

INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND CHRISTIAN PRAYER UPDATE (INCPU)



Subject: News clips & interesting info about Joel Hunter's DNC ambiguous 'prayer' ~
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Hello friends and fellow prayer partners,

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Interesting Info on Joel Hunter and the DNC 'prayer'

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Section 1: Intro - Who is Joel Hunter?

First off, we should mention that there is a lot of difference between those who try to teach the truth and someone who is knowingly abandoning the truth. Some pastors in America teach people to fear and obey God, but it seems more of the pastors in our country teach people that they can get away with sinning and loving the sinful pleasures of this world. Bible-believing pastors teach people about the fear of the Lord, and to get ready to give an account to a Holy God. Sincere pastors and Bible teachers can and do make mistakes, even though we try not to make mistakes. Also, true Bible teachers are willing to learn from the clear teaching and instruction of the Word of God. That is very different from a false teacher trying to make up stories - they have knowingly rejected the real God and are now trying to invent a user-friendly god.

Examining Joel Hunter ~ a false 'evangelical' leader

You may know his name. You may have seen his face on a commercial about 'evangelicals' against global warming. You may have seen that he led the group of 'evangelical' leaders who wrote a letter to George W. Bush asking him to continue to put cruel pressure on Israel to give away their land to the Muslims, and Joel also signed that letter himself. Or, you may have seen or heard him giving the benediction 'prayer' at the Democratic National Convention, or you might have heard that he supports the 'Hate speech' bill in Congress that is aiming to silence Biblical Christians. So, who is he? In 1985, he came to Florida to start a 'friendlier' church with a 'friendlier' false gospel. Most people think of him as a 'pastor', but, the things Joel says proves that he isn't a pastor. There is a lot of information available about Joel, but in this update, we have tried to simplify it down to the most revealing information. So, in this update, we have many quotes of Joel, and quotes from God's Word, so you can see for yourself what he says and come to your own conclusions, and so you can warn your friends. We know this is a long document, and that is because Joel Hunter is influencing a lot of people on a variety of subjects, that will hurt them and our country. Some of it is repetitive, but it makes a strong case, and there are important points made all the way through the end.

Also, you can find a web-page copy and a Word document format at:

Web page: <http://a-servant.tripod.com/articles/06-07-09.html>

Word doc. format: http://a-servant.tripod.com/False_teachers/06-07-09.doc

In this update, we quote verses from the NKJV and NASB versions, and these verses were copied from: www.blueletterbible.org.

As you read this update, please remember these brief but very important passages:

Jesus said: **“Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.”** (Luke 6:26)

On loyalty to God or earthly possessions, Jesus said: **“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the**

one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [worldly treasures].” (Luke 16:13)

Mark Cahill asks: When you are about to listen to any leader talk about politics or economy, or God’s Word, do you have your guard up or down? Now, when you hear a religious speaker talk about those things, shouldn’t you have your guard up? Yes, we need to have our guards up when we hear any religious speaker. Mark is right. We need to double-check every single thing we hear with God’s Word. This update exposing Joel Hunter is a good example of why we all need to examine the messages in today’s culture.

Joel has been saying wild and wacky things for many years. The next few pages show how confused he was before he became an activist for a one-world-religion, while still claiming to be a Christian. In ‘Section 2’, we have included a transcript of his ‘benediction prayer’ at the Democratic National Convention (DNC) (Page 9).

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Quotes from early papers of Joel Hunter that show how he doesn’t understand the Scriptures

‘Northland’s Mission’ ‘Marks of maturity’ (10/1990) - These 2 quotes give you a picture:

“... 6. The ability to assimilate and use abstract ideas. (I Peter 3:15)...”*

* Where did Joel find that idea in this verse?:

“But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.” (1st Peter 3:15)

>> This verse is about sanctifying Christ as your Lord - like discipleship, and evangelism: **“give an account for the hope that is in you.”**

2nd quote --

*“9. The ability to coordinate all efforts toward a long range life focus. (Rom. 12:1)...***

** Again, where did Joel find that in this verse?:

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” (Romans 12:1)

>> This verse is about being a living sacrifice and commitment to discipleship. But, Joel’s activities through the years show that what this meant to him is a one-world religion with social ambitions.

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‘Northland’s Approach to Cultural Myths’ (9/16/1992):

(Below are 5 groups of quotes from a 2 ½ pages article Joel wrote and passed around. Several years later and after a lot of criticism, they started learning to hide their true beliefs and edited that document. But those ideas still re-define the words that Northland uses. We have it segmented for easy reading, and we contrast what Joel said, and what God's Word says.)

Joel says:

"... If one believes someday Christians will be extracted from this world before it's destruction (premillennialism), [A] then he/she is more likely to begin the separation process now (no use getting attached)..."

[A] - Joel shouldn't scoff at the rapture, 7-year-tribulation/Great tribulation, or at God's complete destruction of this sin-cursed earth.

God's Word says: "... knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' ... The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the Heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness." (2nd Peter 3:4, 9-11)

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Joel says:

"Lastly [Northland's approach], if one believes that when Christ came the first time, He ushered in a new era of His reign in a partial sense and that someday He will transform this world into a new earth as well as a new Heaven (Revelation 21), he/she is more likely to see this culture as perverted, but yearning for what is real..." [B]

[B] - The human sin nature is worse than Joel understands:

"... Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools." (Romans 1:20-22)

And in Romans 3, God says: **"There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside... Destruction and misery are in their ways... There is no fear of God before their eyes."** (Romans 3:10-18)

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Joel says:

Northland's approach is one that recognizes God's sovereignty in the "secular" as well as the "sacred" (the culture's false dichotomy). We do not initially separate ourselves from the culture in which we are placed...

"Now, myths are an attempt to explain some important aspect of human life through an imaginative story... If imagination or pretending is wrong in itself, then myths are wrong to tell. But, if the myth is used as a prelude to interest the elemental mind in finding the deeper story, and if it is clearly conveyed as an intriguing hook to a real mystery, then myth can serve as an introduction to God..."

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[C] - But God's Word teaches that coming out of worldliness is essential for salvation: God's Word says: **"Therefore 'Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.' 'I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.'** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2nd Corinthians 6:17-7:1)

Editor's notes: God is not trying to use old wives tales to explain His Word, and Christians are commanded to avoid myths and old wives' tales:

"But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness." (1st Timothy 4:7)

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Joel says:

"We must not revert to the strict and narrow "religious" ways only (Galatians 3:3). Superstition about God's wrath for all forms of the world can be as damaging as the superstition which takes the myth to the final reality..." [D]

[D] - When Joel said that in September 1992, he flatly rejected the gospel again, because he likes the worldly pleasures of the broad way:

Jesus said: **"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."** (Matthew 7:13-21)

Editor's notes: God's wrath is not a superstition.

Jesus said: **"My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into Hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"** (Luke 12:4-5)

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Joel says:

“But the main concern of the Christian parent should be this - Can I lead my child to Christ through this cultural myth? ... ” [E]

Editor’s notes: The debate at Northland in September 1992, was about santa, halloween, and the easter bunny.

[E] - But God’s Word says: “Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully,…” (2nd Corinthians 4:1-4)

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‘A Church Distributed’ (1998):

This is Northland’s plan to spread their false teaching material and ‘distribute’ their ‘church’. And this idea is not new. Genesis 11:4 - “And they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower...’” for a one-world religion.

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OBJECTIVE: to build a church that will equip and support Christians where they live, yet keep us all linked together in one church (that will also equip and support other churches and ministries of like mission).

STRATEGY: to distribute the teaching, materials, and congregation of Northland all over the world, yet worship together every week. Further, to link with other ministries that desire our help to train and equip people.

TACTICS: take ministry and leadership training transportable through various relationships and forms of media. ...”

Editor’s notes: Northland only offers their curriculum to those who agree to reduce the definitions of God’s Word. That is how Joel finds ‘common ground’ with a variety of false teachers. That is how Joel has done it since he started his ‘distributed church’ - deliberately destroying Biblical churches since 1997/1998. Joel’s program has grown very large and global. Joel is also working with the UN’s international ‘religious’ teams to find ‘common ground’, including as a delegate to ‘Alliance of Civilizations’ forum, and as a delegate to the U.S. - Islamic World Forum in Doha, Qatar. See Section 6, below, for more details.

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Section 2: Joel’s ‘DNC benediction’

Smooth-talking, story-teller

Joel has been well-known for his ‘social gospel’ message for a long time. He is a big advocate for improving the earth and dividing Israel’s land - issues that he says that Jesus would agree with.* He is a smooth-talking, spin-master and story-teller who

cherry-picks Bible verses, while skipping over convicting verses and parts of verses that he doesn't like, and has been doing it for more than 20 years. Joel also supports the pro-homosexual "Hate speech" bill (*see below in Section 6*) - that bill will try to restrict American pastors' Constitutional rights to free speech and freedom of religion. And, as you examine Joel's prayer (*below*), you can see Joel has different definitions for common Christian terms, words like: 'faith', 'God', 'persecuted', 'zeal', 'create', 'peace', 'fear', and 'hatred'.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leFZx3nD8GY&feature=related>

So now, let's look at Joel's recent 'prayer' and benediction at the Democratic National Convention (DNC). Here it is.

Joel's Benediction 'prayer':

(quote) Joel says:

"We are all here to devote ourselves to the improvement of this country we love. In one of the best traditions of our country, would those of you who are people of faith join me in asking for God's help?

"Almighty God, let your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us a reverence for all life. Give us a compassion for the most vulnerable among us - the babies, the children, the poor, the sick, the enslaved, the persecuted - for all of those who have been left out of the 'advantaged world'. Give us a zeal to clean up the environment we have polluted, while we create an economy where everyone who can work can have a job. Help us to honor those who defend our country by working harder and smarter for peace. Help us to counter those that incite fear and hatred, by becoming people who are informed and respectful and are known for the principles and projects that aim higher than merely our own benefit. Guide Barack Obama and all of our leaders to be agents of your will and recipients of your wisdom. And grant that all of us citizens will continually do our part to contribute to the common good, so that we can truly love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Now I interrupt this prayer for a closing instruction. I want to personalize this. I want this to be a participatory prayer. And so, therefore, because we are in a country that is still welcoming all faiths, I would like all of us to close this prayer in the way your faith's tradition would close this prayer. So, on the count of three, I want all of you to end this prayer, your prayer, the way you usually end prayer. You ready? One, two, three:" [everyone yells their god's name, while he says] "in Jesus' name, amen.*

Let's go change the world for good."

[Quoted from:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQyXd33Y1KU&feature=player_embedded]

>> Editor's notes:

First off, Joel lied in the first sentence. It has never been a well-honored tradition in America for all the false religions to get together and pretend to 'pray' to each of their own 'gods'. The pilgrims that founded Jamestown, and our founding fathers came with a fear of God and knew the Bible is true. Since the founding of this

country, there have been 2 groups of people - some who choose the fear of the Lord, and others who choose to love the world's treasures and earthly pleasures. Throughout the centuries, our country has drifted between times where Americans wandered from God, and then God allowed trouble in our nation that brought our nation back to repentance before Him. Genuine repentance is what God wants from us now too.

Joel says; but God's Word says:

* - 'all faiths' - But, are there several ways to God? No, absolutely not - according to Jesus the Messiah - the world's greatest theologian.

Jesus said: "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14:21)

God's Word says: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other Name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

So, Joel and the group of religious leaders with him are trying to create a new god that doesn't exist. The NWO needs a one-world-religion, or they cannot bring all nations together. They also need a religious purpose, like saving the environment and helping somebody who is not 'advantaged'.

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>> A 'zeal to clean up the environment'? Where is that in Jesus' message? God does have a zeal, but it's different from Joel's.

Here is what God's Word says:

"And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, 'Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!' Then His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.'"

(John 2:14-17)

Ø Jesus had a righteous zeal - this was a display of God's holy anger against the hypocrisy of money-minded religious leaders. It would be silly for a real pastor to take up a major message to save the environment, because a real pastor knows how God will destroy this earth - Revelation 21:1. A real pastor focuses on evangelism, discipleship, and praying for the spiritual growth of those in His flock.

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>> A 'reverence for' babies, children, poor, sick, enslaved, persecuted, and the un-'advantaged'? As this report progresses, we will show you more of Joel's 'new' and/or additional definitions for these terms. We don't want to pollute your minds or ours by

directly explaining how the “Hate Speech Bill” redefines those words, like ‘sick’, ‘enslaved’ and ‘persecuted’.

>> Please also notice, there is nothing in this ‘prayer’ about holiness or calling for repentance of sin, or turning from idolatry and the love of this world and sinful pleasures. It is common knowledge that Obama worships a foreign god.

God’s Word says: **“Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”** (Romans 2:4)

Other notes:

Joel’s ‘prayer’ was a New Age religious - New World Order speech to a deity not in the Bible. The New Age religion believes that all ‘faiths’ are ‘equal’ and that contradicts God’s Word in many places. However, this prayer is not as bizarre as the time he gave a Sunday morning speech about what he liked in all of the world’s religions, and then ended with a prayer to some deity thanking them for all of the world’s religions. I wish I still had a copy of that CD. We used to have a copy of that, and then a pastor borrowed it and never returned it. We have found it to be a mystery several times when we had very interesting evidence about Joel’s belief system and misplaced it. I would really like a copy of his rewriting of the book of Acts, where he removed the fear of the Lord. If any of our friends have a copy, please share a copy with us. We have seen a number of examples like this of how Joel has a team of demons that try very hard to hide the evil things Joel is a part of and his false teaching. And, it would not surprise us to someday find that Joel is among the top of the Elites’ list of 26,000 US ‘pastors’ that use the New Age religion to push the ‘New World Order’ system, and are working to unite the ‘churches’ by lessening parts of God’s Word.

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Jesus also said: **“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”** (Matthew 15:8-9)

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Section 3: Joel’s Creation Contradictions

‘Progressive Creationism’ and the Bible

Hugh Ross

Joel Hunter loves to work with Hugh Ross. Hugh Ross was scheduled and probably did speak at Northland on March 25th* and April 29th**. And Hugh Ross is scheduled to speak again at Northland on June 24th*** and has spoken at Northland numerous times over the years.

* <http://www.northlandchurch.net/index.php/calendar/2009/03/25>

** <http://www.northlandchurch.net/index.php/calendar/2009/04/29>

*** http://www.northlandchurch.net/calendar/details/faith_and_science_group

Who is Hugh Ross? Hugh Ross is known all around the world as a distinguished 'scientist', but Mr. Ross holds to distorted 'science' studies and contradicts to the Bible. He has written that he thinks that people only 'criticize him' because they haven't met him and seen his friendly personality... But what does that have to do with the evidence and facts? Below is a quote and a link from a man who exposes Hugh Ross's false teaching - you can go see it for yourself.

"... In fact, Dr. Davidheiser sent a copy of the draft of this booklet to Dr. Hugh Ross for comments. Dr. Davidheiser said that "I think that the honorable thing to do is to send it first to Dr. Ross to ask if he finds any errors of fact on my part. I sent him a copy of the first edition and he had found no fault. He seems to think people criticize him because they do not know what a fine person he is and would not criticize him if they know him personally..." ~ (quoted from <http://www.bible.ca/tracks/b-hugh-ross.htm>)

Over the years, Hugh Ross has changed his wording from 'Theistic Evolution' to 'Progressive Creationism'. That's a clever and deceptive word change, but God hasn't changed His Word. And Hugh Ross is still rejecting the Scripture's account: **"For in six days, the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day."** -Exodus 20:11. Hugh Ross for years has been and continues to be a scoffer - knowing the Word of God and knowing science proves God's account of creation - yet still rejecting the truth and scoffing at those who point out the evidence that proves he is wrong. He sounds scholarly - he uses clever words to call God a liar, but Scripture calls him a fool. In Romans 1:22, God says: **"Professing to be wise, they became fools..."** And in 2nd Timothy 3:7, God describes people like Hugh Ross: **"... always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."** That is bad news - bad news for him and all who listen to him.

Those who believe God's Word, worship a God who is powerful enough to speak and create everything out of nothing, in 6 literal days. We know the Scriptures are true and we know for a fact that what God says, happens exactly how He commanded it to be. Believing God's account of creation is a key principle for Biblical Christianity. **"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God..."** (Hebrews 11:3)

Ken Ham's ministry posted this warning article about Hugh Ross:
<http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2002/0821ross.asp>

And, Ken Ham's ministry posted this warning of the '10 Dangers of Theistic Evolution':
http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v17/i4/theistic_evolution.asp

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Section 4: Israel and the 'New Evangelicals'

Joel's calling for the dividing of the Holy Land

Besides his entertainment and public speaking sides, Joel Hunter is also known for signing a letter to George Bush (a modern-day Balaam) at the end of July 2007, in which he led 33 other so-called 'evangelicals' to ask Bush to increase pressure on Israel to give away parts of the Holy Land, land God gave Abraham and his descendants by covenant. This is what Joel had to say:

www.christianpost.com...evangelical-pastor-ordered-to-leave-israel...

And, here is a quote from the letter by the Joel-led group of 'evangelicals':

"... The letter signed by 34 evangelical leaders - ranging from presidents of some of the nation's top Christian universities and humanitarian organizations, to the editor of a preeminent Christian magazine - acknowledged that both Israelis and Palestinians have rights to the disputed land.

"Historical honesty compels us to recognize that both Israelis and "Palestinians" have legitimate rights stretching back for millennia to the lands of Israel/"Palestine", * states the letter dated July 27th 2007, and published in the New York Times on Sunday. Signers called for a lasting agreement to end the '*tragic cycle of violence*' by guaranteeing both sides '*viable, independent, secure states.*'

"To achieve the agreement both sides will be required to give up some of its demands and reach a compromise." said the evangelical leaders.'

"Israelis and "Palestinians" must both accept each other's right to exist' they stated. ..."

(Quoted from: www.christianpost.com...u-s-evangelicals-shatter-christian...)

* Abraham sent Ishmael away because God said he does not inherit that land (Genesis 21:10-12). And, neither did Jacob/Israel give Esau (Edom - Edomites) that land. Also, of interest, both Esau's family and Ishmael's family started intermingling early on (Genesis 28:9).

Other links on this:

> [Evangelical statement on Israel/'Palestine'](#)

> <http://tzemach.org/weblog/?p=85>

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www.islamonline.net/servlet/Satellite?c=Article_C&cid=1184649356203&pagename=Zone-English-News/NWELayout

> [US 'evangelicals' 'shatter' Christian Zionist misconception](#)

> <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Radio/News.aspx/962>

Editor's notes:

One thing is for sure - Joel and these 'evangelicals' contradict the Bible and ***DO NOT*** represent us Bible-believing followers of Christ across the USA!

Another part of this problem is the false teaching called ‘Replacement Theology’, a false teaching that has come and gone in cycles and has been around for centuries. ‘Replacement Theology’ is a view that somehow the church of the New Testament has replaced Israel, and that God has somehow abandoned Israel and all His promises to them, as a people and nation. But, that is wrong, and when a religious group rejects that many Bible verses, and distorts Revelation, they are making themselves vulnerable to falling for any other strange doctrine too. The religious leaders who hold to that view, likely have an ulterior motive for it, and are ignoring many passages in the law and the prophets, as well as the New Testament. God will still keep His promises and prophecies to Abraham and Israel, with the USA or against us, including Genesis 12:3 - **“I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

Here are just a few more:

To Isaiah, God said: **“He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”** - Isaiah 11:12

And again, God said: **“Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth.”** - Isaiah 43:6

To Jeremiah, God said: **“But, The LORD lives, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.”** - Jeremiah 16:15

And to Ezekiel, God said: **“Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.””**” - Ezekiel 11:7

Please pray: God is fulfilling His promises. The Israelis are trying to re-gather in their land, but there are corrupt business people in our country and in Israel that are trying to take away the land the Israelis brought at top-market prices and land they rightfully won in wars of self-defense. And the global ‘Elites’ are trying to prevent most of the Jewish immigrants from coming to Israel, and even murdering the honorable Jewish people and leading voices that by faith want to keep their land, and restore the people of Israel back to God. We need to make sure that we pray and support the honorable Jewish people in Israel and those who want to go there, and at very least speak up when we see a US leader trying to stop them. The honorable Jewish people need our prayers and our support! Thank you for your part.

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Section 5: Abortion

Joel, when does God say life begins?

Here are Joel's comments in support of the National Institute of Health's (NIH) new draft guidelines for government financing of embryonic stem-cell research as a 'common ground' approach that supposedly respects life at every stage:

"Joel Hunter, Senior 'Pastor', Northland A Church Distributed, Florida":

"I enthusiastically support the NIH's draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They have hit the right balance by limiting funding to particular slated-to-be-destroyed IVF [In-Vitro Fertilization] cells, yet expanding significantly the number of diseases that can be addressed by increasing the number and range of stem cell lines from which we can learn. These guidelines respect life from beginning to end."

http://faithinpubliclife.org/content/press/2009/04/evangelical_catholic_leaders_w.html

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JOEL HUNTER (quote - talking on abortion):

"OBAMA WAS TECHNICALLY RIGHT, THE BIBLE DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY TELL US WHEN LIFE BEGINS - IT'S RATHER IMPRECISE"

<http://stevenjcamp.blogspot.com/2008/08/pastor-joel-hunter-obama-was.html>

>> **Editor's notes:** Joel is obviously confused, but God's Word is clear. Here are just a sampling of verses that Joel doesn't seem to remember:

God's Word says: "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

(Psalm 139:13-16)

>> Biblical poetic language in which God is described as creating life in the mother's womb.

God's Word says: "And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, 'Because I have asked for him from the LORD.'"

(1st Samuel 1:19-20)

God's Word says: "And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your

greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy...’” (Luke 1:41-44)

>> Again, another interesting passage. In this one, it is mentioned twice that John, the baptizer - before he was even born, was aware of Mary’s presence and rejoiced.

And the 6th of the 10 Commandments is:

“You shall not murder.” (Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17)

Also, God’s Word says: **“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”** (Psalm 127:3-5)

>> Concluding notes: Life begins at conception, and God is the one who creates the new life. Children are a gift from God. And the Bible is clear, even in the details, that the baby inside the mother is in fact a living human being, not a ‘fetus’. And that clearly shows all abortions are equal to murder and therefore wrong. Though, God grants forgiveness to those who repent and plead for His mercy. God can and will restore all who humbly repent and forsake their sins.

For, God’s Word says: **“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite [repentant] heart-- These, O God, You will not despise.”** (Psalm 51:17)

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Joel Hunter: Democrats Could "Steal the Title of the Pro Life Party"

(Belief Net blog)

One of the most interesting evangelicals these days is Joel Hunter...

I was therefore a bit surprised when he mentioned during our chat this week that he’s been asked by the Obama campaign to deliver the closing prayer at the Democratic convention. He said yes.

The next surprise was his suggestion that Democrats ***“could arguably steal the title of the pro life party.”***

Huh? How is that possible? Obama is just as pro-choice as any other Democratic nominee; critics say he’s [the most pro-choice candidate ever](#). Hunter makes a practical argument: ...

“With eight years of Bush the abortion rates have not declined. Every indication is that with financial support and different forms of supporting pregnant mother and then some post birth help also we could come close to 50% reduction in abortions. That’s huge. That’s huge.”

Continuing with the same culture war paradigm is therefore morally dubious. ***“If we insist on keeping this an ideological war we’re literally not saving the babies we could save. The Democrats have a huge opportunity here to really steal the thunder from those who are seen as traditionally pro life.”***

He’s pessimistic that the Democratic Party would go far enough to really take advantage of the opportunity, though he does think the new platform took a step in

the right direction. He was consulted by the Obama campaign, and believes that on balance "*philosophically this is a huge move*" because it put the party on record supporting certain abortion reduction measures such as maternal health and adoption support...

He says, abortion is the number one issue keeping evangelicals from embracing him [Obama]..."

<http://blog.beliefnet.com/stevenwaldman/2008/08/joel-hunter-democrats-could-st.html>

As you read this report, you will notice Joel in these verses:

"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds." (2nd Corinthians 11:13-15)

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Section 6: Alliances

Joel: Uniting the World's Churches and Religions

Joel shouldn't be uniting the world's churches and religions, but he is, and has been for more than 10 years. Joel pressures and pushes churches, in the US and around the world, to reduce the amount of the Bible they believe and agree with, so they can find 'common ground' with false teachers, cults, and false religions. Here are a few articles that show Joel working to unite the religions, and going against the truth.

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For 2008 and 2009, Joel Hunter was a participant on the UN's board of 'Alliance of Civilizations' for the 'National Association of Evangelicals' - a false 'conservative' group that rejects key parts of the Bible.

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<http://aocistanbul.org/data/AoC%20Forum%20Report%20Madrid%20complete.pdf>

Joel has also been a delegate to the U.S. - Islamic World Forum in Doha, Qatar - seeking 'common ground' with Islam. ~ http://www.northlandchurch.net/main/staff/dr._joel_c._hunter

Editor's notes: it looks like Joel will spend a lot of time standing at the "Great White Throne" judgment while so many of his judgments are added up.

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Where Obama turns for spiritual advice: Rev. Joel Hunter of Longwood

(Orlando Sentinel)

"He doesn't thunder from the pulpit in righteous rage. He'd rather relay stories that make a moral point... What the soft-spoken Rev. Joel Hunter of Longwood does have is an 'evangelical church' of 12,000, a talent for building diverse coalitions and a

prominent spiritual advisory role in the administration of President Barack Obama, a Democrat. ...

Along the way, the 60-year-old pastor has sought alliances with Catholics, Jews and Muslims and irritated some traditional evangelicals, who worry that too much emphasis on social issues would nudge the Gospel to the sidelines...

Four decades later, when the nation's first black 'president' asked Hunter to join the White House's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Hunter felt a particular pride. ...

"It's almost like redeeming that [past]," Hunter said. "I'm sensitive to those people who aren't the 'religious type,' but who have incredible God-given gifts and could be a gift to a church."

In 2006, the Christian Coalition – the conservative lobby founded by Pat Robertson – invited Hunter to take the reins.

Hunter hoped to expand the group's agenda beyond fighting abortion and gay marriage. His idea was to embrace environmentalism as an act of caring for God's creation and to redefine pro-life" to include poverty and hunger. ...

Two years later, the pastor was giving the closing benediction at the Democratic convention in Denver. He concluded his prayer in an innovative way, asking spectators to speak the blessing they would use in their own faith traditions. ...

The sociologist at Rice University credits Hunter with "***great pastoral gifts***" and a style that resonates with many who want to look past endless brawls over religious hot-button issues.

"It seems he has been scratching an itch that others hadn't noticed," Lindsay said.^[A]

But some evangelicals did notice his unorthodox, all-inclusive prayer.

Bob Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church Markham Woods in Lake Mary, said Hunter missed a chance to tell the Democratic convention that "***Christ is the only savior.***" ...

"Jesus said the way is narrow," Parker said. ...

Hunter said he has no plans to pursue politics but looks forward to working with Catholic, Jewish and Muslim leaders on a national level to address social ills, as he has done locally.

Imam Muhammad Musri, president of the Islamic Society of Central Florida, speaks glowingly of Hunter and his wife. The imam sees little difference between the relatively unknown pastor who reached out to him about 15 years ago and the man who recently made the front page of *The New York Times*.

"I've seen him increase in humbleness and generosity," Musri said. ***"Even after September 11, when it wasn't very popular to talk to Muslims, he stood by us and spoke kindly about us from the pulpit." ...***

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orl-joel-hunter-041209,0,7417058.story>

>> **Editor's notes:** As you can see, Joel Hunter doesn't know much about Biblical Christianity.

[A] - This is a fascinating quote, because God's Word says:

"For the time will come when they [false brethren in churches] will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching

ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (2nd Timothy 4:1-4)

But, God’s Word says: “For what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Satan, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols?” (2nd Corinthians 6:14b-16)

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(quote from the FUSE website)

“Additionally, as a delegate to the US-Islamic World Forum held in Doha, he [Joel] is seeking to build a dialog between Muslim and Christian communities. Grist magazine named him among the top 15 religious environmental leaders in the world, along with the Pope and the Dali Lama.”

(clip about Joel Hunter on the FUSE About us - Advisory Board page. FUSE = ‘Faiths United for Sustainable Energy’ ~ <http://www.fusenow.org/about/advisoryboard.html>)

Jesus said: “**Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.**” (Luke 6:26)

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Who Is Joel Hunter, and Why Is Obama Praying with Him?

(Time Magazine)

As Joel Hunter explains it, his telephone prayer session with Barack Obama on Tuesday, roughly 10 hours before Obama was declared winner of the presidential election, was not intended to be as intimate as it ended up. Obama, says Hunter, “**just wanted to pray with some folks,**” and his religious liaison arranged a conference call with Hunter, Dallas Pentecostal mega-pastor T.D. Jakes, Houston Methodist minister (and George Bush favorite) Kirbyjon Caldwell and Otis Moss II, the retired pastor of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland. But Obama was delayed, Jakes had to appear on live TV, and Caldwell had to board a plane, explains Hunter; so the candidate ended up praying with just Moss and Hunter.

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Though he says he has prayed with Obama twice before, Hunter adds, “**I find it hard to believe that I’m in the inner prayer circle.**” ...

[Joel says] “**If we look hard enough, we can find suitable arrangements that really do protect both sides.**” He adds, “**If you don’t get into conversations that have never been entered into before, you will not win the kind of progress that has never been made before.**” ...

Thus Hunter also plays down another potential bone of contention between the new President and Evangelicals – Obama’s July 2007 pledge to Planned Parenthood that “**the first thing I’d do, as President, is sign the Freedom of Choice Act**” – a bill that could wipe out many of the inroads conservatives have made into strict interpretation of *Roe v. Wade*. “**I think [the FCA] is a horrible idea,**” Hunter says. “**But it’s just a bill in committee,**” and it would take time to reach the presidential

desk. *"Circumstances and constituencies evolve, so I'm not sure that a promise he made to a particular constituency some time ago will even be relevant in two years."* ...

He may also especially like part of the sermon that Hunter plans to deliver this Sunday to Northland flock. Speaking about Tuesday's election results, Hunter will say, *"God answered your prayers. If you pray, 'God, put who you want in the White House,' and you believe that God answers our prayers, then it is logical to assume that Barack Obama is God's answer to our prayers."* ... "

<http://www.time.com/time/politics/article/0,8599,1857140,00.html>

A simple way to understand Joel is that he rejects and abandons God's Word. God pronounced a woe judgment on those who call evil: 'good', and good: 'evil'. God's Word says: **"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"** - Isaiah 5:20

Jesus said of Himself: **"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him."** - John 7:18

Jesus said to the religious hypocrites - **"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."** - John 8:44

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In a video on Youtube, Joel gives a pre-election speech about how the leaders that get into office are put there by God.* What he fails to point out is that when a nation is rebellious, God allows them to get an evil king. And, in contrast, when a nation is walking in the fear of the Lord, He allows them to have a righteous king. In many ways, we the citizens of the United States for America have chosen really bad leaders and have abandoned our responsibility to hold them accountable for their many actions and policies that contradict God's Word, here in the US and around the world. Our government leaders are given the responsibility to crack down on criminals and commend those who do what's right,** and yet the leaders seem to, for the most part, ignore the crimes. Therefore, it is our responsibility to hold them accountable for their actions. And if we don't, then we will feel the pain of their evil choices. Also, Joel fails to remind people that Obama is not Constitutionally eligible to be President, because he was born in Kenya. So, right now God is directly allowing criminals to run our government - it's time to pray.

* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-9jdJsp3K0&NR=1>

** (See Romans 13:3-4)

>> In the brief little clip above, Joel partially quoted 2nd Chronicles 7:14, which sounded nice and all. He even repeated part of that verse a few times. But, did you notice what he left out? Here's the whole verse **"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."** (2nd Chron. 7:14) Did you notice that Joel left out the part about turning from our wicked ways? Why did he skip it? Joel has shown a pattern for over 20+ years of avoiding subjects like: Hell, sin and rebellion against God, God's justice, confessing and forsaking our sins, repentance, and the "fear of the Lord". Why? Because Joel doesn't want to make the people who come feel uncomfortable and he wants to keep everything 'positive' and inviting to those in the world. But, Jesus' words show people like Joel are blind leaders of the blind. **Jesus said: "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."** (Matthew 12:33-34)

"For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends." (2nd Corinthians 10:18)

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Quotes from a PBS news report about Joel Hunter:

JOEL HUNTER (talking about Christians and politics): *"... We were pretty narrow in what we were paying attention to rather than very broad. Now that wasn't true in Jesus' time, [A] because Jesus was very broad in what he did."*

...

HUNTER: *"I hope that along the way I could be of encouragement in the president's spiritual life [B] because that's what a pastor does, that's what we care about. But beyond that, I'm very excited about working with a very broad spectrum of people to see how our faith communities can really solve the problems, or help solve the problems, of this country. ..."*

www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/february-20-2009/joel-hunter/2279

[A] (Luke 13:24)

[B] **"Every plant which My Heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."** (Matthew 15:13-14)

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Steve Brown

Another of Joel's good friends is the local religious speaker and radio show host - Steve Brown. Steve has spoken at Northland three times this year, and has spoken at

Northland many times throughout the past years.* Steve has also had Joel on his show a number of times.

* <http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source...www.nacdweb.org%2Ffiles%2Fpodcast...>

Below is a helpful brief expose on Steve Brown, by a guy who just finished listening to Steve's 37 lectures on 'Grace' at 'Reformed Theological Seminary'. I encourage you to read this brief but reasoned response to Steve's lack of using God's Word, and questioning why Steve was encouraging the students to do things that contradict the Bible, and common sense. One of the things Steve told his students to do is to cuss - to just do it.* <http://bibchr.blogspot.com/2008/03/steve-brown-2.html>

*** But Jesus said: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever does [obeys] and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 5:19)**

Steve Brown is known for being loose with Scripture. In his book, entitled 'A Scandalous Freedom: The Radical Nature of the Gospel' (2004), he is hard on those who push their views that being gay is wrong. It may be just a 'belief' that Steve is willing to let go of, but God's Word is still clear that homosexuality is a choice and is wrong. About a year ago, a man called into Steve's radio show and told him that he was a homosexual and that his concerned Christian friends were warning him that it was wrong and that he needed to get rid of the sin and turn back to God. This man said that he was beginning to become concerned if they were right. So, he asked Steve if he should listen to their message and Steve told him not to let it bother him. - That is just another example of how Steve Brown doesn't teach God's Word accurately.

Also, Romans 1:18-32, talks clearly about those who practice homosexuality, and how God's wrath is on them for this rebellion against God. This passage also shows how being homosexual is a choice, and must be repented of for the person to be redeemed and be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Because, God's Word says: **"For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man... Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. ... knowing the righteous judgment of God,**

that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” (Romans 1:18, 22-32)

This verse in Revelation 21, explains more: “**But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**” (Revelation 21:8)

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Editor’s notes: Joel, and several other ‘new evangelical’ religious leaders, supports the pro-homosexual “Hate speech” bill - that bill will try to restrict American pastors, and to reduce everyone’s Constitutional rights to free speech and freedom of religion. But the Constitution limits the government, which gives us our freedoms, and we need to stand up for them. Here is the 1st Amendment in the ‘Constitution for the United States’, a section that is also called the ‘Bill of Rights’.

“Amendment 1 - Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression. Ratified 12/15/1791. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances...”
(Quote from “[The U.S. Constitution Online](#)”)

So, why is Joel supporting that bill that is clearly illegal and un-Constitutional?

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Joel Hunter supports the ‘Hate speech’ bill.

‘Leaders of Evangelical Left Endorse ‘Hate Crimes’ Bill’
(‘Life Site News’ article)

WASHINGTON, May 11, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Prominent members of the Evangelical left have endorsed a bill before Congress that would add sexual orientation and gender identity as official categories to "hate crimes" law.

Liberal evangelist Tony Campolo, founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, joined a Capitol Hill rally this week organized by the Human Rights Campaign, a homosexual advocacy group, which also distributed supportive statements by Christian ethicist David Gushee, Sojourners' Jim Wallis and Florida mega church pastor Joel Hunter. The rally additionally touted legislation that would protect trans-sexualism in the work place.

“We Evangelicals who have such a high view of scripture should want justice for gays, lesbians and transgendered persons,” said Campolo, *“Justice is love translated into social policy ... This [legislation] is a chance to practice that love.”*

However, Mark Tooley, President of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, responded to the support of Campolo and the others for the bill, asking,

"Why are self-proclaimed evangelicals echoing the secular culture by endorsing ideologies wrapped around 'sexual orientation' and 'sexual identity'?

"Increasingly the Evangelical Left is indistinguishable from the secular Left."

Critics of hate crimes laws say that they are redundant and attempt to criminalize thought and speech rather than criminal actions. They also warn that clergy and others who support traditional marriage potentially could be prosecuted for "hate" if "sexual orientation" is made to be a protected class...

Tooley further said that *"Christians of all traditions are called to transform the culture, not conform to it. But the Evangelical Left repeats arguments from The New York Times' editorial page and seems to think such cultural conformity will win applause."* He quipped: *"History shows that accommodation-ist Christians are ultimately irrelevant Christians."*

[Editor's note: If you call the leaders below, you probably won't get them on the phone, but the people you talk to and their organizations will realize that Americans hate what their bosses are doing. If you do get a chance to talk to them, please don't get star-struck - these are not heroes. Of course, you need to be polite, but keep in mind that they are enemies of your Constitution.]

To express concern:

> Dr. Tony Campolo

Phone: 610-341-5962

Fax: 610-341-4372

> Dr. David Gushee

Email: feedback@davidpgushee.com

> Rev. Jim Wallis

Phone: 202-328-8842 or 1-800-714-7474

Fax: 202-328-8757

E-mail: sojourners@sojo.net

> Dr. Joel Hunter

Phone: 407-949-4000

Email: info@northlandchurch.net"

(You can find this article at:

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2009/may/09051110.html>)

Other links on Joel's support for the 'Hate speech' bill:

Left-leaning evangelicals misleading young Christians

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Church/Default.aspx?id=528198>

Leaders of Evangelical Left Endorse 'Hate speech' Bill

<http://www.virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php?storyid=10445>

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Joel's group prides themselves on connecting groups and looking for 'common ground'. But, there is a problem there, in that, truth and lies cannot work hand in

hand, and still be truthful. Here is how Northland describes themselves on the EFCA site (quote):

“Northland, A Church Distributed is an interdenominational congregation of 12,000 that worships at several physical sites throughout Central Florida and hundreds of virtual sites worldwide via the Web. Northland is A Church Distributed, arranging the church around the relationships of the congregation and partner ministries, rather than around a physical church building. Completed in August 2007, Northlands 160,000 square foot facilities in Longwood, Florida, serve as a distribution point rather than a destination. Northland's mission is to call people to know and follow Christ and reconnect the church by building relationships, serving and worshipping together.” (www.ecfa.org/MemberProfile.aspx?ID=21254)

One of Joel Hunter's most deceptive methods is using Christian words and changes their meanings. But, this is nothing new with the cults. Cults and cult leaders are constantly using Bible words and lingo to deceive you into thinking that you both agree, while hiding the parts of God's Word that they contradict and/or ignore. Remember in Joel's clever prayer, he included several nice-sounding words, but we have shown you what he really meant. Please go back and read that fake 'prayer' (Section 2), so you can see his twisted definitions, and please share your findings with someone who supports Joel.

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Here are some groups that share Joel's false teaching:

>> White House Appointments:

'President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships'

http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog_post/working_with_faith

>> Board of directors:

'World Evangelical Alliance'

<http://www.worldevangelicals.org>

'National Association of Evangelicals'

<http://www.nae.net>

'The Global Pastor's Network'

<http://www.call2allmedia.org/index.php>

>> Organizing Director:

First Green Bank

<http://www.firstgreenbank.com>

>> Advisory Boards:

'Belhaven College'

<http://www.belhaven.edu>

‘Florida’s Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Council’
http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org/about_faithbased.php

‘Man in the Mirror Ministries’
<http://www.maninthemirror.org>

‘Vision Orlando’
<http://www.visionorlando.org>

‘Vernon C Grounds Institute of Public Ethics’ (Denver Seminary)
<http://www.denverseminary.edu>

>> Guest Lecturer:

‘Reformed Theological Seminary’ - a source of subtle false teaching that is influencing the churches in the US
<http://www.rts.edu>

Joel’s wife, Becky, shares their false teaching with other pastor’s wives around the world. Among the positions that she has had:
Being the former president of the ‘Global Pastor’s Wives Network’ from Jan. 2006 - Jan. 2009. - <http://www.gpwn.org>

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Section 7: ‘The Environment’

Joel: ‘Saving the earth’ and ‘Fighting climate change’

The petition:

The ‘save the planet - call to action’ petition Joel signed:
<http://christiansandclimate.org/learn/call-to-action/>

Joel’s name is on the list of notable US ‘religious leaders’ who signed this.
>> If you want to know which pastors and religious leaders in our country have left the Bible behind and the message of Jesus Christ, and have looked for a new gospel, please look at this list of 200+ religious leaders, and see if you know any of them. If your pastor is on there, please ask him why and have a Bible study with him.
<http://christiansandclimate.org/learn/call-to-action/signatories/>

Joel’s ‘let’s make this world a better place’ - ‘evangelical’ leader commercial:
>> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leFZx3nD8GY&feature=related>

The letter Joel signed about global warming
<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines06/0208-07.htm>

[Editor’s notes: God is still actively showing theses people are lying criminals.]

Snow in London on the day of Gore's 'Global Warming' debate

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2008/10/29/commons_climate_change_bill

<http://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/article-1081135/...October-snow-London-74-YEARS...>

Exxon Mobil now supports carbon tax

'But is it all that surprising?'

www.oldthinkernews.com/Articles/oldthinker%20news/exxon_mobil_now_supports...

Editor's notes: Joel's noise about the environment is also a fake world religion, because many scientists have proven the direct link between solar flares and the earth warming - it goes in cycles. The only reason globalists and corporations are pushing it is because they want to use the fear of 'global warming' or 'climate change' to force Americans to newer higher priced products, when older products work just fine. Those changes also move us more toward the New World Order.

If you want some real humor, research the Freon scandal. The scandal is about DuPont's patent-rights that are expiring, so they are creating the 'urgency' for a 'new Freon' that they hold the patent-rights to.* So, the 'global warming' noise about Freon is generated by a large company whose patent is expiring, and they don't want to lose their huge profits, and because DuPont is a part of the New World Order corporate-overthrow-team. The carbon-dioxide stories are equally scandalous, and the bogus 'carbon tax'** is part of the same 'New World Order' arrangements. For the global 'Elitists', the 'global warming' nonsense is just 'business as usual', and we Americans need to reject it.

* - 'Idaho Business Maligned by the EPA' (article about DuPont and the EPA)

<http://www.zianet.com/web/freon1.htm>

** - Alex Jones - North American Union Carbon Tax Scam

http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/february2007/120207_b_Scam.htm

'Global warming' is another tactic of the Elites to promote their One-World system:

www.prisonplanet.com/obama-pushes-carbon-tax-proposal...

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>> A bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Real Christians would object to everything Joel is doing, if they knew.

(Quote from a PBS interview)

Joel Hunter: "We just try to preach the best we can from Scripture, try to help people where they are in their lives and love them and encourage them [A]—people are desperate for encouragement—and try to help the world get better. And whether

that is about community service or it's about shaping social policy, whatever that's about, we are trying to make this world more like Heaven. [B] Jesus taught us to pray that "thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." So that's what we're trying to do. ..."

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/february-20-2009/joel-hunter-interview/2330/>

[A] - **God's Word says:** "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings."
(Jeremiah 17:9-10)

[B] - **God's Word says:** "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the Heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness."
(2nd Peter 3:10-11)

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Section 8: 'Tickets please':

Joel - Building state-of-the-art entertainment - it's just a show

Joel and his team have recently finished building their new \$42+ million building,* more like an interactive theater atmosphere, with state-of-the-art equipment.** We have heard, from people who have visited Northland, that Joel has shortened his Bible-time section down and it's mostly stories. A curious question - why would a sincere Bible teacher partner with a web-connection company*** to help him spread his message? Joel has been working hard to create his mostly 'clean' entertainment group for many years. He says the things people want to hear. And, Joel and his team have distilled their theatrics, sounds and lights down to a science.**** And the 'show times' are free, though, they do encourage 'donations'. It is not a church - it is a big entertainment franchise - a bogus 'church; a 'feel good' religious club, which we will show more below.

* http://www.northlandchurch.net/main/about/northland_history

** http://www.meyersound.com/news/2007/northland_constellation

*** www.bowmansystems.com/PressReleasesDetail.php?Northland-A-Church-Distributed-Leading-A-Community-Partnership-18

**** http://livedesignonline.com/venues/getting_word_3 (the pictures and description speak for themselves)

Joel started with a small group of worldly-minded people involved in a church split, has grown very popular, and is a high-tech 'pep-talk' and entertainment club. Not much has changed in these last 20+ years. Joel is a very good picture of what is described in 2nd Timothy 3: "**But know this, that in the last days perilous times will**

come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money... traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ... always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was... But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

(2nd Timothy 3:1,2a, 4-5, 7-9, 13)

We've shown you clearly that Joel has evil intent. Years ago, we gave Joel the benefit of the doubt, thinking he was just un-studied, and thought that if you showed him enough Bible verses, he would change. But, he has rejected the truth, because he didn't like it. And God let me know that Joel is leaving, and I understood that to mean that Joel has many serious judgments against his soul. Now, years later, we can clearly see that he is in a lot of trouble with God. We know God will tear down Joel and his popular false gospel system ~ and it will come down with a great crash, as God exposes him as a liar and a false teacher, according to His Word.

Jesus said: “**But everyone who hears these teachings of Mine, and does not obey them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.**” (Matthew 7:26-27)

Did Jesus or the apostles use the best ‘marketing’ tools of their day to get the message of the gospel of repentance and discipleship out? No. Their message was hard to hear, and convicting to our selfish and self-centered desires and perspective, and many scoffed at it. Why? Because the message of Jesus and the apostles was a message of coming to God in humility and genuine repentance, becoming crucified to ourselves, and learning to daily grow in holiness and obedience, and leaving behind idols of every kind.

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Section 9: Finalé:

Other unique facts on Joel, his connections, and his worldview

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Jesus said that there would be things that cause men to stumble, but strongly warned those who would make men stumble:

“Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!" (Luke 17:1)

Jesus also said:

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” (Matthew 23:13)

>> **Editor’s notes:** Jesus’ words exposing the religious hypocrites of His day applies just as well to Joel, for Joel teaches the broad road of ‘acceptance’, and does not teach repentance and what it means to count the cost and become a whole-hearted disciple of Jesus Christ.

God’s Word says: “**These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**” (Jude 1:12-13)

We must remember that God's message to man since man's rebellion against God in the Garden of Eden and when He performed the first sacrifice - men everywhere need to repent, and become disciples of Jesus Christ, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not tell us to create a utopia on earth. Repentance is a primary theme of the Old and New Testament. Here are just a few examples.

God’s prophets:

Jeremiah 6:16; Ezekiel 14:6, 18:23, 18:30; Joel 2:12; Zech. 1:4;

Jesus:

Matthew 3:2; Mark 1:15, 6:12; Luke 13:3,5; Rev. 2:22, 3:3, 3:19;

His apostles:

Acts 3:19, 17:30, 26:20.

And the fear of the Lord is still the beginning of wisdom:

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.” Proverbs 3:7

(See also: Prov. 1:7, 3:7, 9:10; Luke 12:5) -

That is just a few of the many passages in the Bible on fearing God and departing from evil.

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Quotes from a PBS news report about Joel Hunter:

... **HUNTER:** “*There is a whole new generation of young evangelicals that are coming up that really don’t care about any of the labels. I mean, they could care less – Democrat, Republican, liberal, conservative – they don’t care. What they care about is can we change the world for the better.*” [A]

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/february-20-2009/joel-hunter/2279>

[A] - But, God's Word says:

“Do not associate with those who are given to change, for their calamity will rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin that comes from both of them?” (Proverbs 24:21-22)

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)

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HUNTER: “*On the one side, I had a wonderful encouragement especially from non-Christians, you know, and from many Christians who understood what I was doing. I got raked over the coals with a lot of Christians because I didn't hijack [B] the prayer and pray it only for Christians.*” ...

[B] - Editor's notes: ‘Hijack the prayer’? Is Joel praying to Jesus of the Bible or not? No.

God's Word says: “But even if we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8-9)

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HUNTER: “*The idea here that goes through my mind is that this is not the person that I'm going to be answering to. That's a way higher thing, and on judgment day when I stand before God, I'm going to have to answer to what I've said.*” [C]

[C] - Editor's notes: Out of his own mouth, Joel has acknowledged his future judgment.

Jesus said: “But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment.” (Matthew 12:36)

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HUNTER: “*I think what I do is not so different than anybody else except maybe in different circles, but I just live my life as best I can, and I just pray that I'll do God some good.*” [D]

[D] - Editor's notes: Joel pretends that he is doing a lot of good, but his statements hint at many more scandals that we pray will be brought to light in time.

Jesus said: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” (Matthew 23:27-28)

God's Word says: “Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.” (3rd John 1:11)

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In conclusion:

Those who are truly Jesus’ sheep and children of God, will not in any way continue to follow Joel or other false teachers like him.

For, Jesus said: “And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers... But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” (John 10:5, 26-27)

Joel teaches a false gospel - not the gospel message of repentance, faith, and discipleship that Jesus preached.

God's Word says: “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.” (2nd Peter 2:1-3)

And God's Word says: “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2nd Thessalonians 2:9-12)

We know that neither Joel (nor Obama, or Joe Biden) are the anti-Christ, but we can get an idea about the personality and people skills the anti-Christ will have. Joel gets people to abandon righteous principles for smooth-talking agreements to turn away from God and His Word.

