

Benny's Truth

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A Scriptural Foundation

Upon what basis does the Church of Jesus Christ deny access to its pulpits and classrooms and even living rooms, to one saying he is a “man of God”? Let us see some of the things God has said in His Word on this subject.

Moses:

Deuteronomy 18:17, 20-22. “... the Lord said... the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’, when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously [with arrogance, pride] ; you shall not be afraid of him.”

It is no light thing to stand against the very Word of the living God. But to stand against one who speaks lies is not a thing to be feared. Rather, as we will see, it is to be encouraged. One suggests, Yes, but we live in “New Testament” days, when prophecy is “different.” We will see later that the *operation* of the prophetic word is somewhat different in our day, but the admonition to exactness has not been relaxed. To speak a lie in the name of the Lord is an abomination.

David:

I Chronicles 16:20-22. “When they [Israel] went from one nation to another and from one kingdom to another people, He permitted no man to do them wrong; Yes, He reproveth kings for their sakes, saying, ‘Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm.’ ”

Interesting that those who would most claim a New Testament dispensation for prophecies love to quote this Old Testament passage in regard to their “anointing.” But this passage needs to be turned back on the speaker, for it is not talking of Pentecostal preachers at all. It is talking about the anointing on the people of God, and God’s warning to the nations and their rulers during the time Israel was on its way to the Promised Land. The *anointed ones* are Jews. The prophets that arose among the Israelites are likewise shielded from danger. Abraham, called a prophet by God, is an ancient example of how God protects His leaders. This passage was never meant to be a *carte blanche* for anyone who wants to say anything he feels from a pulpit. Rather, *leave my people alone!* Don’t rob from them! Don’t lie to them! Don’t hurt them in any way, or God’s judgment will be sure.

Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 23:16-17, “Thus says the Lord of Hosts, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord.”

It will become obvious in the scores of examples to follow that Mr. Benny Hinn speaks often from his own spirit, not the Spirit of the Lord. “But we all make mistakes,” you say. Yes, but not all of us claim that the Lord made that mistake through us. Not all of us broadcast our mistakes to millions upon millions of listeners all over the world, giving the Gospel a bad name. I fear that “Pentecost” in general, at least in the West, is becoming a religion of feeling, and not of clear word from God, as can only originate from the pages of Scripture. “Prophets” run free, discernment is not even called for. With such a way of operation, the Pentecostal movement will easily buy into the coming World Church.

Solomon:

Proverbs 22:28, “ Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.”

The neo-evangelist feels he must overturn regularly the ways of the “traditional” church. Some of this we understand because there is deadness and legalism in many churches. But much of holiness

and godliness and especially Scriptural foundation is being thrown out in the name of “freshness.” We are counseled by God’s wise king Solomon to keep the boundaries in place. God has not changed. His Word has not changed. The fathers have passed to us a perfect standard, and we must pass it on intact.

Jesus:

Our Lord’s best testimony to all of this matter is His perfect example in ministry. Consider how different was His way from the televangelist of our time.

1. There was no music at His “meetings” to prepare people’s hearts.
2. He healed all who called upon Him. No one had to sit in the back and go home empty.
3. The miracle was the advertisement. No one had to announce his schedule. No one knew it.
4. He made no grand entrance. The one for whom ‘How Great Thou Art’ was written never needed such introductions to come to the front of the crowd. Only once did He even approach the “royal”, and He is the King of Kings.
5. His life style was not lavish by any accounting.
6. He needed only enough money to take care of the physical needs of His disciples, food and lodging.
7. No coliseum was necessary.
8. Jesus seldom repeated a message or a miracle. He had no fixed “method” except waiting on and obeying God’s voice.
9. No sound system.
10. No testimonies from the rich and famous.
11. No mood lights.
12. His crowds grew with true miracles but waned when truth was preached. It did not bother Him.
13. He never lifted His voice, made spectacular demonstrations, pushed people down, waved his garments at them. And the one time he “blew” on His disciples produced no outward response worthy of record. They simply received the Holy Spirit.
14. He was motivated only by the will of God, and compassion. When these two worked in harmony, great power was released.
15. Confirmation of His work was seldom an issue. The blind could see. The lame could walk. The deaf could hear. The *dead could live again*. No need to parade them on a stage in front of people who did not even know them. They went back to their own villages and were walking messages of the power of God.

This description in no way matches the show-men who have beaten us over the head lo these many years. And flattened our wallets in the process. Yes, and dipped into the budget of the local church heavily!

Jesus! give us men like you. Gentle. Loving. Powerful. Real. Men who will not lie to us. Men who will take seriously what You said: Mark 8:34-35, “... Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

But you counter, What of the parable of the tares? Are we allowed to come against bad “plants” in the Kingdom?

Matthew 13: 24-30, “ The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.... the servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them [tares] up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow until the harvest.’”

For those who may not understand the meaning of this parable, Jesus Himself explains it in

verses 37-43. My point here is that believers are being told that God's hand is stayed when it comes to retrieving "bad seeds" from His field. But what is important to know is that Jesus said *the "field" is the "world"*, not the church! There will always be bad brothers around, vying for our resources, imitating our behavior, looking oh so much like us. In terms of removing them violently from the *world*, as Rome did in her heyday, we are told, no, God Himself will take care of that at the final reckoning. If we become unlike Christ in our behavior to the ungodly, the sheep will be offended at *us*, and fall away. It's not worth it.

But all of this I say with the backdrop of both Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures that counsel us as to what we *must* do when bad men prosper *among us* as opposed to *around us*. There are indeed things to do, but they must be done with great caution so that we do not fall under the very condemnation we point out in others. God's work must be done in a godly manner. Let's see how it was done after Jesus left us and sent the Spirit.

Luke

Acts 17:11, "These [Bereans] were more fair-minded [noble] than those in Thessalonica [who rejected without checking the Word], in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things [Paul said] were so."

We too are called upon to investigate the man of God, even the true one. He can handle it, and we will get stronger. We must be careful not to come against the *good* they do or say, and we must be willing to change our own views if it is time to grow up. But only good can come from a thorough investigation of the ones who stand before us with any regularity.

Acts 18:26, "So he [Apollos, a mighty but imperfectly trained preacher] began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."

They were not afraid of his "anointing." They were not intimidated by his "authority." He was preaching wrong, so they gently corrected him. That's how it works. That's how it is *supposed* to work, anyway. There are no "giants" among us, no "untouchables." See something wrong, clearly against God's Word and Way? Say something. Say it to the proper person in the proper way, but say it.

Paul

I Corinthians 14:29, "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge."

We see a lot of "prophets" speaking today. But where are the "judges"? Not the critics, mind you, but those willing to stand and say gently but firmly, "Sir, that's against the revealed Word of God." Prophecy is not to be a controlling gift, nor is any grace from God. He has set in the church a system of checks and balances so as to keep men like Mr. Hinn from usurping improper authority.

Though the *method* of prophesying may be different in our day, the call by God to accuracy certainly has not changed. Does anyone dare to take lightly speaking in the name of the Lord? Are the gifts of the Spirit something we "practice" until we get "good" at it? Or are they Divine manifestations? Some believe they do not exist today at all. Better this belief, than trying to *make* them exist by an utterance that fills up a quiet spot in the meeting. May God give *discernment*, from His Word, in the terribly confused church of today.

Galatians 1:8, "...if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed."

It is hard enough to get discernment flowing against the "I have a word" people in some churches. Imagine when an angel shows up preaching a different gospel! Most believers will be flat on their faces, thanking God for the wonderful visitation. God says, a *curse* is in order instead. Paul was not shy about resisting false brothers. And when he said, "Let him be accursed," I assume he is talking to you and me, giving us permission to follow his lead.

Galatians 2:11, "But when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he

was to be blamed.”

Paul doesn't pass on this privilege to God's people. We should tread very lightly when it comes to rebuking or correcting one in an established church office. But tread we must at times. The proper way here seems to be through other established officials. The point is that *no one* of the church is beyond correction.

I Thessalonians 5:20-21, “Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.”

Let us not throw out everything miraculous because false brethren are among us. Just test everything. Prove it!

John:

I John 2:20, “... you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things...”

The word “anointing” is thrown around a lot. It means you have been filled with God's Spirit and He speaks His truth to you, and you do not need an outsider to confirm what you have. When you are gathered together with the saints of God, hearing from His Word both preached and written, you have all necessary knowledge. Fear not those who talk of anointing but who come against the original anointing given to the original apostles.

I John 4:1-3, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God...”

Here again is the invitation to test. This particular test was to be given to those who might try to “fake” a spiritual gift, saying “God told me, Jesus is not the Son of God, etc.” Whether they are in a trance, or use spiritual words to introduce themselves, they fail the test if they do not match up with the truth. This passage is not about testing *men* but testing *messages* given “in the Spirit.” John has to deal with evil *men* in his third epistle (see verses 9-10).

Revelation 2:2, “... you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not and have found them liars.”

This particular activity of the Ephesian church was very pleasing to the Lord. I believe the church needs to go on testing false apostles, false evangelists, false prophets, and false teachers.

Revelation 2:20, “... I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and beguile My servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols...”

This activity caused the Lord pain. The church was just “letting things happen.” That won't work. The Lord shows us in these two examples that our responsibility as a church is to be on the cutting edge of defense of the flock, keeping out of it anything that is false: human, angelic, doctrinal, moral, spiritual.

Introduction

Eight witnesses from Scripture ought to be enough to convince God's people that examination of those questionable persons among us is in order. With this foundation in place I offer to you my own examination of Benny Hinn, world-famous "evangelist" and "faith healer."

I call it "my own" but as in all the works I have written, I borrow heavily from others. I am especially owing to the Personal Freedom Outreach, whose book has served as the basis for my condensed accounting. It was and is my intention to give to the Body of Christ an "at-a-glance" portrayal of Mr. Hinn. I heartily recommend the books and other materials I have listed for those who have adequate time.

The key to exposing Mr. Hinn's duplicity is documentation. He very seldom surrenders such information to inquirers, because for the most part his miracles cannot be proved, his teachings are quite strange to God's Word, and accountings of his life are different in every book he writes. So as not to appear to be in his genre I have tried to include documentation whenever my sources did.

It is important to note that Mr. Hinn has "reformed" from time to time since he began his ministry back in the 70's. In most cases, the change was announced but never accomplished. At times he changed the title of a doctrine or method, but continued to practice the essence of it. In the few actual changes that were real, it is sad to say that the books that contained such things are still "out there." And one can only guess as to what the motivation for the "change" was. Could it be that he saw his offerings dropping off? Was there just too much pressure from what he considered "good" Christians?

Benny Hinn is of course accepted by the charismatic TV industry, a mega-force with which to contend. The more he seems accepted by them, the more doubt is cast upon the character of that business. Of course, with Benny's present popularity, who will dare to speak against him now?

Does Benny ever do anything right? Why of course! He quotes Bible verses, even in the proper context. He gives much of his money to great charities. A form of the Gospel is being spread all over the earth. Some who hear him now have "hope" in Jesus, though most who come to his meetings trust that Benny himself will bless them.

What about the miraculous? Has anyone ever been healed without a doubt? I think it quite probable that many, trusting Jesus, have been healed. There are some stories out there, and I imagine some are true. We credit God's Power and the individual's faith for whatever miracles occur. Verifiable miracles at the hands of Hinn, however, are few to none. Any prophecies fulfilled for sure? I think maybe one, regarding the wife of Evander Holyfield. But even that is in question, and if it were true, as PFO pointed out to me: "Even Jeanne Dixon [psychic par excellence] has a better track record than Benny!"

The few things he has accomplished, it would seem, could have been done just as easily by a believing board of elders in a local church. That is the command, isn't it? "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick..." (James 5:14-15).

That's the pattern given to us. Benny Hinn has not improved on it one bit, and has caused undue harm and grief to the Body and made Christians once more a laughingstock to the world. He alone has prospered from all these years' work.

All that I have suggested above will be borne out in the 100+ listings I have offered below. Now, lest the introduction become larger than the main contents, I will quit. But not before this urgent item:

No Christian dares lift a voice against another if his hands are unclean and his life is unholy. Further, there is no believer who is without a history of sin. I am a truly horrific sinner in my flesh and in my past. I will spare you the details, but be assured that I know of my fallen condition and how that without Christ as my Saviour I have nothing to boast of or plead, at the bar of God's just judgment.

By God's grace, when I have been approached about a fault or a teaching, I have gone to the Cross and to God's "woodshed", and I will do it again. It is my hope that words such as are found in this document will, added to the words of men and women all over the church, help bring Benny Hinn to that

same place of repentance and teachability. May it also help bring God's people to a state of high alert. It is time for that "judgment" to begin at the house of God. It is always that time. May each of us be sure that the little flock entrusted to us is safe from the wolf who ravages without pity.

So here is "Benny's Truth." The PHD's are telling us today that everyone has his own "truth." There's your truth, and my truth and so-and-so's truth. Most of them don't believe any longer that there is any thing like *established* truth. Though I am as foreign to such a way of looking at life as anyone can be, I could not help but think, in trying to give Benny the "benefit of the doubt", that perhaps he really does believe the strange things he says. Maybe he is really not trying to deceive at all. Maybe this is just "Benny's truth." Maybe. Maybe not. But the deception, call it what you want, is real, and needs addressing.

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Resources

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Fisher, Richard and Goedelman, M. Kurt, The Confusing World of Benny Hinn, 6th and 9th editions, 1997/2002, PFO.

The items in my "list", unless marked otherwise (CRI, DVD) are from this PFO book. For those wanting a thorough study of Benny, this book is the place to start.

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The Many Faces of Benny Hinn a DVD featuring 4 hours of Hinn and commentary, produced by Door Magazine, above.

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Sermonaudio.com, search "Benny Hinn", click on sermon by Reginald Cranston, "The Babblings and Blasphemies of Benny Hinn."

And of course, the Internet, using "Google" search engine: Type in "Benny Hinn."

Benny's Truth

Deuteronomy 18:22: “If the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing that the Lord has not spoken: the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

1952

Benny's truth: Christened *Benedictus* by the Orthodox Church. Later, name shortened to “Benny”.

In fact: On December 3, 1952, at Benny Hinn's birth, his Arabic mother and Arabic father gave him an Arabic name. **Toufik Hinn** is the birth name of the famed healer. But “Benny” sounds a lot more Jewish and as you will see later, Mr. Hinn likes that association a lot more!

1983

Benny's truth: “... it was **in Canada** that I was born again right after ‘68... Someone witnessed to me and I got saved— right then— which was right after ‘68.” 3/4/83, *Benny Hinn Testimony, Grace World Outreach, St. Louis.*

Benny's truth, revised: “I got saved **in Israel** in 1968.” *PTL family devotional, January 17 entry, 1981.*

Another revision: His conversion occurred in **1972**. (And an angel took him to the spot where he was converted! One account says the angel took him to the room, another says he was dropped outside the school.) *Good Morning Holy Spirit, 1990, and a 1987 recorded testimony.*

In fact, we may never know the truth about Benny's conversion...

1984

Benny's truth: Hinn describes an out-of-the-body experience, and compares himself to the apostle John's being “in the Spirit.” In the occult world this is known as “astral traveling” or astroprojection.” 1984, *War in the Heavens pp. 16-17.*

In fact, The Bible teaches us that being *in the Spirit* means not being controlled by *the flesh*, and therefore *walking with God*. Never is it meant to imply that Christians leave their bodies. Paul, not John, had the closest thing to what Benny suggests (II Corinthians 12), and Paul refused to say clearly *what* happened to him because he didn't know! *Romans 8 and Galatians 5.*

1987

Benny's truth: Benny mentions Michelle, Bob Tadman, and Paul Pynkoski as being instrumental in his salvation. *1987 Taped interview.*

In fact: “None of the key players mentioned by Hinn remembers the meeting where Hinn says he was converted.” *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn, 1997. p. 46.*

Benny's Truth: “... if I hear prosperity one more time, I'm gonna throw up... There's too much today being preached that's not gospel... the Scripture states completely the opposite [of the prosperity message].” The clear implication: He will not be preaching “prosperity” again. 6/21/87.

Benny's other truth: “And I'm sick and tired of hearing about streets of gold. I don't need gold in heaven, I've got to have it now!... poverty is a demon. God had to show me a vision of a demon literally to prove this to me...” 11/90, *Trinity Broadcasting Network's November “Praise-a-thon.”* Biblical note: “The love of money is the root of all evil.”

(1987, cont.)

Benny's truth: "...when I grew up, I stuttered so bad that **nobody would talk to me**... for twenty-one years of my life I stuttered ." The impression given here and elsewhere is that Benny Hinn was so afflicted with this problem that he became a recluse, unable to cope with relationships of any kind, public or private. 7/87 *Personal testimony tape, Orlando Christian Center.*

In fact: A letter from an elementary school religion teacher , *September 18, 1992*, states that *as a child* Hinn stuttered. It seems he grew out of it.

Benny's new truth therefore, "The only time **I didn't stutter** was when I prayed or when I was with **people I was comfortable with.** [but above he said "nobody."] So maybe some acquaintances don't remember me stuttering because I didn't stutter in their presence."

In fact: a youth pastor who asked him to speak, a co-pastor of the church, a music leader who asked him to do a Psalm reading in public and an ex-roommate all deny that Benny had anything like a *severe* stutter as an older person, only a bit of hesitation when speaking fast, perhaps due to an English problem. 8/93 *Charisma interview:*

Benny's truth: "... in 1976 I was invited to preach at a Catholic school, all girls, in Jerusalem [Schmidt's Girls' School is the only such place open since the 50's] ... I began preaching and every single girl in that school got saved, including all the nuns." 7/87 *Personal testimony tape, Orlando Christian Center.*

In fact: At an interview of members of the Schmidt faculty, 1993, everyone questioned said, "Benny who?" Sister Nunciado, mother superior: "... I know the sisters who were here at that time and none gives any reports of this." Father Dusind, chaplain of school since 1955: "This is nonsense, real nonsense... it never happened and could not happen because a... Protestant preacher would never be let in to talk to the girls... [this event] would be remembered by everyone in the school... no one knows of it."

Benny's truth . Eight children born to Mrs. Hinn. In a dream of hers, she has **eight** roses, and Jesus appears asking for one, the implication being that the "one" stands for Benny, that is, Toufik. 7/18/87.

Benny's revised truth: There were **six sons** in the Hinn household. The mother actually saw **six roses** . 1990, *Good Morning Holy Spirit., p. 17.*

A Revision of the revised truth: There were actually no roses. The flower was a lily. And of these eight lilies, one is given back to Mrs. Hinn. 1999, *He Touched Me, autobiography, p. 11*

In fact: Four other brothers became pastors and evangelists...Were they not "given" to the Master also?

1988

Benny's truth: "If I say something that's not in the Bible, believe the Bible, don't believe me." *Late 1988 sermon "New creation in Christ." And sermon tape series: "Our position in Christ."*

In fact: Those who find and expose his extra-Biblical teachings are written off as attackers of "the anointing" and threatened/intimidated. For example, "Don't question this teaching. Only the immature question it." *Sermon tape series: "Our position in Christ."* Also, see 11/9/90.

1989

Benny's truth: A new ministry coming from Orlando will reach the young people of America .12/31/89 , *Orlando Christian Center (nka "World Outreach Center). New Year's Eve Prophecy. Used tongues, trance-like state.*

In fact: This never happened.

Benny's truth: Two "giants" of the faith will die in the mid 90's. They have "held the torch of revival for the last forty years." 12/31/89 , *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: It looks like Benny was expecting the ailing and aging Billy Graham along with Oral Roberts, to "pass" in the 90's. A logical conclusion, but it did not happen. Instead, Dr. Lester Sumrall died on April 28, 1996. But could he be considered responsible for forty years "revival", even by charismatics? And who is the second? Didn't happen.

Benny's truth: In that day (mid 90's) many will be raised from the dead. 12/31/89 , *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: This never happened.

Benny's truth: "The Lord tells me...about '94 or '95 God will destroy the homosexual community of America, by fire." Many will turn and be saved. Many will rebel and be destroyed. *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: Never happened. Notice he says this is from the Lord. The audience cheered him on this one.

Benny's truth: Within three years (1993 max) an American revival will break out on the east coast and sweep across the west. *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: It didn't

Benny's truth: "The Spirit of God tells me...An earthquake will hit the east coast of America and destroy much in the nineties." *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: Nothing out of the ordinary happened.

Benny's truth: "People, I feel the Spirit all over me." Fidel Castro will die in the 90's. *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: He didn't.

Benny's truth: A world dictator, short of stature, is coming. Will be visible in the next few years (by 1995?). *Orlando Christian Center, New Year's Eve Prophecy.*

In fact: Not even a tall one showed up.

1990

Benny's truth: Benny was born December 3, 1952, and christened a little later in the Greek Orthodox Church by the "Patriarch of Jerusalem, Benedictus...In fact, during the ceremony he gave me his name." *Good Morning Holy Spirit*.

In fact: Patriarch Benedictus I was elected in January of 1957, five years after Hinn was born. 12/11/80, *Jerusalem Post*.

Benny's revised truth: Later Hinn corrects this history: "Officiating [at the christening] was Benedictus, a friend of our family *who became the patriarch of Jerusalem.*" 1999, *He Touched Me*, p. 13.

Benny's truth: Hinn claims that his father, an *Arab*, was MAYOR of *Jewish-controlled* Jaffa. when Benny was growing up. "Even though my father was not Jewish, the Israeli leaders trusted him... he was asked to be an ambassador for Israel in foreign nations, but chose to stay in Jaffa." *Good Morning Holy Spirit*, p. 20. and *The Anointing*, 1992, p. 18.

In fact: There was no city of Jaffa after 1950, due to a merge with Tel Aviv, after which the name was Tel Aviv-Jaffa. All the mayors have been well-known Israelis. Before that, in a list of Arab mayors of Jaffa, no Constandi Hinn appears. During the Jewish times it would have been politically impossible for a non-Jew to be mayor. Documents from Benny's brother Christopher prove that from 1939-1948, Costandi Hinn was "Telephone and Radio Technician" at the Jaffa Post Office. From 1950-1964 he served as "Secretary for Labour Exchange in the Labour Ministry for Jaffa." In 1964 he was appointed "Liaison Officer for the Minorities and Public Relations of Tel-Aviv Jaffa Municipality." This job remained until 1967. *Israel Rokach [a very Jewish man]* was the **mayor** of Tel Aviv-Jaffa during Hinn's childhood, and was the **international ambassador**, also! Consider also Benny's own admission, 1999, *He Touched Me*, p. 18: "My father didn't own an automobile the entire time we lived in Israel." A Mayor with no car?

Benny's truth: Hinn recounts how his sister Mary gave her heart to the Lord after watching Brother Benny awhile. Then in a few months came Sammy. Then was Willie. Then Mom and Dad. Then came brothers Mike, Henry, and Chris. *Good Morning Holy Spirit*, pp. 42-43, 175.

A Benny Hinn revision: "My mom, my dad, five brothers and two sisters came to the Lord in a most miraculous way **all at the same time...**" *War in the Heavens*, 1975, p. 115.

In fact: Who knows?

Benny's truth: "We lived comfortably. Dad's position in government made it possible for us to have a home in the suburbs. It was a wonderful home that had a wall around it with glass along the top.." *Good Morning Holy Spirit* p. 20.

In fact: 3/93, on a Hinn-sponsored tour of Israel, the tour bus did not even go to this "wonderful home." Hinn's family rented the bottom floor of a small 3-story building: 2 bedrooms, bath, and kitchen for a family of eight.

Benny's truth: "During my **senior** year at Georges Vanier... I had an encounter with the Lord... in February of 1972" : *Good Morning Holy Spirit* p. 28.

Benny, revised: When he was challenged with the information to follow, he said, "I never said I was a senior, period. Anywhere. It's not in my book. All I mentioned in my book is that I got saved in High School in February of 1972." 10/5/92, *Christianity Today*.

In fact: Obviously, the second statement is disproved by the quote in the first statement. As to the original, in the school yearbook for 1972, Hinn is listed as an *undergraduate*. The term "senior" was not used at that time anyway. If he used "senior" for the benefit of an American audience, the term at that school would have had to apply to 12th or 13th grades. But Hinn dropped out of school after the

1990 (cont.)

11th grade. 1972 Yearbook of Georges Vanier Secondary School.

Benny's truth: Telling of his salvation experience: "Suddenly I saw Jesus with my own eyes." *Good Morning Holy Spirit* p. 29.

Benny's truth against Benny's truth: "You say , 'I've seen Jesus.' Oh, have you?... Whom have you seen?... He is His Spirit. Jesus hasn't left heaven to meet you anytime yet..." 6/21/90, *Great Miracle Service, Church on the Rock, Rockwall, Texas.*

Benny's truth: Attempting to prove that Jesus was "born again" in Hell, he offered this offbeat definition: "You know what the word 'begotten' means? Means 'reborn.'" 1990 *Sermon tape series, "Our position in Christ"* .

In fact: *Webster* says it means "procreated" by a father. Born the first time. And Jesus, the real Jesus, was conceived of the Father in Mary's womb. "The only *begotten* of the Father."

Benny's truth: Trying to prove that Jesus died spiritually, Benny asks: "Did the Father leave Him? That's death." 1990 *Sermon tape series, "Our position in Christ"* .

In fact: Jesus *felt* forsaken of God, but the same *Psalm 22* from which He prayed His "forsaken" prayer contains these words: "Neither has He hid His face from Him; but when He cried unto Him, He heard" (Psalm 22:24).

Benny's truth: Women originally gave birth out of their sides. 1990 *Sermon tape series, "Our position in Christ"* .

In fact: Though Hinn claims divine origin for this teaching, it can be found nowhere but with him and his own sources. This strange claim stands totally on the basis of a conjecture.

Benny's truth: "Every time you give, God promises revival. 'Windows of heaven' [Malachi 3:10] deal with *revival*." 4/90 *Praise-a-thon, TBN.*

In fact: 'Windows of heaven' are more often connected with judgment. *Genesis 7:11, 8:2, Isaiah 24:18* . Here, Malachi 3:10, the phrase means simply "Divine provision." This is God's promise to us when we give Him what is His.

Benny's truth: "We are going to believe that in one year you'll be out of debt. Now that's in the Bible! Genesis 26 states that Isaac sowed in famine and reaped that same year... I was out of debt in one year." 4/90 *Praise-a-thon, TBN.*

In fact: Was Isaac ever in debt? And, does every story of the Bible come literally true in my life? If so, I must spend 13 years in jail like Joseph. I must leave my city and travel to Israel, like Abraham. Because Benny Hinn was removed from debt in one year, I will be? On what basis is such a promise made?

Benny's truth: " 'And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes [Malachi 3:11].' You know what the word 'rebuke' means? I, I looked it up... It means, 'I will paralyze.'" 4/90 *Praise-a-thon, TBN.*

In fact: "There are no authoritative Hebrew lexicons which attribute the meaning 'to paralyze' to the word ga'ar... 'rebuke' is the proper rendering." December, 1997, *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn* p. 121.

Benny's truth: " 'Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field [Malachi 3:11].' You know what that means? 'Vine' deals with family, your family... if we give, our children will never lack." 4/90 *Praise-a-thon, TBN.*

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In fact: “The larger context clearly reveals that the vine referred to is a real vine...” And the word “fruit” does not even appear in the Hebrew. Hinn claims to know Hebrew, and should have caught this in the original text. “Cast her fruit” simply means “miscarry”. The vines will produce when God’s people give. *December, 1997, The Confusing World of Benny Hinn p. 122.*

Benny’s truth: “Make a pledge, make a gift. Because that’s the only way you’re going to get your miracle... as you give, the miracle will begin...” *4/90 Praise-a-thon, TBN.*

In fact: “...all things are possible to him who *believes*.” (Mark 9:23) Hinn’s statement is a fantasy of the tele-healer. It is faith that produces miracles, not monthly pledges.

Benny’s truth: Speaking of Numbers 14:28, “Just as you have spoken, so I will do to you”, Hinn explains: “Confession activates heaven... confession releases the spirit world... a witch told me there are three words they continually speak on your life and every Christian: poverty, death, and sickness.” *4/90 Praise-a-thon, TBN.*

In fact: Numbers 14:28 is a passage allowing judgment to fall on Israelites because of their constant complaining. It is possible to pray in the perfect will of God, and have one’s prayers answered. This is not a mandate to be “telling God what to do,” only to find out what He wants, and to agree with Him. The idea of using a witch’s comments, if indeed Hinn ever spoke with one, to serve as a foundation for Christian teaching, is deplorable.

Benny’s truth: “The new man has God’s last name... the Bible says... ‘I have surnamed thee.’ You all have the same last name...Jehovah. So I’m Benny Jehovah...” *5/2/90, sermon at “Spiritual Warfare Seminar”.*

In fact: The verse is *Isaiah 45:4*, spoken to *Cyrus of Persia* and no one else, regarding an honorary title he is being given for co-operating in bringing Israel back to its land.

Benny’s truth: “God the Father is a... triune being by Himself *separate from the Son* and the Holy Ghost... there are nine of them... God the Father is a person... with His own personal spirit body.” *10/13/90, OCC broadcast.*

In fact: First, Jesus declares that He and the Father are one (John 10:30). There is no separation. Second, God the Father does not have a body, per Jesus: “God is a Spirit” (John 4:24). The teaching Hinn flirts with was spoken by Mormon theologian Talmage: “three personages... have revealed themselves to man... these three are separate individuals, physically distinct from each other...there are three Gods... separate in personality.” *What the Cults Believe, 1983.*

Benny’s truth: “We’re not here to tell ya things you’ve heard for the past fifty years... if we quit giving you new revelations, we’re dead...” *10/13/90, OCC broadcast ,late 1988 sermon and 12/9/90 OCC broadcast.*

In fact: Benny fulfils prophecy with statements like this. Namely, “The time will come when they will not endure sound teaching, but ...because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers... and be turned away to fables.” *II Timothy 4:3-4.*

Benny’s truth: (from Cranston) Benny tells his people NEVER to say “The Lord gives and the Lord takes away.” He says, “That’s not even Bible.” Benny’s version: “The Lord gives and the Lord *never* takes away.” He says that when Job said what he did (Job 1:20), he was just being “religious.”

In fact: The Lord does give. The Lord does take away, Job 1:20. God’s view of Job is not just a “religious” man, but (Job 1:1), “blameless, upright, one who feared God and shunned evil.”

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Benny's truth: In response to those getting wise to Hinn's misstatements and speaking out, he offers this challenge: "...quit attacking men of God by name! Somebody's attacking me because of something I'm teaching!... you watch it! ... you're not my judge. Jesus is my judge!" "Sometimes I wish God would give me a Holy Ghost Machine Gun—I blow your head off!" *11/9/90 /Praise the Lord Show.*

In fact: It is proper and even required to call out the false teacher. I Timothy 5:20, "Those who are sinning [false teaching is serious sin] rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear." (Also *Romans 16:17-18, I Timothy 1:18-20, II Timothy 2:16-18, 4:14-15*, regarding the naming of offenders.) Despite Hinn's threats, he himself names people publicly and threatens them. As on Oct 25, 1990, on his television show.

Benny's truth: "The new man is after God, like God, Godlike, complete in Christ Jesus... May I say it like this? You are a little god on earth running around... I am not part of Him, I am Him..." *12/6/90 Praise The Lord Program.*

In fact: "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and man" I Timothy 2:5. "You [plural] are the body of Christ, and members [parts] individually" I Corinthians 12:27. "Christ in [not is] you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27. But in Mormon teaching Hinn finds a partnership: "There are many Gods... every man who reigns in celestial glory is a god to his dominions... as man is, God once was. As God was, man may become... Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are not angels, but are gods." *What the Cults Believe, 1983.*

Benny's truth: "He Who is the nature of God became the nature of Satan when He became sin... Jesus Christ knew the only way He would stop Satan is by becoming one in nature with Him..." *12/9/90, OCC broadcast.*

In fact: "...[God] has made [Jesus] to be sin [*hamartia, sin offering*] for us, who knew no sin", II Corinthians 5:21. Jesus suffered death, the curse for sin, on our behalf. To become *Satan* in nature, He could not have been the spotless sacrifice needed. Changing into a non-Godhead person would deny the promise: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

1991

Benny's truth: Benny now claims to have “repudiated many of his earlier, controversial statements and said the entire direction of his ministry is in the midst of fundamental reform.” For example: “I really no longer believe the faith message. I don't think it adds up.” 1991, *Christianity Today interview*.

In fact: “Not long after telling *Christianity Today* that the faith message does not add up, Hinn said that speaking out against Copeland [faith message proponent] was tantamount to attacking the very presence of God.” 1992, *Christianity Today*: Also, OCC's bookstore is flooded with books by Capps, Hagin, and Copeland, gurus of the “faith” message. 9/12/92, *on a visit to Hinn's OCC by authors of The Confusing World of Benny Hinn*.

Benny's truth: “...I'm not going to get up and say, ‘God showed me,’ because my days of doing that are over... because then you gonna look like an idiot, you know if you get back two years later and say, ‘God showed me something different.’” 1991, *Christianity Today interview*.

In fact: Hinn in a newspaper article repeatedly uses expressions such as “the Lord spoke to me,” “He is showing me,” etc., 8/93, *Charisma*. And for \$120.00 believers can subscribe to receive teachings Hinn has received by “divine revelation.” *Summer/93, Hinn's Celebrate Jesus magazine*.

Benny's truth: No one should ever have any sickness of any kind, even a toothache. This is not God's will! 1991, *Rise and be Healed*, p. 14

In fact: The New testament speaks of sick believers. Paul was told he was to keep his infirmity but would be given grace to endure it, II Corinthians 12. Epaphroditus was very ill but not condemned by Paul in Philippians 2. Timothy is told, about his recurring stomach problems: “drink a little wine.” I Timothy 5. We do not want or ask for illness. But if it comes, God's grace is sufficient for healing, endurance, or whatever He wants from it.

Benny's truth: “Never, ever, ever go to the Lord and say, ‘If it be Thy will...’ Don't allow such faith-destroying words to be spoken from your mouth.” 1991, *Rise and be Healed*, p. 37.

In fact: Jesus prayed, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39). Notice also the word “if” in this prayer of the Son of God! James says “...you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that’” (James 4:15).

Benny's truth: Trying to prove that everyone will be healed, Hinn changes Ephesians 5:23, “He Himself being the savior of *my body*.” If He's the Savior of “my body”, Hinn contends, then “my body” must be whole always. 1991, *Rise and be Healed*, p. 64.

In fact: Ephesians 5:23 actually reads, “He is the Savior of *the body*.” The context of the passage is the *body of Christ*, the Church. That Body he saved from sin and death and Hell.

Benny's truth: Reformed Benny Hinn claims, “I no longer agree that Jesus was born again in Hell.” Spiritual death simply means “Jesus was separated from the Father.” 4/91 *Charisma and Christian Life*, pg 28.

In fact: As of 1997, six years later, the tape series which teaches this doctrine, *Our Position in Christ*, was still being offered. And recall, this doctrine was not given us from Scripture but by Hinn's special “revelation knowledge”. Why should we trust any further “revelation”? Also, Hinn stated on that tape series that all who reject this doctrine are spiritually immature.

Benny's truth: Speaking of visits to the graves of Aimee McPherson and Kathryn Kuhlman, “...every so often I go and pay my respects... I trembled... God's power came all over me... I believe the anointing has lingered over Aimee's body... and Kathryn's. I've heard of people healed when they

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visited that tomb..." 4/7/91 Sermon, "Double Portion Anointing".

In fact: Some see a move to Roman Catholic/pagan style necromancy, calling upon the dead, a practice forbidden by God: Isaiah 65:2 ff. speaks of "...a rebellious people" who, among other things, "sit among the graves, and spend the night in the tombs..." Our guidance is from the Lord and His Word, not the dead. "So Saul died... because he consulted a medium for guidance." I Chronicles 10:13.

Benny's truth: It is Hinn's suggestion that 1,000 people are miraculously cured of a variety of ailments at each crusade. 11/24/91, report of Mike Thomas in Florida Magazine, "The Power and the Glory," p. 13.

In fact: Hinn's widespread failure to present documentation of miracles or convince a skeptic that something miraculous has happened has caused many to question if any are healed, except for those who call upon the Lord and bypass Hinn altogether.

Benny's truth: Adam could fly and was capable of interplanetary travel. The logic: One who rules must be able to do whatever his subjects can do. Adam was given rule, so he must have had power too! 12/26/91, Praise the Lord Show, TBN

In fact: If Hinn's logic holds up, Adam should have been able to sprout flowers every spring and turn into a butterfly after his cocoon existence.

1992

Benny's truth: Christians live at four different levels: saved, baptized in the Spirit, "the Presence", "the anointing." [Hinn claims he is at the 4th stage] *The Anointing*, p. 22.

In fact: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..." (I Corinthians 12:13). "You [all, *implied*] are complete in Him" (Colossians 2:10).

Benny's truth: The Sharon Valley is the most fertile valley in the Middle East. *The Anointing*, p. 145.

In fact: The Sharon is a plain, not a valley. [Hinn was born and raised in Israel?]

Benny's truth: "... I know I have lost complete desire for anything to do with the world. My worldly desires are gone." *The Anointing*, p. 177.

In fact: In late 1991, Hinn turned in his Mercedes... for a Jaguar. His wife drives a Cadillac. He moved into an exclusive neighborhood, in a \$685,000.00 home. He has a housekeeper. He wears tailored suits., gold and diamonds, a Rolex. *Orlando Sentinel*, Nov. 24, 1991.

Benny's truth: Andre Kole, illusionist, gives Benny a chance to prove that his "miracles" are not mere illusions. He asks for and receives from Hinn a commitment to send documentation on Crusade healings. Hinn: "You will hear from me. I'll supply you with those names right away... we'll start feeding them to you ... by Monday." 1992 *meeting with Andre Kole*.

In fact: Says Kole in Richard Mayhue's 1994 *The Healing Promise*, pp. 59-60: "After a month had gone by, I contacted Benny to remind him of his promises to me and requested documentation for several of the cases he had presented on his television shows, but there was no response then or any time since."

Benny's truth: Hinn reasons before millions on TBN that the gifts of God need to be practiced until perfected. He freely admits that he "missed" 9 out of 10 (some would argue 10 out of 10) so-called "words of knowledge" in the early days. He says we must just admit we are weak vessels and move on... eventually we produce good results. "Today... I rarely miss..." *TBN*, 2/23/92

In fact: Benny's track record has grown no better. Even a stopped clock is right twice a day, so we grudgingly admit he may "get it right" now and then, but his record of truthfulness is still abysmal when he claims to be "under the anointing." Further, it is unclear where he gets his authority to say that it is perfectly normal and acceptable for prophecies and "words" to be "off." Surely the Scriptures are silent on such a phenomenon. Not one godly Bible character ever "missed it".

Benny's truth: In connection with the above statement, Hinn says that all the men of God "blew it" (in giving prophecies) at one time. So we will too. He goes so far as to say that we should not trust any man who does not admit he blew it at one time or another. *TBN*, 2/23/92

In fact: When pressed for examples, Hinn begins talking of fruit, of character, not of any failed prophecies. He mistakes the earthen vessel for the treasure within. He reasons that since the vessel is earthen obviously the verbal product of such a vessel will likewise be corrupted also. In this he has missed the entire concept of what "gifts of the Spirit" truly are, as opposed to the "fruit of the Spirit" which is cultivated by God in co-operation with the believer.

Benny's truth: "If you care for your kids, stop attacking Benny Hinn... you'll pay and your children will... You are in danger. repent!... Touch not my anointed." 8/7/92, *World Charismatic Conference, Melodyland Christian Center*.

In fact: God says that we are not to be afraid of a prophet whose prophecies do not come to pass

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(Deuteronomy 18:22) . “Touch not My anointed” (I Chronicles 16:22) refers to *the people of God* in this passage. Foreign armies are warned not to bother Israel as they pass by and through them on their way to the Promised Land. False teachers need to be warned not to mess with God’s Church also.

Benny’s truth: “The Bible warns us clearly that we must not attack men of God no matter how sinful they may have become or wicked in our eyes.” This is Benny’s honest belief. He offers no Scriptural backing.

In fact: We are not only allowed to test the brothers, we are commanded to and commended when we do. *Please see Scriptural foundation for this booklet, pages 2-5.*

Benny’s truth: Someone said to Benny that he is just like Jim Bakker. That made him so mad that if he could have killed him, he says, “I would have... The Body of Jesus Christ in America will sooner or later become militant, and say... ‘You touch us one more time and, DROP DEAD BROTHER...’ God has given you the choice whether He should judge them or not; it’s in your hands... You forgive them only when they know not what they do” 9/12/92, *message at OCC unrecorded for public, taken down by authors of The Confusing World of Benny Hinn, 1997.*

In fact: Jesus teaches His followers to turn the other cheek when we are *slapped*, much less talked about, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who despitefully use us and persecute us. Matthew 5:38-44. Hinn’s comments are totally in the flesh and defensive.

Benny’s truth: “The unbelievers have been kinder to me than these so-called Christians [who differ with Hinn.] Do you know what they really are? False brethren. That’s what Paul calls them.” 10/23/92, *Praise the Lord Show.*

In fact: Hinn’s reference to *Galatians 2:4* is an unfortunate one. Paul’s “false brethren” were Judaizers, those who demanded that Gentiles be circumcised and keep the law to be saved. The sincere brethren who have seen in Hinn false prophecies, false teachings, false statements about his private life, are merely protecting, as good shepherds, the flock of Jesus. It is Hinn who places undue burdens on God’s people, making them believe in him and his ministry as a requirement for healing and more.

Benny’s truth: “It’s really so sad that I had to get 25 students who knew me when I was a teenager in school, to sign affidavits to say, ‘He did stutter.’” The implication is clear: **25 affidavits are signed and available .** 10/23/92, *Praise the Lord Show.*

In fact: They were not available. “...my family will tell you that I stuttered, and many friends who knew me back then are **ready to sign affidavits** that I stuttered.” 8/93, *interview in Charisma .* “Ready to sign” is a little different than “signed”.

Benny’s truth: Claiming that Ernestine Rodriguez is healed of brain cancer, he “slays” her in the Spirit, and says: “Satan, you’ve lost this one and you’ll never get her back!” 12/92 *Houston crusade*

In fact: Medical tests were performed on her , 1/93, showing the cancer was still there. Benny says, “Really there was no definite healing, which we found out afterwards...there are cases when someone may receive something and not keep it... healing is received by and must be kept by faith.” 3/4/93, *Praise the Lord Show.*

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Benny's truth: (CRI): Benny reported to the Christian Research Institute, in response to their request for a verifiable miracle, that a man had definitely been healed of colon cancer at Hinn's meeting.

In fact: "A careful examination of the medical records... reveals that the malignant tumor had been surgically removed, rather than miraculously healed." *Christianity in Crisis, book of Christian Research Institute, 1993.*

Benny's truth: On page 19, Hinn claims not only to be an Israelite (which actually means Jew), but that he is an expert in the Hebrew language, having spoken it from his youth. *The Blood :Its Power From Genesis to Jesus to You .*

In fact: Hinn says he looked up a word in Hebrew (ga'ar) to find out what it means. Yet *ga'ar* (to rebuke) is not only in the Bible 29 times but is used in spoken Hebrew today! Why would he not know this word? *April, 1990 message on TBN's Praise-a-thon. (see 4/90 entry).*

Benny's truth: "[Jeremiah 8:22] ... contains a marvelous truth that holds a key to your healing. Jeremiah asks, 'Is there no balm in Gilead?' The word *balm* in Hebrew speaks of healing. And the word *Gilead* speaks of worship. He is asking, 'Is there no healing in worship?' Of course there is." *1993, Lord, I Need a Miracle p. 75.*

In fact: The word balm in English also speaks of healing..No mystery there. But Hebrew lexicons are agreed that the name "Gilead" does not have *anything* to do with "worship". This is the imagination of Benny Hinn at work. This sort of allegorical interpretation is gradually leading the church back into the subjectivity of the Dark Ages with its mysticism, and aligning the evangelical church with existential liberalism at the same time, where the Word means "what I want it to mean." Hinn is a leading factor in the move backward.

Benny's truth: Benny's version of an airplane crash which he experienced in 1983: After the plane crashed in a farmer's field on May 26, "...when I walked out of that plane, Paul, I didn't have a scratch on my body... *not a scratch*... and there was a lot of injuries, my own wife was injured a little bit." *1/28/93, Praise the Lord Show, TBN, as told to Paul Crouch.*

In fact: Perhaps there were "no scratches", but the "offense-incident report of the Sheriff's Department, Highlands County, Sebring Florida, suggests a different outcome. Hinn suffered "...multiple contusions, abrasions, lacerations." He actually was unconscious for a short time, and told reporters he was in a state of shock. Why was this part left out? Like his wife, he too was "injured a little bit" but he is unable to admit this.

Benny's truth: When approached by another injured passenger, (see last entry, crash story) "His [Robert Hill's] eye was out of his socket... and he said, 'Pray for me'... and I took that eye and stuck it back in his face... and prayed and God healed him." *1/28/93, Praise the Lord Show, TBN, as told to Paul Crouch.*

In fact: Robert Hill sees it this way: "The crash ripped my eye and the side of my face... they rebuilt the whole thing...my eye was like a scrambled egg. When Benny came to... I said, 'Benny, I'm blind'... he... prayed and sight came into my left eye...What happened was on the right eye. We hit so hard it pulled the vitreous jelly from the eye and put a hole in my eye" Hill says he has perfect vision today thanks to surgery. No talk of an eye being placed back in a socket, or of the [implied] instantaneous healing. *Phone conversation with Robert Hill, mid 90's, by Personal Freedom Outreach Staff:*

Benny's truth: Another promise of reform: "... from now on... we will not say, 'She is healed.' Let the person speak for themselves...Because how do we know they're healed?... So we can't speak for the people." Benny is here promising he will start verifying all miracles before broadcasting

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them. He will wait six months, he says to Ole Anthony of Trinity Foundation. *early '93, Praise the Lord Show, after exposed on "Inside Edition"*.

In fact: Another broken promise: "The Lord is telling me right now. He is repairing [heavyweight boxing champion Evander] Holyfield's heart completely..." *June, 1994, Philadelphia Miracle Crusade.*

Benny's truth: Hinn claims to have healed a mother and her two young children of Aids. On national TV he says, "Father, a perfect healing." The "spot" for this happening was run and rerun on broadcasts around the world. *4/93*

In fact: It was revealed that none of these three people were healed. One of the children did not even belong to this mother. Hinn claims he was only praying for the miracle, not announcing it. He wanted to give hope to people with Aids, he says. *7/28/94, Inside Edition*

Benny's truth: Referring to his statement that each member of the Godhead is "a triune being by himself," Benny informs us, "**The people laughed** and I thought, Boy **that was a dumb thing to say** ["There must be 9 of 'em"] . The next Sunday I apologized to my congregation..." It was dumb, the people (originally) laughed... So says Benny. *8/93, interview in Charisma magazine (see 10/13/90).*

In fact: After he told his *joke*, "**nobody laughed.**" And the video records **no laughter.** Hinn says without uncertainty, "I feel **revelation knowledge** already coming on me...there are nine of them." *October 13, 1990, broadcast* . So did Benny make a dumb mistake? Just what is his idea of "revelation knowledge?"

Benny's truth: To back up his claim that his father was mayor of Jaffa, Benny tells us: "We videotaped an interview with Dany Avrahami, the director of the Jaffa municipality... who worked with my dad... he [said] that though my father did not have the title of mayor, his function was like a mayor... He even provided me with documentation." *8/93 Charisma interview.*

In fact: Wouldn't you know it? Hinn "... refused to let PFO view the videotaped interview... [PFO] learned that Dany Avrahami is no official, but part of a team... that oversees 'Southern Vil-lages..' this shared responsibility is considered low-level.." No articles in the *Jerusalem Post* have even been written on him. *p. 97, Confusing World of Benny Hinn., 1997.*

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Benny's truth: In connection with his 1994 application to the Assemblies of God for pastoral appointment, he told the General Council committee that he repudiated earlier identification with the health/wealth gospel. He said he was corrected and had changed his theology.

In fact: It is clear from the teachings given later in 1994* and after, that Benny Hinn did not "reform" and does not fit the mold of an Assemblies of God pastor. (This was finally acknowledged in October of 1996, when Hinn resigned from that denomination "under pressure" according to his account.) *e.g, in April, June, and November, the airing of a message wherein Oral Roberts "corrects" Hinn and shows him how to take an offering "God's way," and how to "tell God" what to do.

Benny's truth: a. The Jews got angry with Jesus when He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." b. The reason for their anger was that the tabernacle had three entrances/curtains labeled "the way", "the truth" and "the life". c. Hinn says he has special understanding of the Bible because he is an Israelite. 3/94, sermon, San Antonio Miracle Crusade.

In fact: a. The words in question, John 14:1-6, were spoken to Jesus' disciples. No anger is recorded. b. There is no Jewish Scripture or tradition that so names the gates or the veils of the tabernacle or Temple. c. Benny Hinn is an Arab. Citizens of Israel can be called Israelis, but never Israelites. Benny knows this.

Benny's truth: Why did Jesus have to make mud and spit on it to heal one blind man? "... the Holy Spirit gave me a marvelous answer... he had no eyes and He just gave him brand new ones... He is the source of creation." 3/94, sermon, San Antonio Miracle Crusade.

In fact: No need to fear that 2000 years of teaching have been in error. In John 9:2-11, we are told "Having said this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes [that already existed.]... He (the healed man) replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes...'. [not "on my empty eye sockets"]

Benny's truth: Hinn, though saying he is not into the prosperity message any longer, suggests that God placed gold in the Garden of Eden to show He is a God of abundance. 4/94 Praise-a-thon.

In fact: Genesis 2:12 alone mentions gold, but four other verses in the account mention the abundance of water. What value did gold have at the time Adam was created? How could Adam have learned financial prosperity from one of earth's elements?

Benny's truth: "The Lord is telling me right now He is repairing Holyfield's heart completely." 6/94, Philadelphia Miracle Crusade (See early '93 entry).

In fact: "...a five-physician panel confirmed Tuesday what Holyfield had learned in recent months -that he was misdiagnosed by cardiologist Dr. Douglas Morris, in large part because Dr. Morris had not been fully apprised of Holyfield's treatment... following the fight... information was never forwarded to Morris." Holyfield came to believe that he never had a heart problem. 12/28/94, Atlanta Constitution.

Benny's truth: Speaking of the wall of water described in Exodus 14:22, "...it was, by the way, a wall of ice... The Hebrew word... I can show it to you after the show, Paul... when the water came down it was ice coming that crushed the Egyptians... It's in the Hebrew... not in the King James... I'll show it to Paul and he can show it to you... maybe next week. You... Hebrew scholars look me up, you'll find I'm right." 7/14/94 Praise the Lord Show.

In fact: "A 'strong east wind is the agent God used... a well-known meteorological phenomenon of the Middle-East... called in Arabic *Hamseen* ... is unusually hot and arid... the term consistently used throughout the narrative: 'waters' [not ice]." There are words for the freezing of water, but none

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are used in the story. And, the Egyptians are *drowned*, not crushed. Moses claimed, “God overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea (Deuteronomy 11:4).” *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn 1997, p. 125.*

Benny’s truth: Claims he healed movie star Ben Vereen from injuries sustained in two traffic accidents. Ben sings and dances as only a healed man can. *7/94 Miracle Crusade, Indianapolis.*

In fact: Ben Vereen was seen singing and dancing days before the Crusade. He attributes the “healing” to doctors, therapists, and his [Unity School of Christianity] pastor, Ms. Johnnie Coleman. Does not mention Hinn. *9/29/94, Suzanne Somers Show.*

Benny’s truth: Hinn points out Unity pastor Coleman and asks the audience to “Give her a big ‘God bless you,’ ” He then blesses her himself. *7/94 Miracle Crusade, Indianapolis.*

In fact: “Anyone.. who... does not abide in the teaching of Christ [and Unity does not] does not have God; ... the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds” (II John 9-11).

Benny’s truth: A Switzerland newspaper for Christians reports that while in Basel, 1993, Hinn prophesied over a man who had cancer and said this person had many years to live. *9/15/94 Udfordringen.*

In fact: The man died two days after the meeting. *9/15/94 Udfordringen. .*

Benny’s truth: Persons in Hinn Crusades are invited to write their prayer requests on the back of offering envelopes. It is assumed they will be read and prayed over. *9/15/94 Udfordringen.*

In fact: There have been cases where empty envelopes have been found on the floor, with the money taken out. *9/15/94 Udfordringen.*

Benny’s truth: Trying to demonstrate his knowledge of Hebrew, Hinn says that the Hebrew of Psalm 46:10 reads, “Be still and know Jehovah Elohim.” *10/24/94, broadcast*

In fact: Psalm 46:10, in Hebrew actually has no word for “Jehovah” but only the personal pronoun for “I” just as in every English translation. “Be still, and know that I am God.”

Benny’s truth: Once more breaking his commitment to abandon the faith message, Benny gives us this message: “When Israel came out of Egypt... He healed all of Israel... they ate the lamb and the blood was sprinkled... the cross was presented to Israel... it was because of eating the lamb... The Israelites were all healed... God healed all under the law, why not under grace?” *12/6/94, Praise the Lord Show*

In fact: There is no direct connection between the Lord’s Supper and healing, except that in I Corinthians 11, improper participation can result in sickness and death. In the passage he cites, there is no connection implied in the context that they were healed by eating lamb and sprinkling blood. James 5:14, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him... the prayer of faith will save the sick...”

Benny’s truth: Attempting to prove that Jesus’ nature actually turned into sin, Benny tells us: “And I’m riding on a bus... reading this book called Justification By Faith by Martin Luther... *12/6/94, Praise the Lord Show.*

In fact: Martin Luther never wrote a book by this title.

Benny’s truth: “In this book he says, ‘There is a verse in the Bible that used to bother me.’ [John 3:14] I was so amazed, I spoke out and said, ‘You, too?’ [laughter] *12/6/94, Praise the*

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In fact: Martin Luther never expressed confusion about the meaning of John 3:14, the text that confused Hinn (about the *serpent* being lifted up in the wilderness).

Benny's truth: "And he goes into describing the fact that serpents are symbols of sin... and the lowest thing on earth is sin, and that Jesus became the lowest thing on earth when He took our sin..."
12/6/94, *Praise the Lord Show.*

In fact: Luther [elsewhere] states that as Jesus hung on the cross, He was "regarded" as evil... "I [Luther] will still regard this vile worm as the Savior... not as a... devil.. Christ is not a serpent, a vile worm... a dragon or demoniac, as His slanderers claim... *Let them perish!*" *Martin Luther, Works, Vol. 22:341-344* (Hinn actually received this teaching from Kenyon/Hagin/Copeland et al., not the great Luther.)

Benny's truth: Benny Hinn was brought up in a Catholic/Orthodox setting. It is hard to see how the following could be seen as a "revelation" to him, but this is what he says: "My body... went totally numb...God really gave me a revelation... when we partake communion, it's not just communion... we are partaking Christ Jesus Himself." 12/27/94 / *Praise the Lord Show*

In fact: I Corinthians 11:25-26 states: "This cup is *the new covenant* in My blood... This do... *in remembrance* of Me. For as often as you eat this *bread* and drink this *cup* you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." But in Hinn's thinking, the "experience" is more important than revealed Scriptures.

1995

Benny's truth: Benny, curious as to whether God might heal people en masse in a hospital, tells of a 1976 visit to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Hinn says he received an invitation from the Reverend Mother of a Catholic Hospital in the area. *1995/ Welcome Holy Spirit pp. 231-235.*

In fact: Mother Superior Mary Francis says she never invited Hinn, but reluctantly allowed his service because of a request from the pastoral care department of the hospital. "No patients left the hospital that day," she says. *PFO investigation.*

Benny's truth: In the above hospital incident, the chapel of General Hospital was reportedly so full that some had to be turned away. Healings began happening everywhere, even in the hallways and in the rooms of patients who could not attend. *1995/ Welcome Holy Spirit pp. 231-235.*

In fact: A faxed letter from the hospital, and conversations with staff reveals: No one at the hospital remembers the event except some older staff who remember a meeting but nothing extraordinary. Some said "Benny who?" There was nothing in the newspaper about this miracle. But if it happened, it must have been greater than anything in the Book of Acts! Verbatim from the fax: "No such events ever occurred at General Hospital... Mr. Hinn's claims are outlandish and unwarranted."

Benny's truth: Hinn mentions men like Ryrie, Chafer, Walvoord, Moody, Torrey and (A.J.) Gordon as though he is in the same basic camp as they. *1995/ Welcome Holy Spirit .*

In fact: All of these men either were outright anti-Pentecostals, or at least decried the excesses of "Pentecost."

Benny's truth: Hinn met with leadership of the Assemblies of God and answered charges against him. Some of his own witness: "slaying people in the Spirit" by blowing on them "hurts the cause of the Gospel" and was done, says Hinn, in "ignorance." He started doing it because he was accused of pushing people down when he used his hands. *3/95, four-day "Signs and Wonders" conference sponsored by Assemblies of God.*

Benny's other truth: Earlier, when ordination was not an issue, he wrote in his own magazine: "[What am I] trying to do when I throw or blow at them? I have only one answer: 'God told me to do it, and I know better than not to obey.'" *1991, Anointing .*

Benny's truth: "I did not believe, nor do I still believe, that the Holy Spirit has a body. We are His body. God is a Spirit." *3/95, four-day "Signs and Wonders" conference sponsored by Assemblies of God.*

Benny's second opinion: But in the original manuscript of the 1990 *Good Morning Holy Spirit*, he confidently affirms: "I believe the Holy Ghost has a spirit body. Not with actual flesh and blood, but -like the angels - a spirit being with form, shape, and the ability to move." Maybe he does not believe it now, but he did at one time.

Benny's truth: "Well, the church [Orlando Christian Center], we are making plans to bring it into the Assemblies... the process has begun.. it's definitely becoming Assemblies. If I'm assemblies, why shouldn't they be Assemblies?" *3/95, four-day "Signs and Wonders" conference sponsored by Assemblies of God.*

In fact: Gene Polino, OCC administrator, in *Charisma* magazine, May ,1995, disagrees: "OCC has no plans to join the Assemblies of God... there has been no action taken to change the current status of the church."

Benny's truth: In explaining some of his unbiblical declarations over the years, to his would-be ordainers: "I really envy those who have had Bible training... I was really hoping I could go to Bible

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school or something. But it never really happened that way... I knew so little about biblical teaching at that time." 3/95, four-day "Signs and Wonders" conference sponsored by Assemblies of God.

In fact, or Benny's truth again? "After over a decade of Bible instruction [combined with] a lifetime of living in the Holy Land... you could say I had mastered the Bible... I have spent thousands of hours studying the Bible and reflecting on practically every word." (Yet Benny continues to make the same sort of unbiblical declarations.) 1995, *Welcome Holy Spirit*, pp. 57, 199.

1996

Benny's truth: "We raised a man from the dead in Ghana! It's on video!" 8/28/96 *Crusade*

In fact: The Executive director of Hinn's TV shows says this never happened, and that it was a mistake for Hinn to say so.

Benny's truth: Hinn claims to have seen the very face of Jesus appear on the wall of his church. It was there for 30 days! Eyes and mouth even moved! Why, it's on video-tape! 10/22/96

In fact: This never happened. All efforts by the "outside world" to get a copy of this video-tape have failed.

1997

Benny's truth: "Thirty-five-year-old Laura Twilley, her body ravaged by cancer and chemotherapy" is led to believe she has experienced a healing miracle in a Hinn meeting. 3/16/97 from CNN report, "*The Miracles and the Money.*"

In fact: "Four weeks after the crusade, Mrs. Twilley dies, leaving behind her husband and three little girls." God can and does heal and work miracles. But God and His power are misrepresented in Hinn meetings. 3/16/97 from CNN report, "*The Miracles and the Money.*"

Benny's truth: "The Lord spoke to me while in Miami... 'Come back here for Good Friday.' And I said, 'Lord, open the way.' And guess what, the manager of the Miami arena canceled the hockey game so we can have the arena for Good Friday, April 10, 1998..." 10/22/97, *This Is Your Day Broadcast.*

In fact: No hockey game was ever scheduled for April 10, 1998. That was common knowledge, based on a schedule published by the National Hockey league released July, 1997. *Special Events department, Miami Arena.*

1998

Benny's truth: Larry King wants to know why Benny cannot work miracles anywhere except the Crusades. Benny defends his place-oriented method in this astonishing way: "People have been healed going to Lourdes and Fatima. There was a pool, even in the Bible, where the angels stirred the water..." 4/23/98, *Larry King Live, CNN*.

In fact: The only **known** healing at Bethesda was done by the Son of God. And since when do healings such as this get lumped together with Roman Catholic traditions and "miracles" performed in the name of Mary? (*See John 5, regarding Bethesda.*)

Benny's truth: He delights his broadcast audience by telling them of a woman whose pace-maker disappeared from her body at a Crusade meeting! 7/15/98, *This Is Your Day*.

In fact: There is no documentation offered, and the executive producer of his TV show "never heard about that."

Benny's truth: "You mark my word. The next three crusades: Birmingham, Anaheim, and Orlando, we are gonna see unusual creative miracles. Notable miracles. God in those crusades will do what hasn't happened in all the 24 years of ministry I've been in." 9/9/98, *This Is Your Day broadcast, TBN*.

In fact: "Since there was no notable creative miracle, Benny had to "create" an entertaining show of his own..." He then describes a most bizarre meeting. 1999 letter from Yves Brault to author of *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn*.

Benny's truth: Hinn suggests we need a fresh manifestation of Christ, and that our lacking of liberty is due to the need for what he refers to as "the fire." 11/12/98, *This Is Your Day broadcast, TBN*.

In fact: God says, "You are already clean because of the **Word** which I have spoken to you" (John 15:3), "Where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty" (II Corinthians 3:17), and "...you are complete in Him" (Colossians 2:10). More of Jesus, His Word, His Spirit, will take care of whatever lacking we have.

1999

Benny's truth: Commenting on Luke 24, Benny suggests that since the two unnamed men on the way to Emmaus do not question Jesus properly, they miss their opportunity to be blessed and are never mentioned by the Bible again. *5/12/99, Praise the Lord show, TBN.*

In fact: One of the men *is* mentioned by name: Cleopas. These men listened very intently to the Lord and their hearts burned within them. It was not a time for question and answer. They are honored by a special revelation of Jesus again later in the chapter! *Luke 24:18-36.*

Benny's truth: "I place a curse on every man and every woman that will stretch his hand against this anointing. I curse that man who dares to speak a word against this ministry. But any man, and any woman that raises his or her hand in blessing towards this ministry, I bless that man...This is the Holy Ghost on me..." *10/10/99, Praise the Lord Show.*

In fact: God Himself blesses and curses those who bless or curse His people Israel (Genesis 11). But Benny is not Israel. Nor is his ministry. Christians are admonished to test, and if need be, to expose. To come against the truth and the ministry of Jesus, is serious business. But to come against lies, and promotion of them by Benny Hinn, is not a thing to be feared. One recalls the similar curses (anathemas) of Rome on those who believe Protestant (Biblical) teachings. We see daily the curses and threats of Islamic terrorists. But we must unashamedly and urgently tell the truth anyway.

Benny's truth: Benny began to announce this year to his attendees, plans for a \$30-million "World Healing Center", and of course also began to solicit funds for its building. This in response to what he calls a "vision." *10/99, Dallas Miracle Crusade.*

Benny's updated truth: February, 2000 is the date given by Hinn when God told him to "wait" on this project .But that same year, a \$3 million dollar "parsonage" began to rise in Hinn's new ministry location, Dana Point, California.

In fact: The "World Healing Center" has not yet materialized (mid-2004).

Benny's truth: It was during a time of several off-beat astonishing prophecies, (for example, he says the time will come when if a person wants to see what Heaven is like, all he will have to do is turn on a TBN station!) that Hinn makes a serious error: I quote: **"Now the Lord just told me – and I don't know whether this is true or not..."** *10/19/99, Praise the Lord , TBN.*

In fact: The reason Hinn does not know the truth of some of his utterances is that they come out of *his own spirit*, unless of course they are clearly recorded in God's Word already. This is why there need be no fear of Hinn.

Benny's truth: Benny announced that in the year 2000 many tragedies were coming. There would be great financial disaster. Only those who give to God's work will be spared! Nothing will touch God's (giving) people. *1999, Portland crusade*

In fact: All the doomsday prophets, including Hinn, were off about a year and three-fourths (9-11-01). The Y2K scare turned out to be unfounded. But Hinn scared his flock into extra offerings in 1999.

2000

Benny's truth: Hinn promoted future meetings by alluding to a prophecy of one Ruth Ward Heflin. Ms. Heflin just before she died, says the Lord told her to tell Benny that He, Jesus the Man, would appear physically in one of Benny's crusades in the next few months. *4/20/00, TBN*

In fact: Never happened. But Benny does do one thing here. He fulfills Mark 13:21: " Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it..."

2000 (cont.)

Benny's truth: Jesus, Benny says, is appearing personally to Muslims "since we preachers cannot go there [Muslim lands]." And why are these things happening? "It's the last days! Saints, this is why we need to give to the Gospel *now* more than ever...seed time-harvest of last year is gone... we are in a fresh season."

In fact: Preachers do go to Islamic-held territories and *are* there freely giving their lives for Jesus' sake. Benny even has plans to go. On his current [July 22, 2004] website is a "hand-written" note to partners, begging them for money for His Middle-eastern project. He says "[Jesus] did not ask the angels of glory to do it; He asked you and me." The idea of Jesus having to appear directly to Muslims is evidently not needed now. But the bottom line of both appeals, whether Jesus does it Himself or sends me, is: I need money!

2001

Benny's truth: In one Portland Crusade evening, Benny Hinn seems to have performed 76 miracles on stage. *Easter/2001, HBO report on "A Question of Miracles."*

In fact: When filmmakers ask for the names of the healed, they receive a list of only five after 3 months. And none of these turn out to be lasting healings.

2002

Benny's truth: He eerily predicts that a "change" is coming. "The Lord" tells him this change will be on March 3. It will be a mighty-breath, a fresh wind upon... your life." *12/29/02, Praise the Lord on TBN.*

In fact: This was the truth predicted by New Age "Global Thought" too! On 3/03/03 at 3:33 a.m. and 3:33 p.m. people across the globe joined together in "positive thought" to bring about a better world. Unfortunately, whether by Hinn or by the New Agers, nothing in particular happened that day to signal a new direction for the planet. Just makes you wonder where Hinn gets his information.

Benny's truth: On the same night as above, Benny prophesied that in "three and a half months" [roughly April 15, 2003] a "great event" was to take place in Israel followed by a mighty move of God in the church.

In fact: What can we say? His record gets no better. Neither event occurred.

Benny's truth: Benny has a dream, he says, where he hears the words "rivers of blood, rivers of blood." He says the Lord in this way revealed what's coming in the next few days and weeks with the Iraq war. "Bright days for my people" are also prophesied.

In fact: There has been a constant stream of trouble, but nothing like "rivers of blood" one and a half years later. Technically the "war" ended shortly after the "vision." As to the Church's "bright days", is there any way to measure such a statement?

2003:

Benny's truth: Regarding the coming of Christ, he "sensed" back in 3/30/02 that Jesus is coming very soon. On this day, with guest John Hagee, he theorizes it will probably be in the next 6 months or a year. Back on November 9, 1990 at a "Praise-a-thon", he "proves from the Word" that we have less than two years left! Then, back on Dec 30, 2002, John Paul Jackson, dream expert, tells Hinn that in eight years (from 2002) a new door of authority and opportunity is going to open up for him (Benny). That means Jesus cannot come until 2010! And we can't leave out the 1997 statement in Honolulu, where the Lord reportedly assured Benny he'll live to age 69, unless he takes good care of himself, in which case, 73. Benny will be 73 *in the year 2025.*

In fact: Benny has no clue as to when Jesus will come and/or when his earthly life will end.

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And no one says he should. But he needs to stop bilking money out of people by telling them time is running out for him soon.

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Benny's truth: Many Hinn advertisements invite *all* to come looking for their miracle.

In fact: Those who are seriously deformed and obviously in need of major "repair" are made to sit in back, denied access to the "stage."

date unknown:

Benny's truth: Hinn prophesies over Susan Anthony, about whom the movie *Steel Magnolias* was made. He promises she will have many children.

In fact: Against the recommendation of doctors, she gives birth to one boy. This "weakened her body and caused a need for two kidney transplants and constant insulin treatments." She dies at age 31, with no other children born. 4/90, *Charisma and Christian Life*, p. 66.

date unknown:

Benny's truth: Benny claims to cure a deaf woman.

In fact: According to her doctor, she was never deaf in the first place.

date unknown:

Benny's truth: God created the heavens and the earth billions of years ago...

In fact: Genesis, the Biblical chronology, and scientific evidence, speak of a relatively young earth, in the thousands of years.

date unknown:

Benny's truth: "I remember a man in Sault Saint Marie, Ontario, that turned into a snake before my very eyes and 2,000 people saw him." *Impact News*.

Benny's revised truth: Later on TBN he corrected the statement to "he slithered like a snake."

date unknown:

Benny's truth: In Las Vegas, before 15,000 people, Benny claims to heal a 9-year-old boy.

In fact: The boy remained legally blind.

date unknown:

Benny's truth: In the same incident as above, the little boy is promised publicly by Hinn that he will pay personally for the boy's medical and educational expenses.

In fact: It took two years for the family to discover where the fund had been set up. It is still not known how to access that money.

But enough is enough.

No reasonable person, in the light of all this evidence, could possibly give credence to Benny Hinn again. Unfortunately this is not so. Multiplied millions worldwide continue to affirm that this is God's man for the hour. May God give us grace to take heed to ourselves and to God's Word. The days will grow even worse, and if it be possible, the elect themselves will be deceived.