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**Rick Warren - Seeking Unity to Reach "Critical Mass"**

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According to **news reports** about Rick Warren's participation at the Ecumenical and Interfaith Pre-Conferences (for the **International AIDS Conference**), Warren stated: "We are here at these conferences to say to fellow Christians that we believe the Church needs to take the lead in the greatest health concern on the planet." He said that Christians need to come together on this. However, over the past couple years, Warren has laid the ground work to show that this coming together does not just mean for Christians. He is talking about crossing all barriers, religious, political and other, so that the world's people will be unified to fight the giants of poverty, corruption, ignorance and sickness. At **one conference** he said that every village has a man or woman of peace, who might not necessarily be Christian and could possibly be Muslim, and that person would help to implement the global P.E.A.C.E. plan in their part of the world. At the AIDS conference in Canada, Warren said he is "pressing for a 'coalition of civility,' where diverse groups can disagree without being disagreeable or denouncing one another, and seek unity without requiring uniformity in order to reach critical mass."

Critical mass. What does this mean? While this is a scientific term, when speaking of populations of people, **it is referring to** "an explosion in global consciousness capable of 'touching' or transforming all of humankind." The idea is that when a certain critical number of people all share the same awareness, then change can come to all people's thinking because of the critical mass. A critical mass does not have to be a majority if it is a powerful enough mass, but unity is essential ... and so is meditation. Listen to this excerpt from *A Time of Departing*:

"Dr. Rodney R. Romney, former Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Seattle, is a person frequently quoted as an example of a New Age Christian. He very candidly revealed what was conveyed to him in his contemplative prayer periods. The 'source of wisdom' he was in contact with told him the following:

I want you to preach this oneness, to hold it up before the world as my call to unity and togetherness. In the end this witness to the oneness of all people will undermine any barriers that presently exist.

Could this be a familiar spirit speaking here? Jesus Christ did not teach that all people are one. There are the saved and the unsaved. And Jesus Christ is the catalyst for this distinction."

Rick Warren is suggesting that we need to have a critical mass and that for that to happen there must be a crossing of all barriers - unity is a must!

A three-legged stool will have stability. So I'm going from country to country teaching business its role, teaching church its role, and teaching government leaders their role-- you've got to work together! We cannot solve the problem in your country or in the world if







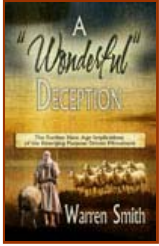
  
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we won't work together. (Rick Warren, July 2006)

And yet Scripture makes it very clear, that while we as Christians are supposed to love all people, showing kindness and civility to all, we cannot be equally yoked, and we cannot come together in a "critical mass." It is not possible to do, especially in light of the fact that a critical mass depends on mysticism for it to truly be effective.

We have established in previous articles and reports that contemplative spirituality is a New Age belief system with which meditation is implemented and altered states of consciousness are reached. We have also shown how New Agers believe that the one common factor that unites all religious traditions is the metaphysical (i.e., mystical meditation). Listen again to Ray Yungen:

But the spirit who spoke to Dr. Romney also revealed something else of vital importance. It declared, "Silence is that place, that environment where I work." Please pay attention to this! God does not work in the silence -- but familiar spirits do. Moreover, what makes it so dangerous is that they are very clever. One well-known New Ager revealed what his guiding (familiar) spirit candidly disclosed: "We work with all who are vibrationally [meditationally] sympathetic; simple and sincere people who feel our spirit moving, but for the most part, only within the context of their current belief system."

Warren Smith, in his book *Reinventing Jesus Christ* talks about the critical mass. He quotes New Ager Marianne Williamson:

So it is that a new politics centers around the arousal of that power, using prayer and meditation to create a forcefield of transformation.

It is a mystical revolution that will usher in a mystical age.

As a loving critical mass coalesces, as hearts around the world continue to yearn and work for peace, then new forms will emerge to actualize our new planetary vision.

Williamson is not some obscure New Age guru. Today, she works diligently in Washington, DC, rallying for the support of Congressmen and others to start a **U.S. Department of Peace**. Every year, she, Walter Cronkite and other influential individuals and groups grow that much closer to the DOP becoming a reality.

The question must be asked, Will Williamson's critical mass and Rick Warren's critical mass join up together? And will the transformation each of them pushes for become a common goal between them. Such a merging would certainly quicken the process of change.

From **Rick Warren's website** (pastors.com) "This is a time, which calls for a critical mass of transformational leaders who will commit to creating a synergy of energy within their circle of influence so new level of social, economic, organizational and spiritual success can be reached. We have not, however, developed the leaders we need for this noble task. To reach such heights, we will need to un-tap the leadership potential of skillful leaders who are successfully directing various organizations and systems. Some of these men and women, knowledgeable and committed, to there profession, will be the transformational leaders we need to create the needed synergy of energy."

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