

The “church” of Oprah

Propaganda and Persuasion...Obama and the Occult

Oprah Winfrey is a one-woman entertainment and business empire. Her show, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, is seen by nearly 50 million weekly viewers in over 100 countries. In addition she has *Oprah.com* and its online school/training courses, *O Magazine*, the *Oprah Book Club*, and satellite and network affiliates. *Time Magazine* and *Forbes* have ranked her on their published lists of the most influential and powerful people in the world. She is welcomed into millions of homes each day through television, radio and the internet. Because of her phenomenal and widespread following, *The Washington Post* coined the phrase, “The Church of Oprah”.

She was born in 1954, raised in Mississippi, and attended a Baptist church. She was sexually abused as a child and teenager, lived a promiscuous life, mothered a child out of wedlock (who died in infancy) and then “repented and returned” to speak at churches about her spiritual re-awakening. Clearly, there is nothing wrong or strange with someone rising from a tragic past and becoming a successful and influential business woman. The problem is what Oprah is doing with her influence, power and money. Granted, she is involved in many charitable activities and donates millions of dollars to help others, but her *message*...the primary motive driving her to leverage her position...is one of false doctrine, occult, spiritualism, humanism and New Age philosophy.

She has been heavily influenced over the past several years by many new age authors and practitioners and, in turn, promoted them on her show. She has adopted a pantheistic worldview, not unlike Scientology, and sees her *mission in life* to bring this philosophy to the world. She has openly denied the fact that Jesus is the only way to God and salvation and promoted the “god” within each person. She calls upon the dead spirits of her ancestors for strength and guidance. The authors and books she has promoted on her show and through her book club have risen to bestseller status and continued the propagation of this New Age worldview. A partial list of these books include:

- *Discover the Power Within You*, Eric Butterworth
- *A New Earth* and *The Power of Now*, Eckhart Tolle
- *Eat, Pray, Love*, Elizabeth Gilbert
- *The Seat of the Soul*, Gary Zukav
- *The Secret*, Rhonda Byrne
- *The Course in Miracles* and *The Age of Miracles*, Marianne Williamson

Each of these authors, in various ways, deny the sovereignty of God, deny the exclusive nature and work of Jesus Christ, deny the existence of sin, encourage an inner Self-god, an inner power and a self-actualizing philosophy. They distort and manipulate Biblical/Christian words like miracles, God, salvation, peace and truth.

As far as her infatuation and loyalty to Barack Obama, they are unabashed about their affection and support of each other. She spoke on his behalf and raised millions of dollars during his presidential campaign. She has likened him to a modern day prophet who was divinely appointed for his role, they are both fulfilling their destiny. They both attended the ultra-liberal Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, under the Rev. Wright, an avowed liberal known for his anti-American, anti-conservative and controversial stances on many topics.

This is not an indictment of Oprah as a person, it is a warning against the false teachings and misleading doctrines which she promotes. The bottom line is that, as with many cults and religions, what seems innocent, benevolent and “Christian” on the surface, carries with it philosophies, teaching and worldviews that are diametrically opposed to biblical and orthodox Christian teachings and truths. We need to be vigilant and discerning. *Colossians 2:8, Matthew 16:26, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, 1 John 4:1, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:1*

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