



**SermonIndex Support :: Rick Warren**

**Rick Warren, on: 2010/10/4 20:51**

Hello! Is Rick Warren a recommendable source?

**Re: Rick Warren - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/10/4 21:16**

I have read the Purpose Driven Life five times. I found it to be very helpful, very practical, very useful in my Christian walk.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/4 21:23**

I'm asking because some people said that he was a false prophet.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/10/4 21:41**

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I used to have a very bad view of Rick Warren but after spending some time following what he is saying and hearing his heart I realize I mis-judged him. He is not perfect but neither am I. I can learn much from Rick Warren.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/4 21:50**

what people?

Was it  
Rev Logineye of First And Only Truly Saved Assembly?  
Or perhaps  
Pastor I. N. Fallible of The Bible My Way TV program?

Quote:

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**Re: , on: 2010/10/4 22:26**

No different people and leaders. I have heard though of recent changes in Rick Warren's life... so... that's why I asked...

**Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/10/4 23:08**

do a youtube of rick warren.

Sheep are lead. de-horned goats are driven... think about it.

I pray that this 'life change' is true. After hanging out with Bently and doing other very questionable things, anything he does is probably not going to do the Christian image a favor.

www.jsm.org

www.paulwhiteministries.org

**Re: , on: 2010/10/4 23:29**

Yea I've heard from several of the life change... and I have also heard of the errors too below...

<http://www.viddler.com/explore/Freee/videos/24/>  
[www.deceptioninthechurch.com](http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com)

**Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/10/5 0:33**

Have you read the Purpose Driven Life ?? Do yourself a favor, read it before you form an opinion!

**Re: , on: 2010/10/5 5:16**

Yea I read it....

**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/5 5:26**

I would also say that if he truly repents and wants to turn over a new leaf, he should also recall the Purpose Driven series, and make a public apology for lying about his stance on Prop 8 to make both himself and Saddleback appear more politically correct.

See for yourself, it's only 55 seconds:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZEb9gx42oM>

"The Blood will not cover what it was meant to uncover." -Duncan Cambell

**Re: , on: 2010/10/5 5:45**

People talk about Christ and His cross all the time and they are using the cross for their own fame and political agenda. But I heard that's what he was doing by repenting and so forth...

All I can do is pray to God and read the Bible. Faith is not to trust in a servant but to trust His Word.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/5 5:56**

I have seen a lot of different threads as this one that look at different professing leaders, many of which have low estate of the individual, I have started and participated in such threads so I say this humble and in gentleness. Many out of intended curiosity ask questions of these individuals, what generally ends up happening is a free for all on that individual's character, relationships with God, mannerism, doctrine, integrity, and the such. This may just be where God has me right now and I am starting to see why He has me here (its only by His grace that I continue)

Rick Warren has made some errors and lead people astray, but so have I. Rick Warren's theology may be off but so has mine. Rick's style of preaching may bring less glory to God than what we think it ought but my preaching has brought less glory. I say this only to say my stones I wish to cast need to be placed on the ground and left there. As to his repentance we will see the fruit of it, As to his godliness we will let the Lord decide what Pleases Him.

Please Keep in mind that is by sheer Grace alone that you aren't Rick Warren, nor twice as in error he maybe.

**Re: EverestoSama - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/10/5 6:08**

Quote:

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~ Duncan Cambell  
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I wanted to thank you for this quote, I hope you put it on the quote page!!

God bless,  
Lisa

**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/5 6:15**

Quote:

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What you can't say however is "Rick Warren has made a mockery of Biblical teachings, a regenerate Christian life, and made grace more common than sand in the desert to countless millions of gospel ignorant people who wait on his every word, but so have I."

He's in the public eye. His influence has been monumental. I don't hate the man, or even dislike him, but I won't sit by and pretend everything is roses, when his actions and his words don't line up with Scripture.

If he was some Joe Schmoe that no one payed attention to, than yeah, whatever, leave him be.

He's influenced millions though, and based on what I've read and seen, I can hardly say it was for the Glory of God.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/5 6:26**

I understand your view but God will use this for His Glory whether those are the intention of Mr. Warren. These millions are still blind to the Gospel and in being so have given themselves to Rick Warren willingly, they have itching ears and want what Rick is giving them (unless of course He has repented as stated earlier by others) If he has repented he will then use his influence to bring those he lead astray back to the true faith. Remember that its only by grace you, yourself aren't living in the same error. My main point of posting what I did was to point out that nothing edifying comes about from these type of threads.

**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/5 8:12**

Quote:

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I wouldn't say that 100%. A man asked a question if he thought his stuff was worth checking out. Some said yes. Others said no, and then gave reasons as to why.

I don't think Rick Warren is some guy who has schemed and devised a plot as to how to lead people astray, but that's what he's done none the less. Presented a false Gospel.

Yes, it's by grace alone that we know the truth, but having received this grace do we just zip our mouths and refuse to speak the truth about blatant error, when there are curious people out there with sincere questions? There can be more than one way to abuse grace.

Like I said, I don't hate him or think I'm better than he is, or that I'm in some way different than him and more deserving of whatever. I like the guy's personality. If we met in person we would get along, I'm quite sure. However, I wouldn't dare send someone hungry for truth to go listen to him, in the same way I wouldn't send them to one of my atheist friends for truth, at least without first warning them of the error and danger involved with listening to such counsel.

Many people in their Christian walk will first pick up stones and begin to toss them, considering themselves zealous for the truth. But some realize this error and as a knee jerk reaction swing the entirely opposite way and figure it best just to hush up and not bring the truth out in the open. Some refer to this as "grace". Both polar opposites are wrong, and Biblically unfounded.

There's a way to bring something out in love to try and bring correction, and correct error with truth. And there are some people who have the truth but just love being right so much they'd rather see a man without the truth crash and burn, than turn and repent.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/5 8:19**

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**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/5 8:48**

Quote:

-----"The Blood will not cover what it was meant to uncover." -Duncan Cambell

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To Lysa,

Yeah. When I first heard this it struck me so deeply. I literally watched this statement unfold in my life as I pursued God more. To be quite honest there have even been times I've been terrified to pray, because the Blood would continue to convict and bring out all the things that I tried to hide away in my heart and just pretend didn't need restitution.

That's why I won't buy this, "Well lets just let the past be the past and now I've turned over a new leaf." Sorry. I've yet to see any life changing repentance that way. And as far as I'm aware, (though I could be quite wrong, so someone correct me if this is the case) the only time Jesus actually ever said that salvation had come to someone at that exact moment was with Zaccheus. (With the exception of the thief on the cross, as I don't think he had the means to go about making things right at the time)

**Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/10/5 12:22**

Again, prayerfully the man has the right "revelation" now.

Looking at the book for myself, it's loaded with works based theology which leads to death. What do you think the apostles fought so hard against? What do you think they meant when they were saying that our Faith should be kept pure? ANY mix of Jesus and 'me' ends in a false way and leads astray.

So, once again, what he supported (in light of this new life change) is the ministry of death and condemnation because it DOES NOT WORK! Now, does anyone have evidence to the 'new life change' posted on here? I would be in his corner if this were so.

**Re: Rick Warren-itis - posted by savannah, on: 2010/10/5 15:40**

Q. "Hello! Is Rick Warren a recommendable source?"

A. No! No! No!

I'd repeat EverestoSama's posts on this thread if I thought it'd help, but I'll rather trust that the Holy Spirit will convict His people and lead them to the truth in this matter.

I'll but add the following:

Rick Warren Teams Up with New Ager Leonard Sweet

Rick Warren has invited New Age proponent Leonard Sweet to speak at the 2008 Saddleback Small Groups Conference called Wired.

1 The theme of the conference is "Prepare your church for spiritual growth and connectivity."

Unfortunately, spiritual growth and connectivity ala Leonard Sweet could be a panentheistic, mystical dose of the New Age - and it isn't the first time Warren has found comradeship with Sweet.

Purpose Driven Resisters - Must Leave or Die

Those who oppose the "program" are called leaders from hell.

One of the tools Rick Warren uses to help churches become Purpose Driven is a book called,

Transitioning: Leading Your Church Through Change.

The book is sold on Rick Warren's website and is written by Dan Southerland. According to pastors.com (Rick Warren's website to pastors), Southerland is the director of "Church Transitions Inc., an organization that trains pastors and church leaders to effectively manage major transitions. Southerland ... is the leading expert on implementing the Purpose Driven paradigm in existing churches."

Chapter six of Transitioning is called "Dealing with Opposition" and is just one of many ways Rick Warren tries to convey the fact that those who oppose him are less than desirable. Southerland states:

We have experienced two major sources of criticism during our transitions. The first is Christians from more traditional backgrounds.... Not all of our traditional backgrounded Christians have been critical - just the ornery ones. Our second source of criticism is traditional church pastors. Again, not all traditional church pastors - just the meaner ones (p. 116).

Southerland tells readers that "some folks are going to get very angry." He goes so far as to liken opposers of Purpose Driven to "leader from hell."

He says:

If you have read Nehemiah recently, you will remember that Sanballat is Nehemiah's greatest critic and number one enemy. Let me put it plainer than that. Sanballat is a leader from hell. We all have some Sanballats in our churches. This is the guy who opposes whatever you propose.... You cannot call this guy a leader from hell to his face - but you could call him Sanballat (p. 115).

I ask! Has Warren repented of just this one of many evils he has instigated against our God!

God's judgement is upon this false prophet and those who follow. Whether the name be Glenn Beck, Barrack Obama, Benny Hinn, or the present Pope (you may add many others to the list), it is but the judgement of God upon those who receive not the love of the Truth as it is in Jesus and His Gospel.

Bless God.

**Re: To Greg - posted by nearthecross, on: 2010/10/5 16:27**

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Greg,

This is one of the many reasons why I can no longer recommend or endorse Sermonindex to anyone. It is extremely grieving to see the error your lack of discernment is leading you to. Not just with Warren but with other heretics that openly embrace perfectionism, Pelagianism, Moral Government theology, and Open Theism.

I've been a faithful follower of Sermonindex for many years, and have been blessed and edified by many a sermon on this site. However, other messages and preachers that you endorse have been a huge stumbling block for me, bringing me nothing but demonic clouds of confusion and condemnation. It's taken about a year and a half of the Lord working on my heart and filtering some of the garbage--and unlearning the faulty doctrine--I received from this site...but now by God's grace I've reached the point in my walk with Him where I can say that I'm no longer like "children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (Ephesians 4:4). The Lord has brought a measure of stability in my life, and I pray it continues that way. But this only came after taking a break from this site, delving into the Word, letting go of my own traditions, and after God allowed me to feast on the meat of sound, exegetical, and profound theological preaching.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm nothing without the grace of God, and by no means have I "arrived" anywhere. I've still a long, long way to go; I still "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

But I would only like you to prayerfully consider that in the name of "revival" and "unity" you are glancing over much dangerous leaven and error, and promoting false teachers...and you WILL have to give an account before the Lord for this grave error.

You don't know me, and I don't really know you. I have always assumed and hoped in love that you were a genuine brother in the Lord. And for the sake of Christ I will continue to hope and believe this, and say that I love you as a brother. But bearing in mind what our Lord told us about "causing one of these little ones to stumble", I would not want to be in your shoes.

I plead with you in love to not harden your heart, seek the Lord and ask Him to search your heart and reveal to you if you truly are in sin with respect to all of this. Prayerfully search the Scriptures and examine some of these preachers in the light of the Word (some of the particularly problematic ones have already been discussed and debated on these forums, but if you want I can give you a list of those that have personally been a stumbling block for me). Please don't allow this leaven to spread any longer, or else the confusion and error WILL become worse... and I fear for what may happen to you, Sermonindex and the Revival Conferences.

May God bless you and restore you to repentance.  
Aaron

**Re: , on: 2010/10/5 16:37**

I like Rick Warren.

Every time I have heard him speak, he's quite radical in the fundamentals of God's word. I haven't read the Purpose Driven Life, I have only heard the pro's and con's from others, so I really don't know what's in the book. I had absolutely no intention of reading it.

He's featured on TED.com if you're interested in hearing his take on the Purpose Driven Life.

I personally don't think he is an anti-Christ, or is trying to deceive anyone. Some have said that his message is watered down, so far from what I have heard he is no different than the average pastor. Mind you if he came to my corner of the world, I probably wouldn't go out of my way to see him.

[http://www.ted.com/talks/rick\\_warren\\_on\\_a\\_life\\_of\\_purpose.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/rick_warren_on_a_life_of_purpose.html)

**Re: - posted by TruthNLove, on: 2010/10/5 17:35**

**Re: , on: 2010/10/5 17:57**

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It is equally extremely grieving to hear you put down other people. By the way, what other heretics are there that are on his site, maybe it would be of great interest to all who these speakers are?

If you're going to put down Brother Greg for his lack of discernment in displaying these sermons by people that you consider heretics, you may as well go further and list them.

Let's have em!!

**Re: - posted by reformer, on: 2010/10/5 20:08**

not a Rick Warren fan anyways, never have been, never will be. I think we esteem these men way too much in the first place. There are probably many preachers that are archived on SI, that we would not agree with. We can glean from some of these men's teachings, but I think we waste too much time, listening to sermons and not making our own! I was one who would stay up late and listen to sermon after sermon. Instead of spending that time with myself and God.

Mike

**Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/10/5 22:29**

Eh? this is just another post where those who know the truth share but it is not received by those who think they know the truth.

no harm, just saying this will go nowhere, as the object has shifted to a war on who is right/wrong. Warren knows what he is doing, he has studied people and deception for years to be able to do what he does.

Please do not argue over the man, it grieves God. Just endure in the Covenant Love He has set for us already.

Your Bro, Shawn.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2010/10/5 23:41

Hi knitefall...

Quote:

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Is this an opinion, or do you have some sort of inside information and firsthand testimony that this man (Warren) has "studied people and deception for year?"

I am not a big fan of some of the things that I have heard that Rick Warren teaches/believes. Yet I am also struck by the immense amount of "discernment" websites that are quick to form opinions on the man. It is NOT discernment to form an opinion entirely on reading things in websites and books that are critical of what the man supposedly teaches. Rather, true discernment is not swayed by the opinions or views of others. It sifts through the "spin" and looks for the truth of a matter.

I will be the first to admit that I am not an expert into all things Rick Warren. I have NEVER read a single one of his books. I have NEVER even listened to a sermon by the guy! However, I have seen quite a few fingers pointed at him. Some have even pronounced eternal sentence upon him!

We need to be careful not to bear false witness upon the guy. To do this, we need to search for truth about the matter ourselves rather than rely on some other person who supposes themselves to be a qualified expert in this matter. After all, there have even been people here on SermonIndex who claimed that Rick Warren wants to create a "one world religion" -- which is based upon nothing more than silly speculation coupled with finger pointing from many "discernment" websites.

Again, I am not a fan of Rick Warren. I don't listen to him. I am certainly not an expert in this man's teachings, beliefs, books or, of course, his heart. However, I also don't like to be lied to about specific allegations regarding "bad preachers" either. I have seen this happen in several "ministry" websites. If we want to entertain such specific allegations about a person, we might as well get it right.

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Is it possible that you have "argued" over the man by making such a bold declaration about whether he "studied people and deception" for years in order to do what he does?

If people want to discuss Rick Warren and scrutinize his specific beliefs, it would help if they could acknowledge the depth of their knowledge on the subject and whether or not they gained such knowledge from firsthand inspection or second hand resources. I think that it is always good to be slow in casting an opinion of someone based upon the research of ANY person...because that person is fallible.

Anyway, I doubt that I will look into Rick Warren anytime soon. I just don't have time to go about disproving every preacher that I disagree with. In addition, I don't want to be the person who places a scarlet letter on their reputation. It is far more helpful, I think, to teach people "truth" rather than try to go around pointing out every supposed "lie." If we teach people spiritual truth, then they are more than able to discern what lines up with the Word of God.

If I happen to download a Rick Warren sermon here at SermonIndex, I will do my best to separate the wheat with the chaff -- as we should do with EVERY teacher.

I Thessalonians 5:21

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/10/6 0:18**

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Brother,

I trust that God will lead you to the greatest revelation of Christ in us: Love. The first speaker I had on the site was Leonard Ravenhill, the second A.W. Tozer and the third: T. Austin Sparks. These men were not reformed but men who "knew" God. If you claim men like this who were so used of God are ministers of condemnation then I am very sad for you.

I love God and truth. Jesus Christ is life to me and salvation is in His Cross and Blood. May we not polarize to one facet of truth but look at the whole and see God "real" in our daily lives a life free from guilt and a life victorious over sin.

All because of Christ.

**Re: Rick Warren, on: 2010/10/6 1:15**

Emergent church doctrine in general, plays to man's flesh through a measurable amount of legalism, which is burdensome to those who do know the Lord, who have His Spirit, and who feel the Holy Spirit wince when untruth is proclaimed, or, because of the unsoundness of the whole construct. However, many of the issues arising are extremely subtle.

Brother nearthecross brings out an important point:

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Much of what goes unnoticed by the congregation in an emergent church setting, is what they themselves bring by way of doctrinal culture (if they have one), or, their impressions of who God the Father and Jesus the Son are, gained from media outside the church, and the doctrine inside the church.

In the end, the sheep will bear some responsibility for whether they followed the voice of the true Shepherd, or, they comforted themselves with the thought that tens of thousands of people cannot all be wrong, spending more time being 'supported' in their 'faith', than making sure they followed Jesus' imperative 'must' - to be born again. To be sure, only by reading the BIBLE, are many mysterious truths brought to within our ken.

It is amazing to me, and something I ponder regularly, how pure the written word of God is; what an aggitant it is against sin; what a power it has to reveal truth to a believer's spirit, which, if brought to bear in renewing the believer's mind, with transform him or her, permanently.

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No, I was not particularly referring to any of those three. Sparks I have personally never listened to, so I wouldn't know a bout his life, but as for the other two I would agree with you that these were anointed men who were mightily used of God.

But as for your statement:

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I plead with you to please come to your senses. This is the exact same thing that followers of Benny Hinn and other false prophets say when one points out their heretical doctrines and inconsistencies. With all due respect, since when was "being used of God" the measuring stick for a true man of God? King Saul was used of God, Balaam was used of God, even Judas Iscariot himself was greatly used of the Lord to accomplish His purposes. Yet we know the outcome and fruit of these men's lives and ministries. I'm certain you would never feature any of their articles or sermons on Sermonindex, had they any.

I ask you to please follow the same standard with any of the men on this website that you highly esteem. If you really love truth you will set aside your emotions, traditions, and any romanticized view you may have of these preachers and compare their teachings with the Bible.

The Scriptures clearly exhort us to examine everything in the light of the Word. Paul didn't get angry with the Bereans for searching the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. He didn't become grieved that they didn't recognize just how mightily the Lord had used him. On the contrary, the author of Acts tells us that they were "more noble" than the rest. Paul himself warned the early Christians of the leaven of false teachers and false teaching, and never ceased to admonish them day and night with tears.

Brother Greg, my admonishment to you still stands. You can take it or leave it, accept it or reject it. That's between you and the Lord. What worries me, though, is the dangerous repercussions your decisions will have upon you and your ministry, and the many genuine believers that visit this site.

May the Lord help you, give you wisdom and discernment, and continue to conform you to His image. You are in my prayers.

**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/10/6 2:55**

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**Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/10/6 17:50**

eh? like I said,

look at the evidence for a life change that was mentioned. I hope it is true. We tried to have him to discuss his actions and statements over the air but he refuses.

We dealt with him for weeks because the dumb church sheep were buying into the purpose driven lie, hook line and sinker.

Someone had to say something! You'd be surprised the things hidden between those lines in that book and other works done by the man.

Also, as I said in sorts, pray for him that this 'life change' be true. Otherwise, deal with the fruits like a good boy and good girl of the Word would do.

**Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/10/6 18:05**

Rick Warren has given millions to missions in Africa for clean water, vaccines, school supplies and books. Many thousands of African children have these necessities because Rick Warren gave selflessly and generously. He gives 90% of the royalties earned from his book away. He repaid more than 20 years of salary back to Saddleback Church when GOD made his book a success!!

Know the character of the man before you say a critical word !!

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When I met with Brother Ravenhill in his home, he offered me a very similar exhortation. I was just a young teenage boy when I met with him shortly before he died, and he urged to me test everything that I have ever been taught...or would ever be taught again.

We should never fear examining the specific teachings and statements of a public preacher. However, we need to be very careful to get it right. If we are going to make public allegations, we need to make sure that we haven't just based them upon allegations that we obtained from a website or book that is critical of that person. We should endeavor to study or research into the matter ourselves...and make every effort to obtain clarity. This can mean seeking out to contact that person for clarity...or gentle restoration (if clarity proves that it is necessary).

I hope that no one else suspects that this is any sort of "muddying the water." Rather, it is separating through the mud to ascertain what is true and what is myth. We owe it to our faithful and omnipresent God to be correct before we entertain or spread EVERY allegation or insinuation.

I am not a "fan" of Rick Warren, but I am not a rhetorical assassin either. I've just read a lot of allegations and insinuations.

ns about the man which I don't know to be true or not. I think that we should be extremely careful before we go out and shoot arrows at someone who calls himself a brother. It may turn out that we are wrong in our evaluation...or that this person may only be flawed in only certain aspects of his doctrinal views.

If he is as wrong as some suggest, I wonder how many people have made the effort to "gently restore" him?

**Re: , on: 2010/10/6 20:04**

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Brother, can you list the "bad" preachers?

**What's our standard? - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/6 20:05**

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Oprah's done more than that. And given away quite a bit more money as well. Should we judge her teachings about Christ and God trustworthy because of her works?

What standard are we using? The Bible or something else? Even if Rick Warren gave all his money away and lived in complete poverty, his teaching would still not be sound or healthy for the hungry seeker. I have a convent of Buddhists right down the street from me who have given up everything in order to please their god. Should I consider that they maybe have a truth that I don't? Or should I be slow or hesitant to speak that they have a different Gospel than the one I received from Christ Jesus and the disciples?

Quote:  
-----If he is as wrong as some suggest, I wonder how many people have made the effort to "gently restore" him?  
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I'd be willing to bet almost 100% people have tried to correct him. God always sends prophets to speak the truth to men in his position and with his influence. I know for a fact men in similar positions to his have been spoken to of the error of their ways, but to little or no avail. I would find it very unlikely and highly improbable that he has not been spoken to in love by a man of God in all of this time.

And let's be real for a second. IF (that's a big if too) you were somehow able to speak with him, and say something along the lines of,

"You know, Mr. Warren, you're a really nice and generous guy, and I believe that you're sincere with your message, and you really do want to follow God, but you've got it all wrong man. Your teaching doesn't line up with what Christ and the apostles taught. Your book has more to do with marketing than the Bible. You've lied in public to save your own face and the face of your church organization. You need to repent and get on the right track. I think you should recall all your books, because they're dangerous to those hungry for truth, who don't know enough Gospel to separate the poison from the water."

IF you were able to get that far, (which I do honestly believe other men have) though I can't speak for Mr. Warren, I have the feeling he would respectfully disagree, and probably with the reasons, such as, "Look how many people have bought the book, and how many churches have been blessed by it" (remember, Purpose Driven is marketing, so success and numbers = blessing). His gospel has been self fulfilling. Why should he believe that he's under a strong delusion from the Lord?

If you think this is far fetched, or unreal, look at all the other "giants" and the media darlings America has seen as a representation of Christianity over the last few decades. Do you think they weren't warned as well in love? What happened to them?

Yes, we need to pray very sincerely that Warren truly has repented and believe that God will not continue to use him as a judgement on the undiscerning church, and hope that he doesn't fall like other men before him.

But we should never gradually dance around error, and not answer questions about a person's teaching especially when their harmful to those ignorant of the truth. This most certainly is not "having grace" as some call it. Not at all.

This is not mudslinging or stone throwing. I want with my whole heart for Mr. Warren to realize the error of his teaching and repent. That would make me SO happy. But because I can't share the truth with him personally, doesn't mean I just won't speak the truth, especially when pages like this can come up from Google searches and what not.

He's an extremely nice guy, who is trying to do the work of God, but he's wrong. He needs to turn to the Scriptures and use his influence for the real Gospel, not the Purpose Driven one.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/6 20:15**

Quote:  
-----When I met with Brother Ravenhill in his home, he offered me a very similar exhortation. I was just a young teenage boy when I met with him shortly before he died, and he urged to me test everything that I have ever been taught...or would ever be taught again.  
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Truly what sound advice!

What a waste of time being taught only to have it all undone and counted as dung. I have never been so stripped down to the bare wires and everything that I believe is checked and rechecked by the Holy Ghost. Whenever I think I am right, most likely it's wrong. Love thinketh no ill towards its neighbour. Faith worketh by love. If the love component is not there or active with our faith it's not faith. Love must be the active ingredient in our faith. It's what caused our Lord to do obey God, for He loved His Father.

**Re: - posted by myfirstLove (), on: 2010/10/6 20:32**

Quote from Greg

"I just added a message Rick Warren preached at the desiring God conference (John Piper's) to sermonindex.net

I used to have a very bad view of Rick Warren but after spending some time following what he is saying and hearing his heart I realize I mis-judged him. He is not perfect but neither am I. I can learn much from Rick Warren."

I cannot believe this. Yes, we are not perfect..so does that mean we accept false teachers?! This is a very wrong statement and shows no discernment. Paul was very zelouse in exposing the false. Check out the book of Gal. Paul didn't take light with false doctrines.

Rick Warren is very known with teaming up with "world religion". And I see that the leaven of Warren has spread now among those who are known to "listen to real truth and preachers". This is a great grievance to me. I see apostacy has even spread among those who are more considered to be "in the truth". This is really outragoes. I posted here before that I had a dream about Piper and I saw Piper with the word PRIDE written above his head. And this was way before I heard that Piper did a conference with Rick Warren. Piper have confess to pride too. But it seems he still in delusion. First delusion with Mark Driscoll and now with Warren. This is very sad to see and many people are falling for the lie. Because Piper is now promoting Warren many Christians think its O.k. to listen to Warren. Piper is leading many into delusion. Piper needs to repent.

Greg, I can't believe what you shared. My heart is really broken over you. I pray that the Lord will open your eyes and deliver you from delusion.

Like brother Aaron, I cannot endorse S.I any longer. I will no longer blog here.

In Christ, Lisa

**Re: Rick Warren - posted by DesertRose, on: 2010/10/6 20:54**

He is a lightning rod for controversy. Here's more.

Front Page Magazine (frontpagemag.com) has branded Pastor Rick Warren a "shill for terror." because Warren is listed on the "Speakers Corner" of a Muslim group that some have linked to terror. He is fully aware of how he is being portrayed on the site but refuses to demand its deletion and offers no apology for its existence. Pastor Warren has become a shill for Islamic terror.

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2010/10/6 22:36**

Wow. Way to turn on a fellow brother because you disagree with a few of his sermon choices.

Thank goodness no one is like this guy below!!!.

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/10/6 23:42**

I'm not trying to stir anything up here, but personally, I think David Wilkerson could probably be in more trouble from a Biblical stand point than Rick Warren, and that Greg should sooner take down his material than Rick Warren's. I mean, it was over a year ago that the man gave a thus saith the Lord regarding a major disaster that was going to be happening in the immediate near future in the United States, and that we needed to stock up on food for this disaster. He was wrong. Yet, I don't see anybody here demanding Greg take his sermons down. And this wasn't exactly the first time Wilkerson has missed it when it comes to predicting things in the future.

So if we are going to complain...

**Re: - posted by NeedHelp, on: 2010/10/6 23:50**

Peace Brothers&Sisters,

Don't be so judgmental of Gregg. I would rather believe a man can change and hope the best for him.

There is only one sermon on this site by Rick Warren.

I think many of you need to listen to it. It will be a blessing to you.

Go ahead and humble yourself and listen to it. You will be surprised. It really is a good listen and much is needed for your Christian walk.

**Re: - posted by NewCovWinDor (), on: 2010/10/6 23:52**

Hmmm... interesting point KingJimmy.

Consider what ccchhhrrriiiss has been saying too, brothers. Let us be careful that we really know what we are talking about.

Brother Greg offers this site as a resource for a huge variety of people. It's up to us to take what we want... If he listened to the personal opinions of each of us, I think the only two preachers that would be left on here would be Ravenhill and T ozer. :D

I for one know little about Rick Warren personally, but I do have some checks in my spirit about his ministry. His is a high-profile ministry that has reached out in some very questionable ecumenical ways. A man is known by his friends, so that tells you something I think.

Let's keep this to the facts and put the flamethrowers away, please!

Peace in Jesus,

**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/10/7 2:26**

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**Re: he knew what he was doing - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/10/7 8:26**

Quote:

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by jimp on 2010/10/6 23:26:41

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Haha good one!!!

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Be it known that "repentperish" had an agenda AT THE BEGINNING, he knew exactly how he felt about Rick Warren when he asked that "innocent" question, "Hello! Is Rick Warren a recommendable source?" and then proceeded to lambast Greg over his own failures.

Quote:

-----These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:  
A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,  
An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,  
A false witness that speaketh lies, AND HE THAT SOWETH DISCORD AMONG THE BRETHREN.  
~ Proverbs 6:16-19  
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Consider the source OR 'mark that man' as some of you like to say.

Lisa

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/7 9:31**

This entire thread is a nonstop monster that will just keep growing, unfortunately it followed the pattern of past threads that started this way.

**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/7 9:52**

Quote:  
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Well, I suppose this all depends. Upon this denial, did he run away weeping bitterly and radically make a visible change of repentance from that moment on, or did he pump his first and then come up with a world P.E.A.C.E plan that's somehow going to fill the gap that secular marketing techniques did not?

But let's talk about a real stinker here. This ex-pharisee I heard of, after his conversion, had the audacity to warn people BY NAME of false teachers and those who were untrustworthy, divisive, and destructive to the faith in a time when Gospel ignorance abounded, believe it or not! Calling out guys like, Phygelus, Hermogenes, Hymenaeus, Philetus, and Alexander the coppersmith. He even had the gall to say that another apostle (I think he might have been named too, come to think of it) was doctrinally off, and had to be rebuked to his face! Hadn't this dude ever heard of love or grace? This man was just too obsessed with the truth of Christ and His word to see that he wasn't measuring up to our standards of what we think grace, repentance, and love look like. I hope someone will be able to warn him of his lack of grace before he, I don't know, writes some letters that people take as Gospel truth or something like that.

**Re: Rick Warren, on: 2010/10/7 9:53**

Hi KJ,

Quote:  
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Did he really say 'immediate near future'?

David Wilkerson is only one of many voices on this point. MANY Christians have had dreams, visions or specific words from God about an impending disaster, and some are specific enough to implicate the New York area. It's a matter of patient observation, and also, to take into account that quite an old man may well feel that within five years is 'near', compared with having waited 40 for other revelations to happen visibly, in our 3D world.

I was very struck by something David Wilkerson said in a sermon about the gracious acts of God being seen on the streets of New York, less than two weeks (I seem to remember) before the plane landed in the Hudson, with so little human loss.

Many months ago, two dear brothers were made to feel their prophecies had been false, merely because they were judged too soon. Now, most economic commentators would agree that the actual beginning of the crash was 2007. Therefore, by the beginning of 2008 it had INDEED begun.

Perspective is a very fluid measure, depending on the gift of God, or the lack of it, in the eye of the beholder, and the body of Christ needs people who 'see' things that others cannot see, as much as all the other gifts which come by the Holy Spirit for the edifying of the saints.

More of a question might be, are we ready to praise God in any disaster that comes?

Are we ready to lose everything? Are we ready to share with others what we have, despite how little we have left for our

selves, taking Christ's advice: 'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof', and, 'take no thought for the morrow'?

**Re: Rick Warren - posted by DesertRose, on: 2010/10/7 10:06**

"The major problem here is that Rick Warren refuses to engage his critics or defend his ideas. Unless he is willing to argue for, say, his handling of Scripture, there can be no development of the critics' understanding of his position.

This is not the fault of the critics, who have shown themselves to be very willing to engage; but rather of Warren, who refuses to enter into the conversation.

If he is misunderstood, let him answer his critics and show that he is actually exegeting Scripture in a faithful way consistent with the historic orthodox Christian faith."

Daniel Neades( better than sacrifice.org)

**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/7 10:51**

I should just clarify something really quick too. I do have something a bit personal against Mr. Warren's teaching. I have absolutely nothing against him personally, but as far as his teaching goes, we start having problems.

Japan is a nation filled up with copycats. They'll admit this. It's no secret. For the most part, anything that's been invented and has been successful in another country, they will study down to a science, and then they'll imitate it, and try to improve on it (usually successfully). That's what they're good at.

Now let's talk about the Japanese Bible. The Japanese Bible that most have, is written in such an archaic Japanese, that mostly no one can figure out what it's talking about. The main points they get. But many often tell me it just doesn't make a whole lot of sense when they read it. Some even tell me they can understand my English translation (NASB, which is n't always grammatically the easiest to understand itself) better than they can in their own language. And that's bad, because they really don't have a solid grasp on English to begin with.

Sound Biblical exegesis out of a Japanese Bible? Sorry. Even my pastor at times asks to use my English Bible instead, so he gets a better idea of what's being said. But he understands English.

So where does that put the one who doesn't?

Into the hands of successful looking American Church growth specialists, who talk a fancy game, and present new ways of looking at the truths that they can't understand from their own Bibles. After all, the Japanese are impressed by success. Purpose Driven must be right, yeah? Look at how many copies it sold. The author believes he's right. It must be what the Bible says.

I was asked one time what type of preachers I liked listening to. I said Paul Washer. The response was something like, "He's that young guy who speaks really straight forward and doesn't tell any jokes, right?"

Yeah, that's probably him.

So then I asked, what's popular in Japan amongst Christians? (Remember as non-Catholic believers go, in NAME ONLY there is less than 0.5% or so in Japan)

There were two answers.

Your Best Life Now, and Purpose Driven.

They were shocked when I started explaining to them why these teachings did not, would not, and could not line up with Scripture. And they even began to say, "Wait, Mr. Osteen and Mr. Warren actually teach that? That doesn't line up with the Gospel message we know to be true!" (This is all paraphrased mind you) Now the people I was talking to actually hadn't read either of the books as far as I'm aware, they just knew that those were the ones that all the Christians were reading, and promoting here.

Americans think the sphere of influence only goes as far as America, and the English speaking world. Only in the last judgment will we really see that debt and the damage caused by this sort of teaching.

There's a nation of silent children (in a spiritual sense) who are young, and ignorant, and trusting, and so quick to believe what America tells them. They're watching every move the church in America makes, the same way a small boy would quietly watch his older brother practice baseball, and then try to imitate his every move from a distance. He does this because he looks up to him, and trusts him, and wants to be just like him. Here in Japan they want the Gospel to be real to them like it appears to be to their big brother Americans. And many don't even have a way to discern by the Word and standard of God.

I really believe there's going to be a price to pay to these Gospel ignorant nations, and for the deception fed to them. More so than for the deception brought on the American church who had the resources right in their hands to see what was wrong with it.

I pray for the man to repent of this false gospel that's been presented. But, for all those who think it's better just to say nothing about anti-Biblical error and refer to it as "grace" or something like that, please, take the blinders off, and come visit us here in our Gospel ignorant nations, and see how much of that "grace" sticks after you look upon the abused body of Christ, and are able to identify one of the hands that are responsible for the beatings.

Then again, this is only in the church of Japan. I haven't even gotten into the overwhelming need for Spirit's drawing in of the lost over here. That's been more on my mind as of late.

(And let me reiterate, I'm not against the man, I'm for him. But because I'm for both him, and for the body of Christ, I CANNOT be also for anything he's been teaching or anything Purpose Driven. Those of you who have experienced the loving rod of the Lord in correction will understand this perfectly. The rest will call it mudslinging and phariseical.)

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/7 11:15**

Thank you for your explanation and clarification! It definitely helps understand where you are coming from. :)

It makes sense, I know that the number of Christians in Japan is very small and those that profess Christianity being deceived is just salt to an open wound. I had no idea that the Japanese bible was hard to understand, I guess we take for granted the accessiblens of the English Translations that are clear and easy to read, perhaps you could begin a Japanese Translation that is easier to understand :)

**Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2010/10/7 11:25**

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If some day God gave me the grace, patience, and most importantly ability (my Japanese is atrocious) that would actually be awesome. However, translations of anything into Japanese is borderline nightmarish. My pastor has told me several times how lucky I am to be able to preach in English. And how great he thinks it would be to be able to preach in English. The reason for this is that because culturally and linguistically it's actually a bit tricky to say anything in Japanese, especially to an audience of mixed ages.

Japanese is an honorific language, so what you say changes, depending on who you're talking to, how old they are, and what their social standard is in comparison to yours. And by changes, I mean CHANGES. The children here are taught somewhat of a different language that is EXCLUSIVELY only appropriate for children to use. Now people will use child speech in their own home, but you could never preach that way.

And this is really only the beginning of the difficulties. I'd love to see some changes in regards to this, but those types of changes are a bit of a long time coming. But I agree with you man, it would be great to have a translation that actually made decent sense here.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/10/7 12:21**

Hey Alive-to-God,

<http://davidwilkersonstoday.blogspot.com/2009/03/urgent-message.html>

No, David didn't use the words "immediate near future." He said it was "about to happen," in March of 2009. Practically he encouraged us to go ahead and store up a 30 day food supply, as the Lord had so directed him. While he said he did not know when these things would come to pass, he knew they weren't far off.

So, while yes, there could in theory still be validity to this word, I'm personally willing to ascribe it as a miss. And I'm guessing quite a bit of the food he would've bought at the time to store up for this calamity has since expired, or even gone bad.

But I think Wilkerson has given up on giving time specific words these days anyway. Especially since once upon a time he gave a word that TBN would be bankrupt by a specific date, and would go off the air. Of course, this did not happen.

But like I said, I'm not trying to hound Wilkerson here. I'm just saying, although I'm not a big Rick Warren fan for a variety of reasons, I'm not against his sermons being on this site. I'm not against them being on this site any more than I am David Wilkerson's messages, even though Wilkerson has gone into such deep error as to announce a thus saith the Lord over things about the future, and those things not come to pass. I'm just saying, if you are going to kick Warren out, you might as well toss Wilkerson out too. The way I see it, both have their share of error.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/10/7 16:53**

So, then, if any Japanese come to the LORD and live victoriously, it is even of a greater miracle than the one who has access to the WORD in a language that is readily understood....WOW!

Just a comment concerning Rick Warren, celebrity preachers AND ordinary ones...

In my lifetime of 63 years I have put preachers, including ordinary ones - ones not known outside of their community of Believers or physical community - on a pedestal. They taught well. I loved their insights and the methods they used in sharing them. Eventually, God knocked that pedestal down and my opinions of him would smash into a thousand pieces. You see, I was idolizing the person and that is a violation of the first commandment "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Today, I still have favorite preachers. I love to listen to Washer, e.g., but I know right well that depending on what subject he may get onto, my opinion may go to the basement...Now, where does this leave a body?

I look at preachers as human beings used by God who are of like passions as we. They also need a Savior - everyday. They are people who also need to die daily. My grandpa, who was my favorite preacher for many years, got knocked off of the pedestal good and proper. God still used him. He never taught false doctrine, he was just a human that had to deal with the flesh as do others and sometimes he messed up - not gross sin, but the flesh got in the way at times.

I am thankful for men and women who are brave enough to teach the WORD and not allow their own human weakness deter them from this mission. We who are the beneficiaries of their ministry must be like the Bereans to check out the Scriptures to see whether these things are so and act accordingly.

Confused yet? Do I like Warren and Wilkerson? I am like Chris - I have never read Warren; Wilkerson, yes, but...

My testimony and opinion....

ginnyrose

**Re: , on: 2010/10/7 17:54**

Quote:

-----I think that we should be extremely careful before we go out and shoot arrows at someone who calls himself a brother.  
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We should rather be extremely careful to go out and shoot arrows at every a wolf in sheep's clothing coming towards the flock (such as Rick Warren) as soon as we notice him. For not doing so would give the enemy a chance to do great damage to the sheep. Failure to discern and to adequately deal with false teachers is a sign of failed shepherds.

Clearly, Rick Warren is a man of influence and affluence, so it should not be surprising that you have followers and advocates of his in these forums. What should be surprising, however, and very alarming is that the administrators/moderators don't see a problem with Warren's leaven being spread through SermonIndex. Who will be next? Maybe Joel Osteen, Benny Hinn, Pope Benedict maybe...?

EverestoSama wrote:

Quote:

-----Yes, we need to pray very sincerely that Warren truly has repented and believe that God will not continue to use him as a judgement on the undiscerning church, and hope that he doesn't fall like other men before him.  
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I don't know if we should "pray... that Warren has truly repented." If the man repents, he has a lot of public confessions to make and a lot of evil to undo so this will not go unnoticed. For the time being he truly is "a judgement on the undiscerning church". But we should not be deceived: while there may be some lost sheep still led by Warren (and men like him), the majority of his followers are not Christians--these people have accepted another gospel, which is not a gospel.

Quote:

-----He's an extremely nice guy, who is trying to do the work of God, but he's wrong. He needs to turn to the Scriptures and use his influence for the real Gospel, not the Purpose Driven one.  
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I don't know but I can never think of Rick Warren as an "extremely nice guy"--the man disgusts me. In secular terms, maybe. But we should use words with their true meaning, not with the meaning secular folk attribute to them. As for the "trying to do the work of God" part, I doubt that he is even trying. Or, rather, he IS trying to do the work of his god, "the prince of the power of the air." With all the support Pastor Warren's agenda is getting at all levels (the media, politicians, the corporate world, the religious crowd, etc.), it is clear he is part of and accountable to the New World Order, with Rome at its center.

**please Brethern , on: 2010/10/7 18:19**

how does this thread bring Glory to God?

really...consider our ways, "i follow Paul, i follow Appolos"...ya'll know what i mean.

i beg you all, pleeeeeease, let my humble entreaty be the last post...not for me, but for Jesus, could ya?

**Re: please Brethern , on: 2010/10/7 18:43**

Dear Natan,

How is God glorified by the upholding of falsehood? How is the true God glorified by His people tolerating false teachers and false doctrine? Doesn't this present a false picture of who God is?

Let me remind you that both Paul and Appolos were true disciples of Christ and teachers of the Gospel. So choosing to follow either of them was a sign of the Corinthians' carnality, but nothing near "following false teachers", which Paul himself warned the churches about. You just cannot place Rick Warren next to either Paul, or Appolos, for God Himself testified

ed that these were His true servants. In other words, we have a different kind of division in this thread: not a division of true followers of Christ, but a conflict between disciples of Christ and advocates of the false gospel of Rick Warren.

Before trying to disrupt a conversation, you should first get to understand the arguments. A heated debate is not inherently sinful. If you are concerned about the glory of God, should you not seek and approve the things that God approves? Trying to shut down a conversation when you lack discernment is shameful.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/7 18:55**

Link to the Rick Warren sermon on this site would greatly be appreciated. Thanks

**Re: , on: 2010/10/7 19:07**

Quote:

-----No, David didn't use the words "immediate near future." He said it was "about to happen," in March of 2009.  
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The sad thing about prophets is that when they receive something like this it become real to them that they believe that the thing they seen is going to take place right away. It's such a shock to the system as it were that one would think that it was going to happen that very day or soon afterward.

Now Brother Wilkerson is a credible prophet of God. What he wrote in the Vision 1974 has come to pass and there are just a few other key notes that have not come to pass. He has said some other things sometime later and though he believed that what he saw was imminent may be sometime down the road.

The Old Testament prophets could have easily been discounted as their prophecies were not fulfilled until Christ came on the scene and some of those prophecies were thousands of years old. But a good many mocked them in between times saying, "Where is the promise of His coming".

No, Brother Wilkerson is of God, even though he may miss the mark at times. And who here has not?

**Re: One faith under one purpose..CONSUMING HUMANISM, on: 2010/10/7 19:17**

Firstly, Rick Warren is a consummate humanist, and his concept of pleasing God is not the same as the bible....trusting in the blood of Jesus and repenting unto holiness.

In this quote below, we see the inclusiveness; Universalism, that drives Warren's perverted gospel that probably includes everyone on the earth that wants "God."

Warren speaking;

"In his book Sacred Pathways, Gary identifies nine of the ways people draw near to God: Naturalists are most inspired to love God out-of-doors, in natural settings. Sensates love God with their senses and appreciate beautiful worship services that involve their sight, taste, smell and touch, not just their ears.

Traditionalists draw closer to God through rituals, liturgies, symbols, and unchanging structures. Ascetics prefer to love God in solitude and simplicity. Activists love God through confronting evil, battling injustices, and working to make the world a better place.

Caregivers love God by loving others and meeting their needs. Enthusiasts love God through celebration. Contemplatives love God through adoration. Intellectuals love God by studying with their minds" (p. 103).

"The purpose driven life."...Rick Warren

This is new age anti-Christ; anti blood dribble from the silver anointed forked tongue! Nothing of the truth gospel here.

In his inaugural address/prayer of President Obama, he tried to bind the name of Jesus with the Moslem Messiah, ISA, as one and the same.

Muslims do believe that Isa was sent down as a Prophet of Allah (God), but he (Jesus) is not God or Lord, nor the son of God. Muslims do not believe that Isa , also known as Jesus by Christians and others, is dead or was ever crucified.

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. How be it when he, the spirit of Truth will come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall speak not of himself,

but whatsoever he shall hear, that he shall speak, and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and he shall show it unto you."

John 16-12:14

Ulema (learned scholars in Islam) have said that the person who is described by Hadhrat Isa to come after him - in the above verse - does not comply with any other person but Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)ISA IS IN EFFECT, NO ONE OTHER THAN MOHAMMED.

In this case, the "comforter" he mentions is none other than Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and his laws and way of life (Shariah) and Book (Holy Qur'an) are those that Hadhrat Isa (A.S.) asks his followers to abide by."

"Rick Warren Tells Passive, Fake Christians to Find Another Church."...original post.

"Pastor Rick Warren has a message for the some 20,000 people who attend Saddleback Church: If you want to remain a passive Christian, find another church.

During his weekend sermon, Warren laid out a plan for Saddleback's next "Decade of Destiny" in which he's anticipating exponential growth. And the plan has no room for fake Christians, he indicated."

This has been going on for several years now. Christians in the churches are asked to sign a covenant not to question the Pastor's intent, and commit to doing; mobilizing to Warren's radical social engineering projects, where he sees the churches, mosques, and synagogues as the regional foundations to distribute positive spirituality.

Several churches have been split through this takeover....a chapter of his book is devoted to it.

If you don't sign on, it's time to move on . Many don't, and leave...

He's weeding out the church, OK....Those who believe the real gospel must obey his agenda, or leave.

Anti-Christ....in place of Christ.

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ALL FOR JESUS NO MATTER THE COST.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2010/10/7 20:18**

Hello...

It would help those of us who aren't "experts" into Rick Warren to actually be specific with these allegations.

There are plenty of allegations about Rick Warren. We have heard them many times here at SermonIndex (and in a lot of the "discernment" websites, magazines and books). These are often repeated without any citation or evidence...or are often apparently deduced by "reading between the lines."

Can someone:

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This would help us to separate the mud from the water...myth from rumor...bone from marrow...truth from lie. It would help those of us who are less aware of such things to examine these allegations ourselves...and then do whatever is necessary for clarity (such as contact Rick Warren and/or his ministry). This will help us avoid presumption and rely on evidential proof.

Not long ago, someone made some claims about Rick Warren. They tried to validate their claims with "evidence" -- which was nothing more than claims that they found at someone else's website. I discovered that the "quote" was fraudulent. However, it also caused me to contact his ministry for clarity regarding the essence of the allegation. The ministry contacted me, clarified Rick Warren's view, and even sent me some links where I found statements by Rick Warren that were contrary to what was claimed.

Please understand: I am not an apologist for Rick Warren. I don't listen to the man. I do not own -- nor have I read -- any of his books. I have never heard him preach a sermon. However, I have looked through what were claimed to be portions of his books at websites that were critical of the man. Moreover, if he is preaching heresy or even what I see as flawed doctrine, I would point it out. Given the gravity of the allegations, I think that we owe it to God to get it correct before we shoot those arrows that we sometimes think that we must shoot.

Over the years here at SermonIndex, there are men who have become the targets of allegations (or whispers). This isn't just the popular figures like Rick Warren, Joel Osteen or Benny Hinn. This includes men like Martin Luther, the Wesley brothers, C. S. Lewis, Charles Finney and even Matthew Henry. This includes less popular-culture type of preachers like David Wilkerson, Leonard Ravenhill, Paul Washer and even Corrie ten Boom. Most of the "arrows" that are shot are due to doctrinal differences. Often, some men and women are willing to shoot such arrows based upon that preacher's view on eschatology, Pentecostal views of the gifts of the Spirit, music, Calvinism (pro or con), etc...

I am not saying that this is the case here. However, I just urge caution in regard to public allegations like this. If we feel the urgent need to lay out such harsh allegations -- we owe it to God (and the target of this criticism) to get it right. We should certainly TEST and PROVE each message (and the character of those who teach it). However, we must be careful to get it right.

My biggest concern (from limited understanding that I have with Rick Warren) isn't just with what he may have said or taught. Rather, it is also with what he might NOT have said and taught. A person can stand on San Francisco "rainbow district" street corners and preach "JESUS LOVES YOU" all day long. However, it doesn't necessarily teach the "whole counsel of God" if we neglect to teach all of the truth. Just like preaching the justice of God without the love and mercy of God is an error, so is teaching the love of God without mentioning His justice.

Just something to consider.

**Re: - posted by NewCovWinDor (), on: 2010/10/7 20:39**

Blanket statements smother people. :)

I really wish everyone would pay attention to ccchhrrriiiss and Natan4Jesus. They've got some good points, and every one has been so ready to lampoon Warren that those very valid points have gone unnoticed. As one who knows precious little about him, I would like specifics... not arguments.

I do not feel Rick Warren is a good source of counsel or teaching, from the fruits I have seen in his increasingly liberal, ecumenical church plants. This is as far as I can say by experience.

Come now, and let us REASON together... not argue! There is so much vitriol flying around that it's hardly Christian. Can we not discuss something without being violent?

Many times, I feel we are dangerously close to the Pharisees as we carefully weigh out our doctrinal mint, anise and cummin, while passing over the weightier matters of the Law... judgment, mercy and faith. Brethren, where is our love? Remember that the self-same Jesus who called the Scribes and Pharisees vipers was also wept over them and their city... and said at the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

What has happened to the Jeremiahs and Daniels who will weep over the sins of the people, instead of lambasting them? Those of us who style themselves prophets, or gifted with discernment, beware! Pride is ever before our door. "Satan will be more than happy to cure your chilblains if he can only give you cancer in return," says C.S. Lewis.

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned," says Paul. Let's keep first things first.

Peace in Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,

**'notme'...oh yes you. , on: 2010/10/7 22:39**

first i make a meek humble entreaty...soft.

and you respond with patronizing asides in return?

and then to left hand accuse me of

"upholding of falsehood"

or

"You just cannot place Rick Warren next to either Paul, or Appolos,"

and

"but a conflict between disciples of Christ and advocates of the false gospel of Rick Warren."

further accusations:

"Before trying to disrupt a conversation, you should first get to understand the arguments. A heated debate is not inherently sinful."

"disrupting"? "blessed are the peacemakers".

Jesus' Words...instead you write, that "heated debate is not inherently sinful".

cow pies! forget "inherently" and the parsing of words, such foolish, needless debate is not only sinful, but SIN SOAKEd! fore it gives birth to devouring and divisiveness.

i dont know rickwarren, havent been led to read rick warren, i stick to the Bible and keep to the standards.

and then you conclude with this bit of hard hearted palaber:

"Trying to shut down a conversation when you lack discernment is shameful."

first, i wasnt trying to shut a "conversation", i was begging humbly the brethern not to burrow down a rabbit hole of unprofitability and divisiveness.

"shameful"?

pad off to the bathroom, take a deep look in the mirror, and beg God to reveal your own shame by accusing me of lacking 'discernment'.

dont you lecture me, and dont you think that i'm some soft sissy boy pulpit ornament, i'm a burnt out, dying to self and flesh worm servant of Christ, washed in the Blood, who knows that God is in total control, and has little need of arrogant fleshlings stomping around the Church pretending to be 'defenders' of Christ. Jesus is absolutely capable of defending Himself. he doesn't need you or me for that, and the sooner you realize this Truth, the closer you'll be to Him, which is the Ministry of Christ and Him crucified.

in the mean, i forgive you for your unseemingly post, as we are all working out our own salvation; with fear and trembling.

Fear God and recognize His sovereignty in all matters, which includes dealing with all falsehoods and 'wolves' and 'empty rain clouds'.

in Jesus' Strength, neil

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**Re: "experts" into Rick Warren-it is - posted by savannah, on: 2010/10/8 0:34**

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One person wrote this about DeWaay's book,

"This book is a resourceful & painstaking effort on behalf of the author to methodically outline & expose the fundamental flaws with the Purpose Driven Movement. No stone is left unturned as chapter by chapter the problems with Rick Warren

n's best selling book are laid bare.

The book certainly goes beyond 'food for thought' as Mr. DeWaay persistently & effectively shines the light of God's holy word into many of the PDL myths... shaking it to its very foundation. When all is said & done...the verdict presented here ...as is consistent with scripture...reveals a foundation which is weak & erroneous ...lacking in sound doctrine & theological accuracy.

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Chapter 10 certainly offers the 'slam dunk' on the matter & ever so graciously points us back to Christ as the leader of the church, church movements or reformations...& there again Mr. DeWaay skillfully lays out the earmarks from scripture of a healthy church.

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Amen.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/8 0:51**

Sadly this thread just keeps getting bigger and bigger, it seems to have no end. I am curious as to how many other "Rick Warren" threads there are that have been that simply start and end in blantant accusations not only of the individual talked about but of also the Brothers and Sisters that post on the thread. I am neither for nor against Mr.Warren, but I do ask for peace and unity to be restored in this matter, and if there is going to be converstaion to the very least leave the name calling and accusations out.

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Amen.

I take it from this post that you were answering request #3 -- because it seems that you are saying that you gathered such allegations, information and evidence from the secondhand sources that you listed in the body of your post...which was NOT from your having personally reviewed Rick Warren's books, sermons or material. If that is correct, please let me know.

Still, I am interested in responses to the first two requests. These are very broad and drastic judgments levied against this man. It would be helpful to review each SPECIFIC allegation -- and the citations from which it was gathered -- in order to understand how such a judgment was reached.

I certainly would not want to be guilty of pronouncing eternal judgment upon a person simply by reading someone else's allegations and the evidence that they claim to have gathered. I am just interested in the specific allegations that are levied against him, the firsthand evidence upon which those allegations are based, and whether those allegations were entirely your own or reflect the views of a third person. Then, I can research those allegations to see if they are factually correct by researching Warren's own words, contacting him for clarity (if necessary) and possibly making an attempt to gently restore him if he is in the wrong.

Thanks,  
-Chris  
II Timothy 2:15  
I Thessalonians 5:21  
Galatians 6:1

**Re: Rick Warren, on: 2010/10/8 13:05**

Hi Chris,

Surely, 'test everything', means to compare it to scripture? How would contacting a liar, and finding that he claims to adhere to the word of God, count as a 'test'?

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**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 13:13**

Alive to God brings out a good point.

I would like to say further, it's easy to spot a false prophet when he is speaking falsely, but what about the ones that we think are in tune with God when in fact they probably are in league with the devil. It's these guys that we should have discernment for, not the obvious ones.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2010/10/8 13:49**

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First of all, we haven't made a conclusion that he is a "liar" -- at least, in regard to the specific allegations that no one has specifically laid out. Of course, "all men are liars" (at least, in haste (Psalm 116:11)).

Secondly, we have nothing to compare. No one has actually laid out the specific allegations. I just keep hearing the conclusion, verdict, judgment or whatever everyone wants to call it. No one has laid out the specific allegations, the first hand sources from which they were gathered, and stated whether these were gathered from personal discovery or attained from other websites that are critical of the man.

It isn't enough to present conclusions. If we are to utter such things, then it is important that the specific allegations are presented (clearly) and with citations to the actual place that we can find the statements in question. I think that it is important to also know WHERE the allegations were first uncovered -- so that we would know whether there is any repetition of claims that might be based upon something other than the evidence.

As I stated before, I am not a fan of Rick Warren. I just don't know enough about the man. I am concerned however with the amount of rhetoric that is directed at him that appears to be "reading between the lines" or based upon less-than-credible secondhand evidence. In my limited research of accusatory websites, I have seen quite a bit of conclusions presented in regard to Rick Warren...but very little real evidence to substantiate those conclusions.

In addition, I have also noticed animosity directed at those who will not immediately accept such a judgment or allegations at face value. If someone wants to tell me that Rick Warren (or any other person) is a "false prophet," a "heretic," or a "devil" (I have seen those specific words), then they need to honestly present the evidence upon which they base their claims. If they can't, then they probably need to remain quiet until they can at least substantiate their accusations with firsthand sources.

For example: There are some questionable preachers who have been discussed here at SermonIndex. I don't accept much of what Benny Hinn teaches. However, this came after a personal examination of Hinn's own words. In past discussions, I (and others) have even pointed out those concerns with SPECIFIC statements and citations in the past. There were even links to Benny Hinn's own books, letters, website, sermons and YouTube videos that showed Benny Hinn explicitly making those statements. These were firsthand sources.

For some reason, I haven't seen the same level of specific scrutiny with Rick Warren. I have seen conclusions and judgments, with little-to-no specific evidence upon how that conclusion was ascertained. In one case, someone uttered some specific words, and I attempted to verify them. It turned out that the "quote" was not accurate. In another case, someone claimed that Rick Warren had a goal to create a "one world religion." Again, no specific evidence substantiated this, and Rick Warren's ministry representative explained that this was grossly untrue.

If we are going to entertain such accusations, we need to separate the mud from the water in order to determine what is true and what is untrue. We should not be so bold as to make an accusatory statement and then expect others to simply accept it without presenting any concrete evidence. Does that make sense?

**Re: Rick Warren, on: 2010/10/8 14:59**

Hi Chris,

I was generalising.

My point is, that you can do all that research, and still not know whether the person is living what they claim.

It's not just about what a person says, but what they do.

If I lie, that makes me a liar.

This is one of the reasons we have been given the Spirit of Truth by God our Father. He knows how tricky words can be, and He is not convinced by words alone, but by a heart which shows itself in actions.

It is on these points that Rick Warren, regardless of what he says - what his website says, what his associates claim for him - fails to walk the talk. It is on looking into scripture that we find amenability, popularity, business success, gifts to charity, accommodating other religions, (and so on), are to be judged by Jesus Christ (Rom 2:16), and that He obtained the Holy Spirit for us so that we would not be deceived.

Deception is not a 'mind' thing. It's a spirit thing. If you have the Holy Spirit (and I mean you), then there will be times when you will simply 'know' that you are being misled by the words you are hearing.

If you don't have that faculty, then you have to trust those who do, or, by all means continue to doubt on the grounds that your mind is not convinced. However, your mind doesn't need to be convinced if the Holy Spirit shows you something. Your mind changes to what the Holy Spirit showed you, unless you resist Him, because we are exhorted several times by Paul to be renewed in the spirit of our minds; this is specifically about stopping thinking the way we used to think (the world's standards), and starting to think what and how God thinks.

So, with regard to Rick Warren, do you believe that he (or anyone), can hold an advisory role to an organisation which is bent on accommodating all religions (as its main aim, as he does), without compromising his call to the ministry to make disciples of all men?

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2010/10/8 15:19**

Hi Alive-to-God...

Still, the burden of proof lay with the accuser.

There are plenty of judgments about the man (Rick Warren) flying around. In fact, most of the accusers are attempting to convince us of this man's evil. Yet, we just don't have much "evidence" upon which we can make an actual conclusion.

One person once told me (about such allegations) that we have the "Spirit of Truth" by which we can judge individuals (suggesting that facts aren't necessary before we go about publicly assassinating the character of a person). This is a silly statement -- because it relies upon "faith" in the person making the public accusation rather than upon facts or the clarity of our own relationship with God. It doesn't allow others to make up their mind -- because the constant public repetition of such conclusions are based on someone else's ability to hear and repeat the voice of God. Moreover, any believer can claim the same thing about anyone that they get what they perceive to be a "spiritual impression" about another person.

Here, we have a man of which many accusations are levied. Yet few facts have been presented by which we substantiate the accusation. If people want to say that the "Spirit of God" led them to a conclusion sans evidence, then so be it. I think that it would be silly to make bold public claims about a man with no evidence by which to substantiate those claims. Ultimately, we wouldn't know WHO is the liar -- the accused or the accuser.

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Again, you are raising an allegation WITHOUT any evidence upon which we can inspect the truthfulness of the allegation. Which organization are you talking about? Where did you see this goal or mission about "accommodating all religions as its main aim?" What evidence did you examine to substantiate this claim? Where did you first hear about this claim

?

It is difficult to make any assessment of this man or situation when so many rumors are spread without specific accusations or allegations or the evidence upon which those accusations is based.

Does that make any sense?

I am not saying that Rick Warren is guilty or innocent of such specific conclusions or accusations. I just haven't seen any of the evidence to verify, test or prove those claims. The burden of proof obviously falls to the accuser rather than the accused.

It would be helpful to see:

1. The specific accusations.
2. The firsthand evidence upon which these accusations are based.
3. Where these accusations were first learned? Was the evidence gathered from firsthand sources or from examining secondhand sources?

Given the gravity of such accusations, we owe it to the purity of God to get such things correct. If we don't have any specific allegations or evidence to go by, why should we believe the accuser?

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/10/8 15:54**

I have mixed feelings about this thread.

On the one hand, false teachings must be exposed, or at the very least, set aside; on the other hand, we must not slander one another.

Let me ask these questions: Has any of you ever misinterpreted the Bible? How bad was it? How would you want someone to deal with you in order to correct you? Would you want that person to tell everyone what a corrupt teacher you are, or would you want that person to deal with you graciously, by patiently admonishing you in private?

It is easy to accuse Rick Warren, saying that he has compromised the Gospel with humanism (<http://www.libertyadvocate.com/message28.htm>). It is also easy to accuse David Wilkerson of having told false prophecies (<http://www.escapealldesethings.com/david-wilkerson-prophecy.htm>). Again, it is easy to accuse Chuck Smith of having wrongly predicted that the rapture would happen in 1981 (<http://calvarychapel.pbworks.com/1981>). The list goes on and on...

What are we left with? Not much. Everyone makes mistakes; yes, even Leonard Ravenhill and Paul Washer, two of my favorite preachers. I will be the first to admit having made many errors in Bible interpretation. I am glad for the graciousness of people who have disagreed with me, whether their reproofs were well founded or not.

Where do we draw the line, then? Are we the ones to draw the line? I challenge you to do a survey of the New Testament in order to find the instances where false teachers are rebuked and when the testing of the spirits comes into play. Ultimately, the Gospel stands out particularly; namely, the person and the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Now, the question remains, what types of perversions of the Gospel are condemned in Scripture? I trust that as you read the Scriptures, you will begin to discern a pattern.

Humbly your servant

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Savannah provided some good sources on Warren. But either way if Chris doesn't have Warren's book to see whether the quotes are truly from it, then Chris has a problem. Maybe we should fundraise to get Chris a copy of The Purpose-Driven Life...

For those who are interested in the person of Rick Warren, here is a good article by Bob DeWaay (the author of the first book Savannah recommended), with plenty of quotes and first-hand evidence (not rumors):

<http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue80.htm>

Also, here you could find a free online copy of Warren's "What On Earth Am I Here For?" booklet (which comprises the first seven chapters of the Purpose-Driven Life):

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Psa 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Psa 11:6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

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Sadly, something came out of this thread, which I had expected all along, which brother nearthecross noticed:

Quote by sermonindex:

I just added a message Rick Warren preached at the desiring God conference (John Piper's) to sermonindex.net I used to have a very bad view of Rick Warren but after spending some time following what he is saying and hearing his heart I realize I mis-judged him. He is not perfect but neither am I. I can learn much from Rick Warren.

nearthecross wrote:

Quote:  
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**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 16:41**

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**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2010/10/8 17:29**

Hi NotMe...

Quote:  
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Savannah provided some good sources on Warren. But either way if Chris doesn't have Warren's book to see whether the quotes are truly from it, then Chris has a problem. Maybe we should fundraise to get Chris a copy of The Purpose-Driven Life...  
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I'm not sure if this is supposed to be funny, sarcastic or just mean-spirited. I didn't ridicule you or your perspective. I ask that you don't do the same to others -- even if you disagree with what they write.

To be clear: Savannah didn't list any specific allegations. Moreover, Savannah didn't provide any firsthand citations of Rick Warren's books, sermons, or literature upon which specific claims are based (unless I missed them). From what I saw, it was just the same anti-Warren articles. No formal allegations or accusations are made. This is just the same, tired "Rick Warren is bad" rhetoric without explicit examples of WHAT HE SAID, WHERE HE SAID IT, and WHERE IT WAS GATHERED.

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Would you care to be specific? Are you saying that this guy NEVER preaches repentance? So, I take it that you have heard everything this man has preached and read everything that this man has written over the last ten years? That is quite a blanket accusation...and it is probably impossible to validate either way.

Since I am not very familiar with Rick Warren, it would help to understand such things only if those who accuse would provide specific accusations and the evidence upon which those claims are based. I am not called to believe accusations without evidence any more than I would be called to believe the man in question.

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The passage that you quoted is from Matthew chapter 7. No where in the context of that passage are we called to seek out "evil" about a person. We are called to seek God. We aren't suppose to waste our time seeking out a whole lot of rumors.

People are voicing repetitious conclusions about Rick Warren. Yet I see very few (if any) specific allegations. Since we can't consider specific allegations, how do we verify whether there is truth behind the conclusion.

I am NOT supporting Rick Warren. I don't think that this could be any more clear. I am just saying that if a person is bold enough to loudly and publicly proclaim that this man is a "false teacher" or "an appostate" (or something like that) -- then that person needs to provide the evidence to substantiate the claim. A link to an anti-Rick Warren book or website is NOT evidence. It isn't even a specific allegation. It is just someone else's opinion.

So, if you think Rick Warren is this devil...then tell us why. Please be specific with the allegation or accusation. Then please be specific with the evidence to validate the accusation.

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Again, I think that you are misunderstanding the point that many of us are making. We are NOT saying that Rick Warren is a good man, a true believer, a Biblical teacher, a prophet, or anything like that. We are just saying BACK IT UP. If you are going to make such a bold public claim, then, at least, BACK IT UP. Personally, I am just saying that a person who pronounces an accusatory judgment should at least provide the specific accusations and evidence when they make such a defining claim.

Otherwise, it might be "shameful" for a person to rely solely upon the accusations of someone else without testing and verifying those words or sources.

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...very broad, it is unsubstantiated by anything other than the accusations of nearthecross. What nearthecross said could very well be true! Yet, how do we know? Where is the evidence that Rick Warren embraces "perfectionism" (and what is that, anyway?), teaches "Pelagianism," embraces every aspect of "Moral Government theology," and pushes "Open Theism?" That was a bold...but unsubstantiated...claim.

The burden of proof in such accusations is not a simple "Go seek and find it yourself." If you are going to be so bold as to proclaim damnation upon a person, then you owe it to the rest of us to get it right -- and prove your claim. In most of the Rick Warren threads, there has been a lot of conclusions presented ("false teacher," "wolf in sheep's clothing," "false prophet," "wants to create a one world religion," etc...), yet there has been so little evidence from the man's writings and sermons to validate such damning public conclusions.

Again, no one is defending Rick Warren. I don't know a whole lot about the guy. Yet I have read plenty of verdicts on his character and eternal condition. He could be a wolf. He could be a liar. He could very well be purposely leading people to Hell. He could also be misled. He could also be misunderstood. He could be misunderstanding certain aspects of the faith. However, where is the evidence?

Is he a false teacher? Why? Please provide specific evidence from his books, writings, teachings, or sermons.

Is he a wolf? Why? Please provide specific evidence from his books, writings, teachings, or sermons.

Is he trying to create a one-world religion? How do you know? Please provide specific evidence from his books, writings, teachings, or sermons.

Is this too much to ask? After all, we aren't the ones accusing this man or pronouncing eternal damnation upon him.

Finally, my biggest concern isn't just with what the man may preach. It is also with what the man might leave out. Does he ever preach the whole counsel of God? Does he ever preach repentance? Does he ever preach about sin? Does he ever preach the importance of lingering in God's presence? Does he preach the need to be desperate for an intimate relationship with God? Does he ever preach the need to judge all things by God's Word?

I don't know. But, if you are going to proclaim such important things, at least be willing to substantiate your claims with the evidence upon which it is based. What specific things (firsthand evidence) caused you to feel the way that you do?

**Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/10/8 18:57**

KingJimmy, 1 big reason why there is hardly any people against David Wilkerson's sermons here compared to Rick Warren is because they believe Wilkerson is a true Christian while they believed Warren is false. If Warren is really false, then it's only right that his sermon should not be here.

**Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/8 19:00**

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Amen snuf. I am not sure if all this Rick Warren bashing is healthy.

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/8 19:01

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Re: Rick Warren, on: 2010/10/8 19:09

Hi Chris,

I believe, through claiming to be born again, you also claim to have the 'Spirit of Truth'.

You've asked loads of questions about Rick Warren, but you are surprisingly unable to interpret his teachings, which are the public domain. You may wish to check such information privately, which is your own business.

This is the Holy Spirit which YOU have received:

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew unto you.

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

In other words, comforting as university or legal standards of proof might be, God is putting His word above them, and this is the standard which applies in the Church.

I, personally, have no problem with your refusing to make a judgement before you feel you have evidence to a level which you cannot ignore. However, there is an assumption there, that you will leave no stone unturned. You will keep looking until you have a wealth of evidence, especially if you're NOT relying on the Holy Spirit to show you. Some have more experience of spotting the differences, than others, and not all are called upon to comment.

There have been yards of quotation from Rick Warren on SI in the past, which, if they don't alarm you, is not directly my problem. However, your problem with the concerns it raises in others, seems slightly over the top. It seems you have some work to do, before chiding others so strongly for the opinions they hold.

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-----This is a silly statement -- because it relies upon "faith" in the person making the public accusation rather than upon facts or the clarity of our own relationship with God. It doesn't allow others to make up their mind -- because the constant public repetition of such conclusions are based on someone else's ability to hear and repeat the voice of God. Moreover, any believer can claim the same thing about anyone that they get what they perceive to be a "spiritual impression" about another person.  
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Of course my 'faith' is in action when I hear a dodgy statement from an eminent Christian. You don't have to believe wh

at I tell you I 'hear', but I (emphasis on 'I') have to believe what God has shown me.

No-one is prevented from making up their own mind, by the statement of another. You are free to make up your mind on the basis of your own 'hear'ing.

In my experience, there are two ways to work out whether a person is true or not. Either you trust them until you find by (usually bitter) experience they have been lying in some matter, or, if you have the spirit of discernment, you go by what God is showing you regardless of the beguiling nature of their outward motions. Equally, a person's outward motions might attract your concerns, but you discern that their heart is in the right place (as we say) and they are just a 'rough diamond' who'll polish up in time, under God's ministrations. I would say I've moved from being trusting, to being discerning. In other words, I now know the meaning of what I'm hearing and seeing, which before I'd been deceived, I didn't.

You don't have to believe my testimony. Feel free to doubt it.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/8 19:20**

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**Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/8 19:40**

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\*raises her hand\*

It was semi-interesting at first..a small degree any how :)

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 19:41**

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My advise to you, Chris, is to take a break for a while, so you don't provoke the Lord to great anger. For He has been very patient with you, using you here to sift his people, but I don't know what may befall you when your purpose is complete

and you have to answer before the Lord for every idle and deceptive word you have spoken?

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2010/10/8 19:43**

Hi Alive-to-God...

This is not actually the case. There have been plenty of conclusive accusations regarding Rick Warren (such as blanket accusations that he is a false teacher, a false prophet, trying to create a one world religion, etc...) -- but these are lacking specifics and the firsthand evidence upon which such specific accusations should be based. In fact, there have even been "quotations" of Rick Warren that were fictitious and gathered only from other websites that were critical of the man.

If we are going to make such strongly worded public announcements that the man is damned and preaching damnable messages -- then those accusers should at least present the specific statements in question, where they were gathered, and how the firsthand evidence Biblically supports the accusation.

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I am not sure if it is wise to base a very public judgment that this man is damned and leading people to Hell upon what we perceive to be "discernment." True discernment does not neglect the facts. Otherwise, any sincere (and sincerely wrong) believer could publicly make wild and outlandish claims.

What if someone publicly announced, "I don't trust 'Alive-to-God' because God made me to discern that he is a false teacher, false prophet and is leading people to Hell."

What should my reaction be?

Without presenting any specific evidence, why should I believe someone who makes such a claim?

There is also a danger of connecting dots that might not really be connected. In other words, some people are predisposed to declare someone guilty by association.

For instance, if I drove by a bar and saw you outside of it, I shouldn't assume that you are there to drink, get drunk, meet women or play billiards. You could be there preaching the Gospel. You could be there to pick up a loved one who needs help. You could be there because your car broke down and you needed the phone.

Recently, someone accused Rick Warren of wanting to create a one world religion. The only "evidence" that they provided was the fact that he prayed at Barack Obama's inauguration (\*where Muslims also prayed) and that he was invited to sit on Tony Blair's Faith Foundation as a Christian representative. The "reading between the lines" comes from first assuming that Blair's foundation actually wants to create a single religion (which is contrary to their stated goals) AND then assuming that this was a motivation of Rick Warren because he was invited to be a counselor and Christian representative at discussion forums. While it certainly might not have been the best choice for Rick Warren to have participated in this foundation -- it is a stretch to try and "connect the dots" and then publicly proclaim that he wants to create some sort of ecumenical one world religion.

We need to get it right.

If we are going to make a claim about the man, we need to have firsthand evidence that clearly indicates a charge. Otherwise, we are meandering into "rumor," "gossip," "hearsay," and conclusions that are drawn by something other than clearly defined facts (including poorly derived circumstantial evidence or even reading-between-the-lines). The weight of the charges against the man merit the need for substantial evidence. This doesn't mean that the burden of proof falls to those who HEAR the accusation. It also doesn't mean that we should gather our information from the accusations found at other websites. We should have enough fortitude to look this up ourselves if we are willing to entertain and repeat such

ch things.

I hope that this makes a little more sense about what I am trying to say.

**Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/10/8 19:48**

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StarofGod, I do not know whether he is really false although I think he is more likely false because of my experience. I will share something that I've never shared before.

I've heard of Rick Warren for some time and was cautious of him. Read a fair bit of his book from beginning to end (although I did not read every word) and later was given the book as a present. Up till then, I still was not sure where he is true or false, but felt there were problems in his teaching. Still hoped that he is saved and if not, that he will be saved. I'm always reminded of something he shared in the book ie either his father/father-in-law (can't really remember now) on his deathbed, was so desperate to save 1 more soul for Jesus. I always wondered whether he would be that person--after I got the experience below.

Anyway, not long after I was given the book while lying in bed, very clear words (though not audible) came from my mouth. He is lying (meaning Rick Warren). I was so shocked because in my mind I still was not sure whether he is a true or false Christian although I felt there were errors in his book--after all true Christians do have errors too. While I was still in shock, the next sentence came out. "He is a false prophet". This made me even more shock. These words are something I can never do on my own. One cannot be shocked at something, then while still shocked and digesting the 1st sentence, be even more shocked with the next sentence uttered. I've never had this sort of thing happened to me before or afterwards.

I realize that God does give me at times the ability to tell that someone is a true Christian but it has never been through words. Only once and this is the one, have God (if in fact those words were actually from God and so far I have no reason to doubt it) told me that someone is a false Christian. The thing is it would be slightly easier (though still very hard) for me to believe that somehow it may be my own thoughts if the words were 'false Christian' but to say 'false prophet'--I have never used the word prophet in any conversation up till that point, so its hard to phantom me even uttering this word, especially as I was still digesting my shock of uttering the 1st sentence of 'he is lying'.

The thing is before all this happen, I ever once listened to 1 of Paul Washer's sermon where he mentioned (something like that as I cannot remember everything now) while he was preaching in a church and the people were rowdy and not listening to him, suddenly words came out from his mouth and I paraphrase (something like that because I cannot remember clearly now) "young people, listen to me, this may be your only chance to listen to the gospel, people are going to come in and you may not have the chance anymore". Paul Washer was so shocked and dismayed when he uttered the sentence and was saying why did he say that. Anyway, not long later, some people came banging at the church door trying to cause havoc. Finally when they left, the people in the church became quiet and really listened to Paul Washer's sermon. ---I remembered this after (not sure whether its immediately after) the words came out from my mouth with regards to Rick Warren.

I have been debating whether to share this experience ever since I got it for quite some time now. Its very difficult for me to do so because I feel that for all his errors, he is one of the most sincere 'false Christian if he is one' and seems to be trying to follow God. Also, he gives 90% of his earnings away, more generous than many true Christians. Plus my flesh prefer people listen to his sermon/book on that we must do good works instead of some real Christian pastors/people who preaches on easy believism. (Now, I know that good works do not save us and it is not an obligation, rather when we become Christians, we will be transformed and it becomes part of our nature to do good works. Its just that I'm tired of false

Christians and even some true one who keep denying that we will produce good works.)

Finally, I am just an anonymous poster in this forum sharing his/her experience. All I know is I'm still rather reluctant to say yes or no with regards to him being saved although I will never recommend any book/sermon by him. How can I after that experience? I tend to lean more towards him not being saved although its with a very heavy heart and pray that he will be saved.

Edit to add:

The thing is I nearly typed my experience when replying to Jimmy but felt it was 'not yet'. Then later, I found you have asked the question and of all things 'ask whether is a false PROPHET"--the 2nd sentence that was uttered from my mouth (my experience). That's when I felt that I need to share my experience. I've kept it bottled all this while

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You need to repent of your lies, distortion, and spiritual pride!

Don't come in here and lecture me of bearing bad fruit simply because I am unwilling to damn a man to hell simply because you say so.

If you want to publicly damn the man -- then you are accountable for what you say.

Yet, you have repeatedly damned me, ridiculed me, and spewed all sorts of filth, ridicule and scorn simply because I don't quickly adhere to your specific views. Do you think that this is wise? Is this what God has called you to do?

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You have NOT presented the truth. You have presented an accusation that is unsubstantiated. You have damned a man to Hell...claimed that he is a false prophet...and then failed to present any sort of specific evidence to substantiate any sort of specific claim.

But, of course, this is how you have publicly treated me here at SermonIndex on more than one occasion. If I don't listen to the "truth" as YOU see it or claim it, then I must be a "reprobate" (or worse). Do you see how wrong that this is?

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No, I don't expect this either. However, you have NOT presented anything but a mere conclusion. You have presented a judgment. You have NOT presented anything that would substantiate your judgment -- other than more judgment and accusations. If he is a false prophet -- SHOW ME! Take me to the exact statement...in context...in one of HIS books or sermons! If you can't do this, then you need to refrain from making accusations without proof.

I have said repeatedly that I am NOT defending Rick Warren. I am simply pointing out that I hear so many accusations that the man is damnable -- but so little specific accusations or specific evidence.

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But the thread is about Rick Warren. Let's not make it about you, Chris. One thing I must admit is that you are so "good" at making even the simplest and most straightforward of matters "seem" dubious and uncertain, but this is nothing to boast about before God, to whom all is plain and naked.

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This is not about me...even though you have attempted to make it so. There is NOTHING DUBIOUS about asking someone to back up their accusations with some sort of proof. If you want to call Rick Warren a "false prophet" -- then show us. Show us where he false prophesied. Show us his statement. Show us where you found it. Show us how this is any different than anything that you have done here when you were wrong on a doctrinal issue. If you can't present evidence, then why make the public declaration about the condition of his heart?

Quote:  
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My advise to you, Chris, is to take a break for a while, so you don't provoke the Lord to great anger. For He has been very patient with you, using you here to sift his people, but I don't know may befall you when your purpose is complete and you have to answer before the Lord for every idle and deceptive word you have spoken?

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Thankfully, you are NOT God. You have no say in his "great anger" -- because I have a feeling that you would have shot plenty of arrows at me already. I don't know, but it seems like you think that you may have done God a favor. However, you are not in charge of SermonIndex. You are not in charge of me. You are not in charge of the Church. Ultimately, that responsibility remains with our Lord. Each of us will give account to Him. If you want to spew your judgment ahead of the Lord, then you will have to give an account for it -- just as we will.

Regardless, I am not going to base my conclusion (about Rick Warren or any other matter) upon what you say. If you can't substantiate your blanket judgment of Rick Warren (or anyone else) with any sort of specific evidence, then I should not take it as anything other than your own opinion -- and nothing more.

**Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/8 20:04**

Thank you for sharing this learn. I actually read the entire Purpose Driven Life book. My aunt had given it to me. And I was just absolutely thrilled that she had given me such a book. I didn't know ANY of my blood family/relatives had any desire to seek the Lord at all in a real way. Which later opened up other doors to talk with her. However, I still think she's watered down. :p But if I have any relatives that are born again, she'd be it, I think. So Praise the Lord.

No I did not agree with all of the book. Thought it watered down and lukewarm to put it bluntly. But surely would not have called him a false prophet at the time. However, I have not kept up with it now. That was several years ago.

I have heard that same message by Paul Washer.

Re: , on: 2010/10/8 20:07

Quote:  
-----There have been yards of quotation from Rick Warren on SI in the past, which, if they don't alarm you, is not directly my problem. However, your problem with the concerns it raises in others, seems slightly over the top. It seems you have some work to do, before chiding others so strongly for the opinions they hold.  
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Yeah, Chris has to do some research.

Only a man with something at stake will jump like this in defense of Rick Warren (without any prior knowledge of the man and his doctrine). Without any fear that he may be defending an anti-Christ. Instead of quietly doing his research and being persuaded in his heart about the matter, he goes around decrying any firm stance against the heresies of Warren as unfounded, while he hasn't moved his finger to check like a good Berean "whether the things are so". This is problematic. Moreover, Chris has done this over and over again ever since I have run into him in the forums. As another brother said, "It is a constant attempt to nullify any word that may come forward." I am not against making sure an accusation is true indeed, without assuming the accused party guilty without proof, because one needs a certain amount of undisputable information in order to keep a clean conscience before the Lord and to be able to make a righteous and just judgment. However, Chris has used the statement that there is not enough evidence for him to make a judgment on many occasions as a cop-out for "not taking a stance" at all (which is still a stance!). He never goes beyond the "collecting evidence" stage, which for me suggests that he likes it this way and that maybe he doesn't have any intention of taking side on a particular issue (although this neutrality is no neutrality at all, because in the Bible there is no thing neutral: "Luk 11:23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth."). This too is problematic. Because if you constantly don't seek the truth and don't find the truth (even though it is there before you), this means you are driven by OTHER motives, which are in no way honorable.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2010/10/8 20:17

NotMe...

You have not presented specific allegations. You have not presented specific evidence. All you have done is proclaim that the man is a false teacher.

As for your inclination about me: If you think that I have any other motive in this other than to see the specific allegations and the specific evidence upon which it is based, then I can see why you are prone to such poor judgment. This is not wise.

I am not defending Warren. I don't listen to him. I have never heard him preach a sermon. I have never owned or read any of his books. The only time I have ever read any passage that Warren has written was while trying to ascertain the truth regarding certain allegations.

By the way, it is better to be "neutral" than to arrive to a conclusion without evidence. Make sense?

Re: , on: 2010/10/8 20:21

Quote:  
-----Yet, you have repeatedly damned me, ridiculed me, and spewed all sorts of filth, ridicule and scorn simply because I don't quickly adhere to your specific views. Do you think that this is wise? Is this what God has called you to do?  
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Oh, Chris! Don't you worry about me. If it were me you had a problem with, you will be fine. But you have a problem with God's Word which testifies against you. Don't tremble at me; tremble at His Word.

Quote:  
-----I have said repeatedly that I am NOT defending Rick Warren. I am simply pointing out that I hear so many accusations that the man is damnable -- but so little specific accusations or specific evidence.  
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There is plenty of SPECIFIC EVIDENCE in the article I posted. It doesn't get more specific and more thorough than this. He who has ears, let him hear. May God have mercy on you...

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 20:24**

The adversary is pleased.  
The original poster knew exactly what he/she was doing when they started this useless thread and it was certainly not inspired of God.

**Re: - posted by NewCovWinDor (), on: 2010/10/8 20:35**

Very true, Rev.

"He who slings mud loses ground."

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 20:39**

Quote:

-----If Warren is really false, then its only right that his sermon should not be here.  
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What if I thought that Leonard Ravenhill was false, does that mean that he shouldn't be in the archives?

My opinion is not the reason why these sermons make it here on SI. Even if I suspected him to be false and told Greg a bout it, he would want proof that the man was false, not my superstitions and theories. And this is what Chris has been a skin people to do, but we are acting like extreme religious people with a vengeance to destroy anyone who disagrees w ith our opinion or what websites contribute to bashing Rick Warren.

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You guys are going to have to learn to love this man, because if he is an enemy of the cross, Jesus commands us to lov e our enemies.

That means that if we love our enemies, we are NOT going to talk about him, run him down and speak slander behind hi s back.

As for the duty of exposing people. Jesus said to leave those folks alone and to follow Him. But we don't like that.

Luke 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw Rick Warren casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade hi m, because he followeth not with us.

Luke 9:50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/10/8 20:44**

When will the madness stop? That is my only question!

**Re: they marvelled at the graciousness of His speech - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/10/8 20:49**

Hi everyone,

"The major problem here is that Rick Warren refuses to engage his critics or defend his ideas. Unless he is willing to argue for, say, his handling of Scripture, there can be no development of the critics' understanding of his position.

This is not the fault of the critics, who have shown themselves to be very willing to engage; but rather of Warren, who refuses to enter into the conversation.

If he is misunderstood, let him answer his critics...'

I believe this is one of the most reasonable attitudes within the whole of the controversy regarding this man.

Personal vilification of public figures should be avoided at all costs. It is a great breach of spirit and a deadly sin.

But those that insist that teacher's and preacher's words and messages should be tested (especially when they figure so prominently as this man does) are exercising good sense to do so and do show a healthy regard for truth and soundness that becomes the Gospel and its LORD.

And this quote above I think is especially reasonable, because of the pattern of the LORD Himself, Who, nearly as often as He was challenged by His critics, answered them, and in so doing not only proved the soundness of His speech but also gave us so many remarkable revelations of truth.

Being challenged by men as to the soundness of our words is not (generally) a time for silence.

It is THE OPPORTUNITY to shine.

That is, if we and our message, have come from God.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 20:51**

Quote:  
-----The original poster knew exactly what he/she was doing when they started this useless thread and it was certainly not inspired of God.  
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Oh I beg to differ. This thread has done a lot of good. It tells me how childish we are and that we have not learned Christ at all. We have a lot of knowledge, but we lack understanding and a whole lot of love.

Rick Warren is my Brother in Christ. Until I hear from the Lord otherwise, he will remain.

Because if we all checked our theology, it proves one thing, it only loves those that love us. Which means that we do not have the love of God which we so claim. And since we are not in that position to speak from a love stand point (for God is love) we are not eligible to judge anyone.

How do I know that our love is bias? We only gather around people that agree with us. But Jesus did the opposite. He hung around the whores beggars and thieves, even around those that were trying to kill Him.

But as soon as someone touches our theology, watch out.

If that is love, I don't want nothing to do with it.

**Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/10/8 21:01**

Snufalapus, any false pastor's sermons should never be on a Christian website. I don't think that people would disagree on this.

The debate is whether one believes the person is a true Christian or not. The decision whether to put up in this case Warren's sermon is certainly up to Greg (as he is the admin here).

I believe you are creating an argument out of nothing. Notice that my sentence did not mention my opinion/belief. I just said 'if' and I didn't say that 'he is' or that 'because I believe, then it has to be done...'

Pls do not read into things where there is nothing in it. Thanks.

Double edit as it may not be clear.

Edit to add: ok, on re-reading this, I can see why you thought what you've written. But no, I wasn't thinking of that. I am just stating that any false pastors sermons should not be on a Christian website. (in this case since we are talking about Warren, I mentioned his name--but notice I said 'if' and not that he is). That's all. Not saying that person is false or not or that we have a right to decide which sermon will be put up. I've been in forums long enough to know that the decision is ultimately up to the admin.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 21:12**

Quote:

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Ah some truth.

Well when you think about it, that's exactly what the Rick Warren bashers are doing, creating an argument without proof.

Quote:

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Has anyone considered that Greg might have prayed about putting this on here? I mean the man is not stupid. He's in touch with men of God who are praying for revival, read up on the puritans etc., and sat with Carter Conlon, immersed himself in Leonard Ravenhills sermons. Has anyone considered that a mind like that is not easily swayed to someone like Rick Warren? Yet, here he is.

I am not saying that brother Greg can't be swayed, but for someone who is engulfed in the nature of revival like he is wouldn't be so easily given to putting a Rick Warren sermon on SI. But he does, which tells me that God is doing something and I want to be given to hearing what the Spirit is saying not my doctrinal position. The Pharisees wanted Jesus to agree with their position, but Jesus had a word for them every time, "But I say unto you".

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 21:28**

Quote:

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It is written, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump". Also, "Jas 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." Even though the message by Warren may be good and Scriptural, he is still a danger to be around. For example, recently I ran into a good message by Joel Osteen (the onl

y useful message of his that I've ever heard) about pork and shellfish. However, I wouldn't endorse the message, albeit true, so it won't become a stumbling block to others who know Osteen to be a false teacher, or worse--to expose young and unstable souls to the heresies of Joel.

Quote:  
-----You guys are going to have to learn to love this man, because if he is an enemy of the cross, Jesus commands us to love our enemies.  
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Jesus commands us to love OUR (personal) enemies, who hate US:

Luk 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,  
Luk 6:28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

When we have enemies and haters of God, however, things are different. Consider the words of King David:

Psa 139:20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and THINE ENEMIES take thy name in vain.  
Psa 139:21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?  
Psa 139:22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Clearly, we have no obligation to love men as Warren. For example, here is how Paul treated a false prophet (described in the book of Acts):

Act 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:  
Act 13:7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.  
Act 13:8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.  
Act 13:9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,  
Act 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

John the Baptist wasn't very "loving" of the Pharisees either, when he saw them by the Jordan:

Mat 3:5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,  
Mat 3:6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.  
Mat 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

The Lord Himself commended the church at Ephesus because "how thou canst not bear them which are evil":

Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Quote:  
-----That means that if we love our enemies, we are NOT going to talk about him, run him down and speak slander behind his back. As for the duty of exposing people. Jesus said to leave those folks alone and to follow Him. But we don't like that.  
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You are off again. This is not OUR enemy. This is a false teacher, a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.  
Act 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.  
Act 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that \_\_\_by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and

day with tears\_\_\_.

Was Paul "talking about them, running them down and speaking slander behind these people's back"?

Quote:

-----As for the duty of exposing people. Jesus said to leave those folks alone and to follow Him. But we don't like that.  
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Not so. You need to test all the things which you have learned in light of Scripture because what you are preaching here is not sound doctrine. It is written:

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather REPROVE them.

When false teachers and false doctrines try to infiltrate the church, they must be exposed and reprovved quickly, lest they take root in the congregation. This is part of following Jesus, part of good stewardship over the flock.

The apostle Paul writes to the Romans:

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK them which cause divisions and offences \_\_\_contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned\_\_\_; and AVOID them.

Rom 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

So Christians have a duty to MARK, and, after they have marked them, to AVOID the false teachers. Not to close their eyes to false doctrines being promulgated in the church.

Quote:

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Again your analogy fails. Rick Warren is casting out no devils in the Lord's name; rather he is binding souls with his false gospel (i.e. he is an agent of bondage, not deliverance.)

P.S. ChrisJD has made some good points.

**Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/8 21:34**

--nevermind

**Re: - posted by JesusIsMyLrd (), on: 2010/10/8 21:38**

Alright brothers, let's calm down... These posts on either side are not at all edifying, and i think that if an unbeliever or young soul would look into this thread and see the kind of words being used, they would really be turned off, and wonder if this is true Christianity at work, or just angry people.

I know we're zealous for truth, but we can't hurt eachother like this for the sake of the truth.

NotMe, Chris, and others, if you want to discuss your thoughts about each other, please do it in personal messages, not on a forum; it's not redemptive nor encouraging to others who are looking on.

For the sake of others, please leave off these things. If you have concerns about one another, please address that one in private, not openly.

Let's crown Jesus Lord of all, brothers.

If you find your blood boil as you read comments from others, it means it's time to give it a rest, even if it means you'll lo

ok like you've given up or lost the argument.

God bless.

**Re: , on: 2010/10/8 21:40**

Quote:  
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Anyone can be swayed. That is why it is our responsibility as individuals to test for ourselves, because if everyone is blindly trusting the pastor/leader/minister, what would happen if he went wrong? Who will be there to correct him? Isn't this what the local BODY is for?

**Re: - posted by learn (), on: 2010/10/8 21:45**

Snufalapus, to summarise my view and explanation--to avoid any possible confusion (if any).

You have your view, so have I. I think we are on opposing camps as I tend to believe that Warren is false base on my experience (although its hard seeing his generosity etc). You are likely to disagree with my view--that's fine. And you ain't gonna sway me with regards to Greg's discernment on this matter etc, so let's leave it as it is, ok. :)

Also, to reiterate, putting up whose sermon is ultimately Greg's decision. I or others may believe he is false but we cannot force Greg, although some may try to plead, convince etc. On the same breath, all false pastors sermons should not be on a Christian website (this I think we all agree on--for example, I think very few people will think Joel Osteen's sermons should be here).

Peace.

**Re: - posted by NewCovWinDor (), on: 2010/10/8 21:54**

I'm waiting for Greg's hammer to fall on this monster of forum iniquity...

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**Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/10/8 22:08**

the answer to whether or not ANYone's sermon should be here:

this site is for promoting Biblical Revival. So what is Biblical Revival?

- 1.) Re-awakening
  - to a consciousness of a Thrice Holy God
  - a thirst for God
- 2.) Renewal
  - of the Covenant with God
  - of service to God
  - of Godly living
- 3.) Regeneration
  - a modern day Re-Birth
  - become as innocent and pure as day of birth
  - return to the "Joy of your Salvation"

- 4.) Restoration
- of Godly principles
- of Righteousness

Now, has anyone listened to this sermon by warren? I admit, I have not and probably won't. I will be corrected if anyone has anything to say otherwise but I believe that his sermon would be nothing more than principles and good morals and things to be busy with. That's not my idea of New Covenant theology. We got cats up in here giving old testament answers to New Testament subjects.

Please see if his sermon is in line with SI and then determine the fruits.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2010/10/8 22:19**

It really grieves me that threads like these have become the meat of forum activity. That we can beat a dead horse like this for so long speaks volumes of our spirituality.

Thread and topic terminated.

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiiss (), on: 2010/10/8 22:46**

Hi NotMe...

Just a quick response to another of your allegations before I bow out of this thread.

Quote:  
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Oh, Chris! Don't you worry about me. If it were me you had a problem with, you will be fine. But you have a problem with God's Word which testifies against you. Don't tremble at me; tremble at His Word.  
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Brother, I really don't worry about your comments at all. I know who I am in Christ Jesus. Speaking personally, I am not worried about your opinions. I do have some concern with your attempt to assassinate anyone who disagrees with what you think God has shown you. You speak of "discernment" -- yet you can't seem to "discern" how you have wronged several people here. You have wronged Neil here. You have wronged Greg here. You have hurled many insulting and scornful arrows at many brothers -- and you seem to react as if this is a noble effort and that you're doing God a favor.

The concern that I feel is that you do this in a public forum simply because of a difference of opinion about Greg including a single sermon by this preacher in the SI collection. Greg didn't force you (or anyone else) to listen to it. Greg didn't tell anyone to adhere to everything that Rick Warren teaches. You can certainly continue to believe as you do about Rick Warren with a clean conscience. However, when you spew scorn and ridicule simply because some haven't seen you present specific evidence regarding the man -- well, this is taking it much too far.

Quote:  
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There is plenty of SPECIFIC EVIDENCE in the article I posted. It doesn't get more specific and more thorough than this. He who has ears, let him hear.  
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Really? Where is it? I must have missed it. I have seen blanket allegations and links to websites that contain accusations. But where are the SPECIFIC accusations coupled with SPECIFIC sources upon which those accusations are based? Consider this example:

Quote:  
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Accusation: "Benny Hinn is a false prophet. Why? He has 'prophesied' several specific events -- claiming that this came from God -- that never came to pass."

On December 31, 1989, Benny Hinn claimed that Fidel Castro would die during the 1990s and a 'great revival' would occur throughout Cuba. During that same service, Hinn claimed that God was going to destroy the homosexual community in America with fire by 1994 or 1995. He gave many other false prophecies during that meeting.

Citation:

Live video recording of Benny Hinn's 1989 claims:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTtw\\_PeHZw8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTtw_PeHZw8)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZf7XiSmz-0>

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Now, consider this accusation:

Quote:

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Accusation: Rick Warren is a false teacher who wants to create a one world religion!

Rick Warren spoke at Tony Blair's Faith Foundation. This foundation is trying to create a one world religion that joins Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and everyone else under one single religion.

Citation:

[http://www.understandthetimes.org/inthenews/194\\_owr.shtml](http://www.understandthetimes.org/inthenews/194_owr.shtml)

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Do you see how the first example of an allegation (concerning Benny Hinn), the accusation, evidence and citation are clear cut and do not require any sort of interpretation of the results? With the cited source (in this example, a video), we can either validate or reject the allegation and explanation of evidence.

In the second example of an allegation (concerning Rick Warren), the accusation is presented in a blanket statement that presents statements that must be selectively interpreted, and the "evidence" is a citation to another website that echoes the same allegation that also requires "connecting the dots" via selective interpretation.

Do you see the difference? In most of the allegations that have been brought out regarding Rick Warren, this is what I have seen. Some people have quoted passages from his books, but even some of those passages are interpreted by the accuser to mean something that I just don't see sometimes. This is not "blindness." This is just refusing to be forced to believe something that just isn't explicitly clear via facts or Scripture.

Quote:

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May God have mercy on you...  
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Amen! May God have mercy on all who long for Him and desperately call upon Him in truth! We all need His tender mercies!