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The Ape of God

How New Age Spirituality Has Interlaced Into the Fabric of Evangelicalism

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Charles Spurgeon, Martin Luther, Saint Augustine, and others have called Satan “the ape of God.” As an ape will mimic a person’s actions, so Satan mimics God’s plan. God sends Christ; Satan sends false christs (Matthew 24:5). God sends prophets to lead and instruct; Satan sends false prophets to mislead and confuse (Matthew 7:15-23). God raised up men to become apostles; Satan has his own apostles (2 Corinthians 11:13). God gave us His Gospel; Satan gave another (Galatians 1:6-8). Satan’s plan is to convince men they are following God when they are actually following him.



attacked the Creator in all His works. He fouled creation. He dragged man down from his lofty place as steward and custodian of the earth and rolled him in the mire of depravity. But Satan was not content just to spoil the first creation; he attacked the second. Now Satan uses all his tactics, craft, and power to destroy man recreated in the image of Jesus Christ. There is no believer in Christ who will not find himself attacked by Satan or one of his demons. Satan is a formidable foe. He is not a myth or the product of our imaginations. He is as real today as when Christ met

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Theologian G.C. Berkouwer said, “There can be no sound theology without a sound demonology.”¹ From the moment man was created and placed in the Garden of Eden, Satan vowed perpetual opposition against the God of Heaven. He

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