

“The Fall of the Evangelical Nation” Endorsed by Brian McLaren

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Brian McLaren is one of the leaders of the emerging church movement. He has been praised by Rick Warren of the purpose driven movement. Now that McLaren, with the help of Warren, has deceived millions of professing “Christians” into abandoning the tenants of the Christian faith for the sake of unity and feelings, he now feels safe to take off his sheep’s clothing to reveal his true nature. I pray that those who have ignorantly followed the Purpose Driven and Emerging Movement will repent and turn back to the teaching of Jesus, before it is too late.

A book will be hitting bookstores on May 1st entitled, *The Fall of the Evangelical Nation: The Surprising Crisis Inside the Church*. It is published by one of the world’s largest purveyors of New Age material, Harper One (formerly Harper San Francisco). The author, Christine Wicker, seems to have something of a taste for the occult and paranormal. Her previous two books are *Lily Dale: The True Story of the Town That Talks to the Dead*, and *Not in Kansas Anymore: A Curious Tale of How Magic is Transforming America*. Now she has taken it upon herself to announce the demise of evangelicalism.

This is how the book is being promoted by Harper One.

“Evangelical Christianity is dying. The great evangelical movements of today are not a vanguard; they are a remnant, unraveling at every edge. Conversions. Baptism. Membership. Retention. Participation. Giving. Attendance. Religious literacy. Cultural influence. All are down and dropping...With her trademark vivid and first hand reporting, Wicker takes us deep inside this crumbling pillar of the Religious Right, exposing the surprising statistics and details of this unexpected fall.”

This author appears to be making some pretty bold statements, and it will be most interesting to see her data. It is also interesting that she chose none other than Brian McLaren to endorse her book. This is McLaren who doesn’t believe in hell and the penal substitutionary atonement of Christ on the cross, firmly removing him from the historic definition of *evangelical*. He does, however, qualify for the label of the new variety where you can make

things up as you go. He writes,

“Written with intensity, passion and compassion, this is one of the year’s truly important books on the changing face of religion in America.”

Harper One knew just who to get to endorse this one.

Those who hate the Christ of the Scriptures have a vested interest in declaring evangelical Christianity dead. The circus church foolishness and the perversion of true evangelical teaching has given them a pretext to do so. But the real church of Jesus Christ is indeed a remnant—a remnant that is alive and well, and we are promised by Jesus Christ himself that the gates of hell will not prevail against her.