

Word Faith: Turning Truth Into Mythology

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TURNING TRUTH INTO MYTHOLOGY

The following tale is a composite of the erroneous teachings of individuals such as Joel Osteen, Joyce Meyer, Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Frederick Price, Myles Munroe, T. D. Jakes, Paula White, Juanita Bynum, John Hagee, and many others. While not all the Faith teachers hold to every aspect of this tale, they have all made substantial contributions to both the production and proliferation of these aberrations and heresies.

Once upon a time, long, long ago on a faraway planet,¹ there lived a good God. This God was very much like you and me—a Being who stands about six feet two inches to six feet three inches tall, weighs a couple of hundred pounds, and has a hand span of about nine inches.²

This God's wisdom and power were so great that He literally had the ability to speak things into existence. In fact, this God could actually visualize beautiful images in His mind and then turn them into reality³ by utilizing a special power called the "force of faith."⁴

One day, this God had a cosmic brainstorm. He decided to use the force of His faith to create something superb and special.⁵ He decided to bring a whole new world into existence.⁶ This was not going to be just any old world; it was going to be the most fantastic world imaginable. In fact, this world would become so wonderful that it would actually feature an exact duplicate of the mother planet where God lived.⁷

After carefully visualizing every detail of this wonderful, wonderful world, God went into action. Releasing the force of His faith like a whirlwind, God

spoke into existence the planet He saw in His mind's eye.⁸ And boy, was God excited! Looking down with fondness on this classic new creation, He named the planet "Earth."

And this was only the beginning. Suddenly, a host of brilliant new ideas began to flood into God's creative consciousness. He began to visualize vast oceans and springs abounding with water. He saw magnificent mountains and fertile fields. His mind produced flashes of thunder and lightning. Plants, flowers, and trees blazed in rapid succession through His thoughts. Now on a roll, God began to visualize life replete with beautiful birds and creatures of every size and shape imaginable.

Yet this was merely the beginning. For after five days of vivid visualizations, God's mind moved into yet another dimension. On day six, His imagination went wild and, in His mind's eye, God saw the crowning jewel of His creation. As the details developed within His fertile mind, God suddenly found Himself focused on an exact duplicate of Himself.⁹

Throwing all caution to the wind, God spoke, and suddenly, out of the pristine soil of planet Earth, there arose another god—a god spelled with a small "g" but a god nonetheless.¹⁰ As the image of this little god¹¹ took form, God saw that He had literally outdone Himself. For there, before His very own eyes, stood another god—an exact duplicate of Himself, including size and shape.¹²

God had finally done it! He had thought the unthinkable and, by His word of faith, God had created a creature that was not even subordinate to Himself.¹³

And boy, was God ever glad. For now He had a colleague whose nature was identical to His own—a god who could think like Him, be like Him, and do almost but not quite everything that He could do. God called His carbon copy "Adam," and He gave him dominion and authority over the entire creation.¹⁴ As a matter of fact, this creature had so much power that his Creator could do nothing in the earth realm without first obtaining his permission.¹⁵

Adam was truly a super being! He could fly like the birds and swim underwater like a fish. And that's not all. Without a space suit Adam could literally fly through the universe. In fact, with just one thought, he could literally transport himself to the moon!¹⁶

Yet even after creating a super being like Adam, God was not fully satisfied with His accomplishments. Somehow, He just knew that a piece of the puzzle was still missing. So putting His mind into overdrive, God began brainstorming once more.

And then, in a flash, it dawned on God! Why hadn't He thought of it before? Adam was made in His image, so obviously he was as much female as he was male, right? So, why not double His pleasure and double His fun? Why not separate the male part from the female part?

Not wanting to waste a single moment, God charged into action! Causing a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, God opened him up, removed the female part from the male part, and made a being of surpassing beauty. He made woman—man with a womb—and He called the womb-man “Eve.”¹⁷

This time God had clearly gone too far: He had actually brought into existence the very beings that would one day get Him kicked off of the very planet He had created. As incredible as it may seem, these super beings would one day turn on their Creator and relegate Him to the status of the greatest failure of all time.

You see, long before God had visualized planet Earth into existence, He had also created a whole other world full of beings called angels. One of these angels was a being of such breathtaking beauty and brilliance that he was named “Lucifer,” the Morning Star.

Lucifer had great ambitions. In fact, he wanted to take control of everything God had ever visualized into existence; he wanted to become exactly like the Most High. Well, because of his treason, Lucifer was cast out of heaven and renamed “Satan,” the deceiver.

Tumbling down from the mother planet where God lived, Satan landed on the replica that God had spoken into existence. He landed on planet Earth, the very planet on which Adam and Eve would one day live. There, he lay in wait for the opportunity of the ages, the opportunity to get back at God.

And then, one day, opportunity came knocking. Not long after God had spoken Adam and Eve into existence, Satan spied them standing naked in the middle of the garden of Eden.

Satan instantly transformed himself into a serpent and cunningly tricked the two little gods into committing cosmic treason. For just the price of an apple, Adam and Eve sold their godhood to Satan. The devil, through Adam, became the god of this world.¹⁸

Alas, not only did Adam and Eve lose their nature as gods, but they were actually infused with the very nature of Satan himself.¹⁹ Adam had become the first person to be born again; he was “born” with the nature of God and “born again” with the nature of Satan.²⁰

In one blinding instant, the first man and woman who had ever lived were transformed from divine to demonic. Immediately, they became susceptible to sin, sickness, suffering, and, more importantly, spiritual death. In fact, Eve's body, which like Adam's was originally made to give birth out of her side, underwent a radical transformation—from that moment on, she and her female offspring would bring forth children from the lower region of their anatomies.²¹

In that fateful moment, Adam and Eve were summarily barred from Eden, and God was banished from the earth. Satan now had legal rights to the earth and all her inhabitants,²² and God was left on the outside desperately searching for a way to get back in.²³

God, in a flash, had become the greatest failure of all time. Not only had He lost his top-ranking angel, as well as at least a third of His other angels, but now, in addition, He had lost the first man He had ever created, the first woman He had created, and the whole earth and the fullness therein!²⁴

But as they say in baseball, "It ain't over till it's over!" God was not yet ready to throw in the towel. He had that winning attitude and refused to let go. Realizing that He needed man's invitation to get back into the earth, God immediately went to work. And after thousands of years God finally found an "old boy," named Abraham, who took the bait and became the vehicle through which God, if He was lucky, may one day win back the universe He had lost.²⁵

You see, through Abraham would eventually come a Second Adam who would reverse the consequences of Satan's deception. This Adam, if all went according to plan, would return to man his godhood and to God His good earth.

Well, in time, God got Abraham to strike a deal with him. In fact, God and Abraham became blood brothers²⁶ and forged a covenant that would gain Abraham health and wealth, and regain for God a foothold in the world He had created.²⁷ God's plan was to make Abraham the father of all nations and to produce from his seed another Adam who would regain the turf that was lost by the first Adam.

In keeping with His Word, God made Abraham very, very wealthy. And then, once again, He proceeded to visualize. Through God's mind raced images of a brand-new Adam—a man who would one day restore to Him His rightful place in the universe, and who would forever banish His archrival, Satan, from the kingdom.

And then it happened! One fine day, the image of this Savior coalesced in

God's mind. Without hesitation, God began speaking into existence the picture of the redeemer He had painted on the canvas of His consciousness.²⁸ Excitedly, God positively confessed, "The Messiah is coming, the Messiah is coming!"²⁹

As God's Spirit hovered over a little woman named Mary, the confession began to take shape before His very eyes.³⁰ The spoken Word became legs, arms, eyes, and hair. And then, presto! There, before God's very own eyes, emerged the body of the Second Adam.³¹

The Second Adam was named Jesus. And as Abraham's descendent, Jesus was wealthy and prosperous. He lived in a big house,³² handled big money,³³ and even wore designer clothes.³⁴ In fact, Jesus was so wealthy that He actually needed a treasurer to keep track of all His money.³⁵

Jesus, who was a whiz at speaking things into existence, showed His disciples how to master the art of positive confession.³⁶ Thus, they, too, experienced unlimited health and unlimited wealth. The fact is that some of His followers caught on so well that they became rich beyond comprehension. The apostle Paul, for example, had so much money that government officials would work feverishly to try to get a bribe out of him.³⁷

Jesus also overcame every trick and temptation that Satan could throw His way. Despite the fact that He never claimed to be God, Jesus succeeded in living a life of sinless perfection.³⁸ When all was said and done, Jesus passed the test that the first Adam had failed.

And then, at the prime of His life, Jesus entered a garden—a garden much like Eden, where the first Adam had lost his godhood. In this garden, called Gethsemane, Jesus moved into the final stages of a process that would transform Him from an immortal man to a satanic being³⁹ and would, in turn, re-create men as little gods⁴⁰ who would no longer be subject to the scourge of sin, sickness, and suffering.⁴¹

As part of the process, Jesus would have to die a double death on the cross. He would have to die spiritually as well as physically. If physical death had been enough, the two thieves on the cross could have atoned for the sins of mankind.⁴² No, the real key was spiritual death and suffering in hell.

And then, one day, upon a cruel cross, the crystal Christ—the paragon of virtue—was transformed into a defiled demoniac. The lamb became a serpent⁴³ and was ushered into the very bowels of the earth. There, Christ was tortured by Satan and his minions.⁴⁴ And all hell laughed.⁴⁵

Little did Satan know, however, that the last laugh would be on him. For

just as Adam had fallen for Satan's trap in Eden, now Satan had fallen for God's trap in hell.⁴⁶

You see, Satan had blown it on a technicality. He had dragged Jesus into hell illegally.⁴⁷ The truth is that Satan had completely forgotten to take into consideration the fact that Jesus had not actually sinned. You see, Jesus had merely become sin as a result of the sin of others. Alas, Satan and his demonic hosts had tortured the emaciated, poured out, little wormy spirit of Christ without legal rights.⁴⁸

And this was exactly the opening God had been looking for. So seizing the moment, God spoke His faith-filled words into the bowels of the earth. Suddenly, the twisted, death-wracked spirit of Jesus began to fill out and come back to life.⁴⁹ He began to look like something the devil had never seen before.

There, in the sinister presence of the evil one himself, Jesus began to flex His spiritual muscles. As a horde of whimpering demons looked on, Jesus whipped the devil in his own backyard. He snatched Satan's keys and emerged from hell as a born-again man.⁵⁰

God had pulled off the coup of the ages. Not only had He tricked Satan out of his lordship, using Jesus as the bait, but He had also caught Satan on a technicality through which Jesus could be born again.

But that's not all! You see, because Jesus was re-created from a satanic being to an incarnation of God, you, too, can become an incarnation—as much an incarnation as Jesus Christ of Nazareth!⁵¹ And, as an incarnation of God, you can have unlimited health and unlimited wealth—a palace like the Taj Mahal with a Rolls Royce in your driveway.⁵² And if I could shock you (and maybe I should), you, my friend, are a little messiah running around on earth!⁵³

All it takes now is to recognize your own divinity. You, too, can harness the force of faith. Never again will you have to pray, "Thy will be done."⁵⁴ Rather, your word is God's command.⁵⁵ By simply using your tongue, you can literally speak whatsoever you desire into existence;⁵⁶ and then you can live happily ever after on this planet of prosperity.

The End

What you have read is a composite of the writings and ramblings of some of the most powerful and prolific prosperity preachers operating within the church today—"teachers" who are systematically turning the truth into mythology.