

# Prophecy in Perspective

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## **Our Times** - *Prophecy in current events*

From an article in the *Daily Mail*, we learn that the computer internet may be accessible by citizens of countries whose governments do not want them to have access to the outside world. This will be good news for those who are living under oppressive regimes. They will be able, in theory, to access information about the Bible, Jesus Christ and the gospel! This is the good news side of their latest development in technology. It is called the OUTERNET!

### **Forget The Internet - Soon There Will Be The OUTERNET: Company Plans To Beam Free Wi-fi To Every Person on Earth From Space**

- **An ambitious project known as Outernet is aiming to launch hundreds of miniature satellites into low Earth orbit by June 2015**
- **Each satellite will broadcast the Internet to phones and computers giving billions of people across the globe free online access**
- **Citizens of countries like China and North Korea that have censored online activity could be given free and unrestricted cyberspace**
- **'There's really nothing that is technically impossible to this'**



You might think you have to pay through the nose at the moment to access the Internet. But one ambitious organization called the Media Development Investment Fund (MDIF) is planning to turn the age of online computing on its head by giving free web access to every person on Earth. Known as [Outernet](#), MDIF plans to launch hundreds of satellites into orbit by 2015.

And they say the project could provide unrestricted Internet access to countries where their web access is censored, including China and North Korea. The New York company plans to ask NASA to test their Outernet technology on the International Space Station (left) so that they can begin broadcasting Wi-Fi to web users around the world (right) using something known as datacasting technology, which involves sending data over wide radio waves, the New York-based company says they'll be able to broadcast the Internet around the world.

The group is hoping to raise tens of millions of dollars in

donations to get the project on the road.

The Outernet team claim that only 60% of the world's population currently have access to the wealth of knowledge that can be found on the Internet. This is because, despite a wide spread of Wi-Fi devices across the globe, many countries are unable or unwilling to provide people with the infrastructure needed to access the web.

The Outernet project is aiming to raise tens of millions of dollars to launch hundreds of miniature satellites known as cubesats to make their dream a reality. The company's plan is to launch hundreds of low-cost miniature satellites, known as cubesats, into low Earth orbit. Here, each satellite will receive data from a network of ground stations across the globe. Using a technique known as User Datagram Protocol (UDP)



multitasking, which is the sharing of data between users on a network, Outernet will beam information to users. Much like how you receive a signal on your television and flick through channels, Outernet will broadcast the Internet to you and allow you to flick through certain websites.

### **The Outernet Project Timeline**

By June of this year the Outernet project aims to begin deploying prototype satellites to test their technology. In September 2014 they will make a request to NASA to test their technology on the International Space Station. By early 2015 they intend to begin manufacturing and launching their satellites. And in June 2015 the company says they will begin broadcasting the Outernet from space.

But, with all of the benefits of such a development as the OUTERNET, and the global internet access it will make available to billions, the students of prophecy must not overlook the obvious potential this will have for the future Antichrist and his ability to take over most, if not all, internet access and to promote his own anti-Christ and anti-Bible propaganda during the future Great Tribulation period. Today, the on-line Bibles are a great blessing for believers, but we should not neglect using our hard-copy Bibles, and marking them well for those who are going to be left behind after the rapture.

The propaganda minister of the Antichrist, the false prophet, will be incredibly powerful and clever to utilize all the internet and OUTERNET access, as well as all means of mass communication at his disposal, to sway those who are taken at the rapture and to put them under the bondage of the Beast, the Antichrist. Revelation says about the false prophet that he **"deceiveth them that dwell on the earth."** (Revelation 13:14) He will also do this through the power of evil-supernaturalism through the performing of false miracles and mass communication will be used to impress the world into the deception that they should take the mark of the Beast!

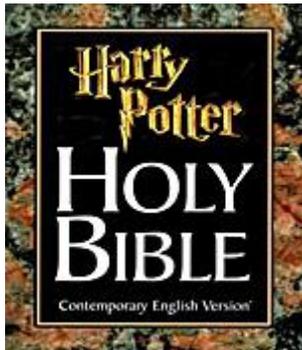
### **The Church Today - Doctrine and Prophecy Today**

The Church today as it becomes more and more emergent is trading in biblical theology for a worldly theology of what will attract people. The premise for changing teachings in the evangelical church is the same as it has

been in the liberal church for decades: to make the Bible relevant. There is far less exposition of the Scriptures and more of the clever ideas of man. Stories and movie reviews are becoming more a part of the preacher's instruction than the Bible itself. It seems that whatever is popular, is what the teachers of today will often prefer to promote because it is popular and will draw a crowd. Today the effort to promote relevancy over biblical truth can be observed in the current books that are being published that are short on the teachings of Scripture and big on the teachings of man. In the effort for churches to become popular, so they can become a "mega" church and start cookie cutter campus churches of the same brand, we are seeing churches and ministries bringing into their doctrines, the teachings of current psychology entertainment and even occultism.

### **The Dangers of Blending Religious Beliefs**

The Bible predicts that the latter days leading up to the coming of the Lord, there will be a growing general apostasy of the Church and of Christians from the truth of the Bible. There will be various methods that the devil will use and is using today to accomplish this deception. One of his methods is to use the credibility of Christian leaders who compromise the Word of God by pushing the idea that such occultic books as the Harry Potter series is a good source of material to teach the truths of Jesus Christ. Look at the following article by Caryl Matrisciana who was saved out of the New Age Movement by coming to faith in the Jesus Christ:



#### **DANGERS OF SYNCRETISM**

Blending truth and myth in an attempt to reconcile opposing philosophies, or religious worldviews

*by Caryl Matrisciana, February 5, 2014*

I have recently read this article from the Eternity Bible College's Theology for Real Life, and watched the video by Jerram Barrs, Resident Scholar at the Francis Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Theological Seminary (where he teaches apologetics,) and am deeply concerned by the syncretism of many in the Christian world whose influence in our churches, Christian schools and seminaries are feeding unsuspecting millions with what has the appearance of light yet is dark, and has the taste of sweetness yet is bitter.

Isaiah 5:20 says, ***"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"***

Sadly, within Barrs comments and Mark Beuving's blog is another heartbreaking example of confusion and compromise, showing how those calling themselves Christians are presenting evil as good and darkness as light. What may seem obviously dark and rooted in occult paganism within the storyline of Harry Potter is being repackaged and presented by Christians as Christian allegory and analogy, with new declarations. In this case, the message is that "self-sacrificing love is the greatest power in the universe." The twist is that a witch (Harry Potter is a Wizard, Shaman, Sorcerer) in his act of "sacrificial love" in the offering of his life for his friends is being compared to what Jesus did in the giving of His life for mankind. Harry's is the preaching of another gospel, written through another spirit, contrary to the Truth of Jesus, and cannot be compared to the uniqueness of God's Salvation in Jesus (2 Cor. 11:4).

\*Barrs likened the last Harry Potter book to being a meditation of the last months of Jesus life, as Jesus prepares Himself to go to the cross to offer Himself up for us as sacrifice. He suggests Harry basically goes to "his cross" as he goes to meet with death. Barrs says there are many allusions to the last months of Jesus life in the last Potter book, which he explains as being "very, very beautiful." He gives an account of when he spoke at L'Abri at a conference on Harry Potter and a student, who later went to work at L'Abri, told him after finishing reading the last book on a Saturday night, he went next morning to Sunday worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper during which time he had the "deepest, most fulfilling experience of the Lord's Supper in my life, in my Christian life, because that (Harry Potter) book helped me understand Jesus' sacrifice for me more deeply than I ever understood it before...." And, Barrs agrees he can say "amen" to that!

How telling that Christians, rather than relying by faith on the truths taught by the Word of God in Holy Scripture, are turning to fables and myths that teach many occult techniques, rituals, and the underlying philosophy of communication with the dead, and powers of being influenced by the spirit world which the Bible says are lying demons. Added to which the reading of such religious literature, and Potter is a religious book based on the religion of millions of witches, nature worshippers, occultists and pagans, brings about deep fulfilling experiences because it's rooted in the supernatural realm and teachers doctrines of demons. The IRS gives tax exempt status to the religion of witchcraft and the reading of this religious material is promoted in schools, published by Scholastic Inc. a provider of school curriculum, as a reading program when the reading of Bibles is banned.

In 2 Timothy 4:4 we are warned **"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."** Too bad that Francis Schaeffer, a defender of biblical truth, and the L'Abri Fellowship which he founded about fifty years ago, is being used to promote an idea that would be foreign to his beliefs and thinking. The mixing of false with true beliefs (syncretism) is one of the important and telling marks of the latter days.

As Bible believing Christians, it is important that we stay with the transforming truths of the Word of God! Reading God's Word daily and living by its teachings, through a dependence on the Holy Spirit, we will be sure to walk and believe God's truth in these last days of the Church Age. As we read in 2 Peter 1:6, **"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty."** Watch for the Lord, tell others about Him, and keep living for Jesus Christ, for He said: **"Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book!"(Rev22:7)**

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