Unbiblical Teachings on Prayer and Experiencing God

Doug Pagitt, Emergent Church leader, wrote a book (coauthored by Kathryn Prill) that claims that using various body postures can bring people closer to God and deepen one's life of prayer. Here is an example of some of the claims of this book: Engaging the body in acts of being present with God, including certain ceremonial practices, opens us up to God in new ways. People of faith in ancient times understood that such physical acts and practices as rest and worship, dietary restrictions, and mandated fabric in their wardrobes were of great value to their faith and life. The problem is that the Bible says that these types of practices are of NO value: If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch! (which all refer to things destined to perish with the using)-- in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence. (Colossians 2:20-23) Furthermore, creating dietary restrictions for religious reasons is called a doctrine of demons (1 Timothy 4:1-5).

more than the death of the body, tragic as that is. Rather, just as faith and endurance lead to eternal life (1:12; cf. Matt. 10:22), so selfish desire and sin lead to eternal death (Rev. 20:14-15). This is the worst possible result of testing, and a idea we might prefer to avoid. Therefore, James commands, Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers (1:16 ESV). James warns his readers against blaming temptation and sin on God. He hopes his readers see the truth. Sin begins in our hearts which are all too willing to follow evil desires. How foolish it is to succumb to temptation, then blame the results on God. Because of our sin, tests can lead to spiritual death, but God designed them to bring us good. Tests stand among God's gifts, not his curses. But if our sinfulness leads us to fail life's tests, how can we escape our failures? The final two verses [17-18] offer an answer. (pg. 39) This insight is going to stick with me my whole life, Tests offer two alternative responses: endurance faith or selfish desire/doubt/blaming God. Our choice is important, we must not be deceived. But this topic (covered in verses 12-16) flows right into verse 17 which says every good gift comes from God. Tests, in the context of James chapter 1, then, are God's gifts to us! The extended quote above also serves to illustrate Doriani's style in two ways. Notice first, the end of the first paragraph, where he looks beyond the focus of the text in James to the teaching of other Scripture as well. Second, the last paragraph above shows how Doriani is always looking for the gospel. We do fail life's tests, what then? This gospel focus serves readers well as they encounter James through this book. James can be seen as merely a book of practical advice or a collection of commands, yet sprinkled throughout the book are elements of Gospel. And it is the gospel which makes sense of James. Doriani shows us how to see James as complementary to Paul, and warns against a legalistic approach to the book. I cannot more highly recommend this resource. If other titles in the series are as well put together, and as helpful as this book, I am going to want to collect them all. I suspect you will too. My thanks go out to Presbyterian and Reformed Publishers for providing me with a review copy of this book. Daniel M. Doriani (M.Div., Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary; S.T.M., Yale Divinity School) is senior pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, Missouri. He previously was dean of faculty and professor of New Testament at Covenant Theological Seminary. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars, and the author of Getting the Message: A Plan for Interpreting and Applying the Bible, Putting the Truth to Work: The Theory and Practice of Biblical Application, and The Sermon on the Mount: The Character of a Disciple. Originally published on Dec. 8, 2009 at Fundamentally Reformed by Bob Hayton.

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democratisation process taking place in society at large. He concludes that the church's role has been more that of an outsider in society and has consisted in using the benefits of change, instead of creating the change itself. Goeckel is evidently the only foreigner to have made use of the materials stored at the Estonian National Archives. Nor can the useful comparative information from the other Baltic States be overlooked (Das Gute behaltet 1996, Talonen 1997). Most problems still arise, however, with material in local languages, which makes it difficult for Baltic researchers to work with comparative studies. To date, several systematic studies of church life under Communist regimes have also been published in Western Europe. In general, however, these are fairly superficial, and occasionally even misleading. As a rule, the churches of the Baltic countries are studied as a whole; a non-Estonian researcher would normally not perform a study of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church alone. There are, however, also exceptions (Hart 1993). The role of the Lutheran church in the development of Estonian nationalism has generally been small, general thanks to the longterm Baltic German dominance in the Lutheran church. Hart's view about the Lutheran church as a latent church that helped to create an atmosphere for the struggle for independence seems to offer a more positive approach towards the situation today, when the church is rather weakly manifested in society. In general, the most investigated topic in this period has been the relationship between church and state (especially intriguing has been the topic of the church and the KGB). Other aspects of church life have been underestimated. Foreign contacts have also been investigated from only one, political aspect (if at all). The influence of the church in society must be further researched. A great deal of unused material is available, especially in the archives. More detailed research remains to be conducted. **Churches Social and Political Role in Europe after the Second World War**


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Since Biotechnology became fashionable and a large number of comprehensive textbooks have reached the market. Nonetheless only a few of them are primarily devoted to outstanding related key disciplines that makes Biotechnology a commercially appealing science. This is the case for “Building Biotechnology” by Yali Friedman. From the title on, in well-structured four main sections, the reader is smoothly driven in a dynamic and convincing way to understand the interactions of the scientific aspects of biotechnology with legal, political, regulatory and even ethical approaches required to make biotechnology a commercial success. Indeed, the opening chapters introduce readers to the real concept of applied biotechnology, defined not only as a product or service making one, but as a mixture of technologies that altogether and in harmony allow the development of a long-lasting commercial biotechnology. Particularly noticeable is the clarifying chapter on legal issues and the differentiation between the intertwined concepts normally associated with the issue of intellectual property. Next, the author dives the reader into corporate biotechnology, highlighting the requirements to establish a biotechnology company. This is a pivotal issue for pure-science biotechnologists, regularly deprived of the required background to build-up from bench to market. The last section is a well organized basic tour through relevant issues that get together science and technology as a functional unit. It clearly shows the reader that being successful in biotechnology is not an easy task, but not impossible either if the proper steps are followed. Notwithstanding, one of the key concepts resulting from reading the book is that of optimism. Biotechnology has destroyed paradigms, created new ones and reborn others, always with a positive slope, selling the feeling that we are just at the beginning of a never-ending process.

Yali Friedman is an enthusiast. Through the different sections of his book he speeds up to convince the reader that getting into Biotechnology is a must. In summary, a robust, commercially-oriented readable book which should be read not only by specialists but also by entrepreneurs which foresee Biotechnology as the business of tomorrow.
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