

“The Transformation of the Assemblies of God- From Christian Brother to Big Brother - In Less Than 100 Years”

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Blackwhite. That is the Newspeak of the Assemblies of God. Law, even God’s Law, is what the Ministry of Truth in Springfield, Missouri says it is. All actions, decisions, and deeds, are what Big Brother - Thomas Trask and the Executive Presbytery - claim they are, even when it is a contradiction of the plain facts. And Party members – the A/G credential holders - are willing to say that black is white when Party discipline demands this, believe that black is white, and more, to *know* that black is white, and forget they ever believed the contrary. This is especially true on the subject of the A/G constitution, but includes other issues such as altering Assemblies theological positions from orthodoxy and doctrinal fidelity to Bellyfeel³.

For instance, the Assemblies of God has a paper stating their rejection of “Positive Confession”ⁱ; the heretical dogma promoted by covetous, money-oriented preachers whose teachings are colloquially known as the “Name–It-Claim-It,” and “Blab-It-Grab-It” heterodoxy. Yet, once Big Brother Trask said that Party members should attend and support the Azusa Street Centennial last April, Party members obeyed, no questions asked. None are allowed. Big Brother is watching out for them. Big Brother knows best. Also, Big Brother is not only watching, but he is making sure that everyone complies. Everyone.

“This is a landmark event” Big Brother Trask stated. “The Azusa Street Centennial is an event that will be rich with heritage, but also focused on empowering the future. This event will not only impact those attending and the city of Los Angeles, but I believe has the potential to literally change the world.” Thus, Big Brother spoke, knowing that most of the more celebrated, famous, and familiar speakers at the Azusa Centennial are all the teachers of the Positive Confession camp - Kenneth Copeland, Fred Price, Benny Hinn, Jerry Savelle, Paula White, and many others.ⁱⁱ It is the most pure form of Blackwhite, since Party members can no longer remember they once believed the contrary.

Yet the wiles of Big Brother are not restricted merely to Blackwhite. They also employ Doublethink, the reality control method used on Party members causing unsuspecting ministers to hold two

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² George Orwell, 1984; page 175

³ Ibid; Bellyfeel - Full emotional understanding. Blind, enthusiastic acceptance of a concept

contradictory beliefs while simultaneously accepting both of them as true.⁴ What's more, the most glaring display of both Doublethink and Blackwhite is not evinced solely by the cognitive dissonance of supporting teachers that Big Brother opposes on paper but supports in practice, but rather by Big Brother's complete disregard for the laws of God as well as their own. Tragically, this is combined with the Party's willingness to accept such contempt for God's commandments and the laws of man without any perceptible resistance to Big Brother at all.

Take for instance the coerced resignation of the godly New York District Superintendent Saied Adour. On December 15th 2004, he was deviously offered a bribe by Big Brother Trask that was cunningly posited against the disgraceful threat of being disfellowshipped if he didn't comply. Not having violated any of God's Laws or man's - including A/G politics and practices - Adour was told that he must "voluntarily resign," because the New York Presbytery did not care for his "style of leadership."ⁱⁱⁱ If he would submit, he was promised a more lucrative severance than if he didn't. If he wouldn't conform however, he was threatened with expulsion from the Party - cut off from longtime brothers and sisters, friends, and even family members. There was no choice. So, Big Brother successfully forced him to abandon his legal rights, then disgraced and debarred him from office without any charges of immorality, illegality, or misconduct. Simply put, Adour was not useful to Big Brother any more and became a victim of Oldspeak ⁵ when Big Brother issued gratuitous explanations for the hysterical, mob thronged lynching of Adour in subsequent correspondence to New York Party members.

Then, adding insult to illegalities, when the story of the New York Superintendent's acquiescence to Big Brother's harassment was published by the Agape Press^{iv}, Big Brother Trask personified the Party spirit by berating reporter Jim Brown for his Duckspeak ⁶ after he had investigated and reported the story^v.

There is also the case of Randy Gross. Randy and the Gospel Lighthouse Church had their church building invaded not once, but twice by the New York District Presbytery turning it into a Party Joycamp ⁷. On the second occasion, Big Brother interrupted and disturbed the Sunday worship so egregiously and blasphemously, that those present in the 200 plus assembly had to dial 911 for help. Church members were so fearful of the imminent brawl about to take place at the pulpit as one longtime congregant, and a senior citizen to boot, wrestled with a Presbyter who held a Papal Bull from Big Brother stating that they were there to take back "their" church^{vi}. A total and absolute violation of every Assemblies of God church's guarantee to complete sovereignty originally designed by the godly founders of the A/G specifically to protect them *from* Big Brother^{vii}.

Of course, there is also the A/G missionary to India who was unlawfully vaporized ⁸ after he appealed to Big Brother Trask for a hearing about fiscal fraud in the Assemblies of God World

⁴ George Orwell, 1984; page 176

⁵ George Orwell, 1984; Oldspeak. "Deliberately ambiguous or evasive language; any language that pretends to communicate but actually does not."

⁶ George Orwell, 1984; Duckspeak: to quack like a duck. Applied to an opponent, it is abuse

⁷ George Orwell, 1984; Joycamp - Forced-labor camp

⁸ George Orwell, 1984; Vaporized: "People simply disappeared, always during the night. Your name was removed from the registers, every record of everything you had ever done was wiped out, and your one-time existence was denied and then forgotten. You were abolished, annihilated: vaporized was the usual word.

Missions Department^{viii}. And Harold Saiti of Syracuse NY, who was cornered in his office before a Wednesday night Bible study and told by the Presbyter from the Ministry of Love⁹ that he was not going to be allowed to preach or teach from the pulpit of that church any more. Big Brother had decreed it and it would be so^{ix}; a patently unashamed contravention of the law contained in the A/G constitution.

Now, time would fail me if I told you of the pastor from Indiana who is afraid the Thought Police¹⁰ will find out that he wishes to leave the Party; or the consulting firm that called me in April from one of the Assemblies of God largest US Districts asking for advice as they seek to change their District constitution to escape from the long arm of Big Brother in Springfield; or the second generation Assemblies couple from Minnesota who left the Party after their eyes were opened by the Holy Spirit;^x ; or similar reports from Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Tennessee, and Australia on Big Brother's illegalities and illicit activities. This includes the Florida pastor who told me that my documentation was "a blueprint" for what had happened to them in their District a few years ago when Big Brother Trask cast out their Superintendent just as they did to Saied Adour - without warrant, without grounds, and without legitimacy. Then of course there is myself. And...who am I you ask?

I am an Unperson¹¹, falsely charged and found guilty by Big Brother in New York and Springfield of Thoughtcrimes.¹² In other words, I thought for myself, applied the rules of law and logic to the Bible and the A/G constitution, and challenged Big Brother. As a result, like Adour and all the others mentioned in this article, I committed no overt acts of immorality, illegality, or breaches of A/G polity or practices, yet I was thrust from the Party. I was guilty of one thing and one thing only. I told Big Brother that he had violated the laws of God and man, and that God would judge all who are involved in the blatant unlawfulness of such a dictatorial hegemony and the brazen lordship over God's people that God emphatically states that He detests^{xi}. My problem though, was I set down my objections and put pen to paper. For that, I was convicted of Crimethink, and my 23 years of faithful and steadfast ministry in the A/G were shoved down the memory hole¹³. Like Emmanuel Goldstein, I resisted the Party¹⁴. And unless you want to end up like me – an acclaimed outcast and a supposed adversary of the Party— do not read my documentation¹⁵ and do not think for yourself^{xii}. Thinking for yourself can be dangerous, and Big Brother will definitely not tolerate it without cruel retribution and retaliation. Be assured from those of us who know firsthand - Big Brother *is*

⁹ George Orwell, 1984; Miniluv: the Ministry of Love, "which maintained law and order."

¹⁰ George Orwell, 1984; ThoughtPolice. Police force in charge of eliminating Crimethink.

¹¹ George Orwell, 1984; Unperson: "Withers, however, was already an unperson. He did not exist; he had never existed."

¹² Ibid; Crimethink (thoughtcrime): "He had committed—would still have committed, even is he had never set pen to paper—the essential crime that contained all others in itself. Thoughtcrime, they called it."

¹³ George Orwell, 1984; Memory hole - A system of pipes, similar to pneumatic tubes, which were used to destroy documents. A document stuffed in the memory hole would be conveniently whisked away to the furnaces below - quickly & easily wiped from history's

¹⁴ Ibid; Goldstein, Emmanuel - The supreme enemy of the state. He was once a member of the party, until he supposedly betrayed the party and began engaging in revolutionary activities. Goldstein is to Ingsoc what Satan is to Christianity... The embodiment of pure evil.

¹⁵ Ibid; Goldstein's Book - One of the greatest acts of heresy that a citizen of Oceania can possibly commit is to read Goldstein's Book, The Theory and Practice of Oligarchical Collectivism. The government portrays the book as the centerpiece of the Resistance -- the ultimate tome of all that is evil -- which is the reason Winston coveted it so. But when you get right down to it, all this book does is explain the structure of society in straightforward and honest manner. And under a totalitarian regime, that is the single greatest act of thoughtcrime possible.

watching! Further, be certain of this - the Assemblies of God has transformed, will continue to transform, and has plans for more transformation in the future. But don't be fooled, for it is not the transformation the A/G wants you to believe it is. Nor is it the transformation that they publicize. Tragically, it is the transformation described by sociologist Alan Wolfe of Boston College who wrote about the rise of America's new national religion.^{xiii}

No, don't be fooled by reality as it is described by Big Brother Trask or any of his obsequious assistants, for it is not reality at all. Reality to Big Brother in Springfield and in other A/G Districts is nothing more than Blackwhite - applied to an opponent it means the habit of impudently claiming that black is white, in contradiction of the plain facts. Applied to a Party member, it means a loyal willingness to say that black is white when Party discipline demands this. But it means also the ability to believe that black is white, and more, to know that black is white, and to forget that one has ever believed the contrary.¹⁶

Plain and simple... truth is what Big Brother says it is. It is no longer an objective, biblical worldview resting in the unyielding, adamant bedrock of Holy Scripture and facts as they are. But rather, reality staggers unsteadily and falls headlong into the street^{xiv}, wobbling tentatively in unwilling submission to Big Brother and how *he* defines reality for the Party. All who agree are sane; all who disagree must find sanity in a kowtowing, illusory conformity to arrant and complete falsehoods¹⁷. How amazing that all of this was accomplished - in less than 100 years. Quite a feat.

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ⁱ "But when people, in emphasizing a doctrine, go beyond or contrary to the teaching of Scripture, they do not honor that doctrine. Conversely, they bring reproach upon it and the work of the Lord. For this reason it is important to call attention to these excesses and show how they are in conflict with the Word of God. This view advocates that God wants believers to wear the best clothing, drive the best cars, and have the best of everything. Believers need not suffer financial setbacks. All they need to do is to tell Satan to take his hands off their money. The believer can have whatever he says whether the need is spiritual, physical, or financial. It is taught that faith compels God's action.ⁱ From the official positional Paper on "The Believer and Positive Confession," issued by the General Presbytery, August 19th, 1980

ⁱⁱ <http://www.azusastreet100.net/>

ⁱⁱⁱ On December 13th, the General Superintendent called and offered me the opportunity to voluntarily resign so I would not have to face the meeting on the 15th. Esther was present with me when the call came. I told him I would have to be given time to consider the offer. Before hanging up he kindly said to me that if I did not resign the severance package that would be offered to me by the New York brethren would likely not be as generous as if I did resign. Much to my shock, he also kindly said that if I did not resign it was possible that I could lose my credentials. He did not tell me what the possible charges would be but he did say that the charges had already been drawn up,

¹⁶ George Orwell; 1984, page 175

¹⁷ George Orwell, 1984; page 205 – 206 "You believe that reality is something objective, external, existing in its own right...But I tell you, Winston, that reality is not external. Reality exists in the human mind, and nowhere else. Not in the individual mind, which can make mistakes, and in any case soon perishes; only in the mind of the Party, which is collective and immortal. Whatever the Party holds to be truth is truth. It is impossible to see reality except by looking through the eyes of the Party. That is the fact that you have got to relearn, Winston. It needs an act of self-destruction, an effort of the will. You must humble yourself before you can become sane."

presumably by the New York brethren. Since he declared my integrity in his January 4th letter to our constituency, I am puzzled to know what those charges could possibly be. As I said, though I hardly can imagine what the charges could be, I envisioned a scenario where I would be forbidden to fellowship with those that I loved and to whom I had ministered faithfully as Superintendent for over eight years. That unimaginable thought brought me to a point where I offered my "voluntary" resignation. A dear precious brother and acknowledged leader among us, has suggested to me that I should not have even then resigned. No, my brothers and sisters, it cannot be said that my resignation was truly voluntary or if I had not resigned I would still be the district superintendent. I'm not sure how it would have been handled, but be assured that if I had not agreed to resign, I would have been forced to do so. I called the General Superintendent back on Tuesday morning the 14th. I told him that I could not, in good conscience, resign before the Presbytery meeting the next day because I wanted to "face the music". Keep in mind that I thought the meeting on the next day would be open and fair. You, of course, know that it was not, at least not my brief part in it. I also told him that I was offended by the suggestion that I would receive a better severance if I resigned. I said that in my over eight years as superintendent, I have never been influenced by money and I did not intend to begin doing so now. From - "A Heartfelt Letter from Saied Adour to All Credential Holders; "pages 2-3

^{iv} Pastor Contends AOG Officials Dismissed Him for Protesting Power Abuses by Jim Brown March 15, 2006 (Agape Press) - A longtime Assemblies of God <<http://ag.org>> pastor says a godly district superintendent in the denomination was unjustly forced to resign his position in New York because top church officials simply did not like his style of leadership. In addition, the pastor claims that he too was dismissed for questioning the handling of the ordeal. In mid-December 2004, Assemblies of God General Superintendent Thomas Trask convened an emergency meeting of 21 New York presbyters, in which Superintendent Saied Adour was asked to agree to 14 restrictions on his ministry or else resign. When 68-year-old Adour surprised Trask by accepting the restrictions that would effectively strip him of all his duties and powers, the presbyters voted 17-3 that he resign. In addition, Adour says he was offered a monetary bribe in the form of enhanced severance pay if he resigned. But Ray Barnett of Amsterdam (New York), a pastor in the denomination for 23 years, has called attention to the fact that no formal charges were ever leveled against Adour for moral, ethical, legal or doctrinal failure." It is simply incongruous with the very meaning of a voluntary resignation if 20 men are going to vote [on whether a minister must] resign," Barnett asserts. He says the action by the New York Presbytery violates the denomination's constitution and bylaws. But after he criticized the treatment Adour received, the veteran Assemblies of God pastor says he was dismissed by the denomination. And the minister contends that similar abuses of power by the denominational leadership have occurred across the United States. The Assemblies of God "once were a very godly organization," Barnett says." I do not believe that is entirely the case [anymore], though it has many godly ministers and missionaries." The minister believes the church has an opportunity to correct itself, and hopes this will happen. However, if this kind of abuse of power "goes unchecked and uncorrected," Barnett notes, "I think the Assemblies of God has no other option except to go the way [of many other denominations], which is into complete backsliding over apostasy." Dennis Brewer, Sr., an Assemblies of God elder and attorney with the American Center for Law and Justice <<http://www.aclj.org>> in Texas, says there is an "epidemic" of officials in certain Assemblies of God districts declining to accept resignations, favoring instead "a kangaroo trial and conviction to punish the local pastor that dares buck the 'Sanhedrin'" of church leadership.

^v Written by Jim Brown, reporter for American Family Radio News
A very angry Thomas Trask called me yesterday, claiming I was "doing a major disservice to the Kingdom" by interviewing Pastor Ray Barnett regarding the Adour debacle in the NY presbytery. He accused me of never contacting the AOG national headquarters before publishing so-called "lies" from Adour and Barnett. I let him know that I called his office twice requesting an interview on the matter, but I never heard back from them. Trask said since the denomination is so large they receive thousands of media inquiries like that every year and his secretary probably forgot to pass the messages on to him. I told him that while he was on the line, we could do an interview and he could have his chance to explain why Adour and Barnett were dismissed. He said he would never do an interview with us because he's not willing to address "false and slanderous allegations." He yelled several times that I was "doing a major disservice to the Kingdom," and said my journalism was "trash" and just "a bunch of garbage." He also asserted that the only reason I wrote the story was to attack the AOG denomination. He then told me he was going to tell his denomination about my shoddy work and then he abruptly hung up. All during his angry diatribe I was thinking -- this man heads the Assemblies of God denomination. I pity the men and women across the country under this man's leadership.

^{vi} On Monday, November 15, the church council acted according to its constitution with a resolution to retain me as the Pastor knowing I would not have credentials with the A/G. On Sunday, November 21, Duane Durst and Mearle Grossglass arrived requesting to the reading of open letter to congregation with the council; a motion was passed declaring no access to them in the morning worship service. Stating their letter could be presented at a special business meeting called for by petition on December 8. They were disruptive to those around them during the singing, talking back and forth about get up and do it now. As I took the service, Duane interrupted the service asking for a courtesy, I told him no, please sit down, Almon interrupts the service appealing to me to let them speak, these two acts in concert with a planned outcry by my opposers made a terrible scene for our guests and children. On Sunday, December 5, Duane, Mearle and Ray Sullivan returned to GLC with a letter and read it after being told they

were denied access to the pulpit. Duane proceeds to the platform and taking over the service, stating they were to takeover completely a sovereign local church... From Documentation - "The Randy Gross Case," Hudson Falls, New York page 3 -4

- vii Right of self-government (sovereign rights). Each General Council affiliated assembly has the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its living Head, and shall have the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local unit. It shall have the right to administer discipline to its members according to the Scriptures and its constitution or bylaws. It shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property, either through trustees or in its corporate name as a self-governing unit. The fact it is affiliated with The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall in no way destroy its rights as above stated or interfere with its sovereignty. The governance model adopted by the local assembly shall conform to the guidelines of Constitution Article XI, Section 1, paragraph a, subparagraph (4). From The Assemblies of God Constitution; Article XI, Section 1, paragraph a, subparagraph C
- viii [Name withheld] had made a high level bribe to the Indian ambassador to the US. He did this to get his visa back into the country. They created a slush fund in India that paid for this man's son to go to the university of Maryland plus \$15,000. I made this appeal to go to the FMB and have them investigate these things. When I arrived in Springfield John B. met with my Dad and I first and let us know that the real reason I was brought to Springfield was to deal with me and rather or not they would allow me to stay in India. We said they are breaking written policy and plus they lied in their letter. John B. said he had nothing to do with it but this was Thomas Trask's [TT] decision and that TT would be leading this meeting. When we confronted TT about him and the committee breaking written policy and lying to us he simply replied "I'm telling you now, is that sufficient" I replied "no sir" and we will not allow you to do this without protest. He yelled and screamed and his face became red on several occasions. Also, I had decided to tape the meeting once John B. told us of the real purpose of the meeting. They asked me at one point if I was taping the meeting and I said yes and then you have never seen anyone explode like TT did at that time. He was yelling so hard that everyone outside could hear. It's funny that later he said he never raised his voice. They went on a campaign to slander my Dad and I and actually said we were yelling at the Gen. Sup. We never raised our voice once. My district had already decided that if it was rejected I would resign and go back on my own and any Church could support me as an independent if they wanted to. I resigned my credentials like we agreed by sending a letter to my district and then they sent it to Springfield. Springfield sent a letter back to the district stating that the resignation would only be accepted if I sign a letter stating I will not go back to India. I never had contact with Springfield again and my name did come back as dismissed by the A/G. Now, I consider it an honor to have been dismissed by the A/G. It is demonic what is happening. After my dismissal from AGWM I received calls from all over the country from people who know the situation in Springfield and TT. They were all saying the same thing. TT lies and he wont allow anyone to question him or you will be gone. From Documentation - "[Name Withheld] Case;" Missionary to India
- ix Rev. Durst could have set everything in order by supporting me as the local pastor, explaining to Rev. [Name Withheld] proper etiquette, and instructed his son in law in our meetings together that in Assembly of God churches, the pastor, not a trustee, is the presiding officer in the church. The damage has been done and our congregation is poisoned with the repercussions of his actions. The demanding and callous behavior of Rev. Durst has continued after my last plea to you all. Two weeks ago, he called and demanded I have a meeting with him and the district officials. I agreed. Rev. Durst made it clear I was to come without representation - not a person nor even a tape recorder (this gave me great pause since Rev. Durst has not spoken honestly with my wife and I in the recent past, and according to the written correspondence of the self-appointed chairman of our church board, the son in law of Rev. [Name Withheld], the "district" continues to correspond with the illegal board). Nevertheless, my wife and I drove to his office fully intending to meet with him, but not foolish enough to go in alone or without recording our meeting. Standing in the hallway in his presence, Rev. Durst stated that I refused to go into the meeting when I refused to go in alone. I repeatedly told him I wanted to go to the meeting (that is why I drove all the way to the district office on my day off). I told Bro. Durst in front of Bro. Grossglass and my presbyter, Rev. Randy Czyz, that I do not have confidence in his leadership because he has been untruthful with me in the recent past. I also told him that the divisive [Name Withheld] family members continue to state in writing that the district continues to advise them on their illegal activities (canceling services, the changing of the church locks and not giving me a key, the "firing" of me without a meeting, the "firing" of me at an illegal meeting, et cetera). Rev. Durst demanded one more time that I enter the meeting alone, and when I took my recorder out and said I was ready to go, he dismissed his people and said, "Fine, you refuse to come into the meeting." No matter how many times I told him otherwise, he continued this same statement and finally walked away when I attempted to walk down the hallway to begin the meeting with them. The presbyter left the building; Rev. Grossglass and Rev. Durst returned to their offices and closed their doors, leaving my wife and I standing in the hallway. Documentation – from "The Harold Saiti Case" page 6
- x Dear Pastor Barnett, My husband and I recently left the Assemblies of God in the Minnesota District after being in the denomination all of our lives. [Name Withheld]'s father was an A/G pastor for 40 years. God opened our eyes to Discernment through being in an A/G church plant- Willowcreek style. We had no clue what we where going to help

plant and after two years of not hearing the Word of God preached we began to question many of the district officials about the direction of this church. What we didn't know at the time was how pervasive the problem was and that it was coming down from the top, not just our district officials but from the national level. God really began to show me and my husband how immense this deception really is. I have grieved over the A/G, we have no friends that call us, and we are alienated from our own A/G family, but we were just people sitting in the pews not pastors. Today as I read the information I just wept for your family, your church and for you Pastor Barnett. I understand the feelings of depression, because I have experienced that same thing. Such a grief that is overwhelming. I can not begin to compare what I have gone through with what you and your family have experienced. I do want you to know that there is a remnant that have not bowed their knee's to Baal. Documentation from "The Minnesota Case" page 1

- ^{xi} "Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. ... O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. {13} The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people." From God - (Isa 3:11-13 KJV)
- ^{xii} Pastor's Letter to Assemblies of God Pastors Recently Pastor Ray contacted hundreds of Assemblies of God pastors via email to share his personal experience of abusive power in the New York District of the Assemblies of God. Click below to read his letter and the facts about the events that lead up to his resignation at the Assemblies of God church he pastored for 18 years and the formation of The Time for Truth Ministries. Read Pastor's letter – "State of the Church;" @ www.timefortruth.com; A few of the cases cited above can be read online in their entirety
- ^{xiii} "God is not dead in America, but the way he lives and breathes has nothing in common with the old-time religion dramatized in Inherit the Wind. In this groundbreaking work, leading American social scientist Alan Wolfe demonstrates that American religion has been transformed beyond recognition. God has met and struggled fiercely against American culture - and the culture has won. On the face of it, religion in America seems to be booming. Church attendance remains high and God talk is omnipresent. Yet after traveling across the country, visiting with clergy, joining in worship services, and digesting reports from every corner of the land, Wolfe discovered that the reality of religion as we actually practice it is utterly different from the stereotype. Gone is the language of sin and damnation. Forgotten are all the doctrinal differences that were once of burning importance. Worship and prayer serve the needs of the inner self. Witnessing is another lifestyle option. In short, American religion has been tamed, and God has become a friend rather than an authority figure. Even conservative religion has become part of the culture of narcissism. Evangelicals are more interested in planting and growing churches than they are in saving souls. People change denominations as frequently as they change jobs. Americans continue to take their religion seriously, but as a group we have thoroughly domesticated what was once a matter of spiritual life and death. We are witnessing the end of religion as our grandparents understood it - and the start of a new religion we are just beginning to know. The Transformation of American Religion offers nothing less than a roadmap to our new national faith." From - "The Transformation of American Religion;" by Alan Wolfe; Publisher: Free Press (August 26, 2003)
- ^{xiv} "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. {15} Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." From God; (Isa 59:14-15 KJV)

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