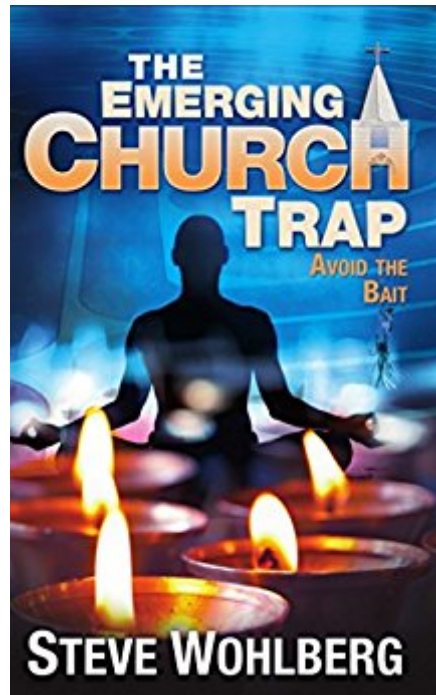


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The Emerging Church Trap: Avoid The Bait



Synopsis

Yet again, author Steve Wohlberg artfully tackles a huge subject in just a handful of words. He brings into focus the seemingly nebulous topic of the emerging church movement by joining Scripture with history. Jesus Himself firmly noted to His disciples: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:4&8211;5). The author makes Christ's solemn warning personal in that "you" not only meant the disciples, but Christ was speaking directly to you, the reader. Emerging church proponents maintain that a change is needed in the church today; otherwise, many will be lost. They believe that changes need to be made in churches today to appeal to the electronically minded and to keep up with the times. Yet the God of the heavens exclaims, "I am the Lord, I do not change" (Malachi 3:6). The changes that emerging church advocates, such as Leonard Sweet, Brian McLaren, Richard Foster, and others, endorse are not really new. In fact, they are steeped in the Eastern mystic philosophies of Hinduism, Buddhism, and especially that of medieval Rome. "Eastern meditation is an attempt to empty the mind," Richard Foster wrote in his book *Celebration of Discipline*. Those partisan to the emerging church doctrine look to Ignatius Loyola, who established the Society of Jesus or the Jesuits, as their founding father. "Inside a cave in Manresa, Spain, Ignatius emptied his mind. The otherworldly impressions did come from a ghostly entity claiming to be the Virgin Mary. That ghost gave directions. 'Fine,' Loyola decided. 'I will obey'" (The Emerging Church Trap, page 24). Christ spoke directly to the danger of emptying our minds in the book of Matthew: "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation." (Matthew 12:43-45)

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Great reminder, on Wikipedia if you type in "emerging church" you will find Seventh-Day Adventists listed there. This is sad news, the devil knows what he is doing for he is in the walls of the church. The great sifting is taking place and we must cling to the Word and the promises found in It. Glory to Jesus Christ Who has overcome.

Steve Wohlberg has hit this one out the park. What an eye opener it is. I have heard about the emerging church. This is a quick read but the information in this booklet will keep you informed about this subject. I highly recommend it.

This is valuable insight into hidden realities of the modern world for any sincere Christian. Many trends in the modern church have moved in this direction for decades and this book helps to get a much better perspective. God calls His people to come out of false doctrines and misleading practices, wherever they are found. No organization is safe from false doctrines and no individual can hope to be discerning enough on their own skill and intelligence. Thank you Steve for reviewing this material so well in a short book.

This is a good book for people interested in some of the strange practices filtering into many churches. There is much more to what is going on behind the scenes than what most would think.

This is an eye opening book which gives the reader a comprehensive summary of the emergent church philosophy and its historical foundation. It also encourages the reader to study the Bible

further in order to show themselves approved of God. Thank you Pastor Wohlberg for allowing God to use you to lift up the trumpet of warning. All Ten Commandment keeping Christians must read this book. May God keep us until He appears in the clouds of glory.

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