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Feedback to YWAM Grimerud concerning Restore 24/7

after my time as staff from August 2011 through June 2012

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Introduction

After being staff at Restore 24/7 from August 2011 through June 2012 I've written this document as a feedback to the leadership at Grimerud. As I experienced coming under deception and heresy, it is also necessary to share my experience and the information I've found, especially to warn those that were in the ministry. This is not meant as a personal attack on anyone, neither the leaders nor staff. I respect the zeal and effort to seek God and do his will, but we have to do it in the right way and follow His Word, not our own thoughts and ideas. God is the one who knows us and searches our motives. I realize that I myself am a sinner, saved by grace, who needs Jesus every day.

The deception essentially concerns the teaching from "International House Of Prayer" (IHOP). It was said that Restore 24/7 is not IHOP, but I experienced that the ministry was permeated by their fundamental vision. If I would have had information about IHOP 's background in advance, I would never have joined the ministry. It is teaching about "Christian mysticism" which is rooted in New Age, "elite"-thinking and a "militant Christianity" which is not rooted in the Bible.

The vision of Restore 24/7 about "coming into the fullness of the spiritual life" and to pray for revival, sounded good. But the way it was taught and practiced was influenced by mysticism and New Age thinking, and it became more focused on one's own achievements than what Jesus have finished for us. I soon realized that when the prayer-life was put in a system, the life with Jesus was in danger of fading away.

In this document I have referred to different sources. I've done this research in order to find out about the background of the "prayer movement" and to be able to discern what is Biblical and what is not. It is not a complete picture about this topic, but I will share some of what I've found so far. It is up to each individual to check the sources for themselves, and to find out what is in accordance with God's Word. The Bible references, unless quoted from someone, are taken from King James Version at www.biblegateway.com unless otherwise noted. If you who read this have questions, feedback or comments, feel free to contact me.

Main part

In this document I'm sharing my experience with the teaching, ideas and system of Restore 24/7, and some information I've found regarding the basis of IHOP and other deceptive movements.

Short introduction about myself

I was raised in a home with Christian parents, and I believe in Jesus as my personal savior and wish to follow Him and His Word.

In August 2011 I came to Grimerud with a desire to spend more time reading the Bible and to pray for my own life, the Church, country and the world. I wanted to set aside time to do this, because I sensed that God put a desire in me for it.

In the spring of 2010 I heard about the prayer ministry at Grimerud for the first time while reading the Christian newspaper "Dagen". I thought it sounded great to have a place where prayer was going on continually so that the country was somehow "covered" in prayer.

When I decided to join the ministry I didn't know what it would be like. But I was looking forward to it and had expectations for fellowship, prayer and Bible-study. Anyways I soon discovered that it

was hard to be at Grimerud, but I thought it was the change of lifestyle and the "Enemy" who didn't want me to be there. I was also sick several times during the year.

During the autumn my mom started to find things on the Internet that worried her. She forwarded some information to me, and I read some of it. Still I had a hard time believing that this was connected to Restore 24/7. I also came into conflict with her, and accused her of having critical attitudes.

As I went home for Christmas and got away from Grimerud, I saw things more clearly. But when I returned I started believing that it was my own thoughts and reactions that were wrong, and I couldn't "tear myself loose" and leave. As I finally decided to leave I also experienced it as a struggle, and sensed inner accusations the first time after coming home. Had I "walked away from God's will"? These accusations did not come from God.

The teaching

Initially I want to share about how I experienced the teaching we got at Restore 24/7.

"Harp and Bowl"

In the autumn of 2011 the Restore team was divided into three smaller teams, which were to practice "Harp and bowl", a mixture between prayer and worship. The model was taken from International House Of Prayer (IHOP). Citing the article "FORERUNNER ESCHATOLOGY, Mike Bickle's End-Time Teaching and the International House of Prayer" 2009, by Andrew Jackson <http://www.equip.org/PDF/JAF2324.pdf>:

Bickle's primary vision is to promote the escalation of the harp (worship music) and bowl (intercession) prayer style derived from Revelation 5:8, which is implemented in the night and day model of IHOP. IHOP claims that it has been practicing this kind of prophetic prayer and worship without ceasing since September 19, 1999.

This model was supposed to make it easier for us to maintain focus in prayer during a longer period of time. To me it became the opposite compared to previous experiences in prayer. The focus became more on one's own achievements than on a conversation with our Heavenly Father and intercession for things he leads one to pray for. During times of "Worship with the Word", we were supposed to use the "harp and bowl" method to "meditate" on the Word. One can sing Scriptural songs, but not with repetitions like a meditation technique. As far as I know we didn't receive teaching about "contemplative prayer" at Restore 24/7, but this is practiced at IHOP and the "harp and bowl" method is similar to this.

Song of Solomon

Proceeding through the autumn we had teaching from Song of Solomon. I had previously heard about Håvard Sand's book: "The Bride arises", but I had never heard such teaching before. Now I understand that it comes from IHOP. I was confused, and sensed a resistance against it. Song of Solomon was interpreted allegorically to describe Jesus as the bridegroom and Christians as the bride. I believe the book is more a picture of the relationship between man and woman, but there can be some parallels to the relationship between God and the Church. It was communicated that this book contains a very important message to Christians, especially concerning that the time of Jesus' return is approaching. It was taught that the bride needs to be prepared to receive Him.

Several people reacted to the message. When we asked questions concerning the teaching and the interpretation of the book I experienced that it became a "problem". We that had a hard time to "catch the message" were prayed for. It was also communicated that if people we knew didn't want to receive the message, we shouldn't get angry at them, but rather pray for them in order that God might "reveal" it to them. The leadership tried to explain and persuade us to receive the message. It was said that strongholds in our minds and our thinking was a hindrance for opening up to be met by God on an emotional level. If we begin to lean more on feelings and experiences than on God's Word, we will soon be standing on faltering grounds. It is God's Word that is to create faith, not our feelings. Romans 10:17: "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*"

I talked with one of the leaders who communicated that the teaching from Song of Solomon didn't apply so much to him. He didn't disagree with it, but meant that one could rather get a similar message from other books in the Bible. I was told that I could still be in the team, even though I didn't understand the message at that time. I hoped it would be better as we were to study other topics.

Worship by Vivien Hibbert

It was taught about praise and worship by Vivien Hibbert and Rebecca Walden. One of the things they talked about was how to get into "The Holy of Holies", where God is. They focused on the symbolism of the Temple and that there were several "veils" we needed to open. I reacted on this, because it is said in the Bible that when Jesus died, he opened the way to the Father for us. The veil in the temple was torn physically from top to bottom, as a symbol of this.

Matthew 27:51: "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;"

Hebrews 6:19-20: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Hebrews 10:19-20: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

Vivien's utterance about that the closest she could come to Jesus was when she was kissing him on the mouth, also provoked reactions. This is not Biblical.

Ina Steyn

Later in the autumn Ina Steyn came to teach. Her "mentor" is Dr. Atef Aziz Mikail. Both of them are also in close contact with Lynn Green, who is an international leader in YWAM. Much of what she taught about having regular times with prayer and Bible-study was encouraging, and I became eager, perhaps too eager at this some weeks preceding this teaching.

When I in the spring of 2012 read an article that we got concerning Dr. Atef's message to YWAM in 2006, I was alarmed and understood more of the background of both the establishment of Restore 24/7 and Ina's teaching. Following are some examples from the article "Do we need a spiritual awakening?" International YWAMer, February-May 2006. An interview with Dr. Atef Aziz Mikail:

"When the spirit is awakened it flows up like a fountain and covers all the inner being so the devil can't attack". Where is this found in the Bible?

He talks about YWAMers in need of a "refilling of the spirit with a new, fresh anointing". What kind of anointing is he really talking about? He refers to the church fathers for methods of "re-cleansing and emptying of the self". Emptying of the self?

He says that we are to "nourish our spirits so they can grow and be transformed into the original shape God intended before the fall...and release the spirit from the imprisonment of the mind, soul and flesh". Where is that found in the Bible? It is New Age and Hindu thinking.

He further goes on: "Finally, when these things are accomplished, Christ formation can happen, not me, but Christ in me. When the complete Christ is revealed, His likeness will show through us". The complete Christ?

In this context I'm reminded of 2 Cor. 4:7: "*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*" Dr. Atef's statement is focused on one's own achievements to reach a spirituality which is not what Jesus has finished for us.

2 Cor. 5:17: "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*"

Dr. Atef goes on to say that we need to have times of silence which will bring a "stillness of the body, mind, soul and spirit, which clears the mind and brings deep peace that will lead us to a deeper spiritual life... by spending the night in prayer a deep quietness is established and a peace found that is not shattered by noise". A deep silence and peace that leads us to a deeper spiritual life?

Philippians 4:6-7 says: "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*"

Concerning "Christian mysticism "and the desert fathers I recommend reading an article at Plumblin ministries; Plumblin Volume 17, no. 3 May/June 2012: "Panentheism, what is that?", Orrel Steinkamp: <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel52.pdf>. Quoting this article:

"The antidote to Crabb's unbelief appears to be an openness to mystical experiences repackaged centuries later from the so-called Desert Fathers and Mothers of 3rd and 4th centuries. These Christian monastics migrated and lived as hermits in the Egyptian wilderness. Here these Catholic monastic mystics interacted with eastern monastic's and mystics. Living as hermits, these Desert Fathers developed "hesychasm" from the Greek word meaning "stillness" and "silence") (Wikipedia) Hesychasm was the practice of interior silence. It didn't become a formal movement until the 14th century. Now centuries later these Catholic mystics have been elevated to the status of celebrities tasked with saving us from the superficiality of pragmatic church growth spirituality.

Today panentheism is enjoying a phenomenal resurgence even though it never employs the term panentheism. This panentheistic worldview is well hidden by such terms as "Spiritual Formation" and "Spiritual Disciplines" etc. But though well hidden, panentheism is the undeclared foundational worldview of the so-called "Spiritual Formation" movement now becoming wide-spread in evangelical circles.

Furthermore, panentheism is the worldview of the myriads of versions of the New Age. It is also the foundational worldview of eastern religions. These 4th century hermit/monastics such as John Cassian and Anthony the Great apparently reasoned that if the eastern monks with whom they had contact could find mystical union with their god why couldn't the same techniques be successful to find mystical union with their Christian God. These monastic, fathers, however, fell into oblivion for centuries only to be resurrected by other Catholic mystics in later centuries (14th-15th centuries). Now in the later part of the 20th century these ancient Desert Fathers and Mothers and other Catholic mystics are being heralded as the harbinger of a new spirituality."

Caryl Matrisciana is a person who grew up in India and practiced New Age before she was saved. She has produced documentaries and is teaching about deception. In a series of articles called "Counterfeit Spirituality" she states:

"Emergent thinkers legitimize a counterfeit spirituality by supplanting absolute Biblical truths with New Age mind/body experiences. The enticement of "appearing" spiritual through silent practices and private rituals scintillates the mind. Truth becomes relocated in the senses rather than in the revealed Word of God, but Jesus said, "I have spoken openly to the world...and I spoke nothing in secret" (John 18:20). In contemplative exercises, there is no higher authority to interpret these experiences and override what the mind and heart have perceived to be the real "God". Hence contemplative prayer practices, injected into the Christian church by Catholic mystics, and adopted by Emergents, have become alternative approaches to "knowing" God"(Counterfeit Spirituality Pt.4: Philosophizing God http://www.carylmatrisciana.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=118:counterfeit-spirituality-part-4&catid=38&Itemid=83).

"Mysticism marginalizes the gospel and doctrinal truths making them irrelevant and unnecessary since God is accessed through the experience and ritualized prayer. If the pagans use these rituals to connect with their deities, then the Christian who practices them is not fellowshiping with the true God, but with deceiving spirits. Approaching God through false worship is expressly forbidden throughout the Bible. (Deu 6:14, 7:4, 11:16, 13:1-8; 1 Jn 4:1, 5:21).

The aim of this spirituality is "communing" with God as one imagines Him to be. This can be the so-called god "within" for the New Ager, the God of the Bible for the Christian, or the god that is in everything for the Hindu. Therefore contemplative prayer can unite the world through an altered state of consciousness in a superficial "peace" so that all faiths can harmonize together into one universal brotherhood of man.

Unity and friendship with the world actually disguise unbelief and are dangerous distractions from the Lord and His truth. Contemplative prayer techniques turn the believer toward the same desired esoteric enlightenment, which was the deception of the serpent, as was promised Adam and Eve. Satan planted the lie that they were somehow incomplete without partaking of hidden knowledge that would make them like God.

Jesus tells us that from the moment of rebirth, we are complete in Him. We are new creations in Christ (2 Cor 5:17), He has given us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3), the Trinity dwells in the believer (Jn 14:16; Jn 17; 2 Jn 1:9) and nothing will separate us from the love of Christ Jesus (Rom 8:39). Believers need to test the spirits (1 John 4:1) to see if these so called "apostles of Christ" speak according to the Word (Isa 8:20) and need to turn aside from godless myths (1 Tim 4:7), avoid the philosophies of men (Col 2:8), mark those who introduce heresies contrary to truth

(Rom 16:17), and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds of darkness (Eph 5:11). Those who lead us away from purity and devotion to the Word are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them (1 Jn 4:5). Let us uphold the truth of the Word and walk by its light in faith, hope and love, trusting that the Lord has given us all that we need to be complete in Him (Col 2:10)" (Counterfeit Spirituality Pt.5: The Sanctifying of Mysticism http://www.carylmatrisciana.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=119:counterfeit-spirituality-part-5&catid=38&Itemid=83).

Henning Schikora

Early spring of 2012 we had a week of "team-building" and teaching about "spiritual warfare" with Henning Schikora. The week before he came I was very scared. One year previously at the "Lifestyle"-festival, I noticed that as he met some people, they started to shake and fall into convulsions of laughter. They said he had a strong "anointing". I mentioned to one of the leaders that I was scared. The leader thought that we should pray the fear to go away. I believe the fear was neutralized so that most of the skepticism disappeared.

Teaching

The teaching we got that week was a lot about the spiritual world; demons and their origin, how spirits have gained power over physical areas and territories, and how one were to fight them. Henning sited the book of Enoch, which is not in the Bible.

"Practical exercise"

During the practical exercise in "spiritual warfare", we were to fight "the Jante-law". It was communicated that this attitude obstructs revival in Norway, for instance because those that are raised up by God to "believe they are something", are looked upon with skepticism. "The Jante-law" was seen as an opposite to the "Viking-spirit", which is the brave and strong attitude. In the homepage of Schikora's "School of prophetic training", he mentions that the Christians in France are victims of the same attitudes, but in other words:

"This well of pure water, which is prophecy, once flowed freely in the Cévennes and watered the land. Today it is blocked by things we have inherited from the past. The Lord wants to open it up again but for that to happen we must remove the stones which are blocking it; stones of fear of persecution, of being treated as if we are mad or fanatical, fear of leading people astray, and the stones which prevent us from prophesying and have shut the mouths of many Christians over the past 300 years" (JEM Cévennes / YWAM 7 – FRANCE: School of prophetic training: <http://jem-cevennes.com/en/training>).

We were told that the expression of this "fight" could be violent. We were to begin with "worship" and Jan Honningdal was invited to lead us in this, accompanied with drums. He shared that he sometimes was tired of his own praise songs, and that he began practicing playing drums at home during Christmas time. He also used the drums during the "Workers gathering" at Grimerud in January.

It is now dreadful to me to look back at this time, because a lot of weird things happened. One person came to the front of the room and said that if someone "felt in the stomach" that they were to

dance, they could just go ahead. I had such a sense, and I went forward and started to jump and spin around. People that observed it; said it reminded of ritual dances in tribal cultures. I experienced breaking chains and becoming more free. But I also sensed that a power grabbed me and span me faster and faster around. The day after I was more stiff in the calves than I ever been before.

Other weird things also happened in the room. People were dancing and Henning placed his hands on people who started to shake, laugh, fall on the ground and some laid there like they were knocked out. Others groaned, shouted and wriggled in pain as if they were in labor. I thought that perhaps it was the "revival" that were to be born. People were encouraged to come forward and try out the different drums.

One can compare this with Paul's instructions about order in the Church in 1 Corinthians 14:33: *"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."*

After the meeting I was talking with some of the others that reacted negatively to what happened. I was a bit "put out" that our experiences were so different. I realize that as I gave myself over to what happened; I lost the ability to discern.

The following day the drums were used again. Several people got words from the Bible which we read or shouted out. I am ashamed of having used God's Word in a spirit of anger. Perhaps God's Word needs to be shouted out occasionally, but not in a "fight" against territorial spirits.

Looking back

After this week I analyzed and thought about what really happened. I read the book called "Kundalini warning" in the autumn of 2011 (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBpw2oQrvMM>). I printed a copy in Norwegian to one of the leaders, but I don't know if it was read. I have seen these manifestations in some Churches and from some people at Grimerud. Many people believe this is from God. We need to wake up and deal with the things that in reality are from another spirit, and not from The Holy Spirit. David Wilkerson (deceased in 2011) was also alarmed and grieved by this false gospel that was spreading throughout the USA and the world, see "David Wilkerson On Weird Manifestations": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrpW6Xctg8Q>.

In April I researched more about the drums and understood that they were used in a way that attracted evil spirits, like in tribal rituals. I shared this with the group and wrote to the leaders in Restore 24/7 about it, but I was told that there were no reasons to remove the drums at present time. They had consulted the leadership at Grimerud, which didn't get an immediate "check" (warning in their spirit?) that this was a true warning. I ask on what basis this was stated? Out of Biblical understanding or based on one's own feelings?

When I brought it up in the team someone referred to Romans 14:14: *"I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean."*

This was also taken out of its context, considering that Paul is here talking about food. Anyway, one needn't only consider the drums in themselves, but the motives of using them. As it was done, it was in a "spiritual warfare" which is rooted in a practice where one fights in one's own power, not in the power of Jesus' victory on the cross. Consider an article which deals with the teaching about "spiritual warfare" and compares it with the Bible: "Spiritual Warfare: Biblical Binding and Loosing": <http://www.letusreason.org/pent13.htm>. Quoting:

Looking at Mk.3:27 If one is being instructed by Jesus to bind Satan first so that the Gospel will not be obstructed then he himself did not follow his own explanation and neither did his apostles. We cannot stop other people from committing their sins by binding the demons. While prayer does move the hand of God to do miraculous things we do not have the authority to do what only God himself can do.

An article which is quoted later on (<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel19.html>), refers to Andrew Strom's warning after a "prophetic" conference in Kansas City October 2004 where they also were dancing to voodoo-type drums. There is nothing new under the sun.

Invitation to "School of prophetic training"

During the week we were invited to a "School of prophetic training", run by Henning Schikora and YWAM France. In the presentation of this school on the Internet, it is said that the students will learn to "dig spiritual wells". They refer to a story from the area Cévennes-Ardèche-Drôme in the south east of France from the 1600s, where it supposedly was a prophetic movement which impacted France as a whole. Quoting (<http://jem-cevennes.com/en/training>):

"In 1688, a gentleman, named Du Serre received what was known as "the graces" (baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gift of prophecy). He and his wife gathered together in their house about 30 boys and girls, shepherds and shepherdesses aged 10 to 15, in order to transmit to them what he had received. This became known as a school of prophets. He taught them, prayed with them and transmitted "the graces" to them. All the young people were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to prophesy, to fall into trances, to see angels, to fall down in the Spirit and to tremble in God's presence (*This resembles Kundalini-manifestations. The Bible never states people getting into trances by the influence of The Holy Spirit, but it is a sign of obsession.*) Du Serre then sent them out, saying: "Go and build up the church, see the temples that are destroyed, the people who are persecuted and the hearts which are hungry". These children held meetings, first in their own villages and then gradually further and further afield. The number of meetings multiplied and drew large crowds. Everywhere they transmitted "the graces" or "the gift", sometimes by blowing on people or by stretching out their hand over the people (one day such a gesture by a child caused about 2000 people to fall to the ground). Sometimes "the gift" was communicated by simply touching or hugging a person".

I have done little research about this movement, but I found an article on Wikisource. It seems like this movement was occult. Quote

(http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/A_Book_of_the_Cevennes/The_Camisards):

"The prophetic inspiration was really nothing more than an epidemic malady, such as is found among the North American Indians, the tribes in Siberia, and such as broke out among the early Quakers and Wesleyans. It is a nervous disorder, as natural as chicken-pox, though not so common. Roman Catholic nuns have it, so had the pagan prophetesses of old".

My comment: The people who have written this might not believe in spiritual phenomena, since they call it a nervous disorder, but at least it shows that it is not from Jesus.

The school's web page refers to Lou Engle's book "Digging the wells of revival". We also received some of his teaching about occupying "spiritual territories". Lou Engle is one of "the Kansas prophets" who imparts deception. More about this topic further on. I am not a Calvinist, but I found some interesting articles on a page by someone who is. Quote from the site "Empowered by Christ"

(<http://www.empoweredbychrist.org/lou-engle.html>):

"Lou Engle is also into the use of a method called "staking". This is the unscriptural practice of taking and actually putting stakes in the ground and then having large groups of Christians pray, over them and claiming jurisdiction over that land. For example let's say that you want to claim Dominion or jurisdiction over the city you live in. You and your group of fellow "stakers" would go to all the corners of that city and put stakes in the ground and actually pray over those stakes claiming that you now have jurisdiction or spiritual dominion over that city. Nowhere in the Bible is this type of prayer supported. We are not supposed to be going around claiming Dominion or spiritual jurisdiction over areas by driving stakes into the ground and praying over them. This is actually a form of pagan worship not biblical prayer and worship that has its roots in Masonic teachings; which can be traced farther back to Baal worship.

Engle's version of Christianity is a militant Christianity that focuses on what the believer has to do to take back the Earth for the kingdom of Christ. This teaching actually diminishes the sovereignty and power God".

Colossians chapter 2 gives a picture of the difference between the true gospel of Jesus Christ and deception, and is relevant to what I experienced at Restore 24/7. I want to quote some comments in this chapter from the Norwegian Study Bible.

Colossians 2:8: *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world (the elemental spiritual forces = NIV), and not after Christ."* Verse 20-21: *"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world (the elemental spiritual forces = NIV), why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not..."*

Comment: "Elemental spiritual forces of this world (gr.: *stoicheia tou kosmou*). From old times it has been understood that Paul in Gal. 4,3 uses this expression looking at the law, and that he in Colossians uses it either about the law or about worldly philosophy. It indicates that it is the same legalistic principle that forms the basis of both the Jews' understanding of the law and of pagan religions. Other interpreters think that *stoicheia* here is referring to the teachings of the Gnostic or pre-Gnostic philosophers" (Norsk Studiebibel 1998, Bibelforlaget AS, ed. translation). See the definition of Gnosticism on Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gnosticism>).

Colossians 2:15: *"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross". (NIV)*

Comment: "Powers and authorities. Occultism had gained approval in certain Jewish circles, Acts 13,3ff and 19,13ff, and we can count on that such things could also infiltrate the new, Christian congregations. The principle of magic is an attempt to drive out the devil by Beelzebub, which means that one by the help of superior spiritual beings achieves authority over spirits of lower position who torment and obsess humans. That type of spiritualism was strictly prohibited in Israel, but very common in paganism. Christ's victory over the spiritual forces stands as a triumphing contrast to what the false teachers in Colossae seem to have taught" (Norsk Studiebibel 1998, Bibelforlaget AS, ed. translation).

Colossians 2:18: *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up*

by his fleshly mind,.."

"Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind." NIV

Comment: "What characterizes many delusions is that they offer the believers something more than what they already own in Christ. What Christ has done is not enough and an addition is needed - such preached the Judaistic deceivers in Galatia. The false teachers in Colossae seem to have presented that what Christ gives is not enough. The fullness of the life with God could not be attained through Jesus Christ alone, but had to be earned by works of the law, asceticism, worshipping angles, and secret "knowledge", compare with verses 16 and 23. One can say that the heresy in Colossae represents an attempt to get farther and higher than what apostolic Christianity is able to lead to" (Norsk Studiebibel 1998, Bibelforlaget AS, ed. translation).

"Set prayers"- model

In early 2012 the teams were changed and we were divided into two teams instead of three. One team was to follow the "harp and bowl" model, and the other one were to use a "set prayers" model, along with some free prayer and worship. I decided to join the latter.

I had not used "set prayers" before. A booklet after Ina Steyn's model was used. It was more free than "harp and bowl", but at the same time it was a technique. One were to first focus "up on God", then "to strengthen the inner man" and finally "out" to pray for and bless others. I believe this is elements which can be a part of prayer. But we have received a "prayer manual" in "Our Father". To use methods from people, who are leaning on the "Desert Fathers" for inspiration, will contribute in leading to "Christian mysticism", which is previously mentioned.

The system with "prayer and worship 24/7" and urging fasting

As earlier mentioned, I initially thought it was great to have someone pray for the country 24/7. But as I joined the ministry full time, I personally experienced that the life with Jesus and the joy of prayer was in danger of fading away. It was not at fruitful ministry together with Jesus, where He got to lead day by day in the good works He prepared. I got to do some outreach-ministry outside Restore 24/7. One of the leaders from IHOP commented on this, saying that at IHOP they didn't start outreach-ministry before after 10 years, and wondered therefore if I were ready for it already!

I know that one can be caused to spend night times in prayer because of grief in one's own heart or by God's reminder. But when the prayer-life is put in system, it becomes a different thing. Night watch and the change of daily rhythm put pressure on the body. I am a nurse and I have had to take night shifts. But it is a different thing when one does it out of necessity, rather than because "God is worth it", as literally portrayed on the wall of the Prayer room (Because He is worth it). This becomes a self-imposed worship, like it is written in Colossians 2:23: "*Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.*"

"Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence". NIV

Also there is no Biblical basis for running a 24/7 prayer ministry. God doesn't need our prayers in that way, it is Him that watches over us, not we that need to watch over Him. Psalm 121:3-4: *"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."* The article "Confusion on the Davidic Tabernacle" (<http://kimolsen.wordpress.com/2008/07/17/confusion-on-the-davidic-tabernacle/>) says:

"Furthermore – and most importantly – why would we want to resurrect an Old Testament pre-Messianic era practice? With Jesus' finished work on the cross, we are now the temple with the Holy Spirit living inside of us".

It was not taught a lot about fasting, but we were urged to do it, if possible once a week. Different types of fasting were talked about: "Daniel fast", "Bridegroom fast" and "Juice fast". It became something one did in order to achieve something, especially for revival and healing to break forth in Norway, rather than an urge caused by grief and turning to God for help.

The intention of "Bridegroom fast" is to take away hindrances so that one can get closer to Jesus as the "bridegroom". It leads to searching for experiences and "revelations". It is seen in connection to Matthew 9:14-15: *"Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast."*

Look at IHOP Atlanta (http://ihop-atlanta.com/en_gbf.html) who invites to this globally. Although we as staff were not informed of the basis of this, were urged to be a part of it in 2012, when the leaders set up three days for "Bridegroom fast" in the beginning of each month. It is frightening when one sees this in connection with Mike Bickle's end-time eschatology. Quote:

"What is the Global Bridegroom Fast?"

The Global Bridegroom Fast is a monthly, solemn assembly of believers all over the globe in unified holy abandonment to Jesus for three days. We are calling believers worldwide to join together in unified prayer and fasting for revival motivated by experiencing love for Jesus. This is not simply an event, but a new lifestyle in the grace of God. Anyone in any place can participate in the Global Bridegroom Fast. At IHOP Atlanta, we set aside these three days as corporate fasting days for anyone who wants to participate.

Isaiah 60:2: "Behold, darkness shall cover the earth and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you."

Millions of Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims fast and pray with an intensity unknown by many in the Western Church. In this global climate of heightened spiritual activity, the Lord is bringing His bride to maturity by raising up a globally unified church that fasts, worships and prays".

In the Bible it is not mentioned that we should fast in order to experience love for Jesus. The verse from Isaiah is also taken out of its context, seeing that this first and foremost is a prophecy concerning Israel. It seems like IHOP wants the Church to increase its "spiritual activity" in order to be on the same level as people practicing other religions. We cannot overcome this world by other means than our faith in Jesus Christ. 1 John 5:4-5: *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

International House Of Prayer

I have studied different information about the teaching from "International House Of Prayer", see the resources at the bottom of the document. If I would have had this information in advance, I would never have joined Restore 24/7.

Like mentioned earlier I reacted to the teaching from IHOP already in the fall of 2011. One of the leaders communicated that "Restore 24/7 is not IHOP, but we use some of their ideas". Looking back I realize that almost everything was taken from IHOP. Most of the leaders had been there, "prayer-missionaries" came from there and their methods, teaching and "live stream" were used. Utterances from Mike Bickle or other IHOP leaders were often cited. The terminology and teaching from IHOP permeated Restore 24/7. It was for example talked about "forerunners" (like John and Elijah, who are to prepare for Jesus' return) and the "bridal paradigm".

Excerpts from the article "FORERUNNER ESCHATOLOGY, Mike Bickle's End-Time Teaching and the International House of Prayer" 2009, by Andrew Jackson

<http://www.equip.org/PDF/JAF2324.pdf> portrays parts of Mike Bickle's teaching, and it is very frightening and unbiblical:

"Based on Bickle's end-time teaching, Jesus' second coming has preconditions. He teaches that Jesus will not return until the global church is crying out "Come, Lord Jesus" with a full understanding of her identity as the Bride of Christ. Jesus will only return when the church is functioning in the unity of the Spirit and is anointed in prayer to release the destructive end-time tribulation judgments.

Bickle envisions that the end-time forerunner church will be an advanced "apostolic" movement. They will experience "greater things" than the apostles themselves. They will function as the last day Moses who through prayer releases God's plagues on the Antichrist, the end-time Pharaoh. Bickle emphasizes that during the end times, Moses' miracles and the miracles of the Book of Acts will be combined and multiplied on a global level as the praying church looses God's judgments on the earth. This is why Bickle calls the Book of Revelation the "End-Times Book of Acts," meaning that the Book of Revelation reveals the acts of the Holy Spirit that will be demonstrated through the end-time praying church.

Bickle goes even further to add another eschatological interpretive twist to Matthew 16:18–19: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." He claims that Jesus' statement refers to the end-time church's possession of the keys of the kingdom through prayer that will drive hell off the planet during the Great Tribulation. The church will exercise binding and loosing end-time authority over God's judgments assuring that the gates of hell—the Antichrist's evil empire—will not prevail.

Bickle's mission is to multiply 24/7 prayer rooms throughout the world that use the Book of Revelation as their prayer guide concerning Jesus' end-time battle plan. He often quotes Jesus' statement in Luke 18:7–8, "Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice and quickly" (NIV), to support his assertion that day and night prayer will quicken the second coming of Christ. However, Bickle's interpretation of Luke 18:7–8, and his unfortunate intention to create the belief that 24/7 prayer will speed up Jesus' second coming, is unsound. In the parable of Luke 18:1–8 Jesus is simply teaching His disciples to persevere in prayer. There is no clear warrant for applying this teaching only to the second coming rather than to God's answer of His elect's prayers in general, and of their prayers for

justice in particular, throughout the ages; and there is even less warrant for understanding Jesus to be teaching that 24/7 prayer is a necessary condition for His second coming.

One of the clear and essential teachings of New Testament eschatology is that the church has been living in the Messianic age of the "end-times" or the "last days" predicted by the Old Testament prophets now for more than two thousand years. Christians are living in the Messianic age of fulfillment, and we are called to watch eagerly with full assurance and perseverance for Jesus' second coming and the final consummation of God's kingdom. However, watching for Jesus' second coming and predicting it are two totally different things.

In the prayer times we were urged to use the "Apostolic prayers" that are found in the letters of the Apostles. The prayers were gathered on a piece of paper produced by IHOP. It was communicated that if we prayed out of these we could be assured that we prayed in the right way. One can use God's Word while praying, but it is not right to use it as a method. Compare with Romans 8:26-27: *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

The way music is used at IHOP to manipulate and hypnotize is frightening. Examples of IHOP's so-called "worship" can be found at:

<http://www.empoweredbychrist.org/the-demonic-worship-of-ihop.html>.

Manipulating the Bible, emphasizing certain books and un-biblical prophecies

Scriptures were often taken out of its context and interpreted into another context. For instance was Psalm 27:4 seen in the context of "24/7 prayer-and-worship", and we meditated on it during *"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."* This way of using God's Word serves more to defend or justify one's own ideas or actions, rather than allowing the Lord to speak to us through his Word. All Scriptures must be read in context in order for us to understand the original intention.

Once I shared that I was reminded of Jesus' exhortation to Peter in John 21: "Feed my sheep". This is in the context of preaching the gospel about Jesus, but some of the leaders took this as a confirmation that we were to share the message about "Prayer houses".

Another example is the Prophecy in Joel 2 about the Lord's Day, where the army who are to destroy and bring judgment on the earth, was interpreted as something we were to be a part of.

2 Peter 1:20-21 says: *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."* Later I found out that this interpretation of "Joel's army" is derived from the "Latter Rain"-movement,

"The Kansas Prophets" and "New Apostolic Reformation", which spreads deception.

Consider the book "Joel's army", 1991, rev. 2006 by Discernment Ministries, Jewel Grewe:

<http://www.discernment-ministries.org/JoelsArmy.pdf>.

Regarding "New Apostolic Reformation", it is a big topic which I don't have the opportunity to go into details on here. But I can see that a lot of what we were taught at Restore 24/7 was influenced

by this movement, especially regarding revival. That a big "revival" is on the way, and a "pouring of the Spirit", like a "fire". There are a lot of big words and seemingly little real distress for God to send his Spirit of Truth which convicts about sin, righteousness and judgment, which leads to turning onto the Lord, preaching of His Word and salvation for the people.

Also it is unbelievable how these "Christian leaders", most of them from the USA, have gained so much influence in Norway. They are invited to conferences and their books are translated into Norwegian. If one does a little research one will find many warnings, especially from American and English believers who have studied this movement and the spirit it is communicating. See the resources at the end of the document for further study.

We were also introduced to the book "The Final Quest" by Rick Joyner during a meeting with Restore 24/7, without any testing of the content or the author. Consider the article sited below which shows that it is not The Holy Spirit who inspired Joyner's "visions". It also shows the connections between some of the different leaders of the "prophetic movement" in the USA, among them Mike Bickle and Rick Joyner: "Paul Cain, Latter Rain Prophet of Renown Is Now Discredited" by Orrel Steinkamp, The Plumblin, Volume 9, No. 5, December 2004
<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel19.html>:

"Joyner appears to claim the Branham/Cain mantle of knowing and seeing into peoples hearts. In Joyner's mystic trip up the mountain of the Lord (an actual purported trip to heaven) described in his book The Final Quest, the Lord told Joyner that he could gain complete Knowledge":

"This knowledge [about some peoples illnesses] comes when you touch My mind to just a small degree. I know all things. If you were to fully have my mind you would be able to know everything about everyone that you encounter, just as you have begun to experience... when you know My heart then the eyes of your heart will be opened. Then you will see as I see, and you will do what I do." (quoted by Bob Dewaay, Critical Issues Commentary, Issue #71, p.4, Twin City Fellowship, from Rick Joyner, The Final Quest, (Morningstar; Charlotte, 1996, p. 130).

Read Satan's old lie in Genesis 3:4-5: "*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*" This way of exalting one self and one's own revelation, is opposed to Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 and 3:5-7: "*And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*" Further: "*Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*"

Further citing the above article:

"This alone ought to discredit Joyner and others like him. It appears, however, the only thing that can finally discredit the present day assortment of false wannabe prophets is homosexuality. Simply uttering false and unbiblical revelations doesn't discredit prophets today. Oh! The personal pain and confusion that could be spared the church. But it is certain segments of the church that happily empower and endorse all these false oracles supposedly given in the name of the Lord.

Who within the body of Christ will be willing to speak up and disqualify, not only Cain but all of the fellow travelers and promoters of this prophetic movement found disbursed widely

in pan-Pentecostal and pan-Evangelical circles? Let us return again to the safe harbor of clear Biblical teaching!!"

Another article which deals with Rick Joyner's book "The Final Quest" and compares it to the Bible chapter by chapter, shows that he is far from the Bible in his "revelations":

http://www.wordconnect.org/page_article11_index.php. The short version of Joyner's message is that a Christian civil war is approaching during which many will be hurt, before the ones that are not in agreement with Joyner is defeated.

During meetings with the Restore team it was also communicated that some books in the Bible have a greater current interest for the time we are living in than others. Among others this was regarding Song of Solomon, Joel and Haggai. It is a warning sign when someone begins to emphasize certain books in the Bible. Psalms 119:160: *"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."*

"Revelations", dreams and "soaking" music opens the door for New Age mysticism

It was talked a lot about "revelations" and dreams. When people shared dreams they had, or referred to other people's visions or dreams, it was perceived as something we ought to listen to, because it could be from God. It was also said that even though everything was not from god, parts of a dream or vision could be true. We did not receive teaching about how to test the spirits as in 1 John 4, or about how to test dreams and visions on God's Word.

We were encouraged to write down dreams and to keep a "dream journal". This is not a practice found in the Bible. In Jeremiah 29:8-9 the people of Israel is warned against listening to false prophets and to their own dreams: *"For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the Lord."*

"Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord". In the Norwegian Bible and other English translations it says "don't listen to your own dreams". NIV

Johanna Michaelsen is a person who has been involved in the occult herself, but she turned away from it, became saved and free. She is teaching about New Age and the impact it has had also in Christian circles. I recommend listening to a program on YouTube: "The New Age Movement", where she and Dave Hunt approach the issue. 8 minutes out in part 2 of the program (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpxCo11xfPM&feature=relmfu>), Johanna sites an occultist who advices keeping dream logs, because it develops the imagination and can help develop occult powers fast. This explains what this practice derives from. One can listen more to Johanna's story and teaching on the following page:

http://www.carylmatrisciana.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=301:wide-is-the-gate-tour-johanna-michaelsen&catid=72:wide-is-the-gate-tour-speakers.

In Joel 3:1 and Acts 2:17-18 it is written that in the last days God will pour out his Spirit, and that people will prophesy and have visions and dreams. These verses were used in Restore 24/7. Daniel was also emphasized as an example of a man who received prophetic dreams and had the ability to

interpret dreams. But it is not written that Daniel searched to receive these revelations on his own initiative, but he feared God. God revealed the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream with a certain intent. We are not to search to receive "prophetic" dreams. This way of searching for spiritual revelations, opens the door for demons. It is a different thing when Jesus Himself takes the initiative and reveals Himself in dreams to people in order to warn them or lead them to knowing Him.

In the prayer room it was also played "soaking" music from IHOP and others, for instance Rick Pino and Jean Feucht. The latter launched "Burn 24/7". These two impart New Age mysticism and doctrine. According to the page "First Plumbline Apologetics" (<http://firstplumbline.net/html/londonsburning2012.html>), Jean and his wife are supported by many of the leaders of "New Apostolic Reformation", among them Lou Engle which is previously mentioned. Jean Feucht was one of the main speakers and a worship leader during "Prayer for Oslo" in January which we were invited to join.

On the same page as mentioned above it is stated:

"Rick Pino released an album called "Angel of Awakening". About this album Rick states, "In late October 2006 I was visited by the angel of Zechariah chapter 4. In this encounter, the Lord used this messenger to speak to me about how He was going to be releasing this mighty angel to blow the trumpet of awakening in the earth the following year. 'Angel of Awakening' is part of that emerging sound of awakening!"

Paul says in Galatians 1,6-9:

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel - which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!"

During a meeting with Restore 24/7 we were to meditate on a verse from Song of Solomon, accompanied by "soaking" music. We were told to write down the thoughts that came, without thinking and we were encouraged to practice this further.

Lack of openness

I experienced being perceived as "difficult" when I asked questions. On one hand I was told that it was good that I shared my thoughts. The leaders were willing to adapt the time of ministry so that I would be happy with it. On the other hand I experienced lack of openness regarding questions about the ideas behind the ministry and the teaching. Things were explained away or the leaders tried to convince me into believing that my own understanding was wrong. I don't know if this was done intentionally, but that's what happened. As I brought things up in the group, especially regarding the drums, it was said that it created "noise and disorder" to do it in public.

I also missed that we didn't share in the team about how we came to faith. During the introduction week the focus was on sharing about how we came to join Restore 24/7 and how the people who were already a part of the team had experienced the time so far. It shows that the focus was more on the ministry than each individual's personal life with Jesus.

Other comments

It has also been good experiences during this year, with friends and fellowship at Grimerud and things I did apart from the base. But I have crossed boundaries and let myself be trampled on, and it has affected me. I have had to turn to God, confess and ask for forgiveness for what I've been a part of. 1 John 1:6-9 says:

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

It has taken time and will take more time to figure out things and to return to the basic faith in Jesus and everything He has finished and prepared for us, as it is written in Ephesians 2:8-10: "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". NIV

I still believe that God hears our prayers when we pray in the right spirit and seek His will.

I've been taught a lesson about the importance of testing things on God's Word. Not in a way that justifies one's own thoughts and visions, but let the Scripture speak for itself in its own context. It is also important to listen to the warning voice of The Holy Spirit and other people's warnings.

When I spoke to one of the leaders in the autumn 2011 concerning my worries about deception, I myself said that one "should be careful not to throw out the baby with the bathwater". I now realize that the deception is so serious that when everything is infected, one needs to throw out both the baby and the bathwater and give the baby a proper shower in order to remove everything. Meaning; that it is necessary to completely reject movements which allows and imparts deception and interference of un-Biblical teaching and practices. It is written that: "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Galatians 5:9.

I am worried about people coming in contact with the prayer ministry, often young and longing to experience more of the life with God. One thinks one "eat" Biblical, "good food", but then it is a mixture of "different things" which is un-Biblical and deceptive.

I hope and pray that you will take this seriously and that you deal with and reject deception. It is not surprising that there is a lot of deception, as it is written in 1 Timothy 4:1: "*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;" In Galatians 3:1 Paul uses strong words: "*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" They had turned to another gospel. Jesus strongly warns against being led astray, for instance in Matthew 24. Those that teach others have a great responsibility. Matthew 18:4-7:**

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the

kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

"Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones - those who believe in me - to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!" NIV

It is a strong warning against adding to or removing words from Jesus' Word in Revelation 22:18-19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

We are called to hold on to the gospel about Jesus Christ as it is stated in 1 Corinthians 15:1-2: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain." Jesus says in John 8:31-32: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Hebrews 12:1-4: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

Resources

The book «Kundalini Warning» by Andrew Strom.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBpw2oQrvMM>

About IHOP

An article from CHRISTIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE: «FORERUNNER ESCHATOLOGY, Mike Bickle's End-Time Teaching and the International House of Prayer» 2009, by Andrew Jackson.

<http://www.equip.org/PDF/JAF2324.pdf>

A couple who has been to IHOP share their concern and information they have found about the origin of the movement:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukG5eIS3O2o>

They refer to the following information:

The link below opens a pdf document that reveals the origins of IHOP and their core beliefs from early on... the Pastor who wrote it stands by it to this day... he has not retracted it as some within IHOP have claimed.

Aberrant Practices Document

<http://www.birthpangs.org/articles/kcp/Abberent%20Practises.pdf>

Additional Perspective on the IHOP issues can be found here <http://www.wordconnect.org/>

Biblical perspective on "Prophetic Prayer" from a very good trustworthy site for biblical answers... GotQuestions.org

<http://www.gotquestions.org/prophetic-prayer.html>

Gruens personal denial of ever retracting his report as IHOP has claimed

<http://apollos.wordpress.com/2008/02/02/ernie-gruen/>

IHOP is a proponent of Contemplative Prayer, read this highly recommended book for all discerning Christians... A Time of Departing... see what some Christian leaders are saying about this book and learn where contemplative prayer comes from.

<http://www.lighthouse-trails.com/endorsements.htm>

A serious story from a leader who has left IHOP:

<http://truthspeaker.wordpress.com/2011/03/24/another-leader-leaves-ihop-and-gives-testimony-that-ihop-is-a-cult/>

I am not a Calvinist, but I found some interesting articles on a page by someone who are. From the blog «Empowered by Christ»:

<http://www.empoweredbychrist.org/international-house-of-prayer.html>

About IHOP's so-called "worship", with examples:

<http://www.empoweredbychrist.org/the-demonic-worship-of-ihop.html>

An article about contemplative prayer:

<http://www.empoweredbychrist.org/contemplative-prayer.html>

Resources that produces articles and books about deception, New Age, mysticism and apologetics:

Lighthouse Trails: <http://www.lighthouse-trails.com/index.html>

Caryl Matrisciana: <http://www.carylmatrisciana.com/site/>

Orrel Steinkamp: <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/plumblinearchive.html>

Roger Oakland: <http://understandthetimes.org/>

Sandy Simpson: <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/>