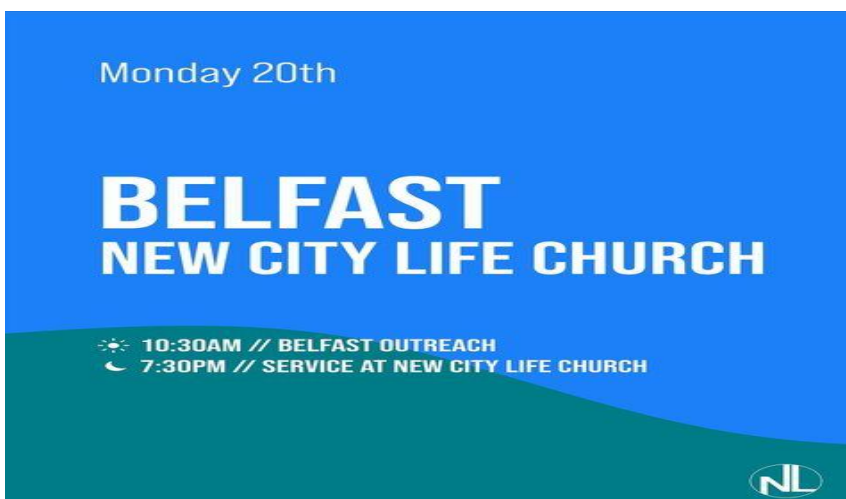


**BETHEL SCHOOL of SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY:
MEETINGS to AVOID. Facebook posts.
APPENDIX added 13th March 2023.**

The 'Journey Community Church' in Antrim posted the following on their Facebook site on Friday 10th March 2023 –

A team of 60 from BSSM and Young Saints are arriving next week and their schedule for outreach is jam-packed! They will be in different locations around Northern Ireland 20-25th March - By day, they'll minister to people on the streets and by night, they'll be gathering together for Revival meetings in a partnering church. These nights will make space for worship, prayer and encounter and most importantly following the Spirit's lead. The final weekend sees the Come Alive Youth Conference at Journey Community Church in Antrim where young people will gather together for worship, main speakers sharing their hearts and ministry time - all with Jesus at the centre and our main focus. We are expectant for an incredible week and encourage you to get along to any of these locations through the week. Sign Up required for Youth Conference:



Tuesday 21st

ARMAGH VIBE CHURCH

☀️ 10:30AM // ARMAGH/NEWRY OUTREACH
🌙 7:30PM // SERVICE AT VIBE CHURCH

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Wednesday 22nd

BANGOR THE FOUNTAIN CENTRE

☀️ 10:30AM // BANGOR OUTREACH
🌙 7:30PM // SERVICE AT THE FOUNTAIN CENTRE

THE FOUNTAIN CENTRE

Thursday 23rd

DERRY CITY CORNERSTONE CITY CHURCH

☀️ 10:30AM // DERRY CITY OUTREACH
🌙 7:30PM // SERVICE AT CORNERSTONE CITY CHURCH

CORNERSTONE
CITY CHURCH

Friday 24th - Saturday 25th

ANTRIM YOUTH CONFERENCE

🌙 FRIDAY 7:30PM // JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
☀️ SATURDAY 10:00AM-9:30PM



AT A GLANCE BSSM & JOURNEY

Monday 20th

BELFAST OUTREACH & SERVICE // NEW CITY LIFE CHURCH

Tuesday 21st

ARMAGH OUTREACH & SERVICE // VIBE CHURCH

Wednesday 22nd

BANGOR OUTREACH & SERVICE // THE FOUNTAIN CENTRE

Thursday 23rd

DERRY CITY OUTREACH & SERVICE // CORNERSTONE CITY CHURCH

Friday 24th - Saturday 25th

ANTRIM YOUTH EVENT // JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

**In response I posted the following on
Facebook on Saturday 11th March 2023**

'Take Heed' WARNING – MEETINGS to AVOID.

This shared post gives details of meetings where a team of 60 from 'Prophet' Bill Johnson's 'church' in Redding, CA, will be 'ministering in Northern Ireland from 20th – 25th March.

The BSSM stands for '**Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry**' – the methods employed in BSSM are basically a doorway to occultic danger and not to a deeper, genuine Christian experience.

There is an excellent book called '**COUNTERFEIT KINGDOM**', authored by Holly Pivec and R Douglas Geivett which exposes the precise dangers and non-Christian nature of what is promoted by 'Prophet' Johnson and his 'church' which is a leader in the so-called '**New Apostolic Reformation**' (NAR).

Holly personally attended some meetings at Bethel and wrote – 'What especially caught my attention that day, what really troubled me in fact were the techniques used by those novice prophets and their trainers. The 'activation' of their supernatural gifts fits a disturbing pattern. Bethel's teachings on how to 'activate' prophetic gifts resembles the NEW AGE attempts to 'awaken' psychic powers ... In no way did the prophesying I saw at Bethel resemble prophesying found in the Bible ... During my Bethel visit, I observed that the 'activation' of supernatural gifts in individuals has more in common with NEW AGE occultic practices than with biblical Christianity' (pp 36-37).

'COUNTERFEIT KINGDOM' can be ordered via these links –

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Counterfeit-Kingdom-Revelation-Prophets-Practices/dp/1087757495>

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APPENDIX

As a result of my Facebook post, the '**Journey Community Church**' blocked me from accessing their Facebook page. Not only that, but during their Sunday morning service on 12th March their 'pastor, **John Ashe**, made mention of myself and others who he referred to as '**heresy hunters**' – I much prefer the term '**truth trumpeters**'.

So, what did **John Ashe** say? Well, this is a transcript of the salient points from what he said (if you have access to Facebook this is the link to the 'service' and you need to scroll to 1.12.00 – https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=651207733478196&id=100071009403871)

'The heresy hunters are after us again – yeow, hurrah – lan (the associate pastor at Journey Community is Ian Somerville) **has joined the elite group of Thomas and myself. Ian got a letter last week – 'yeah' – so you know when you get one of those letters with the anonymous name, telling you how rubbish you are , you're like 'hurray' - you know you're doing something good in the world and the mere mention of BSSM on Facebook brings them all out, so, CECIL, if you're watching, come join us, we'd love to have you, love to pray for you, hope the spirit of God touches your life** (background laughter) **Good ... some of the stuff the heresy hunters don't believe in , you see they're very critical about supernatural signs and wonders – now, I don't understand why they are critical because ... you're meant to be like Jesus and that's what he did. He commissioned the disciples to go into the world, teaching them to obey everything that he had commanded them to do and the 4 things he instructed them at the great commission was to 'heal the sick', 'cast out demons', 'raise the dead' and 'preach the gospel'.**

Well, first off, I shall not be taking up the invite to **'come join us'** as I do not want to run the risk of getting **'touched'** by whatever 'seducing' spirit or spirits are abroad at **Journey Community.**

Then secondly, the most common passage of scripture referred to when there is mention of **'The Great Commission'** is found in **Matthew 28:19-20** – the commission involves **teaching** and **baptising** and the parallel verse in **Mark 16:15** refers to **preaching.**

So, where do **'heal the sick', 'cast out demons'** and **'raise the dead'** come from? Perhaps **John Ashe** is referring to the commission given exclusively to the **"twelve disciples"** and the powers given to them that we read about in **Matthew 10:1-8.** This was a 'limited' commission confined to reaching the people of Israel and not the gentiles (v 5-6) and even the terms of it are referred to and subsequently amended as we read in **Luke 22:35-36.**

Then perhaps **John Ashe** is referring to **Mark 16:17-18** and teaching that the 'powers' mentioned apply to 'believers in general' today – but do they?

Many years ago, I wrote a little booklet called **'Charting a Course Through Charismatic Waters'** and pages 21-24 were devoted to commenting on **Mark 16:9-20.** Here are some extracts of what I wrote -

'The verses which charismatic leaders particularly point to, to substantiate their claims are verses 17 and 18 - **"And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name they shall cast out devils ... they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover"**. The important question to be answered is – Who are the **"them that believe"**?

Charismatic leaders point back to verse 16 and say that following the preaching of the gospel (v 15) "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved – these are the believers who shall be able to do all the wonderful things listed in verses 17 and 18.

However, if we examine all the verses in this passage carefully, we discover that **TWO** groups of believers and **TWO** groups of unbelievers are mentioned ... Going back to verses 9-11 we read of Mary Magdalene going to the followers of Jesus, including the disciples, and telling them of her encounter with the risen Lord.

How did they receive the news? In verse 11 we read "And they ... **BELIEVED NOT**" ... our first group of unbelievers. Next, we find the Lord Himself appearing to the 11 unbelieving disciples and what does He do? "He upbraided them with their **UNBELIEF**."

The Lord then goes on to commission them to preach the gospel and we read of a first group of **BELIEVERS** and a second group of **UNBELIEVERS** (verse 16).

In verse 17 we read at the beginning "And these signs shall follow them that **BELIEVE**" ... verse 17 is not referring to those who believe (and are baptised) through hearing the gospel (v 16) but rather is referring to those amongst the **UNBELIEVING** disciples who had been 'ticked off' by Jesus for their unbelief ... The evidence of Scripture, particularly in the book of Acts confirms that the disciples who believed did many of the things listed in verses 17 and 18.

Finally, I would point to verse 20 to support my assertion that these signs would follow 'believing disciples' and not 'believers in general'. Verse 20 reads "And they (believing disciples – the second group of believers) went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following".

To teach that 'believers in general' should expect to be able to do miraculous things (as John Ashe appears to do) on the basis of this passage is I believe an **incorrect interpretation of this passage**' (pp 22-24).

Perhaps **John Ashe** (and others) will say – that is your personal opinion Cecil and we don't agree with you. Am I alone in my understanding of this passage – certainly not. Let me quote from 2 books written by **Peter Masters**, the long-time, highly respected pastor of the **Metropolitan Tabernacle** in London – the church where C H Spurgeon preached and pastored.

In his book **'The Charismatic Phenomenon'** chapter 11 is titled **'What About the Signs of Mark 16?'** and here are some extracts from that chapter –

'The great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ includes the words recorded in Mark 16:17-18 – “And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover”. Is this not an unqualified promise to all who believe? If so, then surely such following signs should be expressed in every age.

The answer to this viewpoint is that the verses quoted, Mark 16:17-18 are most certainly NOT part of the great commission applicable to ordinary preachers and believers throughout the ongoing history of the Church. We are put on our guard by the mention of serpents and deadly poisons ...

The great commission as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20 does not include the verses just quoted from Mark, and this should guide our interpretation of them ...

The subject which dominates these verses is that of the UNBELIEF of the disciples ... the disciples refuse to believe Mary Magdalene's account of having seen the Lord.

Then in verses 13 we find them DISBELIEVING the two disciples to whom the Lord appeared on the Emmaus road. Then in verse 14 we read of how the Lord appears to the eleven and scolds them for – “their UNBELIEF and hardness of heart, because they had NOT BELIEVED”.

The Lord announces to them the great commission which applies not only to them, but to all believers who shall follow them. HOWEVER, He immediately returns to the problem of their UNBELIEVING tendencies ... Addressing THEM specifically He says that certain signs will follow those of THEM (the eleven) who wholeheartedly BELIEVE and obey His instructions ... The final verse of Mark records that the disciples obeyed, and reaped the promise ...

This exegesis of the passage is totally confirmed by the book of Acts and HEBREWS which informs us that the wonders were principally performed by “the hands of the apostles” ... To summarise, the key to the passage lies in Mark 16:14 – “Afterward He appeared to the eleven ... and He reproached THEM for their UNBELIEF and hardness of heart”.

The principal subject is – the UNBELIEF of the eleven, and the Lord's special promise to them if they repent of this. We must therefore conclude that these words were SPECIFICALLY addressed to the eleven' (pp 77-79)

Then in his book **'The Healing Epidemic'** in chapter 4 which is titled **'The text says no'** we read this by **Peter Masters** –

'The exception to the commissioning passages just quoted is Mark 16:14-18 ... Why is this version of the great commission different from the others, in that it includes healing, exorcism and protection from snake bites and poisons? The answer is that it was given PRIVATELY in a separate appearance from the later, more 'public' giving of the commission in Galilee. The terms of the commission are quite different in the Matthew and Mark accounts.

The Mark occasion occurred while the disciples "sat at meat," while the Matthew occasion occurred out in the open on a mountain previously designated by the Lord. Most commentators think that the latter was the same event which Paul refers to in 1st Corinthians 15:6, when the risen Christ was seen by over 500 people.

The Mark occasion was therefore first, took place at Jerusalem and was a private briefing for the eleven disciples who would be the future apostles (Peter Masters then basically repeats what I quoted from 'The Charismatic Phenomenon') ... Mark 16:17-18 is really a very embarrassing text for charismatic leaders, for while they claim Christ has promised these signs for all time, they cannot survive snake bites and poisons. Until they can they should realise that they are wresting this text out of its proper context, namely that of a private exhortation to the future apostles.

The version of the great commission which applies to all disciples – of every day and age – gives us NO instruction to perform healing signs' (pp 63-65).

John Ashe's version of the Great Commission – **'to 'heal the sick', 'cast out demons', 'raise the dead' and 'preach the gospel'** - represents false teaching of the highest order. May God be pleased to deliver many who sit under his 'ministry' from the deceptions that he and the **BSSM** vigorously promote.

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