Perils of the Emerging Church. Time to Meet It!

Dear fellow soldiers of Christ,

Perhaps you are not aware of this, but I am convinced that a major end-time deception springing directly from "that ancient serpent, called the Devil and Satan" (Revelation 12:9) is sweeping the Christian world, yet too few recognize the dangers. The threat is called: THE EMERGING CHURCH. This delusion has entered many Protestant churches (such as the Nazarene Church, and a whole host of others), and sad to say, it has also entered into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to which I belong. To familiarize yourself with the issues, I recommend first that you watch a two-hour documentary on Youtube produced by evangelical Christians titled, The Real Roots of the Emergent Church. While I might not agree with every fine detail, the overview is excellent. This will introduce you to the major players, and problems, with Emerging Church philosophy.

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Next, I recommend these two books published by Lighthouse Trails: *Faith Undone*, by Roger Oakland, and *A Time of Departing*, by Ray Yungen. I have read both of these books. They are excellent! Again, while I may not agree with every detail, the overall information is thoroughly documented and outstanding. Lighthouse Trails is doing a wonderful work in bringing this information to Christians worldwide.

Finally, if you have an interest in learning how Emerging Church ideas have entered also into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I encourage you to either listen to or watch this presentation I made five days ago at Southern Adventist University at the request of GYC Southeast, which had invited me to speak on this very topic. Honestly, it was a tough talk, but God really blessed it. The first part centers on the Three Angel's Messages of Revelation 14:6-14 (which represent God's last message of warning to a perishing world before Jesus returns) and then stresses how the core teachings of the Emerging Church are diametrically opposed to this message. Next, I outline the basic tenets of the Emerging Church, including its focus on reading and practicing the techniques of Roman Catholic mystics like Thomas Merton and Henry Nouwen in order to develop a relationship with God, and how these teachings are either the same or similar to full-blown New Age practices leading to the seductive teachings of "pantheism" (God is everything), "panentheism" (God is in everything), to the deadly doctrine that *man is God* (see Genesis 3:5), and ultimately, to full-blown spiritualism and invasion by evil spirits. Finally, I offered evidence (which is painful to me, but which I cannot avoid), proving that some of these teachings have even infected some Adventists too. Again, you can watch my presentation [here](#).
Let me also strongly affirm that - in spite of these delusions - I have full confidence in Jesus Christ, in His Word, and in His godly leaders within our church. With God's help, I am convinced that it is now high time to "meet it" and expose these false teachings *for the benefit of souls who must be warned*. As always, manifesting genuine humility (see Matthew 11:29) and "speaking the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15) should be our goal. Nevertheless, we must also "put on the whole armor of God" and "stand" (see Eph. 6:10-17) for God's truth though the heavens fall.

May Jesus Christ help His true people in this crisis hour.

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