Law kills.”

That may sound reasonable, but we cannot separate the Holy Spirit from the Word of Yahweh. The Holy Spirit does not give experiences contrary to God’s Word.

It is a true statement that “the Word without the Spirit leads to legalism, and the Spirit without the Word leads to craziness.” Just witness all the mayhem in the name of the Holy Spirit within the Charismatic Movement today. That mayhem has infected the Pentecostal denominations as well as many mainline churches.

Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International

The first organized expression spreading the alleged baptism in the Holy Spirit beyond Pentecostal circles into mainstream Christianity was the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International (FGBMFI), founded by millionaire dairy magnate, Demos Shakarian. From the start, FGBMFI associated itself with the alleged “healing evangelists.” Oral Roberts was the guest speaker at the first FGBMFI meeting which convened in Los Angeles in October, 1951. FGBMFI’s method was to hold prayer breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, as well as larger regional and national conventions. Its monthly magazine *Voice*, added to FGBMFI’s outreach beyond Pentecostal circles.

FGBMFI did not set an agenda to bring mainline denominational Christians into Pentecostal churches, but rather sought to extend the Pentecostal experience into mainstream Christianity.

Camps Farthest Out

Another organization through which mainstream Christians learned of the alleged baptism in the Holy Spirit was Camps Farthest Out (CFO), founded by Glenn Clark in 1930. Clark’s purpose was to help Christians become “athletes of the Spirit.” CFO gatherings were usually week-long meetings facilitated by camp leaders who, over the years, included Agnes Sanford, Harald Bredesen, Derek Prince, and other questionable characters.¹

CFO’s founder, Glenn Clark, was infected with New Age philosophy. One indication is his endorsement of A.K. Mozumdar, an Indian mystic, as quoted by David H. Howard in *The Universal Message*:

¹ Ibid.

“I do not know of any spiritual teacher that I consider so close to the spirit of Christ as Mr. Mozumdar,” wrote the late Glenn Clark, famous author, lecturer and college professor. “He has that perfect transparency that is a combination of what they say are the outstanding qualities of Gandhi, humility and confidence — humility in the outer and perfect confidence in the inner. I feel that anyone who perfectly comprehends his teachings and puts them into expression in his life will possess the secret of the ages.”¹

The website dedicated to Mozumdar states: “Not only was Mozumdar a dynamic teacher, lecturer and writer, but in his daily life he exhibited a true love for and deep knowledge of God—which he called the ‘Cosmic Creative Principle.’ His overriding desire was to help lead spiritual searchers to inner harmony and peace—the natural outcome of the life in communion with God, the Superconscious Power.”



Glenn Clark

In his book, *Key to the New Messianic World Message*, Mozumdar states:

The Messianic Message is a message of human freedom. It has given many a man and woman the inspiration to think and write daringly and fearlessly. It maintains that man is not apart from Providence (The Creative Principle of the Universe), but that he is together with It. It reasons that man must have come from something that contained the possibility or potentiality of man. That something could not have been apart from man. In fact, it must have been the potential man himself, not as a mere form but as a thinking, reasoning, individual being. If we take it for granted that there was a time when man was not in existence, we are compelled to admit that there must have been a final something which was the cause of his manifestation.

Mozumdar believed that man, as the manifestation of “God” will ultimately be united with his source of origin (universal consciousness). His “messiah” is the New Age “Jesus,” although He quotes the true Jesus from Scripture, convoluting His words to fit the New Age paradigm.

Says Mozumdar:

Every state of human consciousness is personified. We are all personifying our respective states of consciousness. In this sense the Eternal Christ was personified in Jesus. Christ is that state of knowing

which recognizes that God is the one and only Life. Therefore Christ is the only way, life, and truth. We are becoming Christed in the measure that we realize the Truth of Christ.

To be “Christed” means to be anointed with the same fullness of Messiahship that Jesus is. It’s a New Age buzzword.

Such is the person that Glenn Clark, founder of CFO, presented as the closest to the spirit of Christ of any spiritual teacher he knew.

CONCLUSION

The interconnectedness of false teachers, New Age philosophers, and occult teachings forms the basis for the Charismatic Renewal. Jesus said, “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit” (Matthew 7:17).

The apostle Paul said similarly, “If the first fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches”(Romans 11:16).

Conversely, if the root (the origins; the beginnings) are evil, the fruit will be evil. The beginnings of the Charismatic Renewal were evil; it was, and is, a counterfeit of the work of the Holy Spirit. Anti-Christ has used the Charismatic Renewal to deceive millions of Christians of all persuasions to prepare them for the false christ who will deceive the nations of the world. The consequential evilness of the fruit will become more apparent as we continue in our next installment.

This is not to indict all who are involved in the Charismatic Renewal—not even all the leaders. Rather, it is hoped that many who are involved will see it for what it is, and will come out and be separate.

The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements sums up the Charismatic Movement through the decade of the 1950s:

By the end of the 1950s there was a considerable pentecostal stirring reaching beyond the pentecostal churches. Much of it was not congregationally based or congregationally organized, though there were the beginnings of pentecostal groups in mainline church traditions at Parkesburg, PA; Mount Vernon, NY; and the Lutheran Bethany Fellowship in Minneapolis, MN; as well as less openly at Wheaton, IL. As the only organ for this expansion was *Voice* magazine, the overall perspective was one of pentecostal expansion beyond pentecostal boundaries, with little sense of unity and cohesion among those in the historic churches who had been baptized in the Holy Spirit.²

The Charismatic Renewal (which was really New Age Renewal) actually emerged within mainstream denominations in the early to mid-1960s, which is the decade for our next installment.❖

¹ A.K. Mozumdar: *Yesterday’s Evangelist From India*, <http://mozumdar.org/yesterdaysevanglist.html>.

² *The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*, Op. Cit.