

# WHAT IS WRONG WITH CONTEMPLATIVE?

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## **#1. IT'S ANOTHER GOSPEL & ANOTHER JESUS!**

Contemplative prayer/meditation shows a way ANYONE can contact God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit without the Gospel of the Bible! The claim of this method is that literally anyone can contact God/Jesus/The Holy Spirit using contemplative techniques, it doesn't matter if you believe in the Biblical Jesus Christ or not.

You can be (and remain) a Christian, Bhuddist, Hindu, Muslim, or an Athiest, and actually contact God by this method.

The claim is also made by this method that "God" resides within everybody! All one need do is establish contact by entering into an altered state of conciousness.

The warnings of Scripture on this subject are extremely clear!

### **[ 2 Corinthians 11:3-4**

**But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!**

### **Galatians 1:6-8**

**I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 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. ]**

## **#2. IT'S ROOTED IN MANS PRIDE!**

God has provided a way in His Word to establish contact with Him. He teaches quite clearly that God does NOT reside in everyone and that we must RECIEVE the Holy Spirit in His way!

This "WAY" involves humbling ourselves and calling upon God to have mercy on us. God's "way" also involves our "REPENTANCE", we must; a) humble ourselves, b) repent, and c) display Biblical FAITH by calling upon the name of the Lord (the only name that truly saves) to RECIEVE God's Holy Spirit!

The conviction of Scripture on this subject is extremely clear!

### **[ Acts 20:21**

testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 4:6-10

... "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [you] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [you] double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and [your] joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:2

This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. ]

**#3. IT DENIES GOD'S ONLY WAY OF "EXPERIENCE"!**

Once again; God has provided a way in His Word to establish contact with Him. we must believe (exercise faith in) The Gospel!

**[ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

**Romans 10:11-13**

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

**Remember the warning;**

**Galatians 1:8-9**

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.