

# False Teachings of Neo-Orthodox Theologians

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Modern theology sometimes called the Neo-orthodox theology is constantly changing. People want all restrictions removed. They want to "do their own thing." This is being accomplished by redefining the terms to suit their own desires. Clinton's redefining a sexual relation is a good example.

## **New Bible Versions**

We have discussed in the article on **Bible Versions** the changes in the Bible words that have occurred in the new translations. For example, the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible has replaced the word "**fornication**" and its variations with the word "**amoral**", a drastic dilution in the specifics of the action. The word translated as "**perfect**" in the King James Version (KJV) has been redefined to be "**mature**." When the Lochman Foundation, which has the copyright to the New American Standard Bible (NASB), was asked why the change, they said: "To tell someone he must attain perfection, an impossible goal, lowers his self esteem, but he can reach maturity. We are sure this is what God meant." There are over 5000 changes from the KJV to the new translations. Most of the changes do not change the overall meaning but have a diluting and weakening effect. Essentially all the changes have been accomplished by changing the definitions given in the new Hebrew and Greek dictionaries, thereby, changing what is being taught in the seminaries. The new pastors are simply repeating what they have been taught. They do not realize they have been fed a bill of goods, they truly believe they are right. These changes brought about by the new theology are easy to trace because they have been written down and published. One of the most disgusting changes is the selective use of Bible validity. One Seminary professor stated "the Bible is always right, BUT if your interpretation of the Scripture disagrees with the fundamental truths we have derived from history, science and nature, then your interpretation is in error. You can not take the simple meaning of Scripture literally." This definition rules out the validity of the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection because these events certainly conflict with what we have learned from history, science and nature. Without the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection one does not have a Christian belief. This same group also rejects the miracles of the Bible. If the Bible is not inerrant (See **Inerrancy**) then who decides which part is not correct. This is how the new morality has been "justified." However, other changes are being delivered from the pulpit and are harder to pinpoint. Many pastors are not evangelistic. They teach the Word, but their teachings are usually oriented toward the Christian Life or topical or Bible book studies. These teachings **do** feed the believers, but seldom result in people coming to the Lord and making a real commitment. Many times these churches do not give altar calls or invitations to accept Christ. They usually have members join by filling out a form and putting it in an offering plate or leaving it at some designated place at the end of the service. I have found in many instances, the pastor believes in election (see article on **Election**) which states that God chose who would be saved and the others lost, implying that a choice by the individual is not needed. I believe this is a false doctrine. God knew what decisions and sins you would commit before the beginning of time, if not then the blood of Jesus could not have covered all your sins. He had a foreknowledge of who would come to the cross, but He gave man a freewill and man must make the decision. If this is not the case, then why did He require Jesus to go to the cross if He had predestined the outcome for all individuals? Did God really mean that He wanted "none to perish."**1**

Another false teaching is the Dominion Now doctrine of so many of the televangelists and "modern" churches. They teach that God owes you a good and financially successful life. Just send in your money and you will be rewarded. God loves you and wants you to be happy and forgives your sins, but you still bare the consequences of your actions. He has given you the greatest gift imaginable, your salvation, but you must make the decision to accept it. He does not force it upon you. Pastors have found that people like this type of teaching - "**no condemnation**" - "**just love and happiness**" - "**all will be saved in the end**." These churches are growing at a high rate - but there are few conversions and they are fulfilling prophecy.

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. Endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Timothy 4:3-5**

**I think their Scripture basis for these teachings can be found in Hezekiah 3:10-29. ?? ;-)**

## **Keep the Brethren Busy**

Many of these churches have all manner of programs to keep the brethren busy. They sponsor softball teams, basketball teams, golf tournaments, weight watchers programs, dining clubs, and all manner of social activities, but they are shy on after hour Bible studies and seldom teach any prophecy subjects. I was in one Baptist church where the pastor gave a superb sermon on the Second Coming of Christ. He indicated that Christ could come at any moment, very soon. Then he said "before I give the invitation I have an announcement. Would the 25 year planning and building committees please meet with me this afternoon." By his announcement, he indicated that he didn't really believe Christ was coming soon. It certainly turned off the effect of his sermon. These other church activities are supposed to bring believers together, but they have the same effect as a Little League bringing together parents for fellowship.

## **Substitution Theology**

There is also a theology called "**Substitution Theology**." This teaching states that the church has replaced Israel in God's eyes, and all the prophecies will be fulfilled through the church. This is totally against the Scripture. An example: Ezekiel states that God will return all the Israelites to the Promised Land at the end times. If the church is substituted for Israel then there will be over 1 billion people in the Land of Israel. That is about 200 square feet **total** for each person. The population density for all Jews in Israel would be approximately 15,000 square feet per person. This comparison is ridiculous, I know, but it shows the results of making such a statement. All through the Old Testament, when Israel disobeyed or strayed from God, He referred to them as being adulterous. Adultery is when someone is married or two have chosen each other for a lifelong commitment. God implied that He had chosen Israel and their union was similar to a marriage. The church is always referred to as the **Bride** of Christ. The wedding ceremony will take place during the Seven year Tribulation period against the Jews.**2**

If the church has replaced Israel then why are all the prophecies relating to Israel being fulfilled now through the State of Israel? Many of the headlines of the newspapers for the last 50 years have been related to the fulfillment of these prophecies about Israel and the foreign policy of many nations is dominated with the activities transpiring in Israel, particularly since the "peace process" was initiated 5 years ago. Israel has been reformed after 1900 years and the Jews are returning to the Land of Promise. Even the exact parcel of land is being returned, (See **Land of Promise**). God's promises on and to Israel will be fulfilled to the letter to the State and people of Israel not the church.

### **Survivalist Teachings**

One of the newer "doctrines" of some churches and Christian organizations is the tribulation survival teaching. These individuals do not accept that the believers are going to be **raptured** before the **Antichrist** is revealed **3** and before the **Great Tribulation** starts. **4** They are teaching their followers that they should accumulate the arms and food necessary to survive the tribulation period. They ignore Revelation 3:10:

**Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Revelation 3:10 [KJV] ; word of patient endurance, [RSV]**

They indicate that the patience and endurance relates to the tribulation, but the Scriptures state that the believers will be killed not survive by their own devices.**5**

**And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Revelation 20:4**

(See articles on the **Great Tribulation** and **Seals and Trumpets**)

I believe the sequence of events of the end times is as follows:

- 1) The believers are raptured before these tribulations start. **6**
- 2) The Antichrist is revealed. **7**
- 3) 144,000 Jewish Billy Grahams start evangelizing the world. **8**
- 4) The Antichrist comes into power. **9**
- 5) The Tribulation Saints (saved by the words of the 144,000) are "raptured." **10**
- 6) The Antichrist signs the Covenant **11** and the Great Tribulation starts. **12**
- 7) During the Great Tribulation the Church and Tribulation Saints from Revelation 6&7 attend the wedding feast in heaven. **13**
- 8) Christ returns to earth with the heavenly host at the end of the tribulation period. **14**
- 9) Christ puts down His enemies 15 (935 days) and establishes the millennial kingdom **16** with Satan bound in the bottomless pit.
- 10) Satan is loosed and the final battle ensues. **17**
- 11) A new Heaven and Earth. **18**

One should store up his treasures in heaven, not hoard goods in this world. Things could get a lot worse before the rapture. We see the condemnation of the "religious right" in the media everyday. The attacks of the liberals and non-believers on the principles of God - prayer in the schools - removal of parental rights - religious freedoms, etc. Our basic freedoms and rights are being constantly eroded with increased governmental control I believe this is the "patient endurance" required before the rapture.

### **Noah's Flood**

Some accept parts of the Scripture while rejecting others. A good example of this is a series of articles by John Baumgardner. **20**

In these articles Baumgardner goes to great lengths to show the scientific principles involved when Noah's flood caused the Continental Drift (See **Days of Peleg**). He stipulates that the flood actually occurred and the resulting forces unleashed by the flood caused the super continent, Pangaea, to break apart. The moving parts becoming the present day continents. But the flood occurred during Noah's day. **21**

**"Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark - you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. Genesis 6:17-18**

and the Scripture indicates that five generations later, in the days of Peleg, the earth was divided. **22**

**And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. Genesis 10:25 [KJV]**

Baumgardner accepts, literally, that the flood occurred as Scripture states, but rejects the literal statement as to when the earth was divided. The apparent reason for this rejection is that the time for the division of the earth does not fit his theory for the cause of the continental drift.

### **Chronology**

Genesis presents the lineage of the Patriarchs from Adam to Joseph and gives details of their ages and first born. The Scripture is quite specific as to the ages involved, **Figure 1**, ;and there is no time gap or undefined time frame between the individuals named. The first number for each Patriarch is the years from Adam of his birth, the second number is his age when his first son was born, the third number is his age at death and the last number is the number of years since Adam's birth.

However, many "Bible Scholars" reject the idea that this data can be accepted as literally true. One seminary professor indicated that this couldn't be true because "We know from ancient Egyptian history that men were on the earth long before the time line suggested by Genesis." This same professor rejects the idea of the flood and the division of the earth occurring as stated in Genesis. He is saying the Bible is not correct and is rejecting God's Word. If the Bible is God's Word then it is perfect. If Genesis is not correct then is the gift of salvation correct? These theologians are more interested in satisfying their own ego than accepting the Word of God. They believe their opinion is more correct than God's Word and they are the hypocrites that are training our young pastors.

The new theology is leading the religious community into the same apostasy that Christ found at His first advent. He called the religious leaders of His day, hypocrites. **19** They were interpreting the Scriptures to justify their own thinking and actions. They put on a show for the people and they turned the house of worship into a commercial concern, just as the religious leaders of our day are doing.

We must get back to the basics of the Bible and teach the Word as God provided it.

Now that you have read these articles on the web pages, [www.aaronc.com](http://www.aaronc.com) and [www.jp dawson.com](http://www.jp dawson.com) and seen how God works through individuals, through His creation and nature, through countries and history and how He reveals Himself through prophecy it is time to take a look inside yourself.

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2 Revelation 19:7 - 8 [KJV] Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

3 II Thessalonians 2:2 - 4 [KJV] That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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8 Revelation 7:4 - 8 [KJV] And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 Daniel 11:40 - 45 [KJV] And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

10 Daniel 12:1 - 3 [KJV] And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

11 Revelation 10:8 - 9 [KJV] And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. Daniel 9:27 [KJV] And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Return  
14 Matthew 24:29 - 30 [KJV] Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Revelation 14:1 [KJV] And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. Return

15 Daniel 8:13 - 14 [KJV] Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:14 [Hebrew Holy Scripture] And he said unto me: "Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be victorious." Return

16 Revelation 20:1-6 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. Return

17 ~Satan Freed, Doomed Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 18 ~The New Heaven and Earth Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 19 ~Eight Woes Matthew 23:13-29 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and he who swears by the temple, swears by it and by him who dwells in it; and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, Return

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