

Apologetics- 8.2 – Hollywood-hellywood pt 2

Transcription

For those of you who are visiting us today from Russia and all over Eastern Europe, we want to praise the Lord that you are here with us, and we bless you in the name of Jesus and just pray that you are edified, and I hope that you've been in the studies. If you haven't, look at the bottom of your screen. It will show in the bottom of your screen where you can reach us by the web. And from those of you who are Russia or Eastern Europe. You may have copies of the audio, you may have copies of the print, you may have copies of the entire manuscript, and it is no charge at all for you. So, it is free. It's a gift from us to you, because we want you to learn and be blessed. So, anyway, we're continuing our study today, which is dealing with...How would you get your Trojan horse into the Kingdom of God, so you could take it from within, and it's this phrasing. My wife and I went last night to...a group that I really loved when I was younger called "Three Dog Night", and I don't know if you all have ever heard of "Three Dog night", but I mean, these guys had for, like, 4 and a half years had a top 10 hit every single week for 4 and a half years. I just liked them because they could harmonize, and last night you would not believe the vocals of these guys. Unbelievable. These guys are like 75 years old. They must be. But, they could hit these crisp clear high notes like...it was unbelievable. But, anyway, they sang a song that Maria and I looked at each other, and these are the words to the song, which I felt were really fascinating. That, I don't know what the spiritual position of these men is, but it's a song, which is a very famous song, it says..."Easy to Be Hard". It says, "How can people be so heartless, how can people be so cruel? It's easy to be hard, easy to be cold. How can people have no feelings, how can they ignore their friends? It's easy to be proud, it's easy

to say 'no'. Especially people who care about strangers, who care about evil and social injustice. Do you only care about your bleeding crowds, how about a needy friend? I need a friend. How can people be so heartless?" It goes on and on, and it talks about pride, and I thought to myself, they got it. They may not even be saved, and they got it. What's the dilemma culturally is the lack of real love and caring for somebody besides yourself. So, I'm going to tell you, we as believers, inside the body of Christ, which is the true church...it's not a building, it's the body of Christ, the ecclesia...Does anybody remember what Ecclesia means? The called out assembly. EC meaning out of...it's where we get the word 'exit' from, lesia is the called out assembly. Or the assembly. It's those of us who are believers. This is the church here. Maria and I are studying the Word together, that's the Church. The Church is a living body of believers, and so, here we're taking a look at how Satan knows how needy people are of these things, and if the Church doesn't show it, he'll fill the gap, because it's a vacuum. It is not just an issue, it's a vacuum. Now, I'm going to go ahead and have fun with this movie Constantine...has anybody seen the movie, "Constantine"? I was the first one, well, it was packed out today, right? You were going to see it? Well, let me just tell you...OK, I won't give away the ending, but what happens is he gets...No, I won't give away the ending. I'm gonna...this is just for fun, now what I'm going to do, this is what I was saying drives my wife a little nuts...is that I look at the doctrine of the movie, because I honestly think movies can influence us. Now, I'm looking at this movie, and I'm going to tell you, there's a lot of great stuff in it. This is a line that is in here, though, because they are trying to find out a clue as they're going through this movie, and it's...the movie...there's a quote that says, "Satan has his own complete bible in heaven. The unknown gospels, the missing chapters." And then you go up and you find 2 Corinthians 17:21 or something like that, which doesn't exist in our Bible. But

they say that Satan has the completed version. I'm just going to tell you, that subliminal statement...and then it shows this guy reading the gospel of Satan, which has the book of Corinthians in it, but a "Completed one"...I'm going to tell you, man, that fits right into the whole thesis with the Naghamadi gospels from 1945...discovered in 1945, which are from the 1st century...2nd century actually. Which teach Gnosticism, and teach how we can all become christs, and teaches the relationship of Mary Magdalene with Jesus. It is a sensitivity issue...I'm gonna tell you, there were some things in there that were powerful statements, and I'll even show you the good things about the movie. But of course this is, now this is a reflection of the Naghamadi, Satan says, "I was liberating humans to be divine." And he has the complete text there. Next, in the movie, Mary, the Mary figure...there is this time, and I'm not going to tell you the neat stuff about it, I'm just going to tell you the visuals, when all the lights go out in the city except one light. And that one light is in a storefront...when you guys see this tonight, you'll see it...and in that storefront, it shows Mary, "queen of heaven" the only lights that stay on in this city is on her. Somehow, she's resisting the lights going out in the city...this female figure...until finally, the lights go out. In that one minute, they make a theological statement about the "queen of heaven". That of all the darkness, she alone had the power to resist the light going out. Now, this goes back to the context of goddess worship, this goes back to the context of Mary being the Queen of Heaven, which the bible very clearly shows that she was probably the most godly woman that was alive at the time, I honestly believe that Mary, the virgin Mary was possibly, if not, simply because of the way God had made her, but she wasn't the "queen of heaven", she was a godly woman, who it says in the book of Matthew Chapter 1:21, she actually calls Jesus, and calls God her Savior from her sins, so we know that she's not the queen of heaven. But, what you're seeing here is this feminine worship concept. So, I'm not

saying that it's because they're Catholics that they're Naghamadis, no....the concept is the feminine worship concept is being postulated in this movie, because the most vulnerable group, we know by...did you know what the #1 group and the most precious people in the world that I've practically ever met, too, come out of Catholicism, but Catholicism is the #1 group that is turning to Islam, because of...and this is in the NY Times, which is not a Christian newspaper by any chance, but the NY Times showed that they're the #1 group. They have a very strong need, as we all do, of maternal nurturing, and they, and yet, there is the male section which seems to be going very strongly toward Islam, but I'll tell ya, this movie is aiming at Catholics to reach out and to corrupt them into this culture because they are showing this feminine worship as if..."Oh, I feel at home when I see this. I feel at home when I see this clip." And this is something that I...I was born and raised in San Antonio, I'm married to a Latin girl who was Roman Catholic, and it is a cultural phenomena. You see a lot of Mary, a whole lot of Mary everywhere. But, what you're finding is it is that feminine attribute which the new cults, new age cults are really aiming at, because goddess worship...Mary Magdalene...and goddess worship is something they're really ultimately after for us to believe. So, it shows that she's the only one who withstands hell's demons in this film, and of course, we go back to what is being charged against us as Christians...that males took over Christianity, and that the feminine side of God was stolen away, and so the feminine mediator, queen of heaven, had also, by the way, Mary had the Christ power, being the mother of God, Mary Magdalene had the Christ power, and it exists in all of us, not just Jesus. But what these corrupt men did in the 4th century, under Constantine....which is really weird that his name was Constantine in the 4th century, and so is this movie character, but anyway. That literally, the feminine side of God giving the Christ power to women was removed, and that's what the new age is doing, it's bringing it back. And,

why will the Virgin Mary brought into communication? This mindset knows that the #1 Christian religion is the most vulnerable to their concepts, historically took on feminist goddess concepts when conquering the world. Um, I really am, that's why I'm almost fearful for us culturally, is that they are targeting a group that is seeing images that it already agrees with, so it's going to assume everything else they hear in the movie is correct. That's how somebody reaches out to you. Somebody walks up to you and says, "Oh, man, your little boy fell down and hurt his knee, and I have 3 kids, and..." What happens the moment they do that? They're using the Pauline principal of finding commonality. Are y'all with me? "Oh, I have 3 kids, too" "No kiddin'?" You're suddenly talking to a total stranger, why? Because they have kids like you do. You're suddenly vulnerable to them. Why? Because you have found a commonality. That is a counterfeit by Satan on how God taught Paul to communicate. Paul went all over the world, and the way he communicated in Athens was, he said, "Men, you see these idols over here? One of them's called the unknown god? I know him. Let's talk." And he found a commonality. And so, that's what's going on in cults today, is a commonality. Next. You'll hear this phrase. It's for one second when the main star of the movie looks to this chubby priest, this big round priest, whose eyes wander...you've seen this actor. He's a fascinating actor and he's a very gifted actor. And he says, "Go ahead, just seek the Ether. Seek the Ether, so that you can feel where the next assault by the devil is." Now, you hear this phrase, "the ether" once in the movie, and suddenly this priest has this supernatural ability to run his hands over newspapers and see things. I'm not going to tell you what he sees or anything else, so I won't give it away, but this ether is a phrase, which goes back to about 3000 B.C. A concept, which has been popularized. We're not talking about the Ether, like medicine...we're talking about this ether which is actually, in fact, I may have put it down here. The ether is, by Gnostics, is the invisible, unfathomable vacuum wherein

the universe is seated. This is where, we as Gnostics can reach and be even outside of the Universe by being gods. Now, he mentions this once. But, I'm gonna tell you, people go..."The Ether, cool. And look, he had supernatural abilities, but he is a priest, and so, he probably...that's a biblical concept." And so, before you know it, you're attaching dots that aren't even there. Are y'all with me? It's that commonality. Now, something else that we see, is androgynous sexuality in this movie. Gabriel is a woman in this movie, but, she's kind of a guy chick. She's kind of a male female. Then you have a bar scene where there are some very androgynous characters. And androgyny, of course, is where there's almost a non-sexuality, or there's a merging of sexuality. There's no male or female. This is actually what is taught by Gnosticism. The reason all sexuality, homosexuality and everything else is Ok, is because there is no male and female. And it's Christians in the 4th century who split male and female and their positions, and that males were predominant. And so, you'll see a lot of androgyny in this film, and um, not a lot. I apologize. You'll see a little bit. Enough, actually, in one instance, it's almost, possibly even critical of androgyny. In other words, they are brilliant in this film. They actually relate to born again Christians in a very powerful way, and I'll show you in a second. So, they don't set out to be so obviously cultic in this film that they offend everybody with any intelligence. But, they do enough peppering of false theology, which to the person who's not aware of why they believe what they believe, they can be in trouble. Satan has a son, by the way, in this movie, which is not a surprise element, it's right up front. But, this is the equalizer with God. And this is pretty much what the movie teaches, which I've been learning about since I was a little kid, that goes back to...have you ever heard of ying yang? You know what ying yang is? It's got the black and the circle? Every cult in the world, pretty much, goes back to the concepts of ying and yang. The counterbalance of good and evil. What this movie

pretty much shows is that God and Satan are equals, and they continued to fight until the point they sat down and said, "Let's negotiate a settlement" and the settlement they negotiated with..."Look, you've got your angels. Your angels can influence humans, but you can't actually appear on the earth and do battle, and My demons will influence people, but they can't actually appear on earth and do battle, and we'll just let things battle out, and then, when you start winning, I can send forces to kind of counterbalance it to the middle, and we just..." and literally the phrase that's used in this movie is..." Humans to God are nothing more than an ant farm. And so, you know it's just...we'll kind of watch them as a game." The devil and God are talking, "We'll watch them as a game, and just when you start winning, we'll kind of push it back the other way, so that we don't have a victor". Now, this is actually coming in an environment that it almost becomes natural in the way that they're saying it. It's rhythmically logical. And so, that's something I would encourage you. Now, this movie is just 1. I'm not picking on the movie, to tell you the truth. I think it's brilliantly done. To tell you the truth, I wish Christians made movies this good...professionally. But, it's one of those things where...if you learn how to read in between the lines, and think as a believer, you'll be more aware in the latter days. And I'm just using this as a way of looking at things. Um, Gnostics state that you and I have a god concept, which is wrong. That we become gods the more we are intimate within the presence of the almighty power that made Christ the powerful christ- consciousness. In other words, they say...the concept of God we have is incorrect...God is so incomprehensible, we shouldn't even worry about it. We should just worry about ourselves and our Christ-consciousness. The next one...Believers incorrectly worship Jesus as a perfect and/or God, because we are equal to Him. And we need to come to the awareness of our "godness" nature within us. You're going to hear this a whole lot, and this is being taught, like I said, in Episcopal churches all over the

country right now as a doctrine. Thousands of them, thousands of them. Actually, there are in Episcopal churches, the DaVinci code is actually taught as a bible study. That blows your mind, but I'm going to tell you, this baby, this ball is not rolling slower. This is once again, that surge up against the fort where it's weak, and today the church knows less. The organized church knows less bible and doctrine than ever in its history. There are no 2 ways about it. Than ever. The church knows less bib...hey, what are you talking about Brian? So, these are great things...first of all, the Blood of Jesus. Now in this movie it shows the, you know, it's neat, because it has...I shouldn't have shown this to you guys. But, first of all, the movie is correct in that it shows the blood of Jesus has power. It shows that. 2nd of all, that true sacrifice and repentance is the way to heaven. What threw us off is the way that he...it makes this doctrinal statement about true repentance and true sacrifice is and that motive is critical. #4. They show jealous...angels actually falling by being jealous. I honestly believe that the reason Satan fell from heaven, was not just because of his ego, I think he was wounded, he was jealous of the fact that God was also, you know, creating human beings, and frankly in His image, which means one day, they would rule over the angels, and this angel probably...Lucifer said, "What's the deal with that? I mean, we've been around for eons." Now, I'm going to give you a challenge. I'm not going to give you the answer this week, but, was there warfare going on in the heavenlies before Satan fell to earth? Hm. Before Satan sinned, was there any rebellion against God in the universe? Now you think to yourself, no, because the only demons that we know about are with Lucifer. But, we do know that the angels were in a military hierarchy. Why have a military if there are no other rebellions anywhere else in the universe? Hm. I'm not going to give you the answer, but it's really kind of fascinating, isn't it? OK, but anyway, that's our study on Heaven and Hell. What was Heaven like before our history and knowledge of

heaven? I mean, are there any clues? What is Heaven going to be like? Are we going to sit around all day long on a cloud and just simply smile and sing with harps? Have you ever wondered? What are we going to do in Heaven? I mean, I'm glad I'm not going to Hell. I've gotta tell you that right up front. I really don't care, as long as I'm in the no smoking section, as I've said before. But, the challenge that we have here is...what are we going to do? And so, we're going to be studying that as well. One good thing about this movie, is it shows that Hell exists, and this is probably one of the best depictions of Hell I have ever, ever seen. I mean, if you go there, it's pretty sobering when you look at Hell. And of course, the last thing about the movie that is correct, is that Keanu Reeves makes weird movies, OK, so, y'all saw that. Alright. Now, defending the faith. Let's go ahead and test ourselves on problems with religions in America and the world. And do you recognize any commonalities amongst them. What I'm going to do, is I'm going to read you some religions, and I want you to think of your 4 colors. Once again...every time you're talking to somebody from another religion or cult, you want to ask them certain questions, and they always have to deal with "Who is Christ", and you know what your doctrine is based upon those 4 colors. We know that his blood covered our sin. We know that He's sinless, He's not just A sinless man, but He's THE sinless one who came to earth. That the Blue of course, is that He's from heaven, that He is God. Not A god. And purple, that he's the Only mediator, not A mediator. OK, so, I'm going to go ahead and just give you, I'll toss out some stuff, but um....and then just tell me. What doctrines, what colors flash into your head when I read this, OK? When it comes to "who is God". Jehovah's witnesses say there is a one person God, there's no trinity, and that Jesus is the first thing that Jehovah created. OK, what of the 4 major doctrines that is wrong with that. I'll repeat it again. That there's a 1-person God...that doesn't sound bad...called Jehovah...that doesn't sound

bad...There's no Trinity, and Jesus is the first thing that Jehovah created. Now...OK, Rachel?

Rachel: First of all, there's no Trinity, which means that there's no spirit that affects us, and also that Jesus isn't considered necessarily the 'Son of God';, that by saying that he's created, that means that he's a creation, and therefore inferior to God. Peter: Which means He cannot be God. OK? Very good, very good. So, Red...OK, let's see if we can come over here. OK, here's Mormonism. This is who is God. God the Father was once a man that became God. He has a physical body as does his wife, heavenly mother. Well, that's just the beginning. But, did you realize? What did you just hear? I didn't have time to go into it, but I think I'll print up this study from archeology magazine, which is not a Christian archeology magazine, which talks about "El" and "El's wife". And how the Canaanites believed that. Now, what liberal scholars are doing today is to say, "That's where Israel got it's God, was from "El", because the name of it's actually Al, but, um, that the Canaanites had a god named "Al" and a wife, and so, Baal, which is the same Al, that this is where the Jews got it, but they just cut the female out, because they were a bunch of chauvinists. Well, now they have a redundancy in history, and then, we come to the 4th century...Constantine cuts out the wife of God, and just makes males in charge again. In other words, what they're implying, that the battle between darkness and light is...that they're light, and that the darkness known as biblical Christianity, or biblical Judaism, keeps cutting out the female goddess, and the wife of God, so that we can have a male dominated religion, do you follow? Now, I've gotta tell you a culture that's mad at men anyway, this is not going to be a hard sell, and where men are at times chauvinistic, and totally stubborn, and totally self-centered, and totally cruel, this is not going to be hard. But, how interesting that Mormonism actually has God having a wife. Did you know that Mormons believe that God has a wife? No. And so, look at this. And of course, this goes back to the goddess concepts. But, that

God the Father was once a man, but became God. What's really fascinating...if he was once a man, OK, who created him? But anyway, we'll get past that. He became God. He has a physical body, as does his wife, the heavenly mother. There's no trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. They're 3 separate gods. Ah, now they're jumping to the opposite extreme. Now, they don't deny that there's the Trinity. Now, they say, there is a Trinity, but they're just gods, plural, and worthy men may one day become gods themselves. So, now, let's look at our American flag plus purple. OK? In Red, the blood of Christ...Ok, let's not cover that right now. White...sinlessness. They're not dealing with the sinlessness because there are a lot of gods. Blue. That he's the only true god. Well, clearly they're breeching that doctrine. Purple. The only mediator. They don't even discuss mediatorialship here, which we will look later at, Who is Jesus? In fact, let's go ahead and read what Mormons believe Jesus is. Now, listen to this. That Jesus is a separate God from the Father, Elohim, He was created as a spirit-child by the father and mother in heaven, and as the older brother of all men and spirit beings. Now, the way they prey on Roman Catholics, very tender-hearted Roman Catholics is, this cult, is they go into the Catholic home, and they say, God the Father, and God the Mother, and they say "Mary. Now, that's how they do it, they're taught to do it with Catholics. Because the Catholic says, yeah, she's the Queen of heaven, and the mother of the Son of God, so she's the wife of God the Father. In other words, it doesn't take a long jump for Mormons to convince people of that. But, it goes on and says, the Father and Mother of heaven, and as the elder brother of all men, now this is going to blow your mind in a second when I tell ya...but as the elder brother of all men and spirit beings. He's the oldest brother, in other words, because he's the first created. His body was created through sexual union between Elohim and Mary. Wow. Now, let's go back to the Gnostics. They believe you become god-like at sexual union. Adam and Eve

became gods in the garden, that's when they fell, when they had sexual union. And now, in Mormonism, you see how literally this created being, Jesus, became God through sexual union. All of a sudden, gods are appearing out of sexual union. Let me just tell ya, Mormonism is basically Gnosticism, and the ancient cults of Babylon put into a modern form. That's all it is. And, yet, if you were to look at these people on the street, they're some of the sharpest, neatest dressed, nicest people you'll ever meet. The nicest people you'll ever meet. And so, you know, look at this...Jesus was married. Now, look at that, and we thought that this new DaVinci cult was the first time that we were hearing about Jesus being married. Mormons believe he was married. There's nothing new under the sun, folks....Jesus was married. His death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everybody with the resurrection. Oh, his death on the cross doesn't provide full atonement for sin, but provides resurrection. And then you're gonna go, and you're gonna find that the other cults either believe that he didn't provide atonement because he wasn't perfect, or that he never died at all. In other words, they're avoiding the real issue...Jesus died on the cross, but was resurrected which paid for our sins, which means we can be forgiven. And I'm going to tell you what the last point...how much time do we have left? I want to tell you what really the most interesting last point is in this movie. There's a jealous angel who's angry, and the he/her, you wonder, why is he/she angry? And it's because, the angel says, "I can't believe, out of all the universe, the only creatures that God ever created...you can be a rapist, you can be a murderer, all you have to do to get into his presence is ask forgiveness. That's so pathetically easy, the rest of us have to work so hard, and you guys get it so easy." I've gotta tell ya, whoever wrote this script virtually had a revelation. I really think that Satan was just totally irritated and jealous over the magnitude of the love of God for people. Which really brings us back to square 1. God's love is really why

this cult can succeed, is because it imitates God's love. And, until the Christian faith in the organized church and around the world continues, and in foreign countries you see a tremendous amount of love, I think...but until it becomes less political, and more personal with Christ, and more love based, they're gonna keep winning converts. The #1 group you can thank for the spread of the occult, and I think, of cults, is unbiblical organized Christianity. Really, that's why there's that challenge. It's because we're not providing what they really are begging for, which is the love of God, and the care for God, so. You know, as I read...I'll just take a few more minutes just to read a couple of these cults to you, and it'll blow your mind. I mean, New Age, of course...Scientology. Have you ever heard of Scientology, a lot of dianetics, modern science and mental health, I mean it basically says that Jesus was not the creator, he was just operating as a theon, a Theton, that he didn't die for sins. Over here, in the New Age movement, we find that Jesus, didn't even die at all, but basically put someone in his place who hung up on the cross, and he took off with Mary Magdalene to Europe so that he wouldn't have to die. I mean, I'm gonna tell ya. Every single theology, what they're doing is...and it sounds crazy, but I've gotta tell you man, the credibility that's being given to these movements, is they add love to it. And they say....why would you believe in a god that's gonna damn you? Why would you believe in a god that's going to condemn you? Why would you believe in a religion run by male chauvinists that find fault with people and then shame them, because of their sin, and I'll tell you where this hits a chord for me, is I remember as a young boy, we traveled, um, to a church...actually, my dad was speaking at another church, and we ended up at this one church, where they had brought this young girl forward...she must have been 17 years old, and she was clearly pregnant. No man was brought with her...it reminded me of the "cast the first stone" moment in Jesus' life, but they brought her forward, and they spent 15 minutes shaming

her, calling her a whore and a slut, and this is why people are evil, and look at this girl...and the guy was nowhere to be seen up there, and they shamed her as she wept up there. Now, I used to say something that I think shocks people, but, I think, you know, the Church that condemns abortion has some responsibility and liability in abortion being so popular. I don't think. You know, I think there's a shame involved for a lot of girls in their pregnancy, and when they think about going back to the church, or going back to their parents who are church-goers, the condemnation and shame being brought upon them....that could be what pushes them over the line to get an abortion. Verses mercy, grace, and love. Being treated with dignity. Because, a pregnant girl is one of those few people that actually carry their shame publicly for 9 months. The man doesn't do it. And so, we as believers, I keep bringing this back, but...in our lives...Maria and I in the last year and a half, we just have pursued the Lord in understanding the Christian faith, and how the counterfeiter, Satan, is going...you're leaving a vacuum in this love department, this grace department. I've got it. I've got it covered. I've got it. Gnosticism which says, there is no sin, and your feelings and your sexual or your emotional activities, your mental activities...none of it is really sin. God doesn't condemn you. You're gods yourself, just awake the Christ-consciousness within you. And what they've just done is removed sin as something that should be disciplined, because we have so long equated sin with something that's shameful, and so many people in the church have been wounded, that they say, I want to grab onto anything that will simply say to me, "You know what? We'll accept you like you are." Isn't that really what the biblical Christian is supposed to be doing? Is ministering to people. I had a fellow who was an alcoholic, and I'm not going to say his name, obviously, but was a horrific alcoholic, and it was just destroying his life. He came to Harvest years ago. I only found out about this a couple of weeks ago, and Maria remembers this incident, and he was a musician in

a band, and they played at an event where we were, and this young man walked up to me afterwards, and said, I wanna let you know that I walked into your church years ago, and he says, I was a horrific alcoholic, and uh, he said...somebody had said to me, if you want to see the love of Christ, go to that Church, and you will literally see the love as you have never seen before. So, he said, he had had an abusive childhood, his father beat the snot out of him as a child, beat him to the point of broken bones and stuff. Well, he sat there and he said, I want to let you know, you know, I know that your life has had ups and downs, but I just want to let you know...I have never sensed the love of anybody, ever in my life like I did from you in that pulpit that day, and I gave my life to Christ, and I was able to beat alcohol. And I now serve the Lord in ministry. And, I thought, he didn't say...you know, your exegesis on the Greek word, ho Theos...that's not what he said to me. It just, once again stunned me, he said, I saw you love me from the pulpit just as I am. And when that happened, I mean, it was just one of those moments in time when I thought, you know what? The church has got to get this. We've got to get this somewhere. It's not just entertaining services...and there's nothing wrong with being creative, but it really comes down to...do we genuinely love like Christ did, unconditionally. That's what it really is about.