

## General Topics :: Kenneth E. Hagin

### Kenneth E. Hagin - posted by Alf (), on: 2008/9/5 15:28

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-Alf

### Re: Kenneth E. Hagin - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/9/5 15:51

Ken Hagin said...

"The trouble with us is that we've preached a 'cross' religion, and we need to preach a 'throne' religion. By that I mean that people have thought they were supposed to remain at the cross. Some have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, have backed up to the cross, and have stayed there ever since...The cross is actually a place of defeat, whereas the Resurrection is a place of triumph. When you preach the cross, you're preaching death, and you leave people in death." ("The Believer's Authority," 1986 AD)

Paul the Apostle said...

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (First letter to the Corinthians. 53 to 57 AD)

What do you think brother?

MC

### Re: - posted by Alf (), on: 2008/9/5 16:08

hmm i see what you mean but then again it is just a paragraph out of an entire book so as with verses always read the whole thing to get the full picture.

His works (from what i have read/heard) are pretty impressive ive watched videos of him being used by the spirit but just wanted to see what people think, good point though on what you posted ill look into it.

### Re: - posted by clintstone (), on: 2008/9/5 17:08

hello alf i saw you at mardel book store and spoke highly of charles finney and told you i would not go to rhema . i am Clint glad you are seeking truth .remember narrow is the way and few there be that find it. Hagin is so wrong about the spiritual death of jesus and the devil has a reason for having men teach such nonsense. i am soon posting under "did Jesus die spiritually" about this

### Re: "Being used by the Spirit" - posted by spoonen (), on: 2008/9/5 17:45

Quote:

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Hi Alf! I guess it depends on what is your definition of "being used by the spirit" -- especially if it's something that can be "watched" on videos.

I personally believe that the most powerful works of the true Holy Spirit are those that strengthen the "inner man" (the spirit within us) -- and that's a work which no videocamera can capture! And even if a camera could, it wouldn't be pretty -- because it'd bear the look of genuine repentance. Any outward manifestations of the Holy Spirit are likewise to ultimately strengthen the "inner man" of others in the Body of Christ so that we increasingly become more and more like Jesus (E

phesians 4:11-13).

May you be encouraged and led by the Holy Spirit today!

Your brother,

SDP

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/9/5 17:54**

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Good post, Santosh. Amen to this truth.

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by Alf (), on: 2008/9/5 18:31**

Clint!!! awesome to see ya on the forums!

and brother spoonen i completely agree with your comment but i have a couple of concerns.

1) I came to Christ about 2 years ago and after much prayer and fasting i got an answer from God as to what he wanted me to do, The Lord revealed to me that he wanted to be a pastor, so i followed. the problem was that i knew not what to do or where to go so i started praying and fasting again.

2) After much prayer the Lord revealed to me Rhema as the place to go... now you might ask, how did he reveal that?

He revealed it to me by a dream.

Im not a big dreamer... so i defently paid attention on this one specially due to the fact that it answered my prayers on where to go.

I had a dream in which i was leaving my old college campus and as i was approaching my car i saw a little white haired old man who i recognized clearly to be Leonard Ravenhill (I listend to him alot, still do) so i went back to him and introduced myself and went on to keep walking to my car but before i got to the car i remembered that i needed to ask Ravenhill a question so i go back to him and look him straight in the face and i asked "Ravenhill do you think i should go to Rhema?" and he answered "i think that would be a good idea" and suddenly the dream ended... so i believe till this day that it was the Lord answering my prayers (i went on to drop out of college to follow the Lord's calling and now i am currently enrolled at Rhema Bible Training center for 1st year.

BUT now there is a problem the "word of faith movement" does not convince me... hagin does not convince me but for some reason the school does i have felt the spirit at their meetings but i am burdened by their preachings on material prosperity and some of their preaching... so brothers... what do you take of it?

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/9/5 19:19**

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Dear brother, I would be very careful with interpreting dreams. I am not saying God does not speak through the dream-medium; I am only asking you to use extreme caution. I have seen a great many young believers go off the deep-end when it comes to dreams, even right here in the forums. The truth is that very rarely will God reveal things of such significance to you in this "dream" fashion today. He instead causes us to grow, slowly, and learn His Word in all humility and patience with manifold trials and daily crucifixion. The more light He reveals, the more you obey, and when you obey Him in the small things, the light increases and spreads, and His voice you hear more and more.

My dear wife is going through a tremendously difficult pregnancy right now. She needs to be fed and sustained by TPN - a special fluid of nutrients and vitamins and minerals that enters her body through a pic line feeding directly into a vein in her arm. She needs this artificial form of sustenance because of the hyperemesis she's going through - she can't keep anything down. My point in explaining this to you is this: the pic line is the means by which the good sustenance flows, but if we are not careful to sterilize it, bacteria can also enter through the same channel and infect her.

Such the same with dreams. Dreams can be sweet and edifying, and we have scriptural proof that God may employ them as a means to communicate from time to time, but through the same dream channel the enemy can also infiltrate - in fact, I am convinced Satan has more cameos in our dreams than God does.

Be very careful. Go to the Word of God with humility of mind - this is the only safe and solid and foolproof method for hearing from the true God of Israel. Put no confidence in dreams or visions or voices or images of Ravenhill or angels or whoever else may appear. Today we have the full and complete Word of God written upon our hearts; we are not like Zacharias and Mary or those who seek clairvoyant encounters with God, or supernatural manifestations as a "fleece" to determine His will.

I will not judge Hagin's walk, and men like him, because every plant my Father did not plant will one day be uprooted and judged. But I warn you to not follow him, or others like him, and to flee the company of men and women who espouse the kind of doctrine he spreads. You have no way of knowing whether the dream you had was genuinely of God, and I've said all this to you in love.

Hope this helps a bit,

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by clintstone (), on: 2008/9/5 19:44**

hello alf i am convinced that God sends His light forth. it is likened to being set on hill as the city Jesus was referring too. it was like vegas of that day all lit up. i was fortunate to meet leonard ravenhill personally in 1990. He told us that were there that he could not be associated with certain ministries and why. the man had one of the strongest anointings i have ever been around from a man, his life was a life called out, and it seems to me that he followed. when i first gave my life to the Lord in 1985 i prayed and prayed about rhema and if i should go. and God told me not to go and He showed me in a vision in prayer one night as to why. i went to visit a rhema service one time and kenneth was speaking this was in 1987. i have since understood why i was not to go there. whoever i have had good relationships in Christ with some that i have known that went there. we would always disagree on the death of Jesus and what happened from the cross to the throne. yet Jesus is bigger than all the things that are not yet subject unto Him. in hebrews it says " that all things are subject to Him yet we do not yet see all things subject unto Him, BUT WE SEE HIM. alf you do not need to know everything, but always pray and seek God and look to Jesus only so that you can know the difference. the difference between man's thoughts and God's thoughts, your thoughts and which ones are God inspired and the ones that are not inspired by Him. when at rhema always know that God is all knowing and larger than all. leaning and looking and abiding in the Jesus of scripture and God will reveal the light of Himself to those you come in contact with at school. Wisdom is chief and when you are wise in Christ He will appeal to reason and will convince those who are truly seeking Him of Who He really is. He will make Himself known to you as you look to him and not any man.. rhema did not have the same presence in person as leonard ravenhill did. yet i do not judge other than from the bible. hey i was out mowing my yard earlier thinkign that our meeting at mardels was no accident and was wanting to meet you some evening at casa san marcos at 23 and garage to eat diner and fellowship and gather in his name. how about that some day. i live near 31 and mingo

**Re: - posted by clintstone (), on: 2008/9/5 19:55**

paul . i have posted in the doctrinal part on the did jesus die spiritually and i do not believe hagin is right . i met alf at mardels in tulsa and i told him of sermonindex.net and how good it was , i initiated contact with him as the lord led me to and he said that he already was coming here and his name was alf . so at mardels he said he was going to rhema and i told him then not to go there and that i would'nt if i were him. well . i say all this to thank you for your input, and thank you for your labors in thr Lord, God Bless you , and may Joy and Peace and Grace abound to you and your family.

**Re: Kenneth E. Hagin - posted by narrowpath, on: 2008/9/5 20:12**

Hi Alf,  
I would like to ask you why you went the Rhema? What is it really that appeals to you there? Be brutally honest to yourself. Put the dream aside. I cannot quite see that Ravenhill and Hagin have much in common anyway.

The WoF teaching appeals to those to whom the things that they supposedly are entitled to are important. I subscribed to their theology a couple of years ago because deep down in my heart I wanted to gain material and earthly blessings. To the degree I desired these blessings the truth was obscured to me and I erred in the faith. Now these things appeal little to me.

I must admit not all of Hagin's teachings are twisted. The enemy never only used pure error, but usually uses much truth mixed with a little error to poison us. If I wanted to poison someone, you do not give someone pure poison but blend it in to tasty food or drink in order not to be detected.

Here is a good resource  
<http://www.letusreason.org/Wf8.htm>

narrowpath

**Re: - posted by Alf (), on: 2008/9/5 21:01**

Brothers i truly appreciate all your advise and words of wisdom, as for Rhema the Lord will answer when the time is right i will pray like never before for this one so ill leave it in his hands.

As for Word of Faith, i see right through them i want no assosiation with them when and if i finish Rhema, they have fallen into the trap of prosperity and one thing i have is faith in Christ, he knows my being and knows money is made to help the gospel not my net worth.

But as always brothers i have come to the same conclusion that i did 2 years ago... pray and he shall answer.

Much love and blessings from a fellow saint and in prayers i will have your wife's situation paul. Keep me in your prayers i am true need of them :) God bless!

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/9/5 21:39**

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May God bless you and keep you, dear brother. Thank you. We covet the prayers of the saints.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Brother Paul

**Re:, on: 2008/9/5 21:56**

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I'm praying also. I had the same thing when I was pregnant with all five kids so I know what she's going through. My oldest is 16 and my youngest is nine now. I just got back from their high school football game. Time flies and life is so short.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/9/5 22:50**

Quote:  
-----I'm praying also. I had the same thing when I was pregnant with all five kids so I know what she's going through.  
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Thank you, dear sister. I don't want to divert the topic of this thread, so let me just say that we do thank you for your prayers, and I thank everyone here and bless God for the burden to pray.  
  
Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/9/5 23:43**

Out of all of the Word of faith teachers, Kenneth Hagin was probably the most balanced. I do not agree with all of his teachings, but I benefited from his ministry. Toward the end of his life, he denounced many of the excesses that were taught by many of the "faith teachers". Kenneth Hagin had some excellent teachings on the blood of Jesus, and the name of Jesus.  
  
Mike

**Re: Kenneth E. Hagin, on: 2008/9/6 12:08**

Hagin may have been the most influential father of the modern word of Faith movement. He adapted the idea that our Words control God, and by the speaking of them, we control our destiny. This is a fundamental doctrine in the "Word of Faith".

"In the tongue their is the power of life and death.", was the mantra, but Hagin espoused these principles without a cross. A crossless Gospel, that in the end, was all about the Bride, rather than the Bridegroom.

Out of these, naturally came the "Prosperity Gospels", of Happiness and wealth as the end all, for after all, we are the head, and not the tail!.... The Bible is the Word of God, so All you need to do is to speak it!... and the life in it can work for you!...and God forgive if you ever have a negative faith confession! You are destroying yourself with your tongue!

Of course, there is an element of truth in this, as there always is heresy, but fundamentally, The Lordship of Jesus was transferred from our responsibility and worship unto Him, to our responsibility to our own word faith, which could change the very fiber of the Universe itself, unto our favor, or displeasure.

This is a Babylonian idea, and unChristian in nature, and is akin to a form of witchcraft, similar to guided imagery. Hagin was influenced by A. W. Kenyon, some what of a philosophical mystic.

There was a day when multitudes, and I mean millions of Christians guarded their lips, to beware lest a slip of the tongue would set them back! Sick people would respond when asked of their well being in a simple, "How are you?"..."I'm healthy, I'm prosperous and happy in Jesus!"

You couldn't get a straight answer from anybody. Everyone was on the positive confession train. No one would dare confess weakness, or struggles.....many, many people on their death beds died, with a positive faith confession through to the end. Christians then began to meld into the prophetic realm, to DECLARE these positive faith confessions over others.

The "Prophetic" pathetic got a hold of this, and again, MILLIONS were held spellbound by the wacky heresies. It was all about your confession and prayers, and the world was your apple, just a syllable away.

In '99 I went to Jerusalem, and beheld a Messianic group do "THE DEVIL HOP", on the devil's head, as they chanted rebukes to him. All they had to do was SAY it. This is how many dealt with problems and warfare; all stemming from Hagin's positive word of Faith ideas.

This we see today, in the mania swirling around Todd Bentley, as so called Apostles and Prophets, declared a "FAITH CONFESSION" prophesy over him. All bogus, all self serving, but I submit to you, that the roots go all the way back to Hagin. You just declare it, and it is, because it's the Word of God and Faith! Bentley himself was obsessed with these radical ideas about himself, and declared all kind of things "in the spirit realm..", as did the Apostles and prophets around him. All lies, but stemming from the roots of word of Faith, fathered by Hagin.

He was a founding father of the doctrinal stances TBN adapted, and was affectionately called, "PAPA HAGIN" in honor of him. This crew has massacred millions in their power and wealth lusts.

He founded a bible college, called "RHEMA", that taught the young to follow in these doctrines. Good job, Kenneth.

You asked my thoughts. I think that I would not want to be in His shoes on judgement day. God knows.

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**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 13:00**

Tom said;

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I was going to say "better be careful in your shotgun indictments that you offer no proof or text quotes from a man that loved Jesus with all his heart"

You definitely never knew much about Hagen.

But I think Wigglesworth's warning fits better than anything I would have to say about blatant trashing of another's salvation.

"To another discerning of spirits" (1 Cor. 12:10). There is a vast difference between natural discernment and spiritual. When it comes to natural discernment you will find many people loaded with it, and they can see so many faults in others. To such the words of Christ in the sixth chapter of Luke surely apply, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" If you want to manifest natural discernment, focus the same on yourself for at least twelve months and you will see so many faults in yourself that you will never want to fuss about the faults of another. In the sixth of Isaiah we read of the prophet being in the presence of God and he found that even his lips were unclean and everything was unclean. But praise God, there is the same live coal for us today, the baptism of fire, the perfecting of the heart, the purifying of the mind, the regeneration of the spirit. How important it is that the fire of God shall touch our tongues"

David

**Re: Kenneth E. Hagin - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/9/6 13:28**

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Well no matter what preachers do, we should look to scripture and see what Jesus did. Then you will not go wrong.

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?vILs6oVZCcPg&eurlhttp://video.aol.com/video-detail/being-protected-from-deception-by-zac-poonen-clip-2/4197896830?icidacvsv1>) What did Jesus preach?

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v89HGjhl0Kvg&featurerelated>) what church to go too? (or fellowship or school)

**Re:, on: 2008/9/6 13:44**

I never met Hagin, nor did I meet Bentley or Benny Hinn. I was asked to give my thoughts on him, and I did. I think he was deceived, and somewhat of a wolf. Bad and unscriptural doctrine swirled around the man. That is indisputable. I have seen him preach many times, and read his books, beginning in the early 70s. I have been in the ministry with graduates of Rhema who were my friends.

I don't claim to have supernatural gifts to you; but I am called to judge a man's fruit and doctrine. IN MY

THOUGHTS, and OPINION, He has erred grievously in both departments. I will declare this to all I meet, if I think it will be helpful. Perhaps, or evidently you support Hagin somewhat. That is your right. I think he was in lots of error, as I spoke.

I also stated, very clearly, the fundamental doctrine, and defined the fruit of it, as I see it. It's awful, and drives one away from dependence on Christ, and His cross. This is evil.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/9/6 13:54**

Quote:

-----But I think Wigglesworth's warning fits better than anything I would have to say about blatant trashing of another's salvation.  
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Who is trashing who's salvation here? There are legitimate reasons to warn others of Hagin and others of his ilk, the same way Paul warned the churches of people like Hymeneus and Alexander the Coppersmith. I would also warn people about following Wigglesworth, and anyone else who places an unbalanced and inordinate affection on gifts - which are totally *obnoxious* without fruit. In my estimation, the church has more than its fair share of Wigglesworth wannabe clones and prophecy-speakers that are completely out of step with God. They lead multitudes astray, they embarrass the church of Jesus Christ, they embarrass my Father.

Even if a man raises the dead before my eyes and speaks a pot of gold into existence, I would not follow him nor boast of him nor emulate him. We follow the invisible, in-dwelling Jesus Christ, and we seek Him in the purity of His Word, and nothing else. The Christ revealed in scripture Who takes up His abode in our hearts is meek, quiet, patient. His way for us is the way of the cross, of suffering and crucifixion outside the camp - into the garbage dump no one wants to go to. Everyone instead wants to speak of miracles and gifts; of speaking your destiny into existence and enjoying the good life on earth. This is what men like Hagin encapsulate with their doctrine, and it is so totally antithetic of the agony of the cross and the true way of God.

It's gotten to the point where I can't even hear about the boasts of Wigglesworth and Lake and Woodworth-ETTER from men who themselves know absolutely nothing about the way of God and the cross, of death to self-will and the sharing in the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ. It's all an annoying clamour, clouds without rain.

What if I were to tell you the truth that not many Christians *are even called into full-time ministry*, let alone to work miracles? Yet people speak of Wigglesworth and say this is the norm; they swear by the doctrine of Hagin and Wigglesworth and others and yet they've never seen even one miracle or spoken even one thing into existence though they've read all the books by the greatest gurus - it's all theory and doctrine and scriptures wrested out of context to conform to a one-size-fits-all superchristian portrait. But the Lord does not operate this way.

If this post seems a little acerbic it's for a reason; I've lost friends to this stuff. Men of God who had so much potential if they could only let go of this perversion (for I know of no other word) with gifts and miracles and word of faith garbage. It's like a cancer that spreads and eats away at their reason and rots them from the inside out. It constipates the true work God wants to do in their life - and when they read the Word they read it through miracle-lenses and fingerpointing and claiming. This proves to be an unwholesome study practice, and they never seem to benefit or grow from it. I know this because I hear them preach and teach, and the deep, transforming authority of God is never in their words.

With many of my friends I can't even talk about Puritan literature with, they know nothing of the doctrines of grace and mortification; they can't digest even the smallest morsel of the real meat God would feed them because they are already so full of this spiritual junk food.



**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 14:02**

I watched the video. (I knew it would trash something) and here is a video of poonen.  
Poonen is lopsided in that he emphasizes the false prophet.  
Most of poonens indictment indict himself. His error is emphasizing the faults of other ministers.

Go watch that same video again and notice 1/2 of it he grandises and promotes himself.

think about it. Poonen will have to promote himself to distance himself away from his own indictments.

(they do this and that. But look at me. I am as spotless as Jesus himself)  
Do you see how poonens very words expose his own error? He is obsessed with the faults of other ministries! (error by emphasis)

This will be more and more prevalent as this "exposing " ministries evolve.

wigglesworth said it best;

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David

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 14:05**

Paul said, "who is trashing who's salvation"?

Read Toms words

"I think that I would not want to be in His shoes on judgement day. God knows."

David

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 14:09**

Paul said,

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Are you sure about that? Absolutely nothing?

More shotgun indictments

David

**Re: Kenneth Hagin's Warning - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/9/6 14:21**

By J. Lee Grady  
Charisma Magazine

Before he died in 2003, the revered father of the Word-Faith movement corrected his spiritual sons for going to extremes with their message of prosperity.

Charismatic Bible teacher Kenneth Hagin Sr. is considered the father of the so-called prosperity gospel. The folksy, self-trained “Dad Hagin” started a grass-roots movement in Oklahoma that produced a Bible college and a crop of famous preachers including Kenneth Copeland, Jerry Savelle, Charles Capps, Jesse DuPlantis, Creflo Dollar and dozens of others—all of whom teach that Christians who give generously should expect financial rewards on this side of heaven.

Hagin taught that God was not glorified by poverty and that preachers do not have to be poor. But before he died in 2003 and left his Rhema Bible Training Center in the hands of his son, Kenneth Hagin Jr., he summoned many of his colleagues to Tulsa to rebuke them for distorting his message. He was not happy that some of his followers were manipulating the Bible to support what he viewed as greed and selfish indulgence.

Those who were close to Hagin Sr. say he was passionate about correcting these abuses before he died. In fact, he wrote a brutally honest book to address his concerns. *The Midas Touch* was published in 2000, a year after the infamous Tulsa meeting.

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Many Word-Faith ministers ignored the book. But in light of the recent controversy over prosperity doctrines, it might be a good idea to dust it off and read it again.

Here are a few of the points Hagin made in *The Midas Touch*:

1. Financial prosperity is not a sign of God’s blessing. Hagin wrote: “If wealth alone were a sign of spirituality, then drug traffickers and crime bosses would be spiritual giants. Material wealth can be connected to the blessings of God or it can be totally disconnected from the blessings of God.”
2. People should never give in order to get. Hagin was critical of those who “try to make the offering plate some kind of heavenly vending machine.” He denounced those who link giving to getting, especially those who give cars to get new cars or who give suits to get new suits. He wrote: “There is no spiritual formula to sow a Ford and reap a Mercedes.”
3. It is not biblical to “name your seed” in an offering. Hagin was horrified by this practice, which was popularized in faith conferences during the 1980s. Faith preachers sometimes tell donors that when they give in an offering they should claim a specific benefit to get a blessing in return. Hagin rejected this idea and said that focusing on what you are going to receive “corrupts the very attitude of our giving nature.”
4. The “hundredfold return” is not a biblical concept. Hagin did the math and figured out that if this bizarre notion were true, “we would have Christians walking around with not billions or trillions of dollars, but quadrillions of dollars!” He rejected the popular teaching that a believer should claim a specific monetary payback rate.
5. Preachers who claim to have a “debt-breaking” anointing should not be trusted. Hagin was perplexed by ministers who promise “supernatural debt cancellation” to those who give in certain offerings. He wrote in *The Midas Touch*: “There is not one bit of Scripture I know about that validates such a practice. I’m afraid it is simply a scheme to raise money for the preacher, and ultimately it can turn out to be dangerous and destructive for all involved.”

(Many evangelists who appear on Christian television today use this bogus claim. Usually they insist that the miraculous debt cancellation will occur only if a person “gives right now,” as if the anointing for this miracle suddenly evaporates after the prime time viewing hour. This manipulative claim is more akin to witchcraft than Christian belief.)

Hagin condemned other hairbrained gimmicks designed to trick audiences into emptying their wallets. He was especially incensed when a preacher told his radio listeners that he would take their prayer requests to Jesus' empty tomb in Jerusalem and pray over them there—if donors included a special love gift. "What that radio preacher really wanted was more people to send in offerings," Hagin wrote.

Thanks to the recent resurgence in bizarre donation schemes promoted by American charismatics, the prosperity gospel is back under the nation's microscope. It's time to revisit Hagin's concerns and find a biblical balance.

Hagin told his followers: "Overemphasizing or adding to what the Bible actually teaches invariably does more harm than good." If the man who pioneered the modern concept of biblical prosperity blew the whistle on his own movement, wouldn't it make sense for us to listen to his admonition?

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I have heard hundreds of messages given by Kenneth Hagin in the 70's and 80's. Brother Hagin was a man of integrity. While I do not agree with all of his teaching, I am thankful for his life and ministry.

Mike

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/9/6 14:21**

Quote:  
-----Are you sure about that? Absolutely nothing?  
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Yes, because if they had even the smallest understanding, they would not lean on the things they lean on, they would not inordinately endorse these doctrines - and they certainly would not condone the teachers who spread it.

With these you can see a pattern: the disregarding and fault-finding antics (a stubborn form of defense) pointed toward teachers who promote healthy doctrine, and an earnest rationalization to protect the integrity of those who promote dangerous doctrine.

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 14:22**

Bottom line,

If you want to discuss Hagin's shortfall or error.

Give a direct quote from the man, prove your point.

But anyone wants to trash the man on an across the board basis.....You need to put yourself under the same microscope.....and people like Poonen.

Start a thread on Poonen's errors and watch the wrath of his followers fall on your head.

I happen to like Hagin, and dislike most of the Hagin clones.

If we are going to criticize, let's do it with facts?

"To another discerning of spirits" (1 Cor. 12:10). There is a vast difference between natural discernment and spiritual. When it comes to natural discernment you will find many people loaded with it, and they can see so many faults in others. To such the words of Christ in the sixth chapter of Luke surely apply, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" If you want to manifest natural discernment, focus the same on yourself for at least twelve months and you will see so many faults in yourself that you will never want to fuss about the faults of another. In the sixth of Isaiah we read of the prophet being in the presence of God and he found that even his lips were unclean and everything was unclean. But praise God, there is the same live coal for us today, the baptism of

fire, the perfecting of the heart, the purifying of the mind, the regeneration of the spirit. How important it is that the fire of God shall touch our tongues.

David

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/9/6 14:28**

I think Poonen says it best when he shares about preaching healing, Jesus never preached one single sermon on healing, he healed thousands, but never preached on it, today we have thousands preaching healing, not many actually doing it.

Jesus message was much different from Hagins,

Here are two messages i want you to take time to listen to David,

(<http://artkatzministries.org/decade-of-the-nineties-1-of-3/>) Decade of the nineties part 1 by Art Katz

(<http://artkatzministries.org/decade-of-the-nineties-2-of-3/>) decade of the nineties part 2 by Art Katz

especially part two Katz shares about the signs and power vs the doctrine and discerning in the last days.

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 14:48**

It would appear according to the word that signs and wonders are the test of Gods presence.

1Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

3How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

29And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word

30By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common

3Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Three of many many instances where signs and wonders followed true believers

Do they follow us? Are we true believers?

David

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/9/6 14:50**

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Jesus said that "he that has seen me has seen the Father". (John 14:9).

"Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." (John 5:19).

So Jesus never preached a sermon on healing, yet He only did the will of the Father, and He healed the sick.

Jesus also said that those that believe in Him would do the same works that He did and greater, because He would be going to the Father.

Healing is a inseperable part of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you don't believe this then you will not experience this in your life, but if you do believe that healing is for today, then you will not only recieve healing, but you will be praying for people to be healed, and bearing fruit in this area.

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Now what on earth am I to glean from such an inspired statement?

We should reject healing?

We should never teach healing?

Healing is evil?

Jesus gave his disciples the gift of healing but never said the word healing to them for fear it would be a sermon?

Since there is the omission of healing "sermons"

we can form a doctrine against all healing?

Do I sense an agenda here?

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1Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

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4And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

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Lets see, we are commanded to raise the dead.  
but did Jesus give a sermon on raising the dead?

David

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 15:23**

Part of the problem here is lumping Kenneth Hagan in with his followers.

You will be hard pressed to find quotes from him personally that are worth discrediting his entire legacy.

Just like trying to discredit Finney over thee abuse and error of his followers.

They are men.  
Give credit where credit is due.

David

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Poonen said Not one "sermon on healing"

I am currently looking for "one sermon" on the cross

So far I have found zero (by Jesus)

(in Poonens context)....remember,it has to be a "sermon"

I wonder if sermons on the cross pass poonens litmus test?

David

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/9/6 15:54**

Mat 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

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Actually, every word in inspired scripture is through Jesus - the Word made flesh - and this includes the theology in the book of Romans, Hebrews, Galatians, every epistle by Paul, John, Peter, or James.

This is what happens you when strain the gnat and swallow the camel.

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/9/6 16:10**

Actually, every word in inspired scripture is through Jesus - the Word made flesh - and this includes the theology in the book of Romans, Hebrews, Galatians, every epistle by Paul, John, Peter, or James.

That is not the challenge Poonen made. He specifically said Jesus himself, speaking.  
(a sermon from Jesus' lips)

Remember ....a sermon

There is an obvious agenda in that challenge.

David



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Yes and I would not attempt to discredit the cross or any sermon on the cross!

My point is, does this "poonen litmus test" discourage the sermon on the cross?

Those passages you quoted are not sermons.

David

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/9/6 16:14**

Ugh ...

David, once again you have brought havoc to a discussion with your peevish affrontery. Have you not noticed how often it comes about? At every challenge to one of your 'favorites' it's down into the gutter for a slug fest.

You are hypocritical, obstinate, bitter, biting and sarcastic. You cannot carry on a conversation without resorting to such tactics, it's gotten old and weary. Change your tact or just move along ...

Thread locked for the time being ...