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## Christianese Dictionary

- **Christianese** = A communicable language within the Christian subculture with words and phrases created; redefined, and / or patented that applies only to the Christian sphere of influence.
- **Riverite** = This term applies to describe a group of Christians whose movement and religious affiliation is based on a text in Ezekiel 47 and also a book by Dutch Sheets called "The River of God" that described the next major move of God. Known for chaos in their services and the more chaotic it was, the more God moved, the river is the first 'revival' (they call 'renewal') in history on Earth that did not impact the society they lived in.
- **Carpet Time** = A 'riverite' term used to explain one who is out on the carpet after being 'slain in the Spirit' and the experience of being 'slain in the Spirit'.
- **Cessationalist** = Commonly used by Theologians to describe people who believe that Spiritual Gifts and Speaking in tongues was only for the church in the early New Testament times. This term is now used by riverites in a negative way to deem people who disagree with them even Pentecostals and Full Gospel Charismatics that did not 'jump into the 'river'.
- **Pharisee** = A term used to describe those who disagree with you.
- **PropheTRY** = A term used to describe someone who wishes to be a prophet and TRIES to do so but for some reason is either not called to be a prophet or has moved in prophecy too soon before God's timing.
- **PropheLIE** = A term used to describe someone who wishes to be a prophet and actually gives a "Word From The Lord" this is definitely not true and uses "Thus Saith The Lord" to keep people from questioning.
- **PropheSIGH** = An emotional reaction (usually disgust) by discerning Christians who are disgusted when someone who is not a prophet gives a "Word From The Lord" this is definitely not true and uses "Thus Saith The Lord" to keep people from questioning.
- **PropheDIE** = The ultimate spiritual (and in extreme cases physical) condition that happens to the false prophet who practices the PropheTRY and PropheLIE concepts
- **Touch Not The Anointing and do not the Prophets any Harm** = A phrase given to those who public ally challenge wrong theology and a pastor's doctrine in order to suppress them and shut them up because of the leader's fears of losing influence, control, and money. Based on a poor interpretation of 1 Chronicles 16:22
- **Touch Not The ANNOYING and do not the Profit\$ any Harm** = A phrase describing those who propagate wrong theology in order to lead by using fear to obtain influence, control, and money. The 'annoying' is used to describe those who self-proclaim themselves as 'anointed' and the 'profit\$' is used to describe those who self-proclaim themselves as a 'prophet of God'. Also used to describe those who used the phrase "Touch

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- Not the Anointing and do not the Prophets any Harm" to suppress them and shut them up because of the leader's fears of losing influence, control, and money.
- **Blab It and Grab it** = A satirical term used to make fun of the common and incorrect Word of Faith teaching of "Name It and Claim it" where you want a BMW, you can name that BMW, anoint it with oil, and claim that BMW as yours.
  - **Fair-I-see** = A satirical term used to describe pharisaical people who act holier than thou and their double standard.
  - **Sad-you-see** = A satirical term by the "Fair-I-Sees" to describe those who are different from them and why they are constant happy.
  - **Secret Sin** = A hypocritical term used by church leaders to explain away why you are (and deservedly so in the church leaders eyes) suffering at this point in your life. However, when the church leaders suffer, the suffering is viewed as "every demon in hell is attacking me". Even though the Bible states that some afflictions are caused by sinful activities, many in the Pentecostal / Charismatic / Word of Faith circles think all suffering is due either to this, 'lacking faith', or 'not putting enough money in the offering plate'.
  - **You Lack Faith** = Another hypocritical term (see 'Secret Sin') used by Faith teachers to explain away why you did not get the things you want, a nice car, a mansion, healing from sickness, a job promotion, or being a zillionaire for Jesus.
  - **You did not put enough money in the plate** = (see "Secret Sin' and 'You Lack Faith')
  - **The Thirty - Sixty - Hundredfold Blessing** = A term used by many Word of Faith teachers based on a parable in the New Testament that implies that people who give little money to their ministry will receive a "thirtyfold" increase in finances, while if you give a little bit more, you will receive the "sixtyfold" blessing. However, if you give what the teacher asks or more, you get the 'hundredfold" increase in money.
  - **Wealth of the Wicked laid up for the Just** = A term used by Word of Faith teachers based on Proverbs 13:22 where the Faith teacher is preaching himself as just and that all the wicked people of the world will somehow lose their money by death or bankruptcy and he will be the recipient of the money because he is portraying himself as "just and righteousness in God's eye". On a side note, based on their opulent lifestyles, the mansions they live in and the Bentleys they drive, does this mean that the Christians who gave to their ministry were wicked Christians?
  - **T-shirt / Trinket Theology** = A term describing the concept of knick-knack junk made for pennies by child labor in China, sold for a dollar at the dollar store, but sold for many times that amount at the Christian bookstore because the trinkets / t-shirts have Bible verses, the Prayer of Jabez Trademarks, WWJD, or other cliché theology printed on them or the worse yet, "Testamints" breath mint candies with the cross-shaped wintergreen

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- flavoring inside the peppermint square with a bible verse printed inside the candy wrapper.
- **The Purging of The Remnant** = This phrase, (aka 'the Great falling away', the 'sifting of the wheat from the tares', 'producing Gideon's Army', and 'the pruning of the vine") is a term used to describe those who have left a fellowship over disagreements with the fellowship's leadership tactics or poor theology while publicly saying "We sent them out with our blessing". When one leaves, it is implied that if you too leave, you are automatically now unsaved, cursed, will live a life full of sickness, possess the 'spirit of Judas" (if you publicly questioned leadership you possess 'the spirit of Jezebel), disease, poverty, your teenage daughters will become promiscuous and pregnant and produce spiritual bastards, your teenage sons will be pimps and drug pushers, and tragedy, and even 'miss the rapture' or if the rapture has not occurred, 'burn in hell' because you do not attend their 'remnant uncompromising straight-road' fellowship but instead attend the 'liberal, apostate, wide road' fellowship.
  - **I Refuse To Receive It** = A term used by Word of Faith subscribers too often to make every situation positive even though some negative things happen which is a part of everyday reality by denying the negative reality exists. The repo man is coming for your car because you are four months behind, "I Refuse To Receive It". Your child has chicken pox and manifests the bumps all over his body "I Refuse To Receive It". Your favorite relative is in the hospital dying, "I Refuse To Receive It".
  - **The Joshua Generation** = A term used to describe the church's youth group or those who are on the 'cutting edge of anointing'. When a old saint dies that disagreed with something the younger people liked, the Saint is referred to as the 'Moses generation' that died. The saint is praised one day as a saint and warrior at her funeral while after the funeral, the leaders of the 'new move' pronounce her as the Moses Generation and blame her life as 'Moses' as to why their new move of God could not come into fruition sooner. What we forget to remember is that when that saint was 20 year old back in 1940, they were deemed 'the Joshua generation' and the Saint's grandparents was 'the Moses generation'. If this was the case and to view this in logistical senses, then at what time did the name of the 'Joshua' generation have it's spiritual name changed to Moses? If you look at the Scriptures, Moses was named Moses from his birth to his death and Joshua was named Joshua from his birth until his death. But based on this Joshua generation teaching, we would have to change the name of the Joshua Generation to the Moses Generation when the new generation was born and Joshua would have had to have at one point of his life been forced to change his name to Moses.)
  - **The Spirit Of (you fill in the blank here)** = A irrational justification of why we made poor choices and irresponsible behavior. For example, we jam our fingers in the car door by accident. It was not our fault for not looking out for our hand, instead, the "demon of car doors" caused my fingers to be crushed on purpose.

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- **The Curse of Ham** = A teaching based on an account in Genesis 9:18-29 where Noah was found drunk, Ham was the one son that found his father's nakedness and exposed Noah's nakedness by telling his two brothers. The two brothers went into Noah's tent backwards with shawls to cover up Noah. The Bible stated that Noah knew what happened and cursed Ham's descendents Caanan. It is used by high-ranking church leaders in gross moral turpitude to keep people who witnessed the moral turpitude from not only exposing their sins but to 'cover their sins' from being discovered in conjunction with the verse "Love covers a multitude of sins'. Therefore the ones who cover up sin is deemed as 'loved' and the one who exposes sin is deemed as 'hated'. Therefore according to this concept, the one who 'uncovers' the 'sin' done by 'the man of God' and will not help 'cover up' the sin done by the man of God will be 'cursed' for doing so.
- **Fools for Christ** = A term used by many to justify stupid, irrational, and silly behavior done in the name of Jesus. Taken from an interpretation of 1 Corinthians 4:10, the people who justify the 'fools for Christ' teaching by justifying stupid and irrational actions done in the name of Jesus fail to realize that the apostle Paul wrote this in the light of what the unsaved people would think about our zeal for God, not to state that if one does something for Christ, it must be done backwards and irrational because that way, it would not be done of the 'world system'
- **Be Ye Separate From The World** = A term used to justify why the church should automatically do the exact opposite from the way the world does. The world turns right, Christians turn left bless God. The world paints their walls white, Christians paint our walls avocado maaloX green. The world uses the Internet, Christians use messenger pigeons. The world uses cellular phones, Christians use a piece of twine and two tin cans. The world buys Windows computers, Christians buy Apple computers Bless God, hallelujah.
- **Armorbearer** = A term applied to the personal assistant of a high-profile preacher who does the remedial tasks the pastor does not do because the pastor is above doing those tasks or because the pastor does not have time to do these tasks. Some of these tasks are described as mow the pastor's yard, wash and vacuum the pastor's car, (some of the ladies will clean the pastor's house, do their laundry, etc), fetch the pastor's water, announce the pastor on the podium and take his Bible to the podium and open the Bible to the page of the pastor's sermon text, etc. It is used to teach 'submission' and 'humility' while in the long run, the 'submitted' get 'dominated' and the 'humbled' get humiliated.
- **Locking-in** = A popular term used in pentecostal / charismatic / third wave / riverite churches where in the area of 'corporate' warfare, everyone must possess 'one mind' during the warfare process. Those who have not are stated to have not 'locked-in" to the Holy Spirit.
- **Corporate (anointing / warfare, etc.)** = A popular term used in pentecostal / charismatic / third wave / riverite churches referring to

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activities done either church-wide, denominational-wide, or global-wide. The 'corporate' mentality is related to the 'corporate' workplace as team unity and other 'corporate concepts' are Christianized in the name of 'unity'

- **Renewal** = A popular term used by the third wave / riverite churches in a spiritually correct mode to describe what other churches would deem as 'revival'. According to many leaders within third wave / riverite churches, the word 'revival' is cliché, old fashioned, and associated with Pentecostal services of running around the church, speaking in tongues, and swinging from the chandeliers while listening to Southern Gospel music. Because of this association, the third wave / riverite churches must break the mold and shatter the myth of what God's outpouring really is and break the paradigms associated with God's outpouring. While bashing the "Politically Correct' movement that the last 'liberal' administration bought in, they are guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt of being 'spiritually correct' by changing names of popular terms to a new name implying a fresh and different way of doing things when it's the same ole stuff repackaged. When the 'renewal is over, the people were never changed and things return to 'normal Monday morning.
- **Revival** = A popular term used by Pentecostal churches to describe a weeklong series of nightly sermons by a guest pastor. In many Pentecostal churches, revival is associated with old fashioned Southern Gospel singing, running around the church, people slain in the Spirit, speaking in tongues, and swinging from the chandeliers while listening to sermons blaming the air conditioner and padded pews for the church's demise and the way back to powerful churches is brush arbors, sawdust floors, handheld fans from the funeral parlor, and fried chicken dinners on the church grounds after Sunday service. When the 'revival' is over, the people were never changed and things return to 'normal Monday morning.
- **Paradigm** = A popular term commonly used in third wave / riverite churches in a spiritually correct mode to deem what other churches would call 'burnout and cliché'. This term is also used to indicate that the past churches have made what was a once fresh revelation from God into the repeated, flippant, mundane, and everyday actions. Therefore, when God does his 'new thing' that is breaking the paradigms that were brought forth when the once 'fresh revelation' became the mundane and common practice. For example, a typical church would have the "Men's Ministry" or the "Mighty Man of Valor" ministry, because these names are now commonplace and their ministry methods are now overspread and overexposed, we must now have a new approach to men's ministry and a new title such as "Gideon's Army", "Band of Brothers", etc and in the long run, end up preaching same ole stuff repackaged under a new name. In order to rename and restructure programs without changing the actual content. Many Vineyard churches call their programs with something having to do with the term 'vine" (example, many Vineyard men's ministries are known as 'Men Grafted in the Vine'). These churches have paradigmed themselves by constantly being on the lookout to 'expose

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paradigms'. Where Fundamentalists would 'be ye separate...' from the world and do things different and exact opposite (see Be ye separate definition) from the way the 'world did them, the third wave / riverite churches actually practice 'BE ye separate...' from other churches and in many cases have a foothold into the world by doing things different from other churches because the other 'paradigmed' churches have placed themselves in a 'cyclic rut'. To break out of the 'cyclic rut' is to do things different from other churches while having one foot in the world and one foot in the church. Where other churches have a basketball gym and a game room with a pool table for their youth, some riverite churches are known to have such things as a rock climbing wall and a skateboard ramp on their property just to be different from other churches.

- **Tradition** = This term used commonly in Pentecostal circles denotes that things that are done annually are now traditional. Based on a loose interpretation of Colossians 2:8 where stated "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world..." A church that had 'homecoming' service on the first Sunday in November must break the traditions of men and the 'spirit of tradition' by eliminating homecoming or moving the date of homecoming. What has happened is that these churches end up making a tradition out of exposing traditions to the point of changing things because it was always done this way before and this has prevented us from 'moving into the next spiritual level with God'.
- **Submission** = A concept where in many churches, church duties that the church is too tight to hire professionals to do or menial tasks such as 'baby sitting', "children's church", or any task the pastors despise to do are 'delegated' to people in the name of "Christian service". Designed to teach 'authority', "humbleness", and 'servitude" or imply that those things being done impart a 'super special secret blessing in your heavenly crown', these tasks create a class war within the church where leadership is known by who delegates orders, an org chart, and by who sits on the podium instead of the Anointing of the Holy Spirit telling who is the ordained leader of that church. One common target group to apply this 'servant' mentality to is the Singles group. Singles are a easy target to implement this type of thinking into especially in these 'focused family' churches because Singles are seen as people, but as the church's easy free labor pool to do the undesirable jobs no one else wants to do in the name of "servitude", "contentment", and "humility". They are expected to be the nursery workers and the parking attendants while everyone else is in the church worshipping on Sunday morning service. What happens is that they end up being slaves instead of servants, 'dominated' instead of 'submitted', and humiliated instead of humbled. Yes, you can think of this in terms similar to the sexually connotative term "BDSM"
- **"(Fill in the blank) in the Spirit** = This term is used to justify stupid and irrational behavior by deeming it a spiritual equivalent to a physical counterpart. To accomplish something "in the Spirit" equals progress. One

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church encourages people in their congregation to be a "Spiritual homemaker" to open up their homes for fellowship and discipleship. Many churches after the 9-11-01 tragedy used this tragedy to promote "fighting against spiritual terrorism". One big time "revival church" in Missouri went as far as to state that God told them that people who disagreed with them were "Spiritual Terrorists". I have met people who constantly "groan" in the spirit claiming that they always discerned wickedness and was always at war. Many of these people literally screamed at demons claiming "victory" but always having sore throat problems due to the yelling. Many people online talk about "birthing" in the spirit where women get into birth position and moan and travail claiming they are giving "birth in the Spirit" to a new work of God. The scriptures talk about travelling but to actually get into a birthing position to "birth" in the Spirit? A well known prophet has recently set up a web page asking people to send him money to "invest" in "spiritual war bonds" to fight the "spiritual terrorism" in America. People who sent money in or attended his conferences and contributed financially received paper certificates denoting their "Spiritual War Bonds" and their participation in an indirect way to the spiritual war in the heavenlies. How tragic. Another "catch phrase" used in the Pentecostal / Charismatic circles in the term "drunk in the Spirit". This term is used to explain manifestations where the Holy Spirit has touched people to the point where they appear not be sober.

- **Pastorbation (a.k.a. PORNication)** = This term is used to describe a pastor who has been exposed for partaking in sexual sin whether the sexual sin is adultery, molestation, pornography, or any other sexually deviant sin.
- **The Golden Rule** = This term is usually applied as being 'Treat others in the same way you wish to be treated' (or equivalent verbage). However, in many churches where the pastor owns and operates the church, The Golden Rule is "He Who Has The Gold, Rules".
- **PhD** = (acronym for Potent Heresies Demonstrated) This term describes a pastor who has PhD at the end of his name, but got it honorably from a pastor's bible college, as a payback from a pastor's bible college for publicly endorsing that pastor, given freely by an unaccredited bible college in exchange for advertising. The PhD acronym **does not** apply to the select few who actually in honor performed the work, toil, and sweat and did a thesis to earn the PhD from a legitimate accredited college or seminary.
- **"Demon"crats** = A 'slang' term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to the Democrat political party of America.
- **"Demon" music** = A 'slang' term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to rock and roll music as being from the devil.
- **"dat debillllll"** = A 'slang' term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to the devil (pronounced debbbbb-bulll).
- **"Demon" rum** = A 'slang' term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to alcohol as being from the devil.

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- **"Demon" weed** = A 'slang' term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to marijuana or other illegal drugs as being from the devil.
- **"Demon" stick** = A 'slang' term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to cigarettes as being from the devil.
- **Deliverance** = A term used by pastors and church leaders to refer to the setting free of a person from various bondages. Sometimes, this term is grossly misused when pastors decide that their personal dislikes and distastes that are not mentioned in the Bible is to be placed on the same plateau as 'sin' and people have to be set free from the pastors dislikes based on the pastors personal opinion.
- **Unity** = Where this word is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "The state or quality of general agreement and common understanding.", many Christian leaders mistake unity for unanimity believing that in order to be in 'unity', a Christian must 'be in a state of being unanimous, a complete agreement in opinion without dissention.'
- **Church Covenant** = A legal document (admissible in a court of law) that must be signed before leadership will accept one as a 'formal member' of their church. This document explains the church's policies, etc, and usually has phrases such as 'no idle talk' designed to keep those who question leadership quiet and not question leadership's actions, leadership's poor theology, or leadership's handling of finances. In many cases, the power and faith in the legal system and lawyers supersede their faith in God
- **Dues** = In many churches, this is a satirical nickname applied to tithes and offerings. However in some extreme churches, before one can become a member, one must surrender to the church accountant, copies of the previous year's tax forms, current paycheck stubs, knowledge of financial employee bonuses, income tax returns, copies of stocks and bonds owned, etc. What happens here in many churches that practice this belief is that you will be asked to disclose the financial information mentioned above and also the frequency of your payday. Then the church accountant will place all of this information into a mathematical formula and divide your monthly income by ten to come up with a 'monthly offering of dues / tithes'. You would be expected (and in many churches, this is implied in the church covenant [see the definition of 'church covenant']) to pay this monthly offering of dues / tithes by the end of the month. If you did not pay these dues / tithes by the end of the month, you would receive a 'nasty gram' from the church accountant / leadership reminding you to pay your tithes. One person who e-mailed me stated that the church they left that practiced this would require the person to report pay raises and performance bonuses to the church accountant for 'tithe recalculation' Failure to do so was seen as 'cheating God'. This concept, when people are not paying their dues / tithes, gives the pastor an opportunity to blame bad things happening in the church such as clogged plumbing, electrical shorts, the sound board dying, etc. on people who do not pay their tithes and use this to get more money out of 'guilt trips'.

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- **Official Christian Perspective** = In many churches, this is an application to many of the personal ideologies made corporate theologies propagated by ministers such as Dobson, Robertson, Falwell, and others where real Christianity is dictated by how much and how well you subscribe to the "Republican, anti-DEMONcrat, pro school voucher, ban the 'marriage tax penalty', feminized Promise Keeper, butterfly kissing dad, married to the stay-at-home mom, calling themselves "single income" but the mom sells Avon, Tupperware, vitamins, Amway, etc. at night, home school the seven kids who look like the Precious Moments Figurines living in the Thomas Kinckade gingerbread houses in the meadow next to the brook where the deer pants reminiscent of Little House on The Prairie" where the environment appears to be "sanitized", "isolated", and "overprotected" while driving recklessly their wood grained minivan with the soccer ball sticker on the gas tank lid and the "Christianese' bumper stickers on the back door listening to praise and worship in the cassette deck. To disagree with some or all of this concept in public, in forums, in the local church, etc. causes one to be labeled as "bitter", "heretic", "bigoted", "narrow-minded", etc by the leaders and the followers who love to dictate the "official Christian perspective". There is not necessarily a problem with many of these characteristics and concepts such as Republicans, homeschooling, extra-incomes in and of itself. The problem is when people who call themselves ministers of the Gospel have stated, implied, etc that failure to be or follow through those characteristics deems one as a "fake" and / or "inferior" Christian deemed for hell while those who do are "real", "anointed", and "superior" Christians who will receive 'super special secret blessings in their heavenly crown.
- **Bitter** = A term used by many who subscribe to the Pentecostal / Charismatic / Third Wave / Riverite / Official Christian Perspective describing those who disagree with any or all parts of their theological base. This term is also used by many high-profile pastors to describe members of the congregation who publicly exposed the errant pastor and disagreed with the errant theologies. By deeming the dissenters as 'bitter', denial is placed into action and the wrongs exposed are not addressed. Also by deeming the 'dissenter' as bitter, the pastor looks holy and the dissenter is looked upon as sinful to justify in the eyes of the now intimidated congregation who the 'more anointed' one is. Why? Because the ones who were exposed are actually the 'bitter' ones upset that someone brought forth the flaws, sins, etc. of their theological basis and therefore would diminish their sphere of influence, power, glory, etc. they obtained by their fleshly means and not by God's hand.
- **His Ways Are Not Our Ways** = (aka as 'The Lord Works In Mysterious Ways') Even though this phrase is in the Bible and is in reference to the providence, sovereignty, and the moves of God, it has been abused by many especially in Pentecostal circles to justify certain aberrant and flaky manifestations. Many use the story of Elijah where Elijah told Naaman in 2 Kings 5 to "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall

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be restored to you, and you shall be clean." as justification that God could not use conventional means of talking and blessing his people. In their thought, it always have to be so far-fetched, 'out-there', and 'unorthodox' the ways that God moves on his people. Many who subscribe to this extreme thinking usually subscribe to the extreme thinking explained in the term "Be Ye Separate from the World" mentioned earlier. For example, a person needs thirty dollars to get gasoline for his vehicle. If someone walked up to him and offered him thirty dollars no strings attached or offered some temporary chores to earn thirty dollars, that's not of God to many people who subscribe to the extreme form of this concept. That would be considered as being 'Satan's shortcut' or "Satan's diversion tactic to the real blessing from God'. In their eyes, God can only provide if the man who needs thirty dollars somehow receives the 'faith money' in a blank envelope in their mailbox with other addressed mail or the man goes to a department store and the clerk accidentally gives him thirty dollars more back in change than he was supposed to get.

- **Weekend Warriors** = A term used to describe people who devote their entire weekends to 'splashing in the river'. Where the Bible instructs us to bring the tithes and offerings into the local storehouses, the 'weekend warriors' feel like no churches in their area do not sufficiently meet their needs and do not participate in 'the river' Therefore, these people will sacrifice and will travel hundreds of miles on the weekends to 'splash in the river' to learn the latest catch phrases, buzz words, and charismatic two-steps to appease their flesh more than be purified by the blood of Jesus calling themselves 'renewed' when Monday morning is the litmus test they fail when they are so angry that they have to go to a job they despise, the food at lunch was too cold or not enough fries, they cut in front of people on the highway almost causing a wreck, etc. What ends up happening in the long run is that many Christians become addicted to renewal when Jesus stated that He wanted his people free and not addicted to anything. It was the search for a constant high that drove some of these people to revival and not the redemptive grace of Jesus to experience what Jesus had to say, offer, give, and save our souls from.
- **Metaphorical Metaphysics** = A term used to describe the majority of the praise and worship songs written and influenced by 'the river' and / or the Toronto Blessing. Many are written in its own "Christianese" slang with words and phrases non-Christians can not understand. In many of these river churches, it got to where the only songs being sung at many of the renewals were songs about the river, getting drunk in the spirit, the wind, the rain, etc. The faster the pace, the better and more the people ran around the church, waived their flags, and created a party atmosphere in the house of God. One begins to wonder if we were beginning to shift from worshipping Jesus Christ into worshipping "worship" itself. I knew people who had gotten to the point where they could not worship until "Hop on The Bus", "Mercy is Falling", or "The River of God" was played in the worship services.

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- **Seeker Sensitive** = A term used to describe the latest trend of churches where in many cases, more emphasis is placed on the comfort level of the 'seeker', preaching a theology that does not 'offend' and is 'fun' and reaching out for the numbers and the money instead of mandates to turn from sin and fulfill a Great Commission.
- **You Have A Critical Spirit** = A term used by paranoid and insecure leaders to suppress any voices that may state their disagreement. The disagreement is seen as 'threatening' and 'disruptive' to their agendas called God and their preconceived notion of 'unity'.
- **Thus Saith The Lord** = A term used in the Bible to distinguish words that God specifically spoke. However, the meaning of this phrase has been changed in spiritually abusive churches to imply that when the leader states this, you are not to ever question the words before this phrase or apply Acts 17:11 to his words to test the pastor's words to the Scriptures. To apply Acts 17:11 to the pastor's words is to have 'doubt', 'negative confession', and 'lack trust and faith' in God.
- **Doublespeak** = A term used originally in George Orwell's book 1984 describing "The ability to speak or write two or more contradictory ideas without the speaker or writer being consciously aware of the contradiction." Pentecostal / Charismatic / Third Wave / Riverite doublespeak occurs when a Christian reads and speaks blessings contained in the verses of the Amplified Bible in everyday vernacular while reading and speaking doom and curses contained in the verses of the Authorized King James Bible in King James' Shakespearean English (thees, thous, whilsts, shalls, shalt, etc.)
- **pRAISE-A-ThON** = A term used to describe the semi-annual fund raising telethon of the Trinity Broadcasting Network to raise more money to more mismanage in order to broadcast more culturally irrelevant programming niche marketed to a generally small segment of Christianity.
- **"YES" men** = A term used to describe elders and deacons usually found in independent Charismatic churches that are known to never question the pastor's motives. In many cases, these men have sold out their values and integrity when saying "No" to aberrant theology in order to become leaders of prestige within the congregation with the only true power they have is to say 'yes' to the pastor's every whim and fancy.
- **Heresy Hunter** = A term used to label those who attempt with a pure and honest intent to question heretical teachings today within the body of Christ. By labeling these questioners of false doctrine as "Heresy Hunters", any honest inquiry is dismissed, denied, and never dealt with and either deemed as 'bitter' or 'touching God's anointed'.
- **Spiritually Correct (SC)** = The 'Christianized' version of Politically Correct. A concept where terms used in the old days of church are renamed because many found the old terms offensive or they were renamed because by renaming the term, the concept now appears to be a 'new revelation' from God. For example, the 'spiritually correct' have changed the name of 'revival' to 'renewal' because revival sounds too

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pentecostally redneck and generates thoughts of old Pentecostals speaking in tongues, running around the church, handling snakes, drinking strychnine, and 'swinging from the chandeliers'. The 'spiritually correct' have changed the names of outreaches from 'women's ministries' to such names as 'Proverbs 31 women grafted in the vine' and claim we broke the paradigms of church when all we did was to change a name while giving ourselves the same ole tried and worn out pabulum again repackaged. We claim by being seeker sensitive that we have 'thought outside the box' but in the long run, all we did was to expand the dimensions of the box we are still inside of. Another example where the 'spiritually correct' has struck is that the name of the Holy Spirit has now been changed to 'wind', 'rain', or 'fire', People who believe in this concept love to bash the 'demon'crats for 'political correctness' but feel like the term 'spiritually correct' sanitizes Christianity into a purer and more anointed Christianity . (also see 'Paradigm')

- **"Out of The Box"** = A term used to describe new theologies of the 'river' that indicated somehow a 'new move of God'. The implication here is that the previous revivals have placed themselves into a 'cyclic rut' and have paradigmed themselves into a mentality of doing the same things over and over again with no success, therefore a 'new way' consisting of "God's new thing' has to take place to 'break the paradigm'. However, what usually happens in the long run is either two things; (1): When we have 'thought outside the box', all we did was to expand the dimensions of the box we are still inside of. (2): The ones who once 'thought outside the box' have somehow locked themselves inside the new box they created and re-created a different 'cyclic rut'. (also see 'Paradigm')
- **Spiritual Jurisprudence** = A term used to describe when two Christians have come to a legal disagreement and believe in 1 Corinthians 6 1-11 where stated not to sue your brother in Christ. Therefore both sides meet again and purposely attempt to bait the other side into raising their voice to there the other party then rationalizes that by the other party raising his voice, he has sinned by anger, and by sinning is deemed a 'fake Christian', meaning per their analysis not a Christian at all but a wolf-in-sheep's clothing therefore now justifying their right to sue the other Christian party in a court of law.
- **Sevenfold Reparations Plan** = A term based in Proverbs 6:30-31 where it states that if a thief is caught, he must restore sevenfold to the one he stole from. Many Word of Faith teachers who taught this believed that if their new Cadillac was stolen, then by this verse, the devil (called a liar and thief in Scripture) would have to give the person whose Cadillac was stolen seven Cadillacs back of equal or greater value or a more expensive car worth seven times the value of their stolen Cadillac.
- **Hallescrewyou** = A term used to describe the concept when Christians purposely betray other Christians or true Christians who expose sin and have the gall to 'Praise God' for it and "bat-so-ka-to-yee" (speak in tongues) thinking God has justified this action and blessed it. These

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- justifications is rationalized especially when after the 'screwjob' is done, somehow they receive a huge donation and now relate the 'screwjob' to the 'loosening of the money' and justify that 'if we did not do the spiritual screwjob, then God would have still withheld this financial donation'.
- **Spiritual Terrorism** = A term conceived by Steve and Kathy Gray of the Smithton Outpouring days after 9-11-01 to label those who disagreed with their definition of 'renewal'. This definition came after ex deacons told their story of how money was raised for a new church building in Smithton to the Christianity Today Magazine which published the story in their October, 2001 issue. However, the Grays claimed to have a vision of 'the cloud moving' to Kansas City and moved the 'renewal' to Kansas City and took the money with them. The definition came as a personal attack to both the ex members and Christianity Today magazine in the form of a two-part article entitled Spiritual Terrorism where they labeled disagreeers as "Spiritual Terrorists" and told Christians that they needed to express their displeasure at Christianity Today Magazine. The article was removed days later after numerous Christian web pages including Charismanews.com exposed this apostate teaching.
  - **Courting** = A term that is the 'spiritually correct' term for what others call dating. This term was introduced into the spiritually correct dictionary by one Joshua Harris when he released his book of legalism called 'I Kissed Dating Goodbye'. Where the spiritually correct try to associate 'dating' with promiscuity, fornication, meat markets, the bar / club scene, etc., courtship to them is the sanitized version of dating where you do the same things that you do on a date except of going to the club, you go to the church's singles group. Where the spiritually correct try to relate dating to being a player and courtship as the possible intent to marry, they fail to realize that when young adults date, they date to eventually reach the state of matrimony.
  - **uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuh** A term that is used to describe the breath between the Pentecostal pastor's statements. For example, these pastors might say "The Lord "uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuh" saith unto thee "uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuh" My child "uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuh", I knowest thee who thou art "uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuh" and the wilderness "uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuh" you are....
  - **Five-Fold Gift** A term used to describe the closed fist of five fingers about to be raised up in a church split to be used as a weapon (a.k.a. the 'laying on of hands')
  - **First Lady** A term used in the secular world to describe the wife of the President of the United States. In many African-American churches, this term is used inappropriately as a title given unto the Pastor's wife in order to bestow honor to her in order to make her feel more loved and more appreciated because it is a common conception that the pastor's wife is not appreciated enough for the 'behind-the-scenes' work she co-labors with her husband.
  - **REBELation** = A term used to describe people who act like 'lone ranger' prophets who love to go from church to church with no affiliated ties to

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- always give 'a word from the Lord (usually a rebuke)'. These people love to teach and harp on 'submission' and 'authority' and put other people 'in their place' while at the same time refusing to submit to the local church authority and refuse a rebuke from God by other ministers claiming they submit and listen only to Jesus.
- **Lone Ranger** = A term used to describe a Christian who lives the Christian walk alone with no fellowship and no submission to the local church and elders.
  - **Granola Christians** = A term used to describe Christians known to be 'fruity, flaky, and nutty' in appearance, spirituality, and mentally.
  - **Pennycostal** = A term used to describe Pentecostal people who are so tight with their money that they refuse to spend money and fear spending the church's money thinking God will punish them for 'misappropriating God's resources'. Usually, they take the cheap way out of everything from painting their church building purple because the paint was ten cents a gallon cheaper (and speak in tongues for that blessing) to serving everyone Kool-Aide at the church social because it was made very cheap.
  - **Pray For Our Leaders** = A term used to describe the 'Official Christian Perspective" mentality of prayer for the leaders of our government. Usually, the prayers are to pray blessings on Republican leaders and to pray curses down on the 'DEMONcrats'.
  - **PlentyLostals** = A term used to describe people (even other Christians) who theologically believe different from the Pentecostal mindset. The term is to imply that those who think different from Pentecostals are 'Lost' and in need of salvation. One ole-time Pentecostal preacher once told me that 'There are the true servants of God, the Pentecostals. And there are everybody else, the PlentyLostals.
  - **Ole-Time Religion** = A term used to describe a period of time in the church where people got saved, sanctified, and baptized in the Holy Ghost instead of the sin that is today. Many who subscribe to this thinking blame the air conditioning, carpet, and padded pews in the church for making Christians lazy and therefore kill the zeal for evangelism. To these people with spiritual Luddite mentalities, God can not move again until we go back to the 'ole-time religion' with the sawdust floors, brush arbors, southern Gospel singings, folded steel chairs under the tent, fans from the funeral parlor, and fried chicken dinners on the churchyard after Sunday morning service.
  - **Salad Bar Salvation (aka Bible Buffet)** = A term used to describe Christians who believe in the parts of the Bible they like and reject the rest of the Bible. In other words, they reject the entire Bible and have a theology base on only the part that captivates their fancy.
  - **Prophetic Guilt** = A term used to describe the process of applying a guilt in the future on a person for not doing certain actions in the present 'in the name of God'. For example, a Christian encourages and demands for you to vote for a certain political candidate. You expressed your concerns and the reasoning why you are voting for the other candidate. Then that

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person tries to use a 'thus saith the Lord' tactic to guilt trip you into voting for their candidate claiming that if you do not vote for that candidate, you will have seven years of economic disaster on your life, the nation will be taken over by the Communists, you are an inferior Christian, you will be placed with the curse of the fourth generation and the curse of Ham combined, etc. The implication here is that you better do what the 'thus saith the Lord' says to do or in due time, you will be very sorry for 'disobeying the voice of the Lord'.

- **Trick of the Enemy** = A term used to describe anything that happens because you didn't do what you were supposed to, like your car getting repossessed cause you were six months behind on the payments, lights getting shut off cause you quit work to wait on God to place you in ministry by faith, etc.
- **Didn't God Move** = A term used to describe what saints say after a long service where the pastor doesn't preach and they just shout the whole service.
- **Secular** = A term used to describe any person, place, object or event that's not under your church organization.
- **Carnal** = A term used to describe "secular" (see definition above) actions done with people, groups, organizations, or events that is outside and not under your church organization.
- **The Next Level** = A term used to describe an imaginary and unbiblical concept of 'tier levels' of such things as power, purity, and anointing. The Christian walk is a straightforward and horizontal walk where there is only one anointing, one power, one purity, etc. There are no 'sub-levels' in this. This is a tactic used to both distinguish the 'more important people' and also used to demean others into feeling guilty for not being 'where they should be' spiritually.
- **Released** = A term used to describe a concept of where in many churches, in order to leave that church to go to another church or a new ministry endeavor, you must obtain permission from your pastor to leave and the pastor of the old church must 'release' you to go forth into your new calling like the Old Covenant days. If you are refused your 'release', you are expected to still attend that church and still tithe to that church.
- **Of The Flesh** = A term used to describe someone who acts alone in church. For example, someone who is shouting or speaking in tongues alone. However, if you add two more people to this display and its called....
- **Of God** = A term used to describe when three people are doing the same thing in a church service at the same time.
- **Faith Check** = A term used to describe a scenario where a televangelist uses a verse like Psalms 118:8 to claim God told him that 118,800 people are supposed to give 118.80 to their ministry in order to receive the 'hundredfold blessing'. A viewer is now torn between paying his light bill or paying 118.80 to receive the 'hundredfold blessing' knowing he has only 75.00 to his name. The televangelist convinces him that by giving to their

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- ministry 'the check of faith' instead of the power company (or any other bill collector), that God will either miraculously put the 'hundredfold blessing' in the bank account to cover the check and miraculously rewrite the light bill as being paid and rewrite the power company's accounting books or the 'hundredfold blessing' will miraculously appear in a blank envelope between the other mail in the mailbox. However, the televangelist has your money, your check bounces, the lights are turned off, no money has been deposited in your bank account, and the same televangelist blames you for 'lacking faith' as to why you did not receive the 'hundredfold blessing'.
- **Fellowship** = A term used to describe when a group of Christians take over a Denny's or other unsuspecting diner after a church service. Low tips, complaints of poor service, and loudly speaking about how others are "lost" and "damned" can be overheard while their children run around the restaurant creating havoc on other customers.
  - **Rebuke** = A term used to tell someone your version of the truth in a way that shames them and makes them feel so inferior that God doesn't love them until they believe your version of the truth of Christ.
  - **Spiritual** = A term used to describe someone who has to say Amen, Hallelujah, Praise God, Praise Jesus, Thank You Lord, ain't God good, or uses a Bible passage in every sentence. An example would be "Let's get the milk Bless God. On the next aisle is the ketchup hallelujah. The Coca-Cola is on sale ain't God good? The bread is soft praise the name of the Lord. I found the deli meat thank you Jesus" This person will also look positively mortified at such racy words as darn, golllllly (like Gomer Pyle would say), and heck.
  - **Dying to Self** = A term used to describe the process of squelching your personality, likes, feelings, individualism, etc. in order to fulfill the personal opinions of a pastor made church theology and be a clone to the agendas of a pastor and / or the Republican party and not fulfill the true will of God.
  - **I'm Blessed and Not Stressed** = A term used to describe what every Christian is supposed to say to everyone who asks them how they are doing. Unfortunately, in many of these same Christian's lives, life really stinks, and they have their head buried in the sand and avoid all issues that negatively impact them.
  - **I wonder if some of you are even saved!** = A term used to describe that in many churches, your assurance of salvation should not be based in your acceptance of the sacrifice that Jesus made at Calvary, but rather in adhering to every demand and personal opinion of a pastor deemed of God via "God Said".
  - **"You are 'out of your place' in the spirit"** = A term used to denote when a person is not in 100% compliance to what the pastor calls 'of God'. Yes, this would even apply to the pastor's personal dislikes and personal opinions.
  - **"Get In 'your place' in the spirit"** = A term used to motivate people to be in 100% compliance to what the pastor calls 'of God' (even the pastor's personal dislikes and personal opinions.)

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- **"I'm getting ready to read somebody's mail"** = A term used by a 'prophet' to scare people into repenting for usually, the pastor's personal opinions deemed sin. This is also used when a spiritually abusive pastor decides to openly rebuke and demean church members in public to make an example out of what happens to anyone who crosses the prophet. What happens is that before the 'prophet' begins to speak, people rush up to the altar in tears and 'repent' for everything from real sins to wearing a blue shirt when the 'prophet' does not like the color blue in fear of getting 'embarrassed' and 'called out on the carpet'.
- **"Rebellion"** = A term used to describe any dissenting opinion that is different from the opinion of leadership.
- **"Family Worship Center"** = A term used to describe a group of independent charismatic churches that are deeply into the concept of the family unit as being a feminized 'butterfly-kissing' dad, a stay-at-home homeschooling mom, and seven future republicans that will not believe anything unless it is acceptable in the eyes of James Dobson's Focus on The Family. What happens is that these churches focus so much on the family unit rather than the Great Commission of Jesus to the point of worshipping the family rather than worshipping Jesus. What usually happens in these types of churches is that there is so much stress on the family that many of these families do end up divorced. Another thing that happens in these churches is that there are so many 'church activities' that take up all your time to where you have no time to spend with your family because you are too busy volunteering for activities at the "Family Worship Center".
- **"funDEMENTALism"** = A term used to describe a group of believers who believe that salvation only comes through the length of a skirt, uncut hair for women and 1/4 inch gap space of skin between ears / neck and hairline for men, lack of makeup, no diamond engagement ring or other jewelry, a three piece suit, driving a big luxury car, voting for Jerry Falwell's candidates for all elections, singing old hymns instead of praise and worship choruses, no television, following the American Family Association boycott list, the educational curriculums of Bob Jones University, and Bill Gothard seminars without question, etc. along with obeying the Bible. A common trait within this group is to attempt to take everyone back to the 1950's and Leave It To Beaver times.
- **The "three R's"** = A term used to describe the process to blessings in many Pentecostal / Charismatic churches today. Where the educational system had the three foundational "R's" consisting of "readin", "ritin", and "rithmetic", the Pentecostal / Charismatic churches have their unwritten laws of the foundational "three R's" known as "rebellion", "repentance", and 'revival'. In most every Pentecostal / Charismatic churches, everyone has sinned therefore placing them into rebellion with God. Therefore, repentance is needed to both break 'rebellion' and to also usher in the next big 'revival'. After years of 'repenting' and no 'revival', these church leaders do not admit their works of legalism were wrong, instead they

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convince the people that "there is deeper rebellion, repent some more, and then revival will come." It's a vicious cycle that kills self-esteem and humiliates instead of humbling. Please see the middle section of [this page](#) for a more detailed explanation.

- **Attack of The Enemy** = A term used to describe scenarios that do not go your way. Where the term 'trick of the enemy' is referring to things that happen because you failed to address personal responsibilities and commitments, the 'attack of the enemy' refers to things that break down because of normal wear and tear or things that everyday people normally deal with, address, and resolve. Someone cuts in front of you in the grocery store line, your two year old car with 100,000 miles breaks down, the twenty year old air conditioner breaks down, the child does not understand his math homework, you are late for church because the red light is longer than you want it to be, it's not due to mechanical wear and tear, ignorance, etc. It's an automatic attack of the enemy on your life caused by demons who specifically hate you.
- **The new thing** = A term used to describe the latest current trend within Christianity that is called 'the current move of God'. Many times, what is deemed as a new thing is either or it is the same tried and tested true Scripture teaching of twenty years ago re-taught. In the case of re-teaching an old truth, it is called 'the new thing' either because the majority of baby Christians have never heard the teachings or the Saints have forgotten all about the teachings from many years past.
- **"Baby" Christian** = A term used to describe a Christian who is young in age, or an adult who has not been a Christian for a very long period of time.
- **"Mature" Christian** = A term used to describe a Christian who has been a Christian for a considerable period of time and has shown rational judgment and entrustment with Spiritual things and balanced teaching.
- **"Saints of God" Christian** = A term used to describe a Christian who is elderly in age and has been in the church since birth or has been saved for a real long time. Many Saints are actually very wise people based on age, spiritual gifting, and experience. However, the 'Joshua' Generation usually 'rejects' and ignores the 'Saints' viewpoint and comments concerning 'the new things' of God based on past experiences because they see the 'Saint' as being inhibitive, full of old-fashioned traditions, and a "Moses" that will not allow the "Joshua Generation" to take it's place within the church.
- **Full of Religious Spirits** = A term used to describe people who do not move into the 'new thing' God is supposed to be doing at the present time in Church history. People who do not do the 'new thing' but instead follow the Bible are viewed as being like the Pharisees in the New Testament who rejected Christ. Therefore, it is implied that the people deemed as having 'religious spirits' because they are supposedly acting like the Pharisees have denied Christ like the Pharisees did.

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- **Cemetery** = A slang term used to describe Biblical seminaries. This term was once used in a sermon by Kenneth Hagin to portray that Biblical seminaries are so intellectually minded that they have rationalized God's sovereignty, providence, omnipotence, and omnipresence out of the Bible. Many Pentecostals / Charismatics are generally very anti-intellectual, and view the Holy Spirit and Spiritual experiences as having more prevalence and authority than God's Word.
- **Word of Faith** = A slang term used to describe the Word of Faith movement. This term is commonly used by Word of Faith counter groups because it implies that the Word of Faith movement is 'crappy' theology.
- **Feeling Led by God** = A slang term used to describe stupid actions people do that is attempted to be viewed as the Lord telling these people to do the actions. For example, someone stands up to rebuke, yell at, or demean a person because that person disagrees with their particular theology or a church that tells people to walk around a nightclub once for six days straight and then sing praises as they walk around it for seven times on the seventh day shouting 'Shout For He Has Given Us This City' for God to destroy the nightclub would claim that he or she 'felt led by God' to do this.
- **Anointing (a.k.a. "unction")** = A term used to describe a special endowment of power given by the Holy Spirit to His servants to do supernatural things. However in many Pentecostal / Charismatic circles, the majority of things deemed as 'anointing' is actually based on extra-Biblical experiences, scriptures grossly taken out of context, and Pentecostal traditions done because their forefathers did certain acts with successful results.
- **The enemy** = A term used to describe and denote everyone who disagrees with you or every concept you disagree with.
- **Secular Humanism (pronounced 'sheck-u-ler hume-man-izm')** = A term used to describe the U.S. Public School system because the Supreme Court took prayer out of the public schools, removed the Ten Commandments from the walls, and disallowed the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag from being recited.
- **Positive / Negative Confession** = A term used to describe people that have to always make everything out to be positive. To admit that one lost all their possessions in a house fire would be 'negative confession'. Instead, denial of the house fire takes place and the person will only talk of the future bigger house. To talk about bad things and suffering that happens in life is deemed negative because the church has equated talking negative about a particular event in one's life to a negative perception of Christianity. Therefore, to maintain a positive impression of Christian, no negative things can ever be talked about and denial must be instilled until the problem can not be denied anymore and must be addressed. This concept was the brainchild of the late Norman Vincent Peale (Guideposts) and carried forth by Robert Schuller.

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- **Special Event Services** = A term used to describe the concept that a Christian can not have just a normal wedding or a funeral. Instead, weddings and funerals are re-written to where they are like another church service. Some Christian weddings I have been to have had a worship service, celebration of communion, and an altar call for Salvation because the unsaved family and friends are in the church, so we ought to hit them up for salvation or if this did not happen, then the marriage is not 'blessed' in God's eye or they feel that they will have to give an account to God for squandering an opportunity to tell the Gospel. Some Christian funerals will not comfort the mourning per the Beatitudes (negative confession) but instead hold a 'homecoming' party (positive confession) and use the funeral for an altar call because people there are already emotionally opened up due to the loss of a friend or family member and we can use this to 'sneak' in a salvation plea.
- **You Are Forever Held Accountable To This Teaching** = A term used to describe a concept taught in many churches where a pastor will try to force you to accept a teaching without question because you have now heard the "truth". To question the "truth" after hearing the accountability disclaimer now makes one appear like they are now coming against the anointed of God, or in their perspective, God himself. A fear mechanism is now enacted to keep people from finding out the real truth. This concept came from the combination of John 8:32 and Hebrews 10:26. It is expressed similar to this phrase "I have told you the truth that will set you free. It does not matter if you believe or question what I said or not because it is the truth. Therefore, since you have heard the truth whether you receive the truth or not, you are now held accountable to obey this teaching for the remainder of your days on earth and subject to the wrath of God at judgment day if this teaching is not followed. Remember, you will have to give an account to God for all your actions".
- **Judas Offering** = A term used to describe a concept taught in many churches where at Easter time, one must put thirty pieces of silver in the offering plate as a retribution for our sins because we are too much like Judas.
- **High-Noon Heretic** = A term used by Pentecostals to describe the concept where the Baptists and other mainline denominations are heretics because their services are over with and the church doors are locked up at noon time. According to ole-time Pentecostals who subscribe to this teaching, the mainline denominations have the formula of 10:00 AM Sunday School, 11:00 AM Church, and 12 Noon dismissal down so routine that they have quenched the move of God. It is implied that God does not move in those churches anymore because these mainline churches have placed God in a time box to only show up at church between 11:00 AM and 12 Noon to where the fried chicken dinners on the church grounds are served hot, the restaurants are not crowded, and/or the men make it home in time for the football game, Sunday nap, or NASCAR. It is also implied by Pentecostals that by having services that

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last after 12 Noon until 1 or 2 PM, they have allowed the Holy Spirit in their midst and God will definitely bless his Pentecostal people because they waited and tarried for Him.

- **Mainline Denomination** = A term used by Pentecostals to describe other denominations that are not like theirs. According to Pentecostals, the mainline denominations are the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Episcopalians. When these denominations create controversy in the media concerning issues such as women in the pulpit and ordaining homosexual pastors, the Pentecostal Churches love to equate themselves as the 'remnant' and the 'mainline churches' as 'Laiodcea' and blame the decline of the mainline denominations on the mainline denomination's chiding of Pentecostals and the workings of 'high-noon heresy' within the mainline denominations.
- **a singin'** = A term used by Pentecostals to describe a service where all that takes place is a Southern Gospel Group singing country-twang Southern Gospel songs. The women and girls dress alike with the same floral print McCalls patterns purchased from the cloth department from Wal-Mart. The men and boys dress alike in three piece suits and gaudy ties. They are well known for portraying themselves as the 'good ole boys and girls' but when the 'love offering' is taken up believe the crowd never gave them enough money and the ushers stole some of it in the back room before they got their share. Their mini-sermonettes are known for portraying the Southern Gospel fans as God's remnant and the contemporary Christian music fans as compromisers and weak-boned baby Christians. They are also known for believing the church died when it installed air conditioning, padded pews, carpet, and a clock on the back wall. According to these people, the only way God can ever bring revival back to this land is to go back to the church windows opened up, no padded pews, sawdust floors, brush arbors, paper fans provided by the funeral home, a preacher that yells the whole service, a preacher that only preaches on hellfire and brimstone, and fried chicken dinners on the church yard after Sunday service.
- **'ChurchaGod'** = A term that denotes the fast pronunciation that members of the Church of God (Cleveland, TN) pronounce the name of their denomination.
- **Love Offering** = A term used by churches to describe the concept where a special offering is taken up above and beyond the tithe as an appreciation for either a guest speaker or a collection for a church member in dire financial need or a victim of a catastrophe that resulted in a loss of possessions. What ends up happening here is that like Pareto's Quality Analysis theories where 20% of the different defects cause 80% of the total defects in a manufacturing process, approximately 20% of the people donate 80% of the total amount of the love offering. Because this offering is seen as being 'above and beyond' the tithe (required giving), many church members do not contribute but will enjoy the guest preaching or guest musician for free.

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- **Come On Now, Church** = A term used by pastors while preaching a sermon in an attempt to get someone in the congregation to say 'amen' or 'hallelujah' when it appears that no one is either responding or really in agreement with what the pastor is preaching.
- **Some of You Need to Get Saved** = A term used by pastors while preaching a sermon in an attempt to get the entire congregation to come in agreement with what the pastor is preaching even though the teaching could be considered legalistic or extra-Biblical. The point is not to come into alignment with what the Scriptures state, but to march in perfect agreement lock, stock, and barrel with the pastor's personal opinions made corporate church theology. Disagreement with the pastor implies that you are not saved according to the pastor's personal opinion.
- **Homecoming** = A term describing one Sunday out of the year in many churches where the church recognizes the date when the church was formed. This service is a special service where the church gets super cleaned, super painted, and the yard super manicured a week in advance for this special service where the church congregation invites members who have moved away to hear special preaching by a former pastor of the church in good standing with the elders and for a 'reunion' with the congregation. Also the choir finally learns a new 'special song' to sing in the service. In this service, the 'old saints' that have passed on are honored, dinner is served afterwards, and this is often used to kick off the week long 'revival' services. Many credit the formation of homecoming to Acts 2:1 when it was mentioned that the believers had come together in one accord.
- **Easter Suit / Easter Dress** = A term used to describe the common tradition among many Christians to purchase a new suit / dress to wear at the church's Easter service. This is based on John 20:6-7 where in the empty tomb of Jesus, the grave clothes and linen cloths / handkerchiefs remained behind. Basically, it is implied that a new suit / dress is significant with a new you as a reminder of a risen Jesus who went from dress clothes into new clothes after he arose from the dead.
- **Messyanic** = A term used to describe people who are Messianic Christians by faith who think that freedom in Christ is re-legalism back into the Old Covenant / Old Testament way of doing things when Jesus Christ's dying on the Cross, shedding of his blood, and rising on the third day already took care of. For example, having Church on Sunday was a concept of the Babylon Whore One World Antichrist system. The days of the week and months were named after the Greek and Roman gods. Easter is really the celebration of the fertility goddess Ishtar and 'real' Christians can never celebrate Jesus Christ's rising from the dead on that day especially since it is on the Sunday after the Full Moon but instead celebrate Passover. God is only pleased with worship that involves Jewish instruments, blowing shofars, and messyanic dances. Thanksgiving is not celebrated because that was a man-made holiday and not God mandated. This turned a group of Christians into a pious, pompous, and arrogant

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- group of people who thought by going back to the Old Covenant way of doing things made them superior Christians in God's eyes.
- **DOT O - R - G** = A term used by Christian radio and television voiceovers to announce their webpage when it had an ".org" ending. It is never pronounced together, but the "org" portion of ".org" is phonetically spelled out to where these announcers can never mistakenly pronounce the word 'orgy'
  - **Hebonics** = A term used to describe the use of Hebrew by non-Hebrew speakers in order to confuse, intimidate and seem smarter and 'more spiritual' than others. Many people who subscribe to the concept of Hebonics think we have to speak Hebrew. We have to say "Yeshua" instead of "Jesus". We have to use the Hebrew calendar because the days of the week and months of the year were named after Roman and Greek gods and that the New Year actually starts in September or October (Rosh Hashanah). We have to spell God as 'G\_D' or "YHWH" because God's name is so sacred that he will harm us for saying his name.
  - **Do We Have Any Visitors Here This Morning...** = A term used by pastors to discover who is a visitor or a regular attendee. Designed to welcome those who are visitors from a 'seeker-sensitive' perspective, many pastors use this term in a very devious way. When visitors are discovered, they are welcomed and the sermon is geared towards the sensitivity of the visitor. However, if no visitors are present, the sermon turns into a rebuke-fest where the congregation is rebuked throughout the sermon followed by a 'repentance'.
  - **The an-OINK-ing** = A term used by many pastors within the Toronto Blessing circles to describe a phenomenon prevalent in many of their churches where a person would break out in 'holy laughter' and in the midst of this, start oinking like a pig.
  - **Throw-up-theology** = A term used to describe extreme cases in 'deliverance' ministries where the casting out of demons is signified by a person vomiting. The vomit is seen as the 'sign' that the demons have left that person.
  - **Pulpithugger** = A term used to describe a pastor that is always behind the pulpit of his church every time the door is opened. In churches with a pulpithugger as pastor, you rarely see guest pastors come to speak. If a guest pastor does speak, you are guaranteed that the pastor must really like this person.
  - **Proverbs 31 Woman** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern churches are using to rename the church's women's ministry. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and more anointed women's ministry that the way 'your mother did women's ministry'.
  - **Wind, rain, fire** = A 'spiritually correct' term used to describe what Christians five years ago called The 'Holy Spirit' or the 'Holy Ghost'.
  - **Worship Celebration** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern churches are using to rename the 'church service' It is implied that this new name

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- means a new, fresh, and different approach to the way 'your parents did a church service' because people get turned off by the word 'Church' due to bad experiences, long boring services, or moral turpitudes done by famous church leaders.
- **Worship Center** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern churches are using to rename the 'church'. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to the way 'your parents attended church' because people get turned off by the word 'Church' due to bad experiences, long boring sermons, uncomfortable pews, awful organ music, or moral turpitudes done by famous church leaders.
  - **Campus** = Another 'spiritually correct' term many modern churches are using to rename the 'church'. See "worship center" above.
  - **Pastor of Community** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern churches are using to rename the pastor who is in charge of overseeing the small groups in the church. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to the way small groups are done today.
  - **Executive Pastor** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern churches are using to rename the pastor who is in charge of overseeing the operations/finance of the church to where Senior pastor can chit-chat and play golf all day long with his buddies to then work on a sermon on Friday mornings. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to the way church is done today.
  - **'Positive' Music** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'Christian Music'. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to Christian music apart from the church choirs 'your parents had at their church' in order to sneak a song into a secular radio station's play list or sneak a video on the rotation of MTV because a direct mention of Jesus is automatically rejected by these secular medias.
  - **'Positive' Country** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'Christian Country Music' and 'Southern Gospel Music'. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to Christian Country music apart from the southern gospel quartets 'your parents had at their church' in order to sneak a song into a secular radio station's play list or sneak a video on the rotation of CMT because a direct mention of Jesus is automatically rejected by these secular medias.
  - **'Positive' Family Values** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'Religious Right Politics disguised as Christianity'. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to promoting the Republican Party politics in the church to the outside world because the past actions of Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell (9-11-01 was caused by the Gays), and other well known pastors have caused the Christian message not to be taken seriously anymore even within the rank and file of the Republican Party.

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- **'Positive' Philosophy** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'Christian teachings and sermons'. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to promoting the Bible to a secularized world because many people who taught from the Bible and later on had gross moral failures have caused the Christian message to not be taken seriously by the world and secular media anymore.
- **Connection Groups** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'small groups'. It is implied that this new name means a new, fresh, and different approach to the cell group philosophy that never really took off with our parents and also in some extreme cases brought back the shepherding movement (Basham, Mumford, Prince, Simpson, Baxter) to the church because untrained and uncontrolled group leaders started to spiritually abuse their groups to meet their personal agendas.
- **new friends** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'visitors'. It is implied that this new name means a new way of viewing people who visit your church. No longer are we to view people who visit your church for the first time as 'outsiders'. We are to view them as our long-lost buddies who we have not seen in a very long time.
- **Resurrection Sunday** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'Easter Sunday'. It is implied that by renaming Easter Sunday, we take any possible references to Ishtar, the Easter bunny, etc. away and make sure Jesus rising from the grave is exalted. However, everyone knows this day has always been called Easter for hundreds of years.
- **Musical Manipulation** = A term used to describe the following scenarios that sometimes occur in a praise and worship service or a special music service. (1): The worship service is not going as vibrant as the worship leader wants and therefore, will repeat certain choruses or certain parts of a song until someone either yells 'hallelujah blah-tow-konda-shonda' or comes up with a 'prophetic word' and gets a rise out of the congregation to be a shout fest. (2): The service is going so bad and the worship is dead to the point where the worship leader will change the song selection by deleting one song and inserting another song that always got the church into a shout fest or a dance fest running around the church.
- **Networking** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'unity with in the body'. It is a way to covertly disguise that we really do not have unity within the churches. Where unity within the body is all Christians coming together to fulfill the common goal of the Great Commission, Networking is the concept where like minded churches operating in unanimity come together for brief periods of time to accomplish short-term goals.
- **Unchurched** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'unsaved'. This term was designed to take out the

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- 'derogatory' feeling a non-Christian would feel if they heard the word 'unsaved'.
- **Cutting Edge** = A term used to describe people who are considered to be 'in tune' or 'current' with the latest teaching or trends within the church.
  - **Pre-Christian (also known as 'spiritually Challenged')** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'sinner' to take the 'condemnation' away.
  - **Spiritual Dysfunction** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'sin'.
  - **Life Coach** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'pastor'. Some use it to rename 'mentor' or 'counselor'.
  - **Soaking Session** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'prayer time' that is very extended in nature.
  - **Salvation Parties** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'block party'. What happens is that the Christians decided to throw a neighborhood block party with games for the kids, lots of food and beverages, and conversation. After everyone gets full of food and tired of playing games, a band will appear to play some music sounding similar to many popular rock and roll songs. When the people are now attracted to the music, the church evangelism team will crash the party and the church evangelism team and the Christian neighbors will start the sales pitch of salvation to the partygoers and start talking spirituality. Patterned after the Amway dinners and Tupperware parties where fellowship, food and drink were served, and the sales pitch came after everyone had fun.
  - **Council** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'elders' and 'deacons'. The term 'elders' and 'deacons' implies a dictatorship made up of old fat rich and snobbish gentlemen who hold everyone down while the term 'council' is supposed to denote a diverse, open-minded to God mentality of leadership.
  - **Follower of God** = A 'spiritually correct' term many modern Christians are using to rename 'Christian' because of the negative connotations associated with the word.
  - **Third Rave** = A term used to describe many personality traits of the Third Wave from the all night music concerts, all night worship meetings, the eternal party atmosphere from dawn to dusk.