Abstract

Nature of Word of Faith (WOF) teaching and practice of healing, in relation to incidence of divine healing.

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Comparison was made between WOF divine healing and that within books comprising Holy Bible content agreed following the Council of Nicea. Discrepancies were identified between WOF divine healing, on one hand, and divine healing as contextualised within the Holy Bible, on the other, most particularly implications from reported commandments in Jesus’ gospel/teaching of His apostles. The problematic WOF divine healing model will be partly rectified by teaching obedience to New Testament commandment to at least regularly help the poor, thereby avoiding reported promised condemnation of those not helping the poor. Incidence of the blessing of divine healing is seriously undermined by WOF failure to teach Christian believers to regularly help/bless the poor.

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Nature of Word of Faith (WOF) teaching and practice of healing, in relation to incidence of divine healing. Dan McConnell’s A Different Gospel declares the WOF a ‘wolf in sheep’s clothing’: its source is not divine, but derived from Mind-Cure (particularly Christian Science and New Thought, which McConnell defines ‘metaphysical’) and demonic. This research into origins of the WOF and also into Mind-Cure helps establish the true origins of WOF healing: the continuance of evangelical divine healing evangelism exemplified by Carrie Judd Montgomery. Comparison was made between WOF divine healing and the Word-Faith teachers, as is true of many other charismatics, believe that Christ provided for physical healing at the cross. As a result, not only are Christians saved from sin, they are promised a life of health. Kenneth Copeland writes in Healed … to Be or Not to Be: “The first step to spiritual maturity is to realize your position before God. You are a child of God and a joint-heir with Jesus. Many Word-Faith preachers broadcast their services and campaigns on the largest Christian-based television network in the world: The Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), capable of televising the Faith message all over the world. Here are a few of the thousands of WOF teachers — in no particular order. 9) Although the Word of Faith leaders do extensive teaching on faith and healing, it does not bear fruit in their own lives. Many of them died of tumors, cancer and heart disease. 10) Although the Word of Faith teachers love to minister from the 91st Psalm about God’s prophetic protection of the Messiah, they themselves live in constant fear and have numerous body guards and ushers. 15) Many of the prominent Word of Faith teachers live the lifestyles of the rich and famous and flaunt it as a testimony of God’s favor while the people that are sending in their money are regarded as nothing. 16) The Word of Faith ministers are dishonest with scripture, often completely distorting it to rhyme with their doctrines.