

The Soul: The Linchpin Of Life

Part I

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Where Did We Come From?

Who Are We?

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Origins Of Man: Alternatives

Choice #1

Man in his present form evolved from more primitive forms over millions of years.

Choice #2

The Bible teaches that YHWH created man on the sixth day of His Creation Process!

The Teachings of Evolution

- Evolution is a theory developed by man to account for human existence.
- Time is the “magic wand” of evolution. If we give evolution enough time, we can create countless new species.
- Evolution insists that we believe in time!
- Evolution is compatible with Newtonian Physics...
- But what if time is not real???

The Element of Time

Newtonian World

Time is linear
and world events
can be drawn up
on a straight line.

The Quantum World

Albert Einstein's
**Theory of
Relativity**
Obliterates
Newton's Notion of
Linear Time.

What is Man?

The Newtonian World

- Man is a completely physical being, he does not have a spirit and he does not have a soul.
- Man's "mind" is a purely physical element.
- The "mind" governs a man's ability to think, have emotions, and make decisions.
- Man's mind has instincts which guide him on his walk through life.

The Quantum World

- Man is more than a Physical Being, He also has a Soul and a Spirit.
- Man's soul connects his spirit to his physical being.
- Man's soul governs his ability to gather knowledge, think, feel and make decisions.
- Man is a purely spiritual being, the body is just a physical manifestation of the spiritual being.

The Primary Issues!

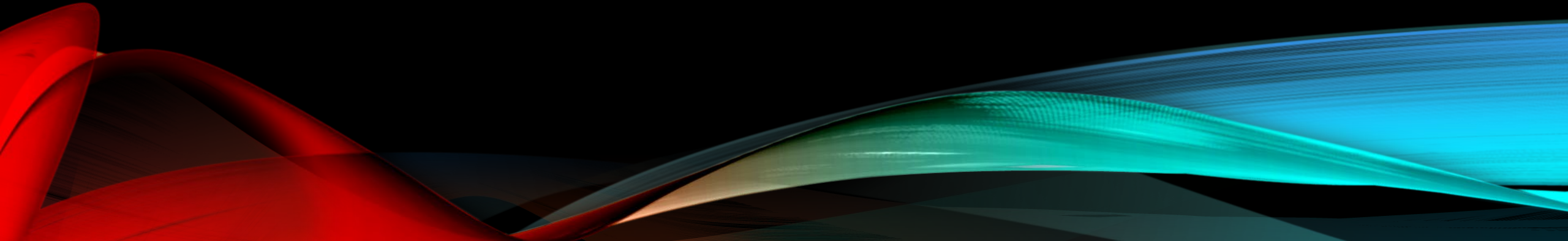
- Is man just a physical being or does he have a soul and a spirit?
- The Teachings of Dr. Wilhelm Wundt (1832-1920, University of Leipzig, Germany)
 - The... soul can no longer exist in the face of our present day physiological knowledge...”
 - Belief in the existence of a soul should be relegated to the “primitive races.”
- Despite all of Dr. Wundt’s arguments, he was never able to prove his theories in his lab.
- Yet, much of medical science still accepts his theories as established fact!

The Primary Issues!

- If he has a soul and a spirit, will they live forever or will they die?
- Who is right, Newton or Einstein?
- What does the Bible really teach about this?

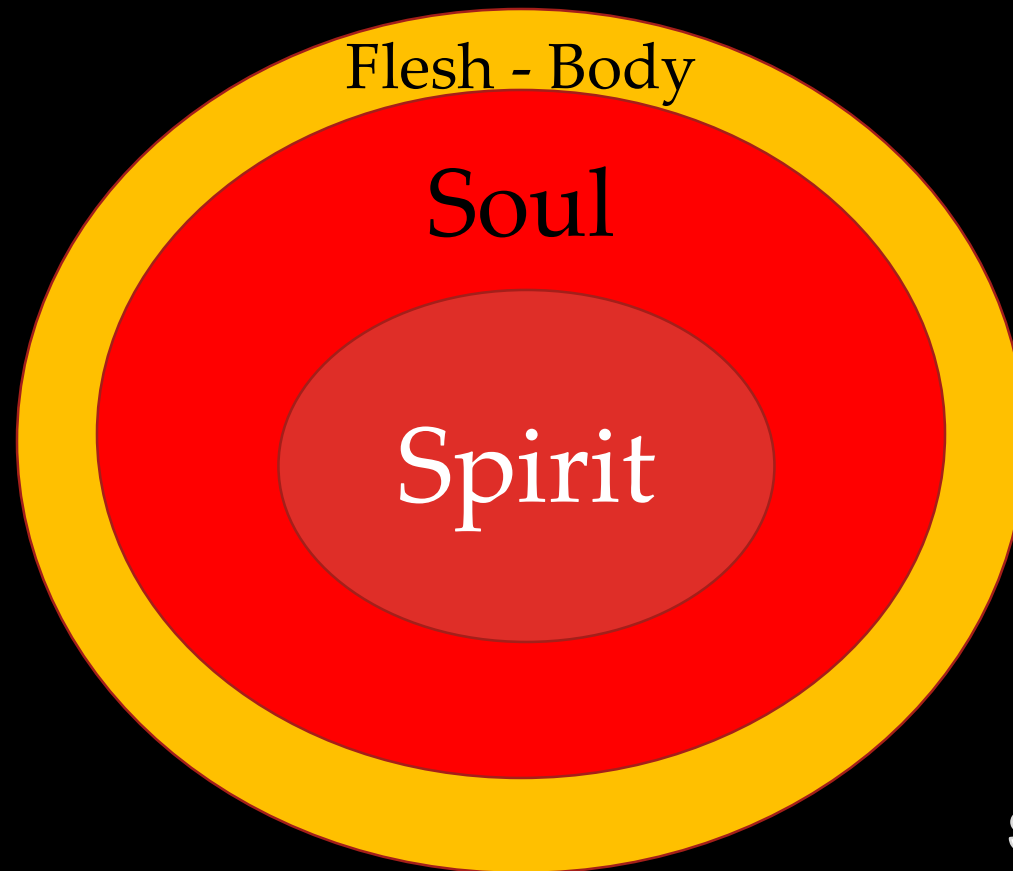
The Structure Of Man

The Biblical Teaching



The Human Design

- The Bible Teaches that Man is a Three-Part Being!



Source: I Thessalonians 5:23

The Human Design

And the very Elohim of peace separate you wholly; so that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Master Yahushua the Messiah.

(I Thessalonians 5:23)

The Spirit of Man

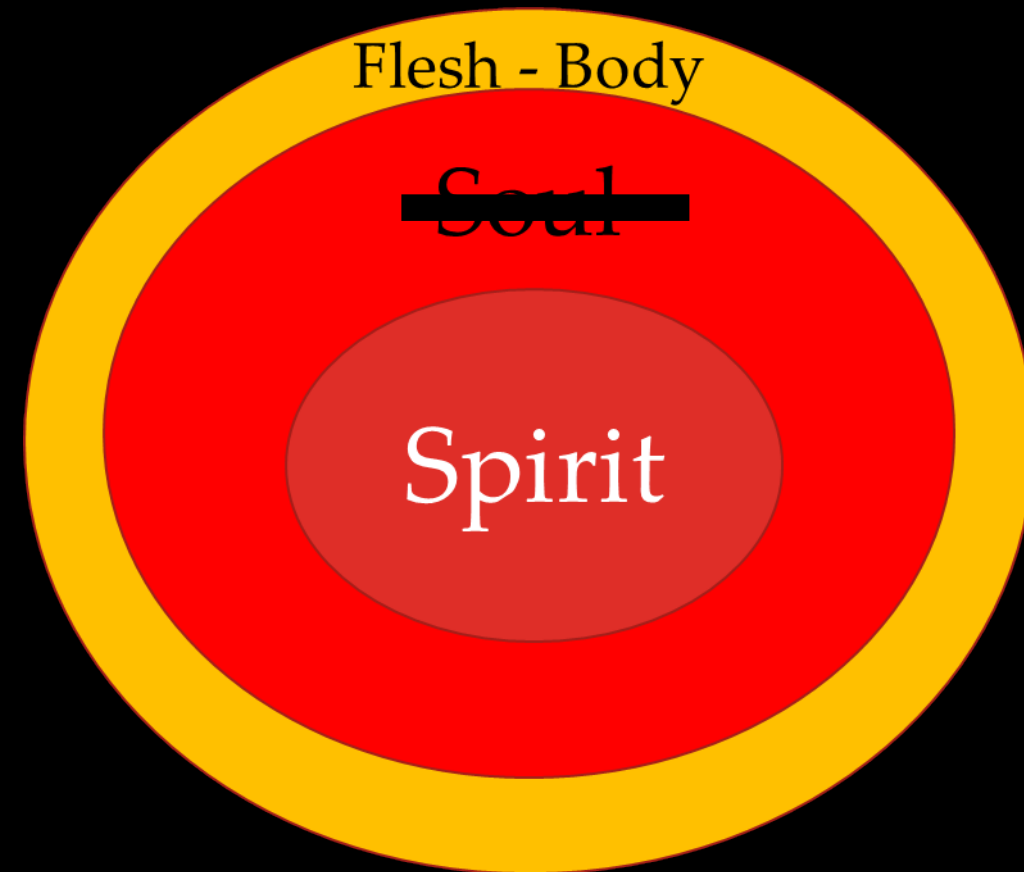
- Man's spirit has and continues to seek a connection with the Divine.
 - But *there is a spirit in man*: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. (Job 32:8)
 - The spirit of man is the candle of YHWH, searching all the inward parts of the belly (body). (Proverbs 20:27)

The Spirit of Man

- The burden of the word of YHWH for Israel, saith YHWH, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. (Zechariah 12:1)
- For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of Elohim knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Elohim. (I Corinthians 2:11)

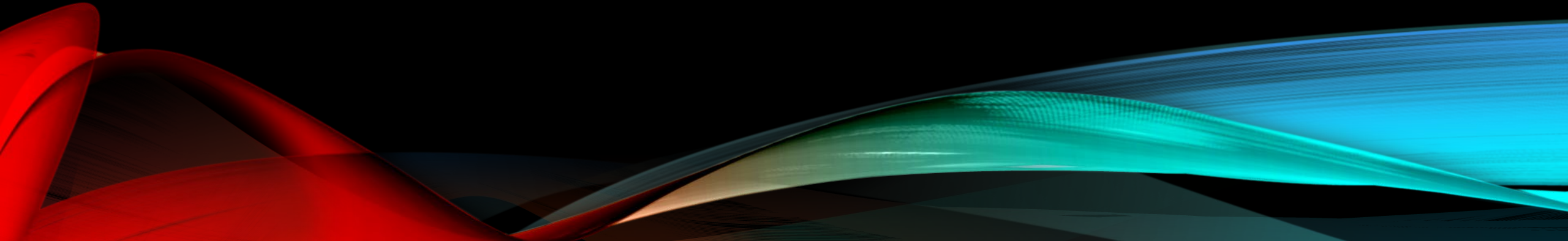
The Soul Of Man

- The Bible discussed the soul of man about twenty times as much as it discusses the spirit of man.
- The soul serves as the connector between the spirit of man and the physical body.
- If the devil can find a way to control and manage the human soul, he can keep people from receiving Yahushua and having communication with YHWH!



The Soul of Man – The Spiritual Battlefield

Since the soul is the place where good and evil battle, we need to learn all we can about the soul!



The Hebrew Word For Soul Is *Nephesh* (נפש Strong's #5315) Total Number Of Old Testament Occurrences = 749

The Hebrew word is translated
as follows:

Soul(s) = 474 times (63.3%)

Life/Lives = 118 times (15.8%)

Person(s) = 30 times (4.0%)

Σ = 83.1% / 26.9%

Mind(s) = 15 times

Heart(s) = 14 times

Himself/herself = 11 times

Body = 9 times

Creature = 9 times

Dead = 8 times

Yourselves = 8 times

Desire = 5 times

Man = 4 times

Pleasure = 4 times

Will = 4 times

Any = 3 times

Beast = 3 times

Themselves = 3 times

Appetite = 2 times

Ghost = 2 times

Lust = 2 times

Thing = 2 times

Angry = 2 times

Also translated Breath, Deadly,

Discontented, Fish, greedy, heart's,

heartly, men, mortally, myself, one,

own, slay, slayeth, soul's, tablets,

thymself, would.

Σ (*sigma*) means "the sum of a group of numbers."

The Greek Word for Soul Is *Psuche* (Ψυχή Strong's #5590)
Total Number Of Occurrences: 105

The Greek word is translated as follows:

- Soul(s) = 58 times (55.2%)
- Life/Lives = 41 times (39.0%)
 - Σ = 94.2%
- Mind(s) = 3 times
- Doubt = 1 time
- Heart = 1 time
- Heartily = 1 time

Psuche is the prefix which is used for the word Psychology.
Therefore, Psychology is the Study of the Soul... Even though
most psychologists refuse to believe it!

Statistical Summary – Soul

- Total Number of Occurrences in Old Testament = 749 87.7%
- Total Number of Occurrences in New Testament = 105 12.3%
- Total Number of Occurrences in the Entire Bible = 854 100.0%
- If the soul is mentioned 854 times in the Bible, why is it not discussed more in the pulpit and taught in Bible Colleges and Seminaries?
- Is there a reason why the leaders of church organizations do not want to discuss issues regarding the soul with their members?

How Preachers Do Teach on the Soul?

- In the early part of the 20th century, some evangelists began to introduce the concept of “Soul-winning” in their evangelistic campaigns.
- The major players in this movement were:
 - Dr. J. Frank Norris (1877-1892)
 - Dr. John R. Rice (1895-1980)
 - Dr. Jack Hyles (1926-2001)
 - Dr. Billy Graham (1918-2018)
 - NOTE: All these men called themselves “doctor” based upon Honorary Degrees – no academic work involved!

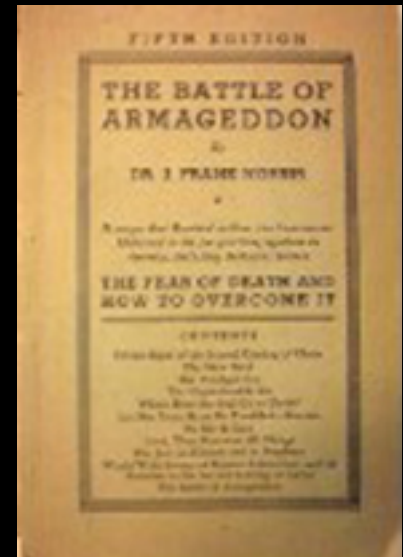
The “Art of Soulwinning”

- The father of the Soul-Winning Movement was Dr. John Franklyn “Frank” Norris.
- He earned a number of nicknames in his time including “The Texas Tornado,” “The Preacher,” and “The Two-Gun Parson.”
- He Graduated from Baylor University with honors in 1903 and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1905.
- He edited the influential newspaper, *The Baptist Standard* from 1907-09.
- In 1909, he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.
- He remained their pastor until he died in 1952.



The Art of Soul-Winning

- Dr. Norris was rumored to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but was a strong opponent of gambling, prostitution, and alcohol.
- He even addressed a session of the Texas legislature on these topics. Gambling, prostitution, and alcohol were banned in many of Texas' 256 counties for decades after he died.
- He was one of the most influential Fundamentalists in the country. You can still find some of his sermons on the Internet.
- His ministry inspired the efforts of many others including Dr. John R. Rice, who was, for a time, an associate of Dr. Norris.



The Art Of Soul-Winning

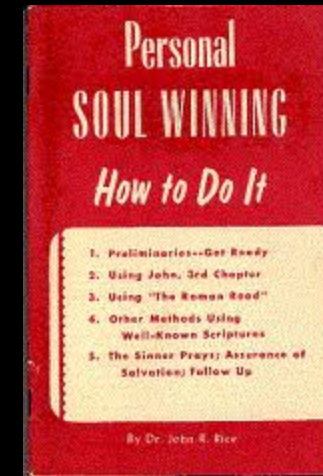
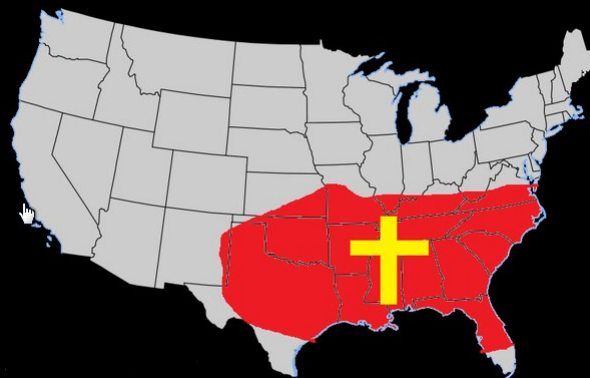
- Dr. Norris edited his own church newspaper and his church-owned a radio station. That allowed Dr. Norris to do a radio broadcast that covered the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.
- Dr. Norris became the father of the soul-winning movement.
- He founded his own denomination when he felt the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) was falling victim to “creeping liberalism” in the 1920s! Can anyone imagine what he would think of the SBC now!



The “Art of Soulwinning”

“...he that winneth souls *is* wise.” Proverbs 11:30b

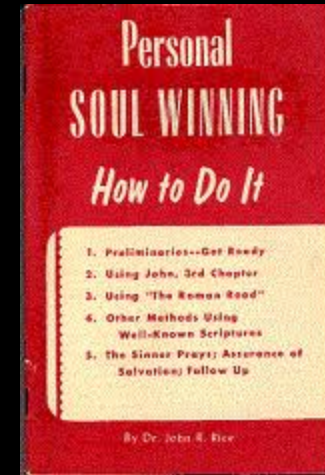
- Dr. John R. Rice, began his career as an evangelist working for Pastor J. Frank Norris.
- He got his start doing evangelistic meetings on the Texas Bible Belt from Fort Worth to Tyler. Later on, he held meetings all over the Bible Belt.



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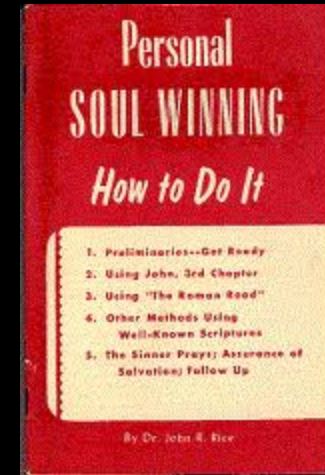
- He tried to pastor a church, but he preferred traveling on the road conducting evangelistic meetings.
- He started the influential Baptist newspaper, *The Sword of the Lord* in 1934.
- In the late 1940s and 1950s, his newspaper followed closely, the work of Billy Graham and tracked his meetings.
- His newspaper was the number one Christian paper for many years.
- He continued to edit the paper until 1980 when he died.



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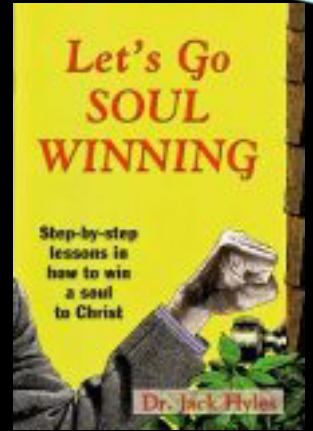
- By the 1960s, Dr. Rice got frustrated with the ministry of Billy Graham. He strongly objected to his constant inclusion of the Roman Catholic Church and other mainline denominations.
- Reports of Billy Graham’s crusades were absent from his newspaper *The Sword of the Lord*.
- His newspaper chose instead, to follow the word of evangelists who followed his fundamental teachings.
- By the 1960s, Dr. Rice was holding his own evangelistic seminars to teach young Baptists how to minister the gospel and hold their own against the Pentecostals, who were doing a lot better at the time.



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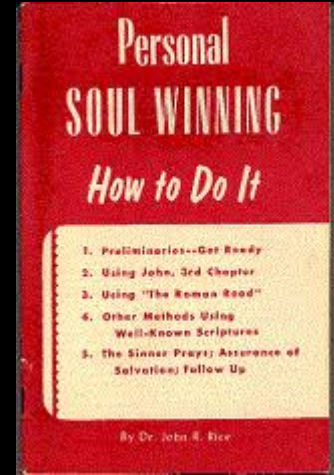
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- The most successful member of the Soul-Winning Movement was Jack F. Hyles (1926-2001). He grew up in Italy, Texas, south of Dallas on I-35.
- He gained fame as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. He took over the church in 1959 when it had less than 1,000 members. When Dr. Hyles died, 20,000 people attended his church every Sunday. It became the first megachurch in the USA.
- Dr. Hyles was most famous for his bus ministry which had a multi-million dollar annual budget.
- Jack Hyles’ doctoral degree is an honorary degree from Hyles-Anderson Bible College, an non-accredited academic institution he started.
- Accusations of the church being cult-like and the child abuse charges stained the church’s reputation in latter part of the 20th century.
- His son-in-law Jack Schaap, who replaced him in the pulpit, was arrested for “Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce with Intent to Engage in Sexual Activity.” He pleaded guilty and got 12 years in federal custody.



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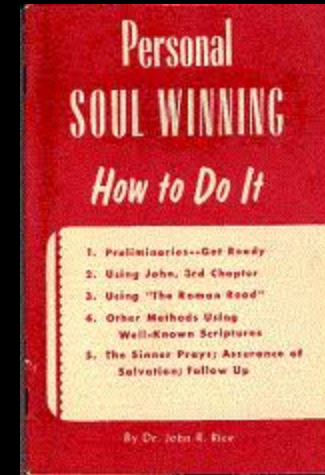
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- Let's study the first key word in this verse:
 - “Winneth” is from the Hebrew word *laqach* (לקח) used 975 times in the Old Testament.
- According to *Brown, Driver, Briggs*, the word means :
 - to take, get, fetch, lay hold of, seize, receive, acquire, buy, bring, marry, take a wife, snatch, take away
 - *Laqach* only gets translated “winneth” one time out of 975 occurrences in the Bible!

The “Art of Soulwinning”

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- Let's study the second key word in this verse:
 - Wise is from the Hebrew word *chakam* (חכם) used 139 times in the Old Testament.
- According to *Brown, Driver, Briggs*, the word means :
 - Wise in terms of being “skillful, shrewd, crafty, cunning, wily, subtle.”
 - *Chakam* gets translated “wise” most of the time in the KJV, but in our day and age, “wise” holds a different meaning in the 21st century than it did in the 17th century.

The Real Translation:

...he that takes souls is cunning.

- Could this be possible?
- Could these preachers be stealing souls to enhance their own wealth?
- Why are we seeing a huge rise in mega-churches, loaded with programs to keep the members busy and occupied?
- Why are their basic doctrines so shallow?



Did You Say Stealing Souls???

- Here is what Ezekiel prophesied:
 - *There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey;*
 - they have devoured souls;
 - they have taken the treasure and precious things;
 - they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. (Ezekiel 22:25)

Did You Say Stealing Souls???

- Here is what Ezekiel prophesied:
 1. Her priests have violated my law, and
 2. have profaned mine holy things:
 3. they have put no difference between the holy and profane,
 4. neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and
 5. have hid their eyes from my Sabbaths, and
 6. I am profaned among them.
(Ezekiel 22:26)

Did You Say Stealing Souls???

- Here is what Ezekiel prophesied:
 1. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey,
 2. to shed blood, and
 3. to destroy souls,
 4. to get dishonest gain.
(Ezekiel 22:27)

Did You Say Stealing Souls???

- Here is what Ezekiel Prophesied:
 1. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar,
 2. seeing vanity, and
 3. divining lies unto them, saying,
 4. Thus saith the Master YHWH, when YHWH hath not spoken. (Ezekiel 22:28)

Why would the Harlot Drink Blood?

Here is what John Mark Prophesied:

1. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and
 2. with the blood of the martyrs of Yahushua: and when I saw her,
 3. I wondered with great “admiration.” (Revelation 17:6)
- Why does the Harlot drink so much blood?
 - Why was John Mark so amazed about the amount of blood she drank?

Why would the Harlot Drink Blood?

- But flesh with the life (soul) thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. (Genesis 9:4)
- For the life (soul) of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your *souls*: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. (Leviticus 17:11)
- For it is the life (soul) of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life (blood) thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life (soul) of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. (Leviticus 17:14)
- Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life (soul); and thou mayest not eat the life (soul) with the flesh. (Deuteronomy 12:23)
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- The horseleach (עלוקה *Alukah*) hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. (Proverbs 30:15a)
 - In Jewish lore (the *Sefer Chasidim*), the *Alukah* is a living human being that lives on blood (vampire), can shape-shift into a wolf (werewolf?), and when dead, must have its mouth filled with earth so it does not return as a demon.
 - Some scholars argue that *Alukah* is the name of a female demon that mothered *Lilith* (the screech owl of Isaiah 34:14). *Lilith* also had two daughters: one named *Malia* and the other named *Lamia*.
 - Other lore suggests that *Lilith* turns men into vampires.
- Occult and Masonic cults drink blood because they think it will extend their lives.
 - Alastair Crowley openly promoted the ideas that having sex with children and the drinking of blood were the “elixirs of youth.”
- It is apparent that what John Mark saw when he was given the Book of Revelation was very literal, not symbolic and figurative.

Who were the
Old Testament
Prophets?

- The Old Testament Prophets can be in New Testament terms:
 - Apostles
 - Prophets
 - Evangelists
 - Pastors
 - Teachers