

TRUTH ABOUT THEOPHOSTIC PRAYER MINISTRY (TPM) and/or OTHER INNER HEALING

1. There are three risks of making woundedness the root of sinfulness: ...

- 1) minimizes the seriousness of sin, ...
- 2) minimizes the glory of forgiveness and repentance, ...
- 3) minimizes the power of spiritual disciplines

Sin based theology or lie-based theology?

At its core, the difference between TPM and Evangelical Theology is the view of sin. In basic terms Theophostic Theology sees sin as the result of lies that have been believed leading to defective thinking and ultimately manifesting as sin. Evangelical Theology sees sin as the product of our fallen natures and corrupt flesh. Clearly these two views are polar opposites and as always we must search the Scriptures for the truth.

God's Truth:

Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Mark 1:14-15 "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching that gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"

Luke 5:31-32 "Jesus answered and said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'"

What does it mean to have believed the lie of the enemy?

Romans 7:8-10 "But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me."

II Thessalonians 2:9-12 "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned, who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

2. **Ed Smith says his technique is new.** This technique has been around for centuries by the New Age Healers called Theta healers and other types of inner healers. The lie-based theology has striking similarities to Gnostic beliefs about the cause of sin in a person's life. **Gnostics and New Agers** do not look to salvation or repentance but lie-based belief to your problem. Theta Healers and do the same type of practice to get in touch with lie-based memories by calling in

the person's spirit guides or angels into their memory to bring healing and if you are a Christian, they will call your Jesus into your memory.

3. **Ed Smith's background is Christian Psychology.** Ed Smith has 17 prior years of experience in psychological counseling. Psychology is rooted in occultism.

The "core theory and practice" of TPM involve psychotherapeutic theories and practices, which include recovered memories, visualization, and, at times, hypnosis. The conjuring up of a Jesus figure to answer prayers and give truth in the manner practiced in TPM is absent in Scripture and is centered on the sins of others and the accompanying "wounds" inflicted by others. This is just the opposite of what is seen in Scripture. We have to take responsibility of sins from others that afflicted us such as dealing with unforgiveness.

Carl Jung is one of the father's to Psychology. Jung's research asserts the concept of an impersonal or "collective unconscious" (a type of library containing everything ever known) present in each person's unconscious. The inspiration came to Jung from contacting the spirit realm. Jung claimed that his spirit guide, Philemon (more on "it" later), was a source of information that gave him crucial insights. According to Don Matzat, "Jung theorized that all humanity, past and present, were connected on an unconscious plane. Jung placed a "scientific" footing under occult phenomena and mystical experience. Jung was deeply involved in the occult and did his doctoral thesis on parapsychology.

Agnes Sanford brought inner healing 50 years ago into the church. *Agnes Sanford who was a student of Jung, and a mentor to John Sanford and other psychologists in and out of the church.*"

4. **With visualizing Jesus into your memory**, you are opening your mind to occult spirit guides making you believe it is Jesus. You are getting a false light! Any time you visualize or go back you are going into a trance state (altered state of consciousness). When you "drift back", you put oneself into a passive state of mystical receptivity and await words from a mystical Christ, which opens oneself up to deceiving spirits. Closing your eyes and drifting back puts you into **Theta Brain Waves** which opens up the unconscious. Yoga, hypnotism, visualization, emptying the mind for something else to come in – spirit guides, guided angels, etc.

What is Theta Brain Waves? Theta (4 to 8 cycles per second) the slowest brain cycle. Deep meditation of emptying the mind does this. This is associated with life-like imagination. This is best for suggestibility and inspiration. This brain wave is dominant in children of age 2 to 5. Theta waves appear before sleep. At first your mind goes empty, and then the feeling is replaced by creative imagination or day dreaming. Example: have you ever been not quite awake and not asleep and can hear everything going on around you but you are still dreaming? That is Theta Brain Waves.

There is no evidence in scripture to look inside your self. God's word and ways of dealing with hurts is through deliverance and washing your mind with the word by quoting his word. His way is active. Anytime you look inward, then you are being passive with your mind.

Being passive with your mind causes your mind to go to self-induced Theta Brain Waive (altered-state of consciousness – self hypnosis and/or trance state) **blocks your cerebral cortex that discerns reality to be bypassed.**

5. People will feel healed but what is happening is **the cerebral cortex** gets blocked and **cannot discern reality** or it bypasses rational thinking. Plus, you open the **pinal gland** to be sensitive to the supernatural or a gateway to free reign of demons. The 3rd eye or psychic eye is opened. The New Agers and others such as Freemasons call it being “Enlightened.” Look on your dollar bill and see the 3rd eye. When you do TPM, you are becoming “Enlightened” with psychic ability. Later the person will experience anxiety (maybe in weeks, months or years from now) and have no memory attached to why the anxiety because of the cerebral amnesia. The peace they encounter at the time is a counterfeit peace and counterfeit healing. Satan gives healing and then he takes back with vengeance through anxiety attacks or confusion or a lack of being able to focus or concentrate, tormenting dreams, etc.

God gave us minds to test the reality around us. And He gave us the power of independent choice based on a mature assessment of the facts. But satan's desire is for man to be like an animal without thought or will to resist. For demonic rule to begin in a person's life, there first must be willingness to submit to such a rule. But the problem is that satan is never honest about his intentions, and may win this willingness by deception. In other words, even Christians may be deluded into accepting the influence of evil powers, if they are unwary and ignorant of his devices.

6. **We should never take a person back into memories and then call in a Jesus into a negative memory to be healed.**

Christian and secular, claim immediate healing from past trauma/victimization issues, which seems to be their conclusive proof. If cerebral amnesia has occurred, then the person is not healed at all. The fear/trauma issues are now blocked from consciousness. If this is the case, the spiritual lie is really the work of spirits of fear, which are now able to torment at levels that prevent resolution such as anxiety attacks with no memory attached.

Second, a person who relives a memory can experience abreactions. What is an abreaction? A person reliving an event before the Lord is ready to show them a memory. **Results**: More fear enters into them. Fear brings torment and bondage. This can create a person to start having anxiety attacks, nightmares and torment.

7. **What is Satan's plan?** When someone is able to go into altered state of consciousness, then your mind is being trained to suggestibility. In the latter times, there will be use of telethought communications or sound waives to control the masses who have been programmed through altered-state of consciousness. Satan wants to control your mind. A person who has gone through Theophostic Prayer Ministry, eventually will have problems of focusing and/or have confusion. Some other symptoms of falling asleep in church or falling asleep while reading the Word of God.

Satan is not working in a haphazard and aimless way. No, he is working out his 'Master Plan' for world take-over. The first step was taken in Eden, when Lucifer secured the co-operation of fallen man in ruling the world system. Later he brought mankind into oneness at Babel and except for God's intervention he would have achieved world dominion at that time.

Today, his plan is the same: he is re-programming the minds of men and women in order to build himself a visible earthly empire, his "kingdom". How!

The power of satan concentrates on the SOUL, located in the MIND. Its centre is the physical brain and the subconscious mind of man. The third eye will be used by satan to complete his Master Plan for world take-over through telethought communication. Again, he wants total control of your mind.

When the church has fallen into visualization techniques, inner healing modalities, then the 3rd eye has been opened. Lucifer's plan is to speak to man directly through his opened soul- eye. Through the hook-up of his mind to spiritual forces, the image of light has the ability to speak. The message it brings speaks of the Great Infinite Way and our role...these codes of light extend through telethought communication."

What is more to the point is the preparation going on at this moment to condition us all - even in the churches - to accept his words.

Sin-based the ology vs. lie-based theology.

"The most significant difference we have with Theophostic is whether sanctification is now complete or is something ongoing." - Philip Monroe, co-author of a "Theological Analysis of Theophostic Ministry," quoted in Lying Spirits. **Is the root of man's problem sin?**

We must turn to God's Word for the answer. John 8:34-36 "Jesus answered them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave to sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.'" Whatever the case, sin is problem enough to have required the coming of Jesus in the form of a man followed by His death on a cross in order to provide freedom to those enslaved by sin!

On page 225 Dr. Smith says "The trouble with this belief is it doesn't work. I believe we need to be honest about the success rate we are having trying to get people free through this approach. Is what we are doing truly producing "maintenance-free victory" by confessing, repenting, and trying really hard?"

What is the ultimate lie?

I Corinthians 6:9-11 "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the

kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

Galatians 6:7-9 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

The ultimate deception is to think that one can live a life of perpetual sin and be saved. Nowhere in Scripture is the notion of a lifestyle of sin considered consistent with regeneration.

There are three main categories of mind-blanking opportunities:

CHEMICAL:

- *Drug and Solvent Abuse*
- *Alcoholic Excess*
- *Hallucinogenic substances - 'magic mushrooms', LSD etc*
- *Many prescribed medication*

One of the reasons for the huge increase in drug abuse is that New Agers know drugs are a quick route to loss of conscious control. The Bible suggests that drug-taking will lead to a terrible judgment from God: The word used in Revelation 9:21 for 'sorceries' is in Greek 'pharmakeia', or the use of drugs.

PHYSICAL:

- *Yoga and relaxation exercises coupled with meditation*
- *Head-banging, shaking, convulsive dancing etc*
- *Whirling, as with Dervishes*
- *Loud repetitive music, especially rock music*
- *Flashing Lights*
- *Drum beats with rhythmic jumping, clapping and/or chanting*
- *Obsessive TV, Video or Computer screen viewing*
- *Hypnotism, altered states of consciousness*
- *Sensory Deprivation of various kinds*
- *Electric Shock Treatments*

Such methods have been in use for centuries. In the account of Elijah's battle with the Prophets of Baal, we see the idol-worshippers leaping or dancing round their altar, shouting with loud voices and cutting themselves with knives to make the blood of their sacrifice flow. (1 Kings 18:26-29) The indigenous peoples of America and Africa do much the same. The object is simply to create a state of unconsciousness in the brain whereby demons can enter (and speak, in the case of the prophets of Baal). Anything repetitive, or loud or mind-blowing enough will do. The teenagers who walk around plugged into blaring heavy-metal music, and the cultists chanting to the beat of their drums are achieving the very same effect as the Baal worshippers of Elijah's day.

Christian parents - a word of warning. Rock music opens doors to demon powers. It is designed to do so. Many of the beats are based on tribal chants and religious rites. Many of the words are openly satanic, and other terrible spells are recorded secretly on the tapes. If you want to keep your child out of danger, challenge his or her use of rock music. The very act of filling the mind with this music causes oppression, and some youngsters have killed themselves or others because of it.

RELIGIOUS/PSEUDO SCIENTIFIC:

- *New Age Music*
- *Yoga and Transcendental Meditation*
- *Psychic mediumship and trances*
- *Self-hypnosis*
- *Scientific religion (EG Scientology)*
- *Visualisation and Guided Imagery*
- *Mysticism - passive prayer techniques etc – emptying your mind*
- *Chanting of mantras*
- *Bio-feedback/Alpha Dynamics etc*
- *Any 'Christian' ministry which involves emptying or bypassing the mind*
- *Inner healing – looking inside yourself to lost memories*

The above illustrations by no means exhaust the list of mind-emptying rituals offered to people today. Examples abound. But they illustrate the type of activity which satan is promoting in order to raise a whole generation of thoughtless, passive 'fodder' for his evil work.

YOGA

is not just physical exercise. The word means 'yoke' or 'union' - the exercises, and particularly the breathing, are designed to eliminate the brain's conscious activity and to allow 'union with the Infinite'.

MEDITATION

is often accompanied by chanting of mantras and 'centering', which is focusing on a light or object until vision is dimmed. The continuous chanting of a 'mantra' (the name of a deity, in fact) brings the power of that god into the mind. In the Eastern religions, the name OM is highly prized as a powerful mantra. But in the West, some so-called Christian practitioners suggest the use of I AM. The object in both cases is to "still the mind to hear the inner voice of higher intelligences whose aim is to influence and co-operate with man."(36)

BIOFEEDBACK

and other such methods of 'scientific meditation' achieve the same results. The brain-waves are recorded and brought into harmony, supposedly leading to inner peace, but actually promoting a passive state of mind.

STRESS-MANAGEMENT

is big business today, but many techniques used (even in primary schools!) are designed to relax

conscious control of the brain and let the mind float free to experience other realms. Often, guided imagery is taught through relaxation exercises.

SELF-HYPNOSIS/NEW AGE MUSIC

another area of deception that is growing in popularity. The New Age tapes of soothing, soporific music are used for meditation but often have subliminal tracks of suggestions recorded on them. Some of these tapes, with unheard but powerful messages, are openly advertised as useful for behaviour modification - to stop smoking, for example. But other tapes, seemingly just of music, are secretly full of satanic messages which slip into the unguarded mind.

AUTOMATIC WRITING.

One last area of concern is the production of books, teachings and so-called prophecies by remote control. There are those who believe themselves to be controlled by the Spirit of God, when really they have let their minds come under the control of demons.

God NEVER speaks or guides while the mind is blank. He ALWAYS requires a person's full control and exercise of his own mind and will. So, those who hear inner messages, or who write under the control of certain powers, are just allowing themselves to be used for purposes of deception. Also, those who teach Christians to empty their minds in order to 'hear God' are leading the Church astray

Some years ago, a book called Jonathan Livingstone Seagull became very popular, and some Christians received it as from God. But the teaching in it was basically Hinduistic, and IT WAS DICTATED BY THE AUTHOR'S SPIRIT-GUIDE. Another best-selling series of books produced by 'inner messages of the mind', is God Calling. This purports to be the daily messages from God received by two women. But these two 'listeners' wrote the book by letting their minds go blank and then recording whatever came into them. However pleasant these messages may be, if they were received in blankness, they are NOT of God.

A book dictated to an atheist psychologist, Helen Shucman, by a spirit claiming to be Jesus is now being used as teaching material in churches round the world. It is called A Course In Miracles. It claims to correct the many errors of the Bible, teaching that we are all gods in the making and that evil does not exist. The Course views the world as a 'collective illusion' and tells us that the answer to our problems is to change our perceptions about ourselves and the world. This, of course, is simply New Age propaganda, yet Christians are willing to receive the lies of a spirit-being if he calls himself Jesus and speaks through a person's mind!

Spirit guidance of this sort is not only dictated and written. It is also spoken through false prophets, some of whom operate in Church circles. Some prophecies given out at meetings and then circulated round the Church by newsletters are the product of an empty mind open to demons. We must never fall into the trap of accepting prophecies as valid before using the discernment God provides. This sort of false prophecy leads to no end of confusion in the Church, and only serves the cause of satan.

A SPIRITUAL MIND

The mind which is available to God, and free from attack, is sharp, clear, active, pure and able to interpret spiritual truths easily.

- A Spiritual Mind is: RENEWED - it is full of the Word of God, set on spiritual things, and not pre-occupied with earthly matters.
- A Spiritual Mind is: CO-OPERATIVE - it works alongside the spirit, as its partner, checking out, translating and expressing spiritual truths which are received from God. When the teaching comes from outside the spirit - by hearing, seeing etc - the mind co-operates with the spirit in examining and cross-checking the teaching, applying its own education to the teaching, and also subjecting it to the scrutiny of the spirit.
- A Spiritual Mind is: SUBMISSIVE - it keeps humble, avoiding proud thoughts; it never usurps the position of the spirit. The mind has an artificial light, as of a light-bulb, but the spirit is lit by the glorious sunlight of God. Spiritual revelation comes through the spirit, not the mind. Often the simple, humble Christian who depends on God for illumination knows far more than an intellectual Christian.
- A Spiritual Mind is: OPEN - A closed mind is prejudiced and bigoted, opposed to God's truth, but an open mind is pliable and easily entreated. It does not reject out of hand all ideas that seem alien to its own light.
- A Spiritual Mind is: CONTROLLED - each input is carefully examined before it is accepted, and the mind is not allowed to drift idly in a sea of information. The spiritual Christian knows that thoughts are the seeds of action, and he guards himself against any thought contrary to God's way.
- A Spiritual Mind is: PEACEFUL - it rests on God, not on circumstances, and rejects tormenting thoughts, doubts, worries, fears and imaginings as from the devil. It flies to the Lord in trouble, not to feelings or thoughts.

CONCLUSION

- God never changes. His Word and His Person are the objective truth. Avoid subjective reality and set your mind on the God who exists outside of our feelings, thoughts and imagination.
- Remember that the mind is not the spirit of man. God never speaks by flashing thoughts or visual experiences presented to the mind. God speaks and controls by a spiritual prompt which is translated into human knowledge by the mind. The mind and its powers are soulish, earthly and fallen, and must be submitted to God.
- God wants us to use and control our own minds. He commands us to renew our fallen minds by filling them with the Word of God, and also to submit our intellectual powers to Him - that is, to walk in the Spirit, not by the reason and judgment of the natural man.
- The mind and the spirit must work in co-operation in prayer, worship and guidance. The Christian mind needs the spirit to inspire and control; the Christian spirit needs the mind to regulate and interpret the things of God.
- Cast down imaginations! Never let thoughts or pictures in the mind rule your thinking about God. The imagination of man, though useful, is unreliable.
- Defend the door of your mind, as a soldier defends a fort. Never let stray thoughts enter without a challenge, and never be careless over the information you (and especially your children) take into your minds. Monitor as much as possible what your children are taught, and be on the lookout for relaxation exercises, guided imagery, journaling, dream-recording, and the discussion of eastern religions in school. Also, monitor carefully the cartoons and comics children see.

- Refuse your natural desires for power, experiences, thrills, and input from dominant miracle-ministries. Especially, do not allow anyone to lay hands on you or prophesy over you unless you are completely sure that the ministry is from God - go to God before you go to ANY minister!
- Worship and prayer must be directed to Father in Heaven, through and by Jesus Christ, in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is the only scriptural way. Prayer must not be directed AT another person, nor offered to a localised 'presence' in the room.

If you think I'm picking on Theophostic Prayer Ministry, I apologize ahead of time. I was a practitioner as well as subjecting myself to the ministry for 4.5 years. **What resulted?** I started having anxiety that increased in time. Second, I became easily trance out or hypnotic, especially when I was around the word, third, my ability to concentrate or focus was affected, fourth, I had a hard time hearing the word or staying awake reading the word. To say, my mind was greatly affected.

Satan heals today but will take away your healing with vengeance to find another modality with occult background to take you deeper.