

New Trend: 'Radically Inclusive' Churches That Embrace All Religions and All Lifestyles

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: All biblical prophecy must someday be fulfilled. This includes the fact that there will be a great apostasy in the last days. The Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would be betrayed by a friend for thirty pieces of silver (Psalm 41:9, Zechariah 11:12-13). But Judas, who fulfilled this prophecy, is suffering for all eternity for doing so. The same will be true for those pastors who are fulfilling the prophecies of last day's apostasy.

Now as they were eating, He [Jesus] said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." Matthew 26:21-24 NKJV

If you want as many people to attend your church as possible, why limit yourself to just Christians? All over America, "radically inclusive" churches that embrace all religions and all lifestyles are starting to pop up.

Church services that incorporate elements of Hinduism, Islam, native American religions and even Wicca are becoming increasingly common. And even if you don't believe anything at all, that is okay with these churches too.

In fact, as you will see below, one Presbyterian minister in Oregon is even inviting people to "bring their own god" to church. But if these churches don't really stand for anything at all, what is their purpose? And what does the popularity of these churches say about the future of religion in America?

One such church that has gotten quite a bit of attention lately is led by D.E. Paulk. The son of Earl Paulk, he was once considered to be the "heir apparent" at one of the largest megachurches in America. But these days he leads worship at a church that recognizes "all gods and prophets, including Mohammed"...

The Spirit and Truth Sanctuary, which D.E. founded in 2012, welcomes everyone from Wiccans to atheists, Hindus to Muslims, recognizing all gods and prophets, including Mohammed. After much soul searching, D.E. established his church based around one principle: 'Christ cannot be, and will not be, restricted to Christianity'.

Paulk insists that there is "no hell except what one creates with one's own actions", and he is very proud of the diverse group of people that currently attends his services... A stained glass window looming over the pulpit captures the spirit of the church. It's a design that contains a Christian cross, ringed by symbols from Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. In the middle is a dove, which symbolizes the spirit of peace that binds them all together.

A CNN reporter visited one of Paulk's recent services, and it was definitely far different from what Earl Paulk's services would have looked like in the old days... The service then started to feel like a Pentecostal tent-revival but with an unusual twist. A group of singers took to the stage and opened with a hypnotic Tibetan Buddhist chant that evoked the spirit of compassion: "Om Mani Padme Hum."

The chant segued into "Shanti, Shanti Om," a Hindu prayer for peace. Then as the chanting grew louder, the drums and bass kicked in as the singers switched to a Muslim chant about the sovereignty of God: "La ilaha, Il Allah."

And of course D.E. Paulk is far from alone. All over America there are ministers that are going out of their way to ...

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