



THE DECADE OF the 1960s saw a drastic departure from the cultural norm in the West based on the biblical ethic which had held sway for centuries. Especially in the United States, anti-Christ laid the foundation for the most diabolical aspects of his attack against Yahweh and His people in the following decades.

POLITICS

On the political front, the stability of western governments began to crumble against the onslaught of movements that would defy authority, allowing anarchy to emerge as a formidable force against civilized society. Many of those movements were based on legitimate protests against injustices committed by governments for centuries. Most began peacefully, but were quickly usurped by violent minorities prodded into action by subversive agencies. The Civil Rights Movement, the Anti-War Movement, the Anti-Capitalist Movement, and the Environmental Movement were the most prevalent in America—the last one propagating a New Age neo-paganism that sees man as merely one element within nature wherein all species of animals and the very planet earth itself are considered equally “sacred.” The New Age aspects of environmentalism began to permeate the religious structures of Christianity where, coupled with Jungian and Freudian psychological theory, they gradually pushed out much critical biblical truth.

All these movements addressed legitimate concerns, but their answers to those concerns were too often unbiblical and even irrational, leading to abuses of different kinds not only by government but by the movements themselves.

In the United States, constitutional government had long before given way to fiat legislation by both the administrative and judicial branches of the government. An atmosphere of empirical status had been lodged within the office of the

presidency, and from the time of Franklin D. Roosevelt on, most presidents saw themselves not so much dictators as heads of an oligarchy enshrined within their cabinets and bureaucracies. The government was looking less and less like that established by the founders and more and more like the Soviet Politburo.

The first televised presidential debates took place in 1960 between Republican Richard Nixon and Democrat John F. Kennedy. Television brought the office of President of the United States (POTUS) into the entertainment arena, and many Americans found it difficult to distinguish between reality and fiction, finding that the candidates would become more concerned with image than with substance. It has only gotten worse since then, and anti-Christ has managed to blur the distinction between lawful and ethical reason and pandering to the emotions of voters. Thus he has used the medium of mass communications to sway many citizens from their former opinions based on what is right according to the biblical ethic upon which Western Civilization was founded, to opinions based on emotion according to the most convincing and/or attractive candidates.

People invariably lean toward the more attractive and psychologically impressive candidate. Consider the outcomes of the races for POTUS ever since those first debates between Kennedy and Nixon. According to polls among those who saw the debates on television, the majority said Kennedy won; among those who heard it on the radio, Nixon won. On television, Kennedy—the more handsome of the two—had greater appeal, while on radio people judged according to what they heard—the content.

As television came more and more into its own, radio became a virtual non-factor in political debates. With few

exceptions, later debates largely proved that appearance is paramount.

This should be no surprise when we look at biblical truth. Was not Satan (the spiritual principal over Tyus) the most beautiful of the angels (Ezekiel 28:12-19)? Did not Israel choose Saul as king because of his handsome appearance, and his physical height above the other Israelites (1 Samuel 9:2)?

Conversely, Jesus had no comeliness that anyone would desire Him (Isaiah 53:2).

Just as it is difficult for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, so, too, it is difficult for the most physically attractive to enter. Most of the former desire wealth above God's Word; most of the latter are vain and desire fleshly pleasure over God's Word.

Naturally there are many exceptions, and those exceptions are to be admired for their humility.

The point is, however, that anti-Christ knows well how to exploit the lust and vanity of men, as well as the penchant in mankind to esteem those things above humility and godliness. Unfortunately, men are also the most lustful power. That lust for power was reflected in President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 "Great Society" proposition—the first major step toward one of anti-Christ's preferred political systems, fascism/socialism, since FDR's New Deal.

Racial Strife

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous *I Have a Dream* speech during the March on Washington. The Civil Rights Movement, headed by King, ultimately led to the adoption of the *Voting Rights Act* in 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Although, with all his faults and communist associations, Martin Luther King, Jr., contributed to the betterment of blacks in America, other, not so peaceful black power groups were emboldened by his successes to foment a great racial divide among Americans. This contributed to the first major race riot in the nation when, on August 11, 1965, a black motorist was arrested for driving while drunk. When he resisted arrest, a scuffle broke out which escalated into a fight. Many in the black community in the Watts suburb of Los Angeles reacted with charges of police brutality, and went on a rampage that lasted for five days, burning businesses and turning a 46-square-mile area of southwest Los Angeles into a combat zone that required National Guard intervention.

At the time, I was living with my mother near 76th Street and Vermont Avenue, having just recently been discharged from the Army. Hearing the news, I went out to check on what was happening. I quickly returned and took her to my sister's house in Gardena to stay until calm was restored.

Although startled by the riots, they were not unexpected by me. Aware of how communist and other subversives were stoking the fires of discontent and sowing seeds of discord

among the races, I told a friend in 1960 that there would one day be race riots in the streets of America.

He told me I was prejudiced. But when the Watts riots broke out, he was confounded as to how it could happen. Two years later, in the summer of 1967, race riots erupted in major cities across the U.S. in what came to be known as "the long, hot summer." Today we are seeing similar eruptions of violence along race lines through the Black Lives Matter Movement, backed and given impetus by the Communist Party USA.

Sowing seeds of discord is perhaps anti-Christ's most effective means to bring about the destruction of societies and prepare them for infusion into his globalist scheme to turn mankind against Yahweh. And minorities are all too often the victims of that scheme. That discord was further exacerbated by organizations such as the Black Panther Party, formed in 1966, which threatened violence against white people, and particularly police officers. Party members carried weapons, ostensibly to defend themselves against "police brutality." The party did much good for blacks with financial aid and social work among the poor, but there were radical elements whose actions led then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to call the party "The greatest threat to the internal security of the country."

I recall driving down south Figueroa Street near Manchester Boulevard when a black man on the sidewalk pointed a gun at me and tracked his aim as I drove by. I waited for the puff of smoke, but it didn't come, fortunately.

Assassination

On November 22, 1963, the nation was shocked and saddened to learn of the assassination by gunshot of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. I was no fan of Kennedy, but I was skeptical that an less-than-marksman like Lee Harvey Oswald could have carried out the dirty deed on his own. I was especially incensed that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, before any suspect had been apprehended, declared publicly that a "right-wing radical" was probably responsible for the killing.

What, exactly, was Oswald's motive? If, in fact, he was a lone gunman, we will never know because he was shot dead by nightclub owner Jack Ruby while being transferred from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail by police. Ruby was known to have connections with the Mob, and wasn't a fan of Kennedy.

There has been much speculation that Kennedy, although a Democrat, was seriously considering taking down the Federal Reserve System—an act that would severely hinder the anti-Christ globalist ambitions of the international banking cabal. JFK's Attorney General, his brother Robert, was determined to go after the syndicated crime families in the U.S. As chief counsel of the Senate Labor Rackets Committee from 1957 to 1959, he exposed the corrupt

practices of the Teamsters Union and its president, Jimmy Hoffa. Robert had also been an assistant counsel to the Senate committee chaired by Senator Joseph McCarthy. On the campaign trail as a candidate for the office of President, Robert Kennedy was gunned down on June 5, 1968, by a 24-year-old Palestinian named Sirhan Sirhan, and died the next day.

Assassination is a tool of anti-Christ to keep those who would expose his evil plans among nations and nefarious organizations—plans that would cause misery and chaos within populations to subject them to his plans for world conquest. This may well have been anti-Christ’s motive in the April 4, 1968, assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. With King out of the way, the Civil Rights Movement was taken over principally by the “Rev.” Jesse Jackson and the “Rev.” Al Sharpton, and became more anti-white and antagonistic toward established government, in spite of those men’s rhetoric to the contrary. Anti-Christ’s racial divide has since grown worse by the decade.

WARFARE

Vietnam

The greatest divide among Americans (and other nations) over warfare began in the 1960s over U.S. involvement in the Second Indochina War (Vietnam). As early as 1950 the U.S. had sent military advisors to what at the time was known as French Indochina to help the French and South Vietnamese resist communist encroachment from North Vietnam. In 1961 U.S. troop levels were tripled, and tripled again in 1962. The 1964 falsified Gulf of Tonkin incident, in which a U.S. destroyer and a North Vietnamese fast attack craft allegedly engaged in combat (proven a “false flag” incident), led to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. This gave President Johnson authorization to further increase military involvement. In 1965 U.S. combat units were deployed.

Communist influences in the West seized upon these incidents to incite demonstrations against the war, mainly among college students and other young people, some turning violent. Mainstream media reports of public demonstrations of draft card burnings fueled the fire of anti-war sentiments. U.S. troops returning from the war in Vietnam were spat upon and denigrated by many Americans incited to anger by the media, academia, and even many church leaders.

Although those actions directed against military personnel were despicable, there was some truth to the idea that the U.S. was engaging in warfare unconstitutionally, i.e., without a declaration of war by Congress. In spite of the fact that the last Congressional declaration of war was to enter World War II, the U.S. has been embroiled in war after war through fiat declarations by virtually every president since then with little protest from Congress and, in most cases, supportive resolutions by Congress. But Congress doesn’t

have the constitutional power to abrogate its responsibilities to the president.

The globalist powers that control governments (including the U.S. government) on many levels has been responsible for fomenting such wars and draining the lifeblood of American youth to achieve their purposes. U.S. involvement in Vietnam was predetermined years before Johnson sent combat units there in 1965.

Again, I turn to personal experience to prove my point. As a member of the U.S. Army, in December, 1962, I was sent from radio school at Fort Gordon, Georgia, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. We did nothing but wait, for what we didn’t know. We were kept busy marching from company grounds to the motor pool, one day removing coverings from the vehicles, and the next day putting them back on. This continued for about a month.

In early January, 1963, we were flown in a severely overloaded Lockheed Constellation to Fort Benning, Georgia, there to activate ancient facilities for what would be the 11th Air Assault Division (Test). The facilities had been winterized, so when we got there we had no heat for the first week or two. In the middle of winter we had to sleep in full clothing with our fatigue jackets and overcoats on. There was no hot water so we showered and shaved as quickly as we could in the coldest water. (Thanks, Uncle Sam, for caring for your troops so well.)

Our division was created to test the equipment and tactics for a new kind of helicopter-borne warfare in the steaming environment of Vietnam, although at the time we didn’t have a clue. I relate this personal experience to show that governments plan far in advance for the things they do while hiding those plans from the general population until it’s too late to do anything about them. This is especially true for warfare. The choppers and other new equipment used in Vietnam at the time had been designed and built years in advance of U.S. deployment of regular troops. The Lord spared my involvement in the war, allowing me to be honorably discharged at the end of my two-year commitment in June, 1964. But several of my friends remained and were part of the buildup, being melded into the First Air Cavalry. Some didn’t return home.

Now here is something we must understand: the same forces that created that war, and subsequent wars in which the U.S. has taken the lead, have also fomented the protests against those wars. Divide and conquer has always been anti-Christ’s tactic, and it is played well by the globalists who have the major movers and shakers in all governments, including ours, in their pockets.

The Six-Day War

Perhaps the only wars in which the globalists have not found the outcome to their liking have been those in which the tiny nation of Israel has been involved. From the first

attempts to destroy that nation at its birth in 1948 until the present, no weapon formed against it has succeeded. The Six-Day War of 1967 was no exception. In fact, that attempt by its neighboring Arab nations to destroy Israel resulted in further land gained by Israel and lost by its enemies. From that time until today the world has been united against Israel, and the hatred for Jews has increased.

We can't turn a blind eye to Israel's faults. It is a godless, Zionist state that is anti-Christ at its core, being influenced by Rabbinic Judaism and secularism at the same time. It's quite amazing to realize that even as anti-Christ uses those elements in Israel to allow for persecution of Jewish believers in Jesus, he is bent on destroying Israel, knowing that it exists by Yahweh's pleasure.

When, in 1969, Yasser Arafat became the president of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), a new kind of propaganda warfare against Israel was born. Since then, the nations of the world have increasingly been bombarded with the idea that Israel is an illegitimate nation that wages terrorist warfare against innocent Palestinians. Although Israel has committed some nefarious deeds (as do all governments), its approach has been reactive rather than proactive in its warfare. And it has done its best to warn people of impending attacks so they can vacate areas in which Israel's enemies use them for shields, then as propaganda pieces to convince the world that Israel murders innocent women and children.

Space doesn't allow for the prophecies related to the deliverance of Israel (the people) in the last days after the Lord returns to receive His saints in the air. Suffice it to say that our Father will be vindicated through His chosen people when they look upon Him whom they have pierced and they mourn for having rejected Him (Zechariah 12:10). They will also mourn for an additional three-and-one-half years as anti-Christ persecutes them out of his hatred and wrath against Elohiym Yahweh and His Son.

Other Events

Another event contributing to anti-Christ's use of warfare was the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. Cuban patriots were betrayed by the Kennedy administration which had promised air support that never came. Many fine men were killed by Fidel Castro's troops who had advance warning of their attempt to overthrow his communist regime.

The Cuban Missile Crisis that took place in 1962 was, in my opinion, a contrived event to further alarm Americans into thinking the USSR was a legitimate threat to our peace and safety. Just a distraction from our real enemy, globalism (one-world government), and its covert agents working behind the scenes in virtually every government.

Anti-Christ has used threats of nuclear annihilation ever since World War II to cause people to distrust the One in whom they should be placing their trust for true peace and

security. The USSR's detonation of Tsar-Bomba—the largest nuclear weapon ever detonated—and Red China's announcement in 1967 that it had developed its first H-bomb, contributed further to the ever-growing fear anti-Christ wants to instill in mankind.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Space Race

On April 12, 1961, the United States was stunned to find out that USSR cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft, became the first man to orbit the earth. The USSR had already beaten the U.S. into space with the launch of its Sputnik satellite in 1957, and it became evident that, unless the U.S. took space science more seriously, we would be at a technological disadvantage. This prompted President Kennedy to challenge the U.S. to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. The challenge was met successfully on July 20, 1969, with the landing of Apollo 11's *Eagle* lunar module on the moon's surface. Shortly after, astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon when he exited *Eagle* with the words, "That's one small step for [a] man; one giant leap for mankind." No other nation has landed a man on the moon, and NASA has opted to engage in international cooperation with its space program rather than further enhance America's edge in the space race.

Even so, anti-Christ has had his hand in the mix, prompting the militarization of space with the "superpowers" launching weapons platforms into space, which remain an ever-present nuclear threat to peace and safety.

Medicine

In 1961 the first letter of the DNA code was deciphered by a little-known scientist, Marshall Nirenberg. His breakthrough research led to further research which, in 1965, resulted in chemist Robert Holley working out the exact structure of a nucleic acid that was biologically active. Since then, DNA science has offered many medical benefits, and contributed to forensic science in solving crimes. But it has also been used by anti-Christ to prompt ungodly experimentation in the field of eugenics and cloning, as well as in transhumanism (see our special report, *Transhumanism: Recreating Humanity*).

Associated with eugenics is birth control. Although Scripture has nothing to say about it, and people are free to decide for themselves whether or not to have children, the philosophical push for birth control and abortion are rooted in the attempts to reduce the human population and rid it of "undesirables," identified as non-white peoples. Margaret Sanger set the stage in the early 20th century with the founding of Planned Parenthood. Her objective was to thin out the population among black Americans. An associate of the Ku Klux Klan, Sanger's racist philosophy has been downplayed by the multi-billion dollar abortion industry. Her cause was enhanced when the FDA approved the first

birth-control pill in 1960. Sanger died not long after, on September 6, 1966. She was one of anti-Christ's foremost instruments in the deaths of millions of innocent children. Yet abortionists are a protected class in western society.

The Internet

In April, 1963, the idea for a computer network for the purpose of communications among computer users was formulated by computer scientist J.C.R. Licklider of BBN Technologies. His idea would become the basis for the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET), funded by the U.S. Department of Defense. This would later develop into the Internet. The history of the Internet and how it works is too long and detailed to address here. Our concern is how the Internet, though offering many benefits for mankind, and without which we would have no access to much critical information—much of it withheld by the mainstream media, particularly regarding politics—anti-Christ has used it to seduce billions of people into pornography, violence, and many anti-Christ philosophies.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

Motion pictures entered a new phase of shock as entertainment with the release of Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* in 1960. Whereas previously, mayhem was largely hinted at in horror films, *Psycho's* graphic depiction of bloody violence set the stage for even more graphic images that would in time desensitize people to such violence. Anti-Christ knows how to play with man's psychological makeup to his advantage, and although *Psycho* was in itself not responsible for the increase of violence in western society, it did set a precedent for what came after. It was a fitting representation of the anti-social mentality of the youth of the 60s, which became inflamed through the gradual increase in the use of psychosis-inducing drugs such as LSD, crack cocaine, and heroin.

Music

The drug-fueled rebellion of the sixties was personified in the rise of rock 'n' roll music that went beyond the relative innocence of Elvis Presley and his 1950s contemporaries. The first stirrings of songs laced with sometimes veiled but evident graphic sexual lyrics started to come to the fore. Groups such as the Rolling Stones (1962) and the Beatles (1963) gained popularity, first in England, then in the United States. It wasn't long before the glorification of mind-altering drugs became *de rigueur* for the music of the "flower children" of the 60s.

By the end of the decade, the generation was ready for the Woodstock Music & Art Fair which took place on Max Yasgur's dairy farm in the Catskills of New York state from August 15 to 17, 1969. Billed as "An Aquarian Explosion," Woodstock was attended by 400,000 people, and the New Age became melded with the music industry. This would

become one of anti-Christ's most potent implements for removing western society from its biblical roots to adopt anti-Christ philosophies that would affect even the manner in which churches conducted their services, as well as what they stressed in their messages. That was easy enough to attain inasmuch as Beatle John Lennon's claim, "We're more popular than Jesus now," was met with little concern three years earlier in 1966.

When the musical production *Hair* opened on Broadway amidst critical acclaim, live theater sank to a new low. Audiences were not shocked by the nude performances they witnessed on the Broadway stage, and the dam broke on any attempts to censor content regardless of the age of audience members. After all, this was "legitimate" theater.

RELIGION

Satanism

The departure from truth in the secular West continued in the realm of religion, particularly with the founding of the Church of Satan by Anton Szandor LaVey on April 30, 1966. Satanists—at least those publicly disposed to call themselves as such—do not claim to believe in a literal Devil. They claim that God and Satan, or the Devil, are inventions of religion—particularly Christianity. They have adopted the symbolism of Satan in defiance of all that Christianity stands for, believing that Christianity stifles the nature of man to be who he evolved to become. According to the Church of Satan website:

To us, Satan is the symbol that best suits the nature of we who are carnal by birth—people who feel no battles raging between our thoughts and feelings, we who do not embrace the concept of a soul imprisoned in a body. He represents pride, liberty, and individualism—qualities often defined as Evil by those who worship external deities, who feel there is a war between their minds and emotions.

Although the Church of Satan claims no belief in a literal Devil, much of the occult symbolism that permeates all it produces can be historically linked to actual worship of devils in ancient western pagan societies. By stating that they have no battles raging between their thoughts and feelings, they reveal themselves as hedonists operating under an unconventional religious system. In other words, they revel in their sins, with religion as a covering that gives them a sense of legitimacy with a government that claims neutrality toward religious affiliation.

Interestingly, the Church of Satan has no church structures, nor are their central offices open to visitation by the public. Members operate on the "cabal" concept, secretly in autonomous groups with no central oversight other than the provision of Anton LaVey's teachings.

Is that not the way the first-century believers in Jesus gathered? While followers of Jesus have over the centuries founded many institutions—all at odds with one another to varying degrees—His enemies have taken the biblical model for gathering together and have perverted it for the use of sinful pleasures. This has to be one of anti-Christ’s greatest achievements in mocking our heavenly Father.

Black Theology

At the time that the Civil Rights Movement came upon the political scene, on July 31, 1966, a group of 51 clergy from predominantly black congregations formed the National Committee of Negro Churchmen (NCNC). They bought a full-page ad in the *New York Times* in which they proposed an aggressive approach to combating racism by melding the Bible with the Black Power philosophy

James H. Cone, a black American theologian, was a proponent of Black Theology patterned after Nation of Islam leader Malcolm X (nee Malcolm Little) who proclaimed in the 1950s that Christianity was “a white man’s religion.” According to Black religion expert Jonathan Walton:

James Cone believed that the New Testament revealed Jesus as one who identified with those suffering under oppression, the socially marginalized and the cultural outcasts. And since the socially constructed categories of race in America (i.e., whiteness and blackness) had come to culturally signify dominance (whiteness) and oppression (blackness), from a theological perspective, Cone argued that Jesus reveals himself as Black in order to disrupt and dismantle white oppression.

In much Black Theology, biblical concepts and views of God are sublimated in preference to concerns for social justice regarding what Black theologians consider “the oppressed.”

Certainly there were legitimate concerns, especially during this time when segregation was still practiced in the South. I was a witness to segregation while stationed in Georgia during my military service in the early 1960s. When I and some black friends went into Columbia, Georgia (near Fort Benning), on pass, I would go into a restaurant to order food, then bring it to my car and we would eat it there. It bothered me, but that’s how things were at that time.

The problem with Black Theology isn’t its concern for the oppressed; the problem is its disregard for biblical truth for the sake of social concerns. Concern for the oppressed is not incompatible with biblical truth. But anti-Christ has seduced many black people into activism, even violent activism, under the leadership of black clergy, and even some white clergy.

Had the movement adopted the biblical approach of love toward their oppressors rather than rage and violence that has often attended their demonstrations, Yahweh would have

been honored. Perhaps the goal of equality may have been delayed some, but true believers would leave that in the Father’s hands, recognizing that vengeance is His, and that the Lord’s Kingdom is not of this world, and that’s why His followers don’t fight (John 18:36).

I realize that for some, it’s easy for me to speak, not being black myself. But as a young American of Lebanese descent, I can tell you that I faced ridicule and discrimination myself. Perhaps it wasn’t as serious as some of my black friends have faced, but even as a Catholic at the time it laid the groundwork for my future life in Christ, which would teach me to trust our Lord for vindication rather than strike back in anger.

Anti-Christ has used the Black Theology Movement to create further dissension among people through class warfare promulgated by anti-Christ elements such as communism. This is why a Southern Baptist minister such as Martin Luther King, Jr., could affiliate with known communists. He, and those who have followed him in the Black Theology Movement, have joined hands with God’s enemies while claiming to serve Him.

YWAM

Founded in 1960 by 24-year-old Assemblies of God College student Loren Cunningham, Youth With A Mission (YWAM) started out with a noble goal: to train young people to take the Gospel into all the nations of the world. The organization’s first mission trip was to send two men in their early twenties to Liberia to build a road through the jungle to a leper colony. By 1970, YWAM had 40 full-time staff, and was on its way to becoming a large international institution. The phenomenal growth of YWAM was believed to be a testimony of God’s blessing.

Over time, however, YWAM became entangled in unbiblical and even ungodly activities, adopting much secular wisdom to guide its expanding influence. Adopting the mission strategy of C. Peter Wagner, Ralph D. Winter and the World Christian Movement, YWAM converts in some areas began making “converts” by melding indigenous pagan practices and beliefs with biblical teaching. (See my book, *The World Christian Movement: A Great Delusion Leading to the Religio-Political State of the Anti-Christ* [Sword Publishers, 2001.]) This is even true among Muslim “converts” where “Messianic Muslims” remain in their Islamic community, attend mosque gatherings, read their Qur’ans, pray to Allah, but “accept Christ [as Muslims understand Him] as their Savior.”

YWAM has joined forces with questionable leaders within Christianity, such as Benny Hinn, John Dawson, and several among the New Apostolic Reformation. (See our special report, *The New Apostolic Reformation: New Move or Old Deception?*)

Again, space does not allow us to address all of YWAM's aberrations, except to say that the organization's ecumenical nature encompasses not only Roman Catholicism but teachings and practices that incorporate New Age occultism, psychology, and other aberrant, unbiblical elements.

As most Christian institutions begun by men with noble aims, YWAM has fallen victim to anti-Christ's seduction by surrendering to human wisdom, thinking that man can accomplish Yahweh's work on earth through human effort. Sadly, they will insist that they are led by the Holy Spirit. Yet the Holy Spirit does not lead contrary to God's Word.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

One of anti-Christ's more subtle deceptions transpired with what was believed to be a move of the Holy Spirit among Roman Catholics. In January, 1967, two professors of the Catholic Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ralph Keifer and Patrick Bourgeois, attended the Congress of the Cursillo movement (a Catholic "apostolic" movement founded in Spain in 1944). There they were introduced to David Wilkerson's book, *The Cross and the Switchblade*, and were intrigued by the book's emphasis on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They began practicing laying hands on people to receive the Holy Spirit, and people allegedly began "speaking in tongues" and being healed of various ills. The movement spread to become international. Today the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is found in over 230 countries, with over 160 million adherents.

The problem with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is that it did not remove Catholics from the aberrant dogmas and practices of their church. They began praying to Mary and other "saints" "in the Spirit," receiving the Eucharist "in the Spirit" for spiritual and physical healing, and practiced mystical contemplative and meditative exercises "in the Spirit."

Because of the exhibition of speaking (read babbling) in "tongues," the Renewal was accepted by non-Catholic Pentecostals and charismatics willing to overlook the serious errors of Roman Catholicism, unconcerned that unbiblical practices were being attributed to the Holy Spirit. The Renewal contributed greatly to the ecumenical plot of the Vatican, desirous of bringing the "separated brethren" back to "Mother Church." Now, Pentecostal, charismatic, and even evangelical "evangelists" will not conduct their services without Catholic priests present. Catholics who come forward to give their lives to Christ are shuttled to the priests and Catholic laymen to make sure they return to the Catholic Church.

At the same time the Catholic Charismatic Renewal was working in the Catholic Church, other "high churches" such as the Episcopal/Anglican and Lutheran institutions were experiencing the same deception. Many books written by Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and other institutional celebrities began to line the shelves of Christian bookstores, and continue to proliferate.

Women's Aglow

Women's Aglow is a female-led Bible teaching and ministering organization that also grew out of the charismatic movement. It began in 1967 with four women who were wives of members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. The initial name of the organization was Full Gospel Women's Fellowship, which spread rapidly among charismatic and Pentecostal women. In 1972 the organization became Women's Aglow Fellowship International, and in 1995, Aglow International. Its members now number men and women, although the name hasn't changed to reflect that.

One objective that grew out of Aglow is the "restoration of women according to the significance of their created role as outlined in the Bible."

Unfortunately, besides their unbiblical teachings and practices, Aglow has elevated women above men through its leadership role and Bible teaching contrary to Scripture.

Kenneth Copeland

In 1968, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland founded an evangelistic association, beginning with meetings in their home. The Copelands now command a multimillion dollar organization based on their Word of Faith teachings copied from Kenneth Hagin. The Word of Faith heresy has been one of anti-Christ's most widespread, useful, and profitable deceptions to turn people away from the purity of God's Word.

CONCLUSION

The 1960s was a decade of which it can be said, "If ever there was a turning point in Satan's unleashing of sheer evil upon the world and upon Christianity, this was that time." The world of innocence among youth and within society in general was transformed into a satanic cauldron of licentiousness, both physical and spiritual. Atheism, agnosticism, homosexuality, false religious experiences under the guise of "a move of the Holy Spirit," Roman Catholic ecumenism's invasion of evangelicalism, and other false teachings spread like wildfire.

But it was only the tinder being ignited. The full holocaust of ungodliness would be unleashed in the coming decades. ❖

NEXT

THE 1970s

Nothing happens in this world that does not have spiritual implications. At one time in America's history it was shameful to be found in ungodliness. Now God's people are made to feel embarrassed standing for righteousness.

But there will be sorrow for those who call good "evil," and evil "good" (Isaiah 5:20).