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The book cover features a dramatic, dark blue and black sky with swirling clouds. In the lower-left foreground, a young girl with a red knit hat and blue overalls stands looking towards the right. In the center-right, a large, dark, scaly dragon-like creature with horns and wings is depicted in a dynamic, leaping pose. The background shows a bright, glowing horizon line, possibly a sunset or sunrise, creating a stark contrast with the dark sky. The title text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

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Chapter 8

Forbidden Practice #7— Consulter with Familiar Spirits

The seventh forbidden practice found in Deuteronomy is a “consulter with familiar spirits.” *Easton’s Bible Dictionary* defines “familiar” as follows:

The word “familiar” is from the Latin *familiaris*, meaning a “household servant,” and was intended to express the idea that sorcerers had spirits as their servants ready to obey their commands.

A “familiar,” as they are known in the occult, is biblically identified then as an evil spirit or devil (i.e., demon or *daimon* in Greek). *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*: defines “spirit” in this usage as “an evil angel or demon.”

A person who communicates with and seeks information from demonic forces is therefore a “consulter of familiar spirits.” Such is the case of Saul and the witch at Endor from 1 Samuel 28.

Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

—1 Samuel 28:7–8

There was no doubt that Saul, knowing full well that what he was about to do was totally contrary to the commands of God, went to Endor to get knowledge from the familiar spirit that possessed the witch there. The Bible records that Saul’s situation quickly turned from bad to worse. First, he abandoned God, followed his flesh, and in his desperation turned to evil spirits. Then, just as he had been told at Endor, he and his sons met their death as a result of Israel’s defeat at the hands of the Philistines.

This is a prime example of someone who became disobedient to the Lord’s commands. Saul had ignored the Lord’s directive concerning the complete annihilation of Amalek (1 Samuel 15) and thus lost the protection and leading of the Lord. Rather than turn to God in repentance, he instead went looking for knowledge in forbidden places and, in fact, incurred the ultimate wrath of God. We surmise that, just as Saul did, untold millions have first become disobedient to God and then sought counsel through occult means, followed at some point by their demise. The moral here is clear. It never pays to consult with demons, visit psychics, follow a horoscope, or even attempt to operate in any realm of the occult—never.

Are You “Familiar” with UFOs?

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

—Ephesians 2:2

We want to take this opportunity to speak to the enormous fascination and confusion resulting from the ongoing craze about Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs. Nearly every day we hear increasingly about supposed UFO activity, alien beings, and their alleged interaction with and even abduction of humans. Reports of visitors from other worlds now permeate our society. Once relegated to the pages of sensationalistic tabloids or fantasy novels, suspected UFO activities are now reported about during the world’s most respected newscasts. During recent times, nearly every newspaper and television magazine program has discussed UFOs and aliens. Radio personality Art Bell became one of the most listened to hosts in history by dedicating multiple hours each night to the discussion of UFOs and the paranormal. Mainstream wire services abound with articles on the subject, asking questions such as, “If Aliens Visit Earth, Will They Be Friendly?” and saying, “Speak Up ET! Thanks to NASA, If You’re Out There, We’re Listening.” The sheer numbers who now report sightings have dramatically multiplied. Though credibility may be questionable in some cases and, regardless of NASA’s lack of official comment, more than one astronaut has acknowledged that they have actually seen alien craft while in space.

During the last twenty-five years, UFOs have allegedly been sighted over nearly every major city worldwide, as well as over military bases and nuclear sites. From the rural backwoods to the main streets of our cities, sightings of unexplained phenomenon in the skies continue to mount. Entire city populations have witnessed UFO events that local governments could not explain, most notably a saucer-shaped UFO that hovered over downtown Mexico City in broad daylight, producing thousands of eyewitnesses, in July of 1997. Pictures and video of that sighting were broadcast around the world. To this date, the much-reported event remains unexplained. It is no wonder that recent polls indicate a majority of Americans believe that extraterrestrials most likely do exist. The study of UFOs, or ufology, has now become an obsession for multiple thousands, perhaps millions of people. All of this has contributed to the U.S. government spending millions of tax dollars trying to contact aliens.

Until 1954, only ten thousand people claimed that they had seen a UFO. However, it was around this time that the number of sightings skyrocketed. On November 29, 1973, a Gallup poll reported that fifteen million Americans had personally seen UFOs. Senator Barry Goldwater believed he saw a UFO. Boxer Muhammed Ali and Prince Charles both say they saw UFOs. Actor William Shatner claims that his motorcycle stopped in the desert and UFOs led him to safety. Even former president Jimmy Carter claims to have seen a UFO. Christopher Columbus reportedly saw UFOs four hours before he discovered America in 1492. And then there was the highly publicized sighting that guitarist Jimi Hendrix believed he had at the Woodstock Pop Festival in 1968. However, we surmise in Hendrix’s case that what he thought he saw was probably induced by the LSD he had taken! But what about the millions of others?

Perhaps for us the most impressive barometer of just how expansive the study and discussion of UFOs has become happened during the writing of this book. While researching, we went to the World Wide Web and entered the term “UFO” into the powerful Inktomi search

engine, which gleans prospective web sites across the Internet according to any desired search term. The results were staggering. As of mid-July 2000, the Inktomi search engine, which supplies Yahoo, AOL, MSN, Canada.com, and other search engines and directories with data, recorded a whopping **428,405** Internet web sites with information on UFOs! And that is just a partial figure, for the technology used by at least some of the search engines only indexes sites where embedded keywords actually reflect the exact term being searched for, such as "UFO"! (Update: As of May 2011, a simple Google search revealed an astoundingly 134 million websites related to UFOs!) Truly, the phenomenal interest surrounding UFOs has reached uncanny proportions today.

Alien Public Relations

Perhaps Hollywood's spotlight on the topic has done more to further the UFO craze than any other single thing. Obviously, there has been a constant stream of motion picture and television programming built around outer space, beings from other worlds, and space travel. Leading the way were movies like *Close Encounters*, *Alien*, and *Star Wars*, as well as the extremely popular television and movie series "Star Trek" and "The X Files." And of course the blockbuster, *ET: The Extra Terrestrial*.

Over the years, the improvement in the quality of Hollywood's presentations has truly been staggering. Great advancements have been made since the early days of *Buck Rogers* and *Flash Gordon*. Now, the electronic age has brought with it the capacity to blend ultra-surrealism with near absolute believability in recent box office hits such as *Armageddon* and *Independence Day*. Coupled with the state-of-the-art theaters of today, filmmakers have been able to employ ingenious electronic special effects, making powerful presentations that have deeply impacted viewers. While the special effects may be phenomenal, Hollywood's "magic" has left an unmistakable effect of a different sort on the lives of many people. The line between fantasy and reality has become more blurred with each passing year. The realism and tremendous effects leave the impression that there is at least a possibility that what one is viewing **could** be reality. Adding to this is the volume of actual real-life news reports concerning the very things that are now also supernatural subject matter for the big screen. Through news coverage, in books, and in particular Hollywood's capitalization on the subject, there is no doubt that a psychological conditioning of the culture concerning the possible existence of UFOs and alien beings has taken place. However, the question remains: What would we do if and when a UFO should land on the White House lawn? What reaction would Americans have to such an event, let alone a hostile attack such as depicted in Orson Well's classic radio play and subsequent motion picture *War of the Worlds*?

Have there been government cover-ups intended to shield us from knowing the truth? Are there really alien beings being held by our military deep in the Nevada desert at the secretive base known only as "Area 51" or elsewhere? Was there really a UFO crash and subsequent news blackout at Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947? If so, who piloted the ill-fated craft, and where are the remains of the occupants today? Are we really being visited by beings from outer space? Or are we experiencing an elaborate, well-orchestrated brainwashing in an attempt to make us **believe** we have otherworldly visitors among us? If so, why and by who?

What Do YOU Believe?

Here are four scenarios that cover the UFO question.

- 1. UFOs are a hoax and do not exist.** There has undoubtedly been some hoaxing through the years, but the overwhelming weight of evidence suggests that there are indeed vehicles or crafts in our physical reality that are unexplained, thus Unidentified Flying Objects.
- 2. If UFOs exist, they are man-made and merely a part of secret military operations, testing and refining secret technologies around the world.** This possibility exists also and certainly could be the case in some instances. But again, the evidence seems to suggest that nothing mankind has invented could be responsible for the majority of the sightings to date.
- 3. UFOs exist and are piloted by beings from outer space.** Questions abound if this is the case. Are they just here observing us? Are they friendly? Or will they eventually become hostile? Are all of the UFOs sighted from the same planet or galaxy, or do we have multiple civilizations visiting us simultaneously?

One would think that if aliens actually desired to make contact, we would have at least one rock-solid, irrefutable close encounter of the third kind, complete with credible eyewitnesses and proof to substantiate it beyond question, before the military could seal off the area and deny everything. If they actually wanted to make contact with us and really are of superior intelligence, wouldn't you think that by now they would have figured out that the best way to do so is to actually appear and land in a populated area—not Roswell, New Mexico, or Sedona, Arizona? This rather diminishes the argument that New Agers have advanced, which states that aliens are here to teach us and help us stave off elimination as a race. As a New Age author or leader, wouldn't it do wonders for your ego (and probably your checkbook as well) to believe that otherworldly beings have picked **you** out of the over six billion inhabitants of earth to communicate their still-secretive agenda to?

We can deduce as well that if alien beings were casing earth for a possible takeover, they would have likely made their move by now. If they can come from other worlds, it stands to reason that their technology, and presumably their intelligence, could overpower us quicker than you can say, "Take me to your leader." No, it appears that so far UFOs have purposely eluded mankind for the most part, being revealed only enough to let the mystique and speculation build to unprecedented heights. We believe this is no accident.

Note that evolutionists and atheists could theoretically line up with any of the three possibilities above, but could never agree with our last scenario, which is the one these authors believe.

- 4. UFOs are not from another galaxy.** It is our personal belief that the UFO/alien phenomenon is one hundred percent inspired and engineered by Satan. They are actually demonic materializations in a very well orchestrated plan to deceive mankind and condition him to accept the supernatural in the end days. Thus, any alien beings that have been sighted or communicated with are demonic in nature. In fact, we believe in the very real possibility that aliens/UFOs could play a defining role in either events surrounding the explanation of the Rapture of the Church and/or the subsequent rise to power of the Antichrist. We are not alone in this belief. Some of the greatest Christian minds of this century, including Dr. Walter Martin, thought the same.

The Identity of Aliens

In examining the UFO and alien phenomenon from both biblical and New Age points of view, there are striking parallels. Though New Agers do not regard alien beings as demons, the information that some New Agers claim to have received from them certainly substantiates our belief that the Bible identifies these previously Unidentified Flying Objects and their occupants.

First, if you wish to study UFOs, you need to visit the occult section of your local library to find information. This in itself should be a tip-off. There you will find books with such titles as *Science and the Paranormal: Probing the Existence of the Supernatural*, *Creatures from UFOs*, and *The Supernatural from ESP to UFOs*. A perusal of the Internet shows the same mixture of UFO and occult information on many of the same web sites as well. In fact, the array of web pages that correlate New Age beliefs, the occult, and UFOs is blatant and staggering. For example, one web site advertised itself as follows:

This site contains a huge amount of New Age and Spiritual information including Astrology, Wicca & Pagan, UFOs & ETs, Ascension, Earth Changes, Channelings, Crystals, Dreams, Divination, Angels, Magick, Karma, Meditation, and Healing.

Another said: "Channeling, Reiki, new-age, metaphysics, Feng Shui, angels, chakras, spirit, Bortner, masters, healing."

Still another ad said: "New Age Web Works Supports and informs the New Age, UFO, Pagan, Occult and Alternative Spirituality communities."

If aliens really are coming from other planets, why are they so closely linked with the occult? Why would occultists and New Agers have a corner on the market in communicating with aliens, if indeed they were actually from another world? The answer is simple but often ignored. The occult is about one thing—power from or communication with the spirit realm. Though most New Agers believe that aliens have chosen them to communicate with due to their spiritual "enlightenment," that's not really the case. What has actually attracted these beings who claim to be aliens is the proclivity New Agers have for spiritualism and other occult practices. Occultists and New Agers are versed in communicating with the spirit world—exactly where these "aliens" originate. So associating UFOs, aliens, and the occult together is for us a no-brainer. The outgrowth of the UFO phenomenon is doctrinally rotten. It lines up again and again with the world of the occult—not with God's Word. If for no other reason, this is why we believe these "aliens" to be nothing but masquerading demonic intruders who are weaving a deceitful web in order to further trap millions today.

Even without integrating biblical understanding, we see that both New Agers and UFO researchers concur that there is indeed reason to believe that UFOs actually originate from another dimension and not from other planets or galaxies. Jay Allen Hynek, probably the world's foremost expert on ufology, said: "I do not believe they are coming from another planet. I believe they are coming from a parallel reality." We believe the parallel reality he is referring to would be the non-three-dimensional supernatural realm described in the Bible. Entertaining this idea should be no quantum leap for the Christian. After all, Scripture reminds us that the devil **IS** the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2) and the "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Plus, we have instances throughout Scripture where angels appeared and operated in the natural physical realm in which we live. Let us remind skeptics, for example, that angels came to Abraham to announce Sarah's pending pregnancy (Genesis 18). They also came to Sodom and led Lot to safety (Genesis 19). And an angel appeared at the tomb of Christ announcing that He

was risen to the two Marys (Matthew 29). In the first two instances, the angels were presumably dressed in the garb of the time and ate human food. And they all communicated in the earthly languages of those they met. This harmonizes perfectly with the warning we are given in Hebrews 13:2 to be careful to entertain strangers for they could be angels. All of this biblical evidence certainly gives good explanation as to how UFOs and their occupants could indeed maintain prolonged physical materialization. To magnify his plan for this age, Satan could, will, and does use many means to deceive his prey. He is the father of lies and illusion and his leash seems to get a bit longer with each passing day as we race toward the climax of the Church Age and the Tribulation to follow. That plan includes UFOs.

In her 1979 best-seller, *Aliens Among Us*, Ruth Montgomery broke new ground within the New Age community by laying out a case for the idea that some “humans” had evolved beyond the point of being born or going through childbearing. She believes that these beings that have come from “beyond the veil” are actually living as humans here on earth. She deemed these ETs “walk-ins.” Millions say they’ve had past life experiences, which seems to verify the concept of reincarnation, so why not the belief that you were previously an alien life form? Sound far out? Well, there are a number of Internet web sites, some very intellectual, some very weird, that advertise themselves as touch points for these “walk-ins” to meet and share ideas and experiences. The first line on the back of Montgomery’s book reads: “Prepare to meet our wondrous gods from beyond the earth.” In researching “walk-ins,” we found it interesting that the common denominators appear to be a belief in angels, UFOs, and the occult. To us, this is just one more confirmation that aliens and demons are one in the same.

Your Papers Please . . .

There remain several unanswered questions concerning UFOs. First, to our knowledge, there has never been a UFO gathered on radar coming into our atmosphere. They have been tracked many times while in our atmosphere, but they have never been detected coming *in* from outer space. How do they just come on the scene from nowhere? With all of the many dishes and antennas scanning space today, wouldn’t you think that if these crafts were from outer space someone would have detected one approaching our planet?

How do aliens live and operate in our environment without any special aid? Are we to ignore all we understand about the other planets in our own solar system and instead believe that the aliens visiting us have just conveniently found an atmosphere (ours) with the right density and ingredients so as to support their life forms? Granted, this does not take into account all of the biological possibilities, but it still bears asking.

If there are thousands of sightings, why aren’t there more crashes? Knowing the ratio of air accidents in the world today, one would think that space aliens traversing earth’s atmosphere and gravity would have provided more than the few *alleged* crashes which have produced no documentable proof. (If you were Satan and were trying to decoy mankind into believing in space creatures, you’d probably want a couple of *supposed* crashes to add to the folklore and mystique.) Think about it: if UFO sightings had always been a regular phenomenon, we’d have taken them for granted, just as we do the ability to look up and see a jet flying miles above the earth. This way, though, the awe and mystery stay intact but the reality stays conveniently just out of our grasp.

UFOs—The Mask of Satan

Why have these aliens traveled perhaps trillions of miles, anyway? Just to pester people? You would think, if they were traveling that far, that they would have an agenda, a purpose for coming here. Also, if you've watched much *Star Trek*, you've been taught that these visitors cannot alter human history. We'd like to know just who made up that rule. Under Satan's direction, these charlatan space aliens may someday alter the entire future of mankind. Certainly, they are having an adverse affect on those who have crossed paths with them already.

A close encounter of the first kind is when a person sees an unexplained object. A close encounter of the second kind is when aliens leave some sort of evidence, such as the charred remains of an animal or perhaps an authentic crop circle. A close encounter of the third kind is when someone actually comes into physical contact with an alien, such as in the case of an abduction. Those who have had close encounters of the second or third kind have noticed a strong stench of sulphur in the vicinity, just as in the movie *The Last Starfighter*, when the smell of sulphur denoted the presence of aliens. Anyone schooled in deliverance knows that among other distinguishable signs, the stench of sulphur is one of the calling cards of demonic activity. Another parallel is that UFOs rarely appear in daylight. They usually come after dark when the temperature drops. The Bible says that those who follow evil love darkness rather than light. If you have ever been around a séance, during the actual contact with the spirit world, there is usually a strong sulphur odor and the temperature in the room falls. We can tell you from personal experience that when demons are present, during exorcisms for example, the air turns a strange cold.

Every time someone is abducted into a UFO, they seem to always be given some kind of sexual evaluation. The usual aftereffects prove to have devastating consequences. Here are some of the by-products that seem to be consistent with those who have had a close encounter of the third kind.

- ☒ They have had severe psychological problems, even insanity.
- ☒ They have had severe sexual problems.
- ☒ They have lost their families and jobs.
- ☒ They have become reclusive.
- ☒ They have gotten involved in some kind of cult.
- ☒ They have gotten involved in the occult.
- ☒ They have committed suicide.

Does any of this sound appealing? Of course not, yet mankind continues to be like a moth circling around a candle. Instead of flying away to safety, eventually it flies right into destruction. With us, instead of turning to the Lord, our fallen nature outside Christ steadily draws us into Satan's arms.

Angels and Demons

Some within New Age circles have surmised that UFOs are actually the vehicles of angels. We think not. It is important for our study to examine and define these spiritual creatures.

We have no biblical record of angels of the Lord ever possessing people. Have you ever heard of someone being "angel possessed?" No. The Bible says they are "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). Most of their

assistance seems to take place from the invisible spirit realm, but as we've mentioned, there is ample evidence that they do materialize and operate in the natural world on occasion. We don't have an overwhelming amount of scriptural evidence about them, but we do know that God's angels act for the good, on behalf of the Christian believer.

Most theologians believe that demons are fallen angels, and though there is some discussion about this, we know that in his deceptive and cunning manner, Satan persuaded one-third of God's angels to follow him in prideful rebellion against God. Thus they were banished and cast out of heaven. If indeed fallen angels and demons are one and the same, then in their present state they have the ability to actually possess people. They carry out the antithesis of what God by His Holy Spirit does. He first fills and then leads Christian believers. Demons, when given the opportunity, can "fill" (possess) and then manipulate the lost. In mentioning this, we recognize that there is great consternation about whether or not a Christian can actually be possessed by a demon. We do not believe so. However, we fully believe that a believer who has "chinks" in his armor can be subject to demonic oppression and depression. Secret sin robs the Christian and can render both his prayers and the protection of God somewhat ineffective and, as we have said, we become targets for trouble when we walk from underneath God's protective wings (Psalm 91:4).

In the New Age movement today, there is a lot of discussion about angels. This biblical concept is a mainstay in New Age culture. However, as we have pointed out, New Agers reject words such as "demon," "Satan," or "hell" as "old-fashioned" and "antiquated." This is the "cut-and-paste Bible" syndrome, electing to pick and choose what biblical information they will receive and what they will ignore. In a quest to codify their religion, New Agers and occultists have opened themselves up for angelic visits that are actually demons circling like vultures.

Crazy for Angels

If you've watched many of the daytime talk shows, especially *Oprah*, you are aware of the current angel craze. A whole parade of authors and an enormous volume of books are expounding on angels and their interaction with men, but with one important element missing—historic biblical foundation. Isn't it odd that the religions that inspired and taught man about angels—Judaism and Christianity—are most times only briefly mentioned in passing in the current crop of New Age and pagan literature. Today, the majority of stories touting "enlightenment" through angelic encounters are bandied about as perfectly acceptable with only one corroborating criterion—experience.

The intense spiritual hunger being exhibited in our society is perhaps most evident in man's latest quest to be "touched by an angel." While these authors enjoy and are encouraged by the television show of the same name, and while it may bring a certain amount of balance to the angel craze, it needs to be made crystal clear that of the thousands of accounts of personal supernatural angelic experiences being reported, the vast majority are not of God. There are two common factors present with virtually every spokesperson pushing an "angel" scenario. First, they are not Christians, but have had some sort of supernatural experience with an entity claiming to be an angel. And second, the angel has become like a personal savior to them who supplies spiritual enlightenment. Considering the Bible's admonition for us to use God's Word to test or "try" the spirits (1 John 4:1) and to test all things and reject anything that doesn't line up (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21), how can a non-Christian, who doesn't yield to the authority of Scripture, have any clue what is coming from God or what may be of the devil? Simple—they

don't! The only litmus test that people have to go on is something that the Bible expressly warns us not to trust by themselves—human experience and intellect. Bible believers know the Lord's instruction well: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5–6). But how is a nonbeliever to discern an angel of God from an imposter? Because of the increasing spiritual void in the end times, great numbers of people are finding themselves emotionally and spiritually attached to things that **sound** good and **seem** somewhat similar to the religion of their parents or grandparents, but it is in reality as deadly as a cobra bite.

The Cost of Angel Worship

Many New Age materials encourage us to meditate with angels; however, the practice is found nowhere in Scripture. In Eastern mysticism, meditation means to empty oneself in order to be filled by an outside force. In Christianity, prayer and meditation are the avenues to be filled with the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Other New Age materials tell us that angels would like to be a part of our lives, and instruct us on how to contact our angels. There is nowhere in Scripture that instructs us to inquire of angels.

Nick Bunick, a millionaire, insists that he is the reincarnation of the apostle Paul in the book *The Messengers: A True Story of Angelic Presence and a Return to the Age of Miracles* by Julia Ingram and G. W. Hardin (Simon & Schuster, 1998). A billboard advertising campaign for the book touts: "The story the angels want told." It ought to say: "The story Satan wants you to believe!" Bunick's angels, who espouse reincarnation, are **not** angels of the Lord. The Bible teaches nothing about reincarnation. Once again, it is a demonic substitute for salvation and the resurrection. This book has had a tremendous and deceptive impact on many people. While researching this book, we found the following comments from the publisher on the Barnes & Noble Bookseller Internet web site (barnesandnoble.com).

Nick Bunick was confronted by angels, and it will change your life forever. . . .

Nick Bunick gives back to us angels' messages spoken two thousand years ago when Jesus walked the earth. These messages are as true today as they were then: Within every one of us is a part of GOD. It is that which gives us life and it is that which is everlasting. If we but look within, our own love will fashion a new and compassionate world.

"Within every one of us is a part of GOD. . . . If we look WITHIN . . ."??? That's not what the Bible teaches! No doubt, this book is pushing a New Age version of Jesus and a misleading, nonbiblical account of angels. It all sounds so inviting to the untuned ears of those who don't know what the Bible actually says.

In 2 Corinthians 11:14–15, we read as the Scripture speaks directly of the origin of Bunick's story and countless others today:

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers [fallen angels] also be transformed [or appear as] the ministers of righteousness. . . .

Readers who had purchased the book at the Barnes & Noble site had entered some opinions about it. One reader praised the book saying:

This book changed my life and will change anyone's who will read it with an open heart.

Another stated:

I originally bought this book for my mother who was very intrigued with Billy Graham's "Angels." I decided to read it first and once I started it I couldn't put it down. I have always felt the bible (sic) was too literally translated in several areas.

Still another, identified only as an "uneducated religion seeker" wrote:

I totally found this book helpful in learning more about jesus (sic) and the reason we are all here. It has helped me to understand religion better than any church has tried to teach me in the past.

Oh, Lord help us! Only one reviewer on the web site wrote from a biblical viewpoint and questioned Bunick's authenticity as Paul's incarnate and his account of what these "angels" imparted to him.

Our hearts sank as we read these reviews for another reason as well. The New Age has sprung up because Christians have let down on proclaiming the truth! The spiritual death and confusion emanating from many who preach the liberal gospel of "self" (all the while claiming it to be "Christian"), breathe the infection of theological liberalism into the lives of millions each week. We who know the truth that sets men free **must** make the gospel simple and powerful at every opportunity. The devil has blinded so many spiritual seekers, sidetracking them onto his dead-end called the "New Age." Help us, Lord! Help us to expose the enemy's traps and pull people out of the fire before it's too late!

Paul writes to Timothy about this very condition again, saying:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

—1 Timothy 4:1

The angels that are appearing to New Agers today are not talking about the almightiness of God; they are talking about how great they are, and they are seducing people to worship them.

Angel worship is commonplace today. The Bible speaks to false, idol worship many times and speaks directly to this in Colossians 2:18.

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels. . . .

Perhaps God's most vivid warning concerning this is in Exodus 20:

And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down

thyslf to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

—Exodus 20:1–5

How strong the Lord's words are! The words “. . . have no other gods before me . . .” and, “[worship] no likeness of any thing that is in heaven” are some of the most powerful words ever spoken to man! To do so will bring the sin of idolatry on your children's children and their children! This is indeed serious stuff and, again, the only criterion for those following angels is human experience. This must seem like a picnic to Satan!

Do We Believe in Angels?

As has happened so many times while writing this book, we have uncovered instances in our ministries and lives that are uncannily parallel. Here is another example. In David's own words, read of what may have been a true angelic encounter.

Recently, while traveling through Pennsylvania with my family, I lost control of my car when I hit a patch of ice. On one side of the interstate was a forty-foot drop to the other lanes of oncoming traffic. On the other side was a snow-covered embankment covered with trees. When my car came to rest, we had landed backward in the embankment and had not received one scratch. About a half-mile ahead of us were two men in a truck who came back to help. They didn't say very much—just inquired if we were okay and helped us get the car out of the embankment, and then they went on their way. We never saw them again. Were we “touched by an angel”? Maybe—I don't know—but I do know that I didn't praise the angels (if that's what they were) for helping us. I thanked God for sending them in our time of need.

Eric and his wife Melanie experienced nearly the same thing years ago in Idaho.

We had been driving through the mountains of eastern Oregon in a blinding snow most of that Saturday. Slowed considerably by the storm, we knew we would have to drive nearly all night to make it to central Idaho, where I was to speak in a local church the next morning. I was sleeping in the back of our van and Melanie was driving. We had been at a snail's pace the whole trip but now the intense snow was turning to rain as we descended the east slopes of the Blue Mountains. At least Melanie **thought** it was rain. What she couldn't see was the sheet of ice forming across the road before her. Nearing Caldwell, Idaho, suddenly the rear end of the van began to swing wildly back and forth. All I remember was hearing Melanie scream “JESUS!” as we slid sideways and off the road. I was able to scramble out of the rear door of the van and around to the driver's door. We had stopped head first in the ditch just a few inches from a fence. To our right was a grove of trees and to the left a fifteen-foot embankment. But we had stopped between them, and short of the fence. Incredibly, after we composed ourselves and consoled our dog, who had been thrown onto the floor from the seat he was asleep on, I was able to back the van out of the ditch and back up onto the roadside! However, when I attempted to drive away, we had absolutely no traction and began to slowly slide sideways toward the middle of the freeway and the cement “jersey” barrier. Now, we were completely sideways, blocking both lanes of traffic. Thankfully, we knew that no one was going to be driving by at sixty miles an hour, but it was

harrowing, anyway. Though I tried and tried to get us headed in the right direction, I couldn't push the van because it was so slick. I couldn't get a foothold for traction with my feet.

The moments seemed like hours, but lo and behold, here came a police car! I know they are employed to patrol, but what brought these two policemen down this deserted freeway at four a.m. in such horrible conditions neither they nor we could explain. In just a moment they had pushed my van around so I could drive down the edge of the road and then off the exit about a mile away. We watched as the policemen got back in their car and drove away unimpeded.

Both of us have remarked since then that we believe they could have been angels assuming the posture of policemen. Regardless, we just know that the Lord sent us some very timely assistance out there, be it human or angelic! And remember, that was in the days before cell phones, too! We were stuck on a deserted stretch of road in a very precarious position and, one way or another, God sent us help.

In addition, I have always wondered if I had looked close enough, would I have found heavenly fingerprints on our vehicle which would have evidenced why we missed the fence, the trees, and, more ominously, the cliff. Each time our ministry travels take us over Interstate 84 just inside the Idaho border, I will forever think of that spot as the place where the Lord sent His supernatural servants to our aid.

End-Time Messengers

Why are these aliens coming now? The buzz about them is no mistake. There is an unparalleled intensification of spiritual activity going on. There is no doubt a very powerful and persuasive conditioning process underway. Leading psychologists tell us that, if humanoids were to appear today, more than likely the world would accept them and possibly make messiahs out of them. As certain as some are that UFO abductions are real, we are witness to how Satan is currently using the aroused interest in UFOs to destroy lives and capture souls. A Roar market research poll released in December 1999 reported that nearly twice as many British youths believed in ghosts and aliens as believed in God. But Satan has more up his UFO sleeve than just turning part of those in our society toward a false belief in UFOs. We are in the midst of watching one of Satan's most masterful plans in action as he desensitizes mankind about the supernatural, preparing them for what is to come. All of this is working in concert to fuel a new but demonic interest in spiritual things. As we have presented, there is no doubt that man is fast becoming addicted to spiritual things. But just as the Father of Lies has planned, these spiritual things are not coming from or leading people to God.

This is all leading up to a moment in time when the Church of Jesus Christ will be "caught up" to be with Him in the clouds. Though the Rapture will be the most immense "UFO" event in history, Satan's years of promoting and purveying UFOs, supernatural beings, and the occult all come to bear on how he will manipulate and gain the confidence of mankind through his henchmen, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, as foretold in the Book of Revelation.

When millions of people disappear simultaneously, somebody had better have a very good explanation. Here are two scenarios on what might take place immediately after the Rapture. First, either the Antichrist or UFOs directly will come forward with this message: "There have been millions of people who have been stolen away by an evil force. The people of this force walk like us and talk like us, and the only way we will know who you are is if you have our mark."

The second scenario could be that the Antichrist will announce that all of the “narrow, bigoted Christians” have been taken away by our “friends” from space to be reprogrammed. Now that the Christians are gone, the earth can heal and the “Age of Aquarius” can dawn. This scenario fits what Madam Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (the nineteenth century Ukrainian spiritualist and founder of the Theosophical Society, which spawned today’s modern New Age movement) taught, as well as other New Age authors such as Alice Bailey and Marilyn Ferguson. Regardless, the post-Rapture world will be in tremendous upheaval. Besides the emotional strain of loved ones and business associates going missing, the financial turmoil will be staggering. Just imagine taking, let’s say, one billion people off the planet in the twinkling of an eye. Brother, you’ve got a complete financial collapse and total physical chaos everywhere!

It Simply Comes Down to This

Our discussion of UFOs, aliens, and angels boils down to this one point. If any being—no matter how good, no matter how supernatural, no matter how awesome—should appear and then **not** declare that Jesus Christ is Lord and the only way to be saved, that creature is straight from the pit of hell.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

—1 John 4:1–3

It is our task to test the spirits as Scripture admonishes. And one thing is certain: if we are wrong about the alien/demon relationship and if there **are** indeed any beings from other planets visiting us, they will also be subject to the Almighty God of the universe, Who hung the stars they’ve traveled from, the same as we are.

What Christian Leaders Are Saying...

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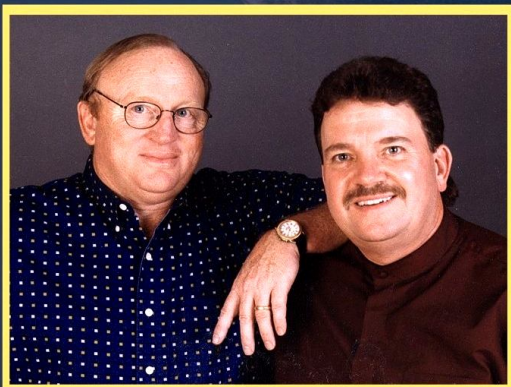
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