

Tommy Tenney, "The God Chasers": in the introduction to this book:

"God chasers have a lot in common. Primarily, they are not interested in camping out on some dusty truth known to every one. They are after the fresh presence of the Almighty... The difference between the truth of God and revelation is very simple. Truth is where God's been. Revelation is where God is... A true God chaser is not happy with just past truth; God chasers don't want to just study from the moldy pages of what God has done; they're anxious to see what God is doing."

February 20, 1998:

The universe will assure that you get just what you deserve.

This is Hindu karma. If everyone got just what they deserved, no one would be saved. I thank God that I won't get what I deserve!

March 3, 1998:

Your mind has unlimited power.

That's not true, thank God! Without God the imagination of man is only evil continually (Genesis 6:5).

March 6, 1998:

Your ability to think reflects the Presence of God.

With a capital "P" the Presence of God means the person of God. But Hitler had the ability to think. So does Satan. Think about it.

March 7/8, 1998:

Your mind is operating in its full ability to think when you become aware of your Christhood.

There is only one Christ-Jesus. I have no Christhood, and neither does Bernard Jordan. This is New Age philosophy.

March 10, 1998:

Your mind possesses the power to move things without the assistance of your physical hands.

Okay, Jordan, let's see you move something without using your hands. Occultists are the only ones who claim this power, and the source is either Satan or his demons.

March 12, 1998:

March 16, 1998:

Your mind can start fires.

The mind is capable of bending spoons.

What are we to seek - a carnival act? What good comes from bending spoons?

April 14, 1998:

The fruit of conception will reflect the state of consciousness you were in.

In other words (combined with other sayings preceding this one), your child will reflect the sum of your thoughts at the time he is conceived.

April 28, 1998:

The devil cannot manifest until you, the I am, connect your I am to that which is other than God.

Jesus is the "I am," not man.

Encouraging self-love and speaking of how we allegedly create our own enemies as reflections of ourselves, Jordan leads into this one:

May 23/24, 1998:

An enemy can only manifest as an expression of your own selfhated.

Didn't Jesus have enemies? Was he filled with selfhated? He told us that the world would hate us if we followed after Him. Jordan's concept of hell is also telling:

July 9, 1998:

Your decisions will make your own heaven or hell.

July 10, 1998:

Heaven is a state of satisfaction, whereas hell is a perpetual state of confusion.

July 18/19, 1998:

Hell is not outside of God, but hell is in God.

August 8/9, 1998:

God and the devil are one.

This blasphemy reveals Jordan's god as the Force, possessing both a light and a dark side.

Of course, don't think that you can receive everything free from this "prophet." Every month contains repeated instructions on certain days that prompt the person to send money.

For example, each month has a "Special Offer":

Are you concerned about your family's destiny? Sow a \$365.00 seed, and hear what God is saying about your family over the next year!

One day each month offers the following opportunity:

Send in your Miracle Seed of \$98.00, your date of birth and

Another Veil Is Torn in Two

God is rending the veil of human control over His church today so we can come un hindered into His fullness.

BY JAMES H. RUTZ

LAST OCTOBER, THE STURDY ACRYLIC PULPIT OF Christian Tabernacle in Houston broke in two.

It was Sunday morning, Oct. 20, during the 8:30 service. Pastor Richard Heard walked across the soft, padded red carpet, mounted the low platform, grasped the pulpit and read 2 Chronicles 7:14—"If My people who are called by My name..."—then added: "What the Holy Spirit is saying to us is that we should seek God's face, not His hand. We should not be seeking just His benefits, but seeking to know Him."

At that instant, a loud clap of noise hit the sanctuary, and Heard was thrown backward with explosive suddenness. The heavy cast-acrylic pulpit split in two, and the pieces were flung toward the congregation.

Heard was unhurt. But the half-inch thick pulpit did not fare as well. It lay in two pieces, with a jagged, lightning-bolt-like edge running at an angle from top to bottom—a break that materials experts would later say was impossible.

The congregation was stunned. Visiting evangelist Tommy Tenney gave seven altar calls, and people kept coming forward. The meeting continued until midnight. Although they didn't understand the message clearly that day, they knew God had spoken loudly.

The obvious parallel is to the splitting of the veil in the temple at Jerusalem. Only priests could go behind the veil into the Holy of Holies. But when Jesus died, God tore the veil from top to bottom to signal the end of the separation of the common people from His presence.

Today the pulpit is the most obvious visible symbol of the separation of the laity from the place of ministry. If you're a layman in a typical church, you may never be allowed to stand behind it and give your friends a message from your heart or the Lord's—even if it's only 10 words—not once in your lifetime, no matter how urgent.

That morning in Houston, the hand of God threw back the pastor, silenced him temporarily and rendered the pulpit forever unusable. It was not a blanket condemnation of Christian Tabernacle. Rather, as Tenney noted, it was a slap in the face of tight human control of the church across the country—a lesson for us all.

What are we to learn from this act of God? Three things—and they're doozies:

- Jesus wants His church back. He is pleased to be our guest of honor, but He really wants to be our emcee.

- He's starting to repossess His church now.

- He is displeased and put off by the excess of human control in the family gatherings of His people. Humans like to follow comfortable, predictable patterns of activity, but He is Lord; He wants to do whatever His pleasure dictates on a given day. The full glory of His presence will not co-exist with human dominion, no matter how benign.

The problem is not so much clergy overcontrol as it is the sinful game played by the laity—treating pastors as the entertainers and "pack mules" of the church and dumping on them heavy burdens that no person should have to bear alone.

Today God is demanding the full commitment and involvement of all believers—and an open sharing/worship/ministry time on Sundays when that involvement can happen.

God finally is establishing the "kingdom of priests" He has longed for since the Exodus (see Ex. 19:6). The wise leader will take an honest look at his church's body-life in light of 1 Corinthians 14, verses 26 and 30, and begin to make serious changes. ■



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connected," Tomczak told *Charisma*. "I feel like the Lord has put me back out there in the body, and I love it." His departure from PDI and a hunger for personal revival are among factors Tomczak says God used to give him a new start.

Tomczak celebrated his 25th year in ministry last July. He believes the first 25 years were simply a preparation for what God has in store. "I felt like the Lord was saying, 'I want to humble you, break you, refine you, and then there's a new season ahead,'" Tomczak told *Charisma*.

Tomczak was a key leader during the Jesus movement and then established PDI—a network of charismatic churches—with his ministry partner C.J. Mahaney in 1983. Last fall, in a move that was painful and emotionally draining, Tomczak left PDI.

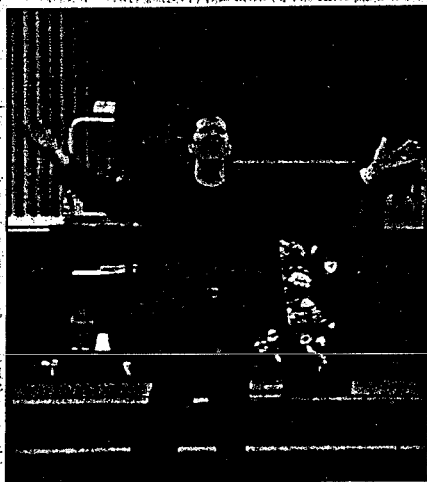
"The ministry was going in some different directions, and I basically felt I didn't fit in those directions," he said. "And also, God was moving in my life."

Tomczak began an earnest quest for personal revival. "God began to move in my life in terms of merciful intervention and exposing areas of my life where there was pride and fear of man," he said.

"Prior to revival comes repentance and dealings of God in brokenness, and I feel like that was what God was doing," he added. Although he's always had solid family relationships, Tomczak said God addressed "faulty foundations" in his home life.

During this time, Tomczak received a phone call from an old friend he hadn't heard from in seven years—Michael Brown, director of the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. The school is an outgrowth of the revival that began at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola in June 1995.

Brown asked Tomczak to visit Brownsville. "I'd read the reports; I've hungered for revival," said Tomczak. After his first trip to Pensacola, he says he was "profoundly impacted by the level of holiness, the evangelism, the scriptural order, the godly pastoral leadership."



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Brown then asked Tomczak to teach at the school, which he has been doing since January. Tomczak also is planting Christ the King Church in north Atlanta. But he believes there is more for him on the horizon.

In April, his 87-year-old mother lay dying as Larry and his sister, Margaret, stood by her side. Tomczak then made a special request.

"I said, 'Mom, when you go into the presence of the Lord, I'd like you to ask Jesus to please give me favor for me, my wife, my family and the ministry that God's called me to,'" Tomczak said. Ten minutes later, as he read in Psalm 91 about "angels bearing you up," Sophie Tomczak carried her son's request to the throne of Jesus.

A week later, Tomczak spoke to Brownsville Assembly's pastor, John Kilpatrick, and his sister, Nita. Kilpatrick said he made the same request of their mother as she lay dying three years earlier. The Brownsville revival began a few weeks later.

Revival requires brokenness, but Tomczak learned this many years ago. After he burst on the scene with the success of his autobiography, *Clap Your Hands*, Tomczak made a slip of the tongue that proved costly.

At a meeting in Chico, Calif., in the late 1970s, Tomczak repeated an erroneous report circulating at that time that Thomas Harris, author of the popular book *I'm OK, You're OK*, had

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