



DUPED?

QUESTIONING THE LOGIC
OF POP SPIRITUALITY



Part 4: Living in the Spirit Now

Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tide and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. Then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.

~ Teilhard De Chardin

Perhaps a revolution is underway, a revolution of the Spirit that is about to shift our core energies *away from* arranging life to make it as satisfying as possible *to* drawing near to God. Jesus seekers across the world are being prepared to abandon the old way of the written code for the new way of the Spirit.

~ Larry Crabb

Jesus does not simply blaze a trail, commanding others to take the way that he takes himself; rather, he is the way.

~ D.A. Carson

Closer is He than breathing.

~ Alfred Tennyson

The reason some Christians feel so fatigued and defeated is that they are holding their breath spiritually when they should be opening their hearts to God to accept the atmosphere all about them – His divine presence.

~ John MacArthur

The devout Christian of the future will either be a mystic, one who has experienced something, or he will cease to be anything at all.

~ Karl Rahner

The goal of the Christian spiritual journey is not to become less human and more divine; it is to become more fully human.

Salvation is not to rescue us from our humanity; it is to redeem our humanity.

~ David G. Benner

Our aim is not first to act differently but to *become different in our inner being*.

~ Don Simpson

To be human is to have been designed for intimate relationship with the Divine. In spite of the messages of Western culture, personal fulfillment lies in connection, not autonomy. Spirituality is the discovery of the fundamental connection that exists between us and God – a connection that properly aligns us to others, the world and our deepest self.

~ David G. Benner

The problem with so many Westerners is that they know their Christianity only intellectually.

~ Morton Kelsey

The call to all of us is to see God in all things, and all things in God.

~ Leighton Ford

This is our great spiritual need: to be truly aware that we are in the presence of God.

~ William H. Shannon

The real labour is to remember, to attend. In fact, to come awake. Still more to remain awake.

~ C. S. Lewis

It is time to wake up.

~ **The Apostle Paul**
(Romans 13:11, CEV)

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now.

~ **Jesus**
(Matthew 6:34, MSG)