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## Oral Roberts — A Critical Evaluation



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**T**he death of Oral Roberts on December 15, 2009 brought to the forefront a lot of questions concerning the condition of big-time Christian ministry. When you look at 20th Century ministries, only Billy Graham drew more people to his crusades than Oral Roberts.

### The Byte Show—Update

Our director, Tom Mack, has become a regular guest on the international radio program, *The Byte Show with GeorgeAnn Hughes*. He recently did a program on the Health Care bill going through Congress, outlining many of the problems with the bill and what it is going to take before it is passed.

Tom has also done an update to a program he first did for them four years ago. This interview was on

crusades than Oral Roberts. Second place was a common theme for Oral Roberts. He was the second Christian ministry to get on that “new” medium we now call television in the 1950s. Another televangelist named Rex Humbard “beat him to the punch” by just a few months. However, most analysts would agree: In the end, Oral Roberts used television much better than Rex Humbard could have ever hoped to. Even in the world of healing, he was second place. He finished second to the renegade Oneness Pentecostal William Branham. His healing rate was much higher than Oral Roberts. But being second on the innovation list does not begin to diminish the effect he had on Christian ministry.

When everything is said and done, no Pentecostal minister will outrank Oral Roberts when

it comes to changing how Christian ministries operate. His 1950s tent meetings are still the stuff legends are made of and even his controversial healing ministry will be remembered by historians who chronicle the events of that time.

However, when analysts and historians do the final evaluation on Oral Roberts, his “whited sepulcher” will always be the university he founded in 1963. He claimed, even to his dying day, that God told him to build Oral Roberts University, but many have doubted that fact for a number of valid reasons.

Unlike most of the media, we will step out of the norm and do a critical evaluation the healing ministry that made Oral Roberts the legend he was and consider the effect his ministry had on other ministries operating around the world today.

“Computer Security” and dealt with many of the issues facing people who own computers and work a lot on the Internet on a constant basis. We also have made available, a handout that people can download off of *The Byte Show’s* website and use to follow along with the talk.

A couple of weeks ago, Tom also did a file outlining his Bible Code research into the “Norwegian Light Show.” The

answers he found are far different from what we are hearing in the media and on the Internet. The Bible Codes and an analysis can be found on *The Byte Show’s* website at:

<http://thebyteshow.com/Guests.html>



### Special points of interest:

- **REX HUMBARD WAS THE FIRST PREACHER TO HAVE HIS OWN TELEVISION SHOW.**
- **BILLY GRAHAM’S CRUSADES WERE ATTENDED BY MORE PEOPLE THAN ANY OTHER MINISTRY. ORAL ROBERTS WAS A DISTANT SECOND.**
- **ONENESS PENTECOSTAL PREACHER WILLIAM BRANHAM HAD THE HIGHEST HEALING RATE OF ALL PREACHERS, OVER 90% OF ALL THE PEOPLE PRAYED FOR BY BRANHAM RECEIVED HEALING AND DELIVERANCE. ORAL ROBERT’S RATE WAS ABOUT 40%. SON RICHARD DOES NOT DO NEARLY AS WELL.**

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## Oral Roberts and the Word of Faith Movement



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**“To make a big-time preacher look like a big-time ‘Man of G\_d,’ ruling spirits working inside the big-time preacher would order lesser spirits working in a victim to move from one organ to another to give the illusion of healing.”**



Oral Roberts ministering in the 1950s

World War II literally changed the Christian world. The threat of thermo-nuclear war and the “cold war” did much to shake people’s lives. Couple that with the apparently prophetic establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 and people started looking for something to change in the world of Christianity. The Pentecostal Movements which ignited the early 20th Century were starting to wane and people were looking for the next revival that would again lift people off their feet. The year 1948 would prove exciting for some as Oral Roberts joined the ranks of the many preachers who were making the news, both in the religious world and even in the secular world.

By the middle 1950s, Oral Roberts had risen to fame with healing revivals stretching all over the country. Stealing ministry ideas from the likes of Jack Coe, William Branham, A.A. Allen, and others, the Oral Roberts tent revivals became legendary. But as he became legendary, certain questions started to arise. When you read the bios and the obituaries that have appeared after he died, only some Oklahoma media ever mentions the fact that he is ¼ Cherokee Indian. But out of the Cherokee Indian nation’s “woodwork” came further hints about his lineage. These hints suggested that Oral Roberts was the grandson of powerful Cherokee Indian “medicine men” or Shamans. These people performed healings and cured sickness at a rate unknown to modern medicine. These men did not get this talent through G\_d, but through the worship of other divine beings the Book of Genesis, Chapter 6 calls the “sons of G\_d.” In the rest of the Bible, they are referred to as “gods” or “false gods.” When people worship these gods, curses are placed on their family lines to the third and fourth generations (Exodus 20:5, 34:7, Numbers 14:18, Deuteronomy 5:9). The more these shamans prayed to their false gods, the greater they were possessed by ruling spirits that could bring about fake healings. Once these false gods got into a family line, they could stay there three and four generations. Many big-time preachers have acquired ruling spirits in this way.

Deliverance ministers report that many people who supposedly received healings at meetings like Oral Roberts’ have discovered that Spirits of Infirmity which had infected one body organ moved to another more critical body organ after being prayed for by a big-time preacher. The person who received prayer from the big-time preacher, suffered under the illusion of being healed, only to learn later on that they had picked up an even worse disease. During deliverance sessions, the Spirit of Infirmity would confess under duress that they were forced to move from one organ to another upon orders from a Ruling Evil Spirit operating inside the big-time preacher. By ordering the Spirit to move from one organ to another, the big-time preacher could claim another healing.

The point of decision for Oral Roberts may have come in the 1950s when it became apparent that the healings in his meetings were more works of evil than they were healings from G\_d. At some point in time, Oral Roberts had a decision to make. Like the girl with the Spirit of Divination in Acts 16:16-20, she proclaimed (despite having a powerful evil spirit in her) that Paul and Silas were Men of G\_d proclaiming the way of salvation. A lot of people made a lot of money off her. But when Paul cast the devil out of the girl, there was no more money to be had. If Oral Roberts had truly submitted to deliverance and had those ruling spirits cast out of him, the “healing ministry” he was so famous for, might have ended right then and there: No money, no fame, and no glory!

Judging from the evidence of his ministry, it is apparent he chose keeping the ruling spirits and continuing in the false ministry of healing. His ministry soon became dependent upon the skills of his fundraisers who came up with every kind of trinket and book they could think of to keep the money coming in. Now he is dead and the time of judgment is upon him!

Worldwide Crisis in the Church by Andrew Strom

I only began to truly understand the magnitude of this crisis on my recent trip to Uganda. I have ministered in Nigeria many times, but I had always thought Nigeria was a special case - that the awful poison I saw there had not spread so far in other places. Uganda opened my eyes. The whole of Africa is being infected. And I mean on an epidemic scale. An utter destruction of truth, a complete undermining of the words of Jesus, a total loss of the pure milk of the word. Greed and corruption and "prosperity" lies are laying waste to it all on a vast scale.

It is so difficult to put into words the horror of what is happening in the Third World. These are Revival countries - where God has been moving in great power. They are nations full of the simple and the poor - who often make the most devoted lambs of Jesus. And now I feel like we are seeing the "rape" of these precious Third World Christians by a vast army of corrupted charlatans who call themselves "God's preachers". Leaders by the thousand who have been utterly ruined by the greed-inducing lies of Western Christian media. And now they are ravaging God's precious sheep.



This is not a small problem - it is enormous. Right across the continents of Africa and Asia and South America - where God has been moving the most - we find this gospel of greed beginning to utterly dominate the church - particularly in the big cities. In many places it is difficult to find pastors or leaders who are not gorging themselves with it. We are talking about corruption and sickness on such a scale that I do not believe the like of it has been seen since the days of Constantine. This is a crisis unlike almost any other that the church has known.

Just this week I got an email from a pastor in Puerto Rico who wrote the following: "The prosperity and WOF false gospel has made extensive damage to the local Pentecostal/Charismatic church. Nowadays WOF theology is the "standard theology" heard on Christian media (radio, music and TV). A Spanish-speaking subsidiary of TBN called ENLACE is spread all over Latin America with the name-and-claim-it 'gospel'..."

Another man from Nigeria wrote to me:

"When I heard your message, especially about the report of the church in Nigeria, you were right on the money... This money gospel has reshaped and taken over Christianity in Nigeria totally, and it saddens my heart... You agree with me that it's a major crisis in Lagos. Everything is about money and you seem a fool when you talk against it... "leadership, money, increase." So many, all over Africa."

On one trip to Nigeria I stayed in the home of a pastor of a large church there. He had two brand-new Mercedes parked in the driveway as well as a new Lexus SUV. Inside was a 10-foot wide Plasma television with Satellite TV. And such things are not uncommon at all in the larger churches of Africa. In fact, more and more it is being seen as "normal". And how do they get all this money? By manipulating the poor, precious lambs of Jesus, of course. Screwing it out of a people who live in poverty the like of which you and I can hardly imagine. You should see the "offerings" these gentlemen take up - so manipulative it could almost make you physically sick. And where did they learn all these "money tricks"? Why - from U.S Christian television, of course! And then they multiply it by 100.

So what is to be done about all this? Has it already become so ingrained that it is hopeless trying to turn it around? Is the amount of money being spent on television by these sharks so great that the Truth simply can't compete? These are very good questions. Because television and radio are clearly the dominant factor in this race to destruction.

As I said in a previous article, we have to make a personal choice in this crisis between Despair and 'Resolve'. We can either sink down in despair, or "Resolve" to stand and fight for the Truth and for the precious lambs of God. I have to take heart in the fact that Jesus says HE is the one who builds His Church - and the gates of hell will not prevail against her. I believe God has a plan - and it is a plan that involves you and me - and everyone else who knows the Truth and is willing to fight for it. We are Christ's ambassadors and He has a special mission for us - just like in every similar crisis down through history. All we have to do is stand and speak. God will do the rest.

I love the example of David who came to Israel during a similar emergency. When he saw that the Israelites were faced by a taunting, God-mocking Philistine named Goliath he did not go aside to hold committee meetings - or even to pray for

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## Spiritual Technologies for a new Millennium

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## Music from Heaven Update

We continue to work on the Music of Heaven and may have a CD ready for purchase sometime in late January or early February. In the mean time, we have uploaded new music to our RSS feed and to the download page on the sub-web site. You can reach the music section by typing in the following URL:

<http://music.whitestonefoundation.org>

We have been doing research on the music in a couple of new ways. We tried playing certain selections of the music to people sick with influenza. In one case the playing of the music caused the symptoms to stop within a couple hours. We would like to see if this music might work on other illnesses. To download the music, type in this URL in your browser:

<http://health.whitestonefoundation.org>

Our third area of study has been in weather modification. On more than one occasion, we have been able to bring rain to drought stricken areas. We have recently been able to reduce the effects of a cold snap in the Midwest. We also brought snow to southern Missouri where they don't often get it. To download the music, type in this URL in your browser:

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## Worldwide Crisis in the Church by Andrew Strom (Continued from Page 3)

several days before acting! His heart was stirred within him and he cried, "What shall be done to the man that kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:26).

This is the reaction that God is looking for. It is a heart response birthed out of a kind of "holy indignation". And it results in a courage that stands boldly for Truth - without even thinking about the consequences. It is those who have this "holy indignation" that God is wanting to use in these last days. The crisis is severe. Who will stand for righteousness and truth? Only those who, like David, have drawn

close to God and feel His heart. God's eyes are roaming the earth, seeking such ones to stand for Him at this very moment.

I said in an earlier article that those who have a special calling for "media" are particularly needed in this battle. For that is where a lot of it is being fought. It is a war for the hearts and minds of the church worldwide. And lately the devil has been winning almost every round. But the future is not decided. We have yet to see what will happen when God Himself takes the field - and deploys His truth-tellers to battle. Then we may yet see a different story.

May we all be part of the solution

to this crisis, my friends. May we all - under the anointing of the Holy Spirit - simply stand and start declaring God's Truth into this situation. Simple fearless courage is still one of the few things on this earth that makes the devil tremble. It still only takes "five small stones." The time to 'quit ourselves like men' has come - to gird ourselves for war. The eternal destiny of millions of Jesus' precious sheep hangs in the balance. Will we respond?

Check out Andrew Strom's new book, *Survive the Depression*. You can get it on such sites as Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other major book distribution sites.

