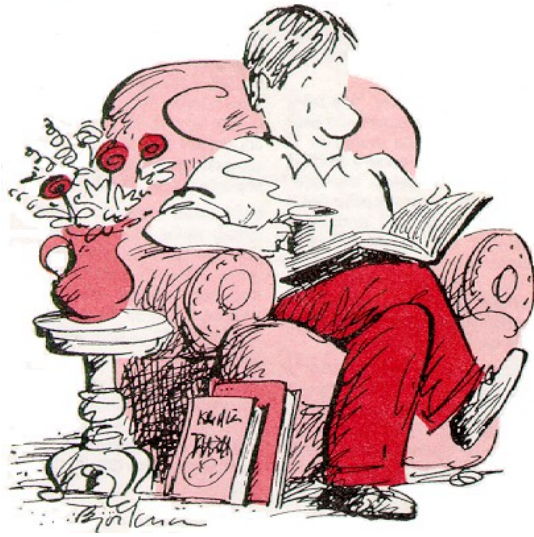


Examining the Theology of

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A. Introduction: The Word-Faith Movement

Health and wealth are two major concerns of many people. Wealth will attract many people. Three of the four megachurches are Osteen's Lakewood in Houston, Creflo's Dallas. The Word-Faith movement is also called the Prosperity Gospel and spoken Word of God and God Faith. It is also described as just Prosperity Gospel. It came into being about the time of the Pentecostal movement. Hence many people associate it with Pentecostalism. Pentecostal movement, its theology is incompatible with

Nevertheless many proponents of the Word-Faith movement have some Pentecostal or Charismatic background. What was followed their teaching filled their churches and received at least partially due to the massive amount of money they built huge buildings and extensive ministries, and more in growth."^[2]

It is the intention of this paper to examine the Word-Faith movement, examine the major proponents of the movement and the prominent characteristic teaching of this movement and the foundation of this movement. We shall conclude by saying

a. Kenneth Hagin (1917-2003)

Kenneth Hagin is considered by some as the originator of the

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considered E.W. Kenyon as founder and that Hagin was born premature with a deformed heart at age 10. He said that his heart stopped three times which resulted in his conversion in 1933 and he went on to receive Baptism of the Holy Spirit and because of a 10-year period after Hagin reported he had a serious heart condition, he started his own ministry in 1963 which in 1978 became the Rhema Bible Training Center in Oklahoma. He started Rhema Bible Training Center which is now carried by about 250 radio stations; his own ministry has produced many pamphlets.^[3]

Kenneth Hagin's theological roots seemed to come from a Pentecostal background. He did not receive an education and did not acknowledge the work of E.W. Kenyon.

Kenneth Hagin writes "*I am fully convinced - I believe that in His great mercy, that no believer should ever be lost on earth; and that every believer should finally just*" (p. 21)^[4].

b. E.W. Kenyon (1860-1948)

Born in 1860, E. W. Kenyon is generally recognized as the founder of the New Thought Movement. Beginning as a Methodist, he became a Primitive Baptist. This resulted in the founding of a few Primitive Baptist churches. At the same time, he combined elements of the metaphysical New Thought of Christianity^[5] New Thought theology can be described as a mixture of occultism, witchcraft and many other aspects of esotericism. It was Quimby who influenced Mary Baker Eddy. Quimby also had a profound influence on Kenyon.

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Obviously Kenyon had his theological roots both in the Bible and in the writings of C. S. Lewis. Kenyon's influence on Hagin borrowed "heavily" from his writings. Kenyon's influence on Hagin

c. Kenneth Copeland

Copeland has a similar history as Hagin. He is a former member of the Assemblies of God. His ministry comes from his seminars, cassette recordings and television. His ministry is also heavily influenced by Kenyon's teaching.

d. Benny Hinn

Benny Hinn was often put forward as a successor to the ministry of Kenneth Copeland. Unlike Hagin and Copeland, Hinn was influenced by the faith healing ministry of Kathryn Kuhlman. He started his own healing ministry based on Kenyon's "Laying on of the Spirit" by a wave of his coat or his hands. He was heavily influenced by the Word-Faith teachings of Kenneth Copeland, the Christian Research Institute and the Assemblies of God (Pentecostal). Presently he is a member of the Assemblies of God which include a Signs and Wonder Bible School. He has written several books. His main ministry is miracle and faith healing. He has distanced himself from the Word-Faith movement.

e. Paul and Jan Crouch

Paul Crouch graduated from Central Bible College. He is a member of the Assemblies of God. Together with Jimmy Bakker, he founded the Christian based television network in the world, the Trinity Broadcasting Network, a large segment of the world.

f. Paul/David Cho Yonggi

David Cho Yonggi is the pastor of Full Gospel Y said Jesus said he had died and is now raised a the fourth dimension. The first three dimensio dimension. He taught this concept as the “Fou of positive confession (more about this later), v Yonggi is aware that these are occultic method their ends.

The proponents of the Word-Faith movement have c review is that we can trace their teaching back throug involved with the [occult](#) and metaphysics. David Cho However, it must be said that not all followers of Hagi just adopt the section discussed in section B (below) it without the other. However Lim mentions, “it is po everything associated with it.”[\[10\]](#)

B. Understanding the Word-Faith Doctrines of Heal

Bowman approached the word-faith movement d in our critique of the doctrines.

a. The Power of Positive Confession

This is the most well known distinctive of the V important that coupled with faith it can create us. The reverse is also true. If we proclaim in fa Word-Faith theology is also known as “Name it faith, a sort of God-faith. God used His faith to *“Faith is the creative force in man. Faith is the c continued, “The God kind of faith...is the kind*

words. Words filled with faith are the most powerful. God does not do anything outside of faith.”^[14]

God faith is a creative force. Anyone can use it and we can claim anything we want.

The basis for this doctrine is based on Mark 11

Mark 11:22

MK 11:22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "If you say to this tree, 'Be uprooted and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but

Teachers of Word-Faith theology interpreted Jesus based on the grammatical distinctive of the Greek (God faith), (2) it is possible for us to have God faith. The question we need to ask is, “Does God has faith?” The answer is to believe because He knows! God does not have faith as a force as God faith.

Hebrews 11:3

HEB 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was made by what was visible.

Kenyon and the Word-Faith teachers interpret Hebrews 11:3. Again it is playing with the Greek syntax. In Greek

Pistei nooumen kat rthisthai tous ai nas rh mat

(by) faith we understand were made worlds (by)

Traditional interpretation will be:

we understand (by faith) were made worlds (by)

Word-Faith teaches

we understand were made worlds (by faith, by

Hence the interpretation becomes God made t

Psalm 33:6-9

*PS 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heave
waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into
world revere him. PS 33:9 For he spoke, and it c*

The Word-Faith teachers choose to interpret t

Does this also mean that God has really big jars

how God can speak words in vacuum before th

Positive confession can be reduced to a formul

*Hagin's theme, as found in his booklet How to V
Crisis, pp. 74-75): In the opening chapter, titled '
the apostle John on the Isle of Patmos -- a white
Himself appeared to me," says Hagin. "He stood
such things as finances, ministry, and even curre
instructed him to "Write down: 1,2,3,4." Jesus th
these four principles into operation, he will alwa
whatever you want financially. The formula is s*

*1. Step number one is "Say it." "Positive or negat
he receive."*

*2. Step number two is "Do it." "Your action defec
from receiving."*

3. Step number three is "Receive it." We are to pli

*4. Step number four is "Tell it so others may beli
program.[\[15\]](#)*

Bowman is right to comment, "God does not h

that God is "a faith God" then, is contrary to th

b. The Lifting of the Curse

One of the persuasive arguments of the Word-faithers is that the curse of the law has been lifted from us.

Kenneth Hagin writes,

What is the curse of the law? The only way to find out is to read the Old Testament usually refers to the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, that the curse, or punishment, for breaking God's law is death.

What follows from this argument is that since the curse has been lifted, we are not under it. The primary text is Deuteronomy 28.

Kenneth Copeland said,

Remember what was listed under the curse in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. It is a calamity known to mankind; and Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Therefore, we are not under the curse. Therefore, we are not sick just as you would fight the temptation to lie.

Deuteronomy 28 was directed to the covenant people of Israel and safety if they will forsake all other gods, worship only the Lord, then God will punish them. However, there are no other covenants God made the covenant with. We cannot approach God as if we were under the curse.

Aside from Deuteronomy 28, there are other Scriptures that support this argument.

Gal. 3:13

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree."

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. However, the reverse, Paul did not say anything about healing or blessing that comes with the lifting of the curse is the gift of righteousness but righteousness (v.6).

One of the assertions often heard by Word-Faithers is that the curse of God. However in Deu.28, Moses said 16 times that the curse is death.

61, 4-65, 68; cf.v.63). Other examples are Miriam

c. Healing in the Atonement

Most Word-Faith proponents will focus on healing as par
Hagin said,

*Through natural human truth a person realizes
“Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses
God’s Word just as true one time as another? Isn’t it
well? By believing what our physical senses tell you
healing is manifested in the physical, it is really
body. He is not going to do one thing about healing
already borne them and by His stripes “ye are healed.”*

Benny Hinn in explaining about healing as parallel to
*declares that the work was done 2,000 years ago.
have to do today is receive your healing by faith*

The inference that Hagin and Hinn have drawn is
or not. Scriptures commonly used in support are

Isaiah 53:4, 5

*ISA 53:4 Surely he took up our **infirmities**
and carried our **sorrows**,
yet we considered him **stricken** by God,
smitten by him, and **afflicted**.*

*ISA 53:5 But he was pierced for our **transgressions**
he was crushed for our **iniquities**;
the punishment that brought us **peace** was upon him,
and by his wounds we are **healed**.*

(emphasis added)

If we are to read Isaiah 53 in context, it is about physical healing and is interpreted as such. Any reader of Isaiah at the time of the punishment from God?" In that time, diseases and physical suffering are synonyms "infirmities" and "sorrows" and v.4b states that this man was actually suffering for them with physical healing. In v.5a, there is a pair of synonyms, "transgressor" and "healed". If we take into the genre of the passage, it is used to contrast with v.5: which is about the death of the man. "Here God has made this person suffer for the sins of many, but does not deal specifically with physical healing.

The Watchman Expositor, recorded Gordon Fee's interpretation of the theologian:

For example, Gordon D. Fee, Professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, Newsletter, Spring 1985, concerning this text, as follows: "The text provided for in the atonement. Scores of texts exist which speak of resurrection, but no text explicitly says the same thing."

"Matthew (8:17) clearly saw Isaiah as referring to the healing of Peter (2:24) saw the healing in Isaiah 53 as metaphorical. The passage itself gives the passage."

"Yet, since physical disease was clearly recognized as the focal point in the atonement. But saying that does not mean historic Pentecostalism, which believes healing is based on divine healing adopted by the General Assembly because the "atonement brought release from the "redemption of our bodies", suffering and death."

1 Peter 2:24

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Walvoord and Zuck commented:

Peter explained (1 Peter 2:24) why the One who suffered the humiliation of the Cross. God was justly judging. The words "and thus started" are near the beginning of the verse and thus start with His death makes it possible for believers to be freed from the power of sin. We might die to sins and live for righteousness (cf. Isaiah 53:5). This does not refer to physical healing accomplished fact. The reference is to salvation. Jesus' scourging) and death accomplished "healing."

Hence 1 Peter 2:24 does not mean physical healing.

d. The King's Kids Rule

As we are God's "sons and daughters", we should be free from Satan's dominion.

Jesus, however, came to redeem us from Satan's dominion. We are to dominate and rule over you. You are to rule and reign over sickness. We are to reign over sickness.

According to Word-Faith teaching, we were under Satan's dominion. Jesus has set us free by His death on the cross. This means we should now be rich and healthy.

Kenneth Copeland writes in *Healed? to Be or Not to Be?*

"The first step to spiritual maturity is to realize your freedom from Satan's dominion. Consequently, you are entitled to all the rights and promises of healing" (p. 25).^[24]

Hagin and other teachers of Word-Faith understand this. After all, Christians are free from Satan's domain.

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness

It must be pointed out that Paul is saying, we '

instructed the Christians not to let sin reign in sin.

Rom.6:12-13

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal members, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Note he also did not say, do not let sickness reign. Paul was correcting the Corinthians who claimed they are a people who were weak, hungry, thirsty, poorly clothed

1 Cor. 4:8-13

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich, you really had become kings so that we might be envied. At the end of the procession, like men condemned to die, we have become a spectacle to the angels as well as to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are despised, but you are honored, we are dishonored! ¹¹ To this very hour we are homeless. ¹² We work hard with our own hands, but we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this hour

If we are already reigning, then Paul, who is the one who would immediately perceive that he was not lord, would immediately taken over the role of a ruler with authority. He did.

e. Health and Wealth as God's Will

One of the attractions of the Word-Faith teaching is the promise of health and wealth as God's will! They have put forth some Scripture

James 5:10-16

*JAS 5:10 Brothers, as an example of patience in i
you know, we consider blessed those who have p
finally brought about. The Lord is full of compa
or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be
trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let h
the church to pray over him and anoint him wi
sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If h
and pray for each other so that you may be heal*

Many Word-Faith teachers claim that even tho
sicknesses. For Job, however, sickness was part
righteous man.

Note in the verses above, James said the elders

- There is no indication that these elders r
- James also said, “if he has sinned” indica
the Lord who heals. The healing is not d
- James did not mean that God will always
faith” meant prayer that trust in the cha
- It is not God’s will to heal everyone. All o
- The passage did not say that the answer

Ps 103:2-3

*PS 103:2 Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—*

*PS 103:3 who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,*

This is David’s psalm who reminds himself

generalize that this applies to all Christians

Ps 107:18-20

PS 107:18 They loathed all food

and drew near the gates of death.

PS 107:19 Then they cried to the LORD in the

and he saved them from their distress.

PS 107:20 He sent forth his word and healed

he rescued them from the grave.

The psalmist is speaking of people who rebelled. There is no indication that he is speaking of physical healing. They will receive physical healing.

Gloria Copeland (Kenneth's wife) pulls no punches. "Give me \$1000 and receive \$100,000? give one house and receive one hundred houses. Give one airplane and receive one hundred airplanes." (54) [\[25\]](#).

Mark 10:29-30

MK 10:29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home, brothers, children and fields--and with them

This text is often used by Word-Faith teachers. One ringgit becomes 100 ringgit. If you take one brother, a hundred sisters, a hundred mothers. What Jesus really meant was that if it becomes part of a bigger family (which is the Kingdom of God).

As Jesus has warned, Mammon or Money cannot serve two masters.

This is the same presupposition that Charles Newman, writing in Pneuma: The Journal of the Word-Faith Movement, says of Fillmore's rendition of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my God; He is my strength and my consciousness of omnipresent abundance; He guideth me in the paths of prosperity for his mercies sake; for Thou art with me; Thou preparest a way for me; His goodness and His mercy measure runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."^[26]

We have seen how the doctrines about health and wealth are often used. Sentences are either taken out of context or misinterpreted. The Word-Faith doctrines are attractive: positive confession using God's name, faith to receive eternal life; we are the King's kids so we should act accordingly; we should be healthy and wealthy. What's not to like? Now that we are in the basement and look at the foundation.

C. The Theological Foundations of the Word-Faith Movement

What is not obvious to many people who are attracted to the Word-Faith construct.^[27] In this section, we shall examine their theology.

a. God and Faith

As we have discussed, God does not have faith. In Reformed/Presbyterian theology to even consider that God would not have the God power to create no matter how healthy for the body. However, there is no theological basis for the Word-Faith goodness but we cannot force God.

Using the nature of God, the Word-Faith teaching is based on the covenant.

Robert Tilton says, "we make our own promises and expect Him to do. That's right, you can actually do it." (Miracle Plan for Man, p. 36). Kenneth Copeland says, "Each time you stand on the Word, you are committing yourself to God, p. 32). Copeland goes so far as to say that "

them (Copeland, Legal and Vital Aspects of Rede

There are theological problems with this premi
does not apply to us. Hence we cannot bargain
covenant of Grace. Second, we cannot commai
the Word-Faith seem to be confused about the

b. God with a Body

God is spirit. He does not have a body. Yes, he
teachers have in mind when they described Go

*The Faith teachers also make God into a big ma
that weighs somewhere in the neighborhood of
across" (Spirit, Soul, and Body, 1985, Tape #01-C
"Suddenly, in front of this tremendous multitud
height of a man 6 feet tall, maybe taller, and tw
nose, or mouth" (The Miracle Book, pp. x-xi). [\[2\]](#)*

Describing God this way is humanising God sc
giant puppet and the positive confessors the p

c. Adam, Satan and Dominion

Adam did not have a nature when God created
this world. When Adam was tempted by Satan,
the owner of this creation. Apparently there wa

This is in direct contradiction to Reformed/Pre
God. Hence he has a nature, a perfect human r
banished from the Garden of Eden because of
Though Adam has fallen, he never took on Sata
man or old nature. God is always more powerfu
Satan. God has a plan for the redemption of m
That is why He sent His Son, Jesus Christ to ea

d. Atonement

Hux made the following comments:

According to Word-Faith teachers, when Adam gave his nature to Satan what God had given him, he also took control, Jesus, as the second Adam, had to die not only physically but also spiritually. This is the teaching of the evangelicals. But where it has led Word-Faith teachers is to the actual nature of Satan himself. "Just as Adam gave his nature to Satan, Jesus gave His physical body to die.... When Jesus accepted the curse of 'Thou forsaken Me?' He was separated from God and died. This is the nature of Redemption, p. 13; emphasis added). "Spiritual death is the nature of a man on earth, and taking on the nature of Satan is the nature of a man on resurrection. Jesus is a born again man from the nature of Satan. Jesus was born again in the gates of Hell" (Character of Satan, p. 13)

There are a few points here about Word-Faith teaching:

- Jesus came to save mankind. To do that, he had to die.
- To atone for Adam's sin, Jesus has to die.
- Jesus died spiritually (first death- but not physical death) at Gethsemane and some taught on the cross.
- Jesus when he died took on Satan's nature.
- Jesus died on the cross after being crucified.
- Jesus was brought down to hell and was resurrected.
- After 3 days, Jesus found a way to be born again (not as a man. God has tricked Satan)
- Jesus was resurrected with God's nature.
- Because of the atonement of Jesus, we are equal with Jesus.
- We are equal with Jesus.

"Do you think that the punishment for our sin is a price. No, the punishment was to go into hell its price. Increasing Faith Messenger, June 1990, p. 7) [\[31\]](#).

There is no support in the Bible that Jesus left his human at all times. He may put aside his divinity. Jesus did not become sin. Jesus never put on sin. He descended to "prison" often translated as Hades and offer them a second chance for salvation. He did not that Jesus went to hell to proclaim His victory over Satan tortured by Satan.

The idea may have been derived from the "ransom" theory. Adam had to pay a ransom to Satan for the release of his soul. However, it was later abandoned because it did not fit the theory to Aslan dying for Edmund in the C. S. Lewis.

"The righteousness of God was made to be sin. For our sake He did so He cried, `My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me' think Moses, upon instruction of God, raised the serpent and the world would you want to put a snake up there? He said, `Because it was a sign of Satan that was his death; and the light was turned off" (Kenneth C. Copeland Ministries) [\[33\]](#).

Other theories of atonement are moral influence and Reformed/Presbyterian theology favors the personal sacrifice.

Jesus only died once and that is physically. When He said the beginning lines of a psalm of David (Psalm 118) He said it is finished if He knew he have to endure it. Watchman Expositor has an interesting observation.

In conclusion, if what the Word-Faith teachers say about the words of Christ on the cross. For instance, in the words "I'm not talking about the plan of salvation, but about the thief on the cross, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise." Instead of saying, "Father, into Thy hands I com

spirit." There is still one more problem with this One day he will be!^[35]

e. Born Again Jesus

In Word-Faith theology, Jesus has to die and be born again like Adam. Again this does not fit into Reformed/Presbyterian theology applied to sinful man who is redeemed by Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Jesus does not need both of this. Jesus and the Father are one in the Trinity. Hence we who are born again have the divine nature but that does not make us gods. Word-Faith theology makes Jesus so human that we lose our humanity.

D. A Perspective from Reformed/Presbyterian Theology

Adapting from Bowman, this table shows a balanced view to be a Reformed/Presbyterian theologian would use the term Word-Faith theology.

Formalism	Balance Theology (Reformed/Presbyterian)
No healing in the atonement	Healing in the atonement in part now, in full at resurrection
God wants Christians to be poor	God wants Christians faithful; in some cases rich, in some cases poor
God does not do miracles today	God does miracles today cannot be predicted

	not be expected
Sickness has no relation to sin or unbelief	Some sickness is related to unbelief

An important point Word-Faith teachers tend to miss is that healing is immediate while Jesus and Paul teach an eschatological healing. Confusion arises. God does want us to be healed in our bodies during the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This is not the natural world.

Reformed/Presbyterian theology has always been able to weather the challenges and be true to its heritage. Word-Faith teaching is incompatible with Reformed theology. Word-Faith is incompatible with Pentecostalism and the Assemblies of God.

Reformed/Presbyterian theology has always upheld the sovereignty of God total for our salvation. It teaches that Satan is a fallen angel. Word-Faith theology also have a correct view of man who are made in the image of God.

E. Conclusion

This paper set out to examine the theology of Word-Faith. I have examined their theology from Quimby who is known to be involved in the Word-Faith teachings have reached upwards into the Word-Faith movement. The prominent doctrines with regards to Word-Faith were examined. I have also seen how the foundational theology of Word-Faith is based on a false premise.

The ultimate test of any theology is its fruits. The fruit of a true theology is to be Christ-like in our character. Word-Faith does not produce Christ-like character.

Bowman notes, "...the problem here is that Word-Faith is a false religion."

can have what you say if you simply learn to think and want something for themselves.”^[37]

One of the criticism of Word-Faith teachers and practitioners on themselves. This criticism have come from Christians documented. Some of them, like Jim Bakker came to building great church buildings, luxurious houses, projects made if the same amount of money was channeled into them then the Christian community would have made to the

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Joseph Prince is the senior pastor of New Creation Church in Singapore. He said: "Now I've been in the Word of Faith circle and I've learned a lot about favor. The thing that I wish many of them would understand is that favor is good and the teaching of favor has produced tremendous results. I don't want to use undeserved favor because that's the true definition of favor. I'm not a Word of Faith preacher. I had to learn that truly structure is the key to a Church-and grace, faith, health and wealth <http://pac>

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