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## Mocking the Truth of the End Times by Fred DeRuvo – Study-Grow-Know Ministries

What is to be done with all these millions of people who are instantly whisked away from the planet? We look again to Chuck Missler, who quotes from the spring 1994 issue of *Connecting Link Magazine* from an article written by Kay Wheeler. Wheeler provides clarification on this upcoming event when millions in an instant will wind up missing. She states, "Many of these beings who are leaving this planet at this time have completed that which they came to do. It is a time of great rejoicing for them. Do not feel sad about their leaving. They are going home. Many are waiting to be with them again...Many beings must move on, for their thought patterns are of the past. They hold on to these thoughts that keep Earth held back." Notice how Wheeler has softened the blow a bit here. While she states that these individuals are holding the Earth back from its natural evolutionary advancement, she states that these humans (referred to as "beings") are going to a better place, so while the world should experience a collective sigh of relief, it should also revel in the fact that these missing people are going to a better place.

I find that especially interesting, because what Wheeler is describing is exactly what the Christian longs for as they look to Christ for the fulfillment of it. In looking closely at what Wheeler has stated, there is a good deal of truth in it; however, the beings that have revealed this information to Wheeler want her to understand *not* that the people Raptured off the planet are going to be with Jesus. He is not even mentioned at all. They want her to understand that this future event is all part of their specific evolutionary path, a path in which they will:

- 1. Rejoice
- 2. Go home
- 3. Be reunited with loved ones

This is the perfect picture of what the Christian will experience once this life is left behind. We know that Satan is a liar and the hordes of demons lie as he lies, taking their cue from him. To mix truth with their lies is what comes naturally to them, and if it brings about their chosen ends, all the better.

Satan goes on the offensive where the Rapture is concerned. Those within the church who deny that the Rapture is a biblical doctrine have obviously not been paying attention. While they are arguing over meaning of passages of Scripture, they have missed a very large indicator that the Bible is true. Satan and his cohorts have been telling those lost

<sup>1</sup> Chuck Missler, *Alien Encounters* (Coeur d'Alene: Koinonia House 1997), 189

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individuals who have become firmly established in the New Age Movement that such an event *will* occur. They have, however, given it their own special meaning.

The question then regarding the possibility of the Rapture is simply this: if the Rapture was/is truly a doctrine of devils with absolutely no biblical basis, as some charge, then what possible reason would Satan have in creating any kind of deception surrounding it? If it is not in danger of taking place at all, why would he bother with it? It would be one thing to create that false teaching simply to confuse Christians and get them arguing with one another. It is quite another thing altogether to teach *non-believers* the concept of a Rapture-like event that will occur in the future.

To create a scenario with this amount of detail, related to what *will* happen (but won't) when the Rapture takes place, so that it is seen as something else entirely, would not only be counter-productive to his goals and purposes, but worse than that, makes him appear as someone who really has no clue about what is happening, if the Rapture was not going to actually occur. Certainly, he would not directly be affected negatively, but his plan would, and those through whom he is working and speaking would immediately lose all of their credibility. It simply makes absolutely no sense for Satan to create such a charade based around an event that is *not* in the least biblical. On the other hand, if the Rapture *is* slated to occur as the Bible teaches, then Satan has a very good reason for trying to create a diversion by teaching that what is happening is not a biblical event, but one that has to do with the earth's advancement on the evolutionary timeline.

The Rapture is a biblical event. It is clear not only from Scripture, but from what the enemy of our souls is telling those who are caught in the web of his lies and deceit. The last thing Satan wants the average, unsaved person to know is the *truth* concerning the Rapture. That will not do at all. Better they see this upcoming event as something *he* designed (through those appearing as aliens) for the good of this planet and the good of humanity. He gains much by also having *Christians* come to disbelieve in the veracity of the Rapture doctrine.

In my book – *ALIENology* – I've included charts on page 151 that highlight passages referring to the Rapture and Second Coming (culled from Fruchtenbaum's book *Footsteps of the Messiah*). The top chart compares passages of Scripture connected with the Second Coming to those connected with the Rapture. The bottom chart compares and contrasts the events themselves and as can be seen, there are many differences between these two events. By the way, all of my books are available free of charge as downloadable PDFs.

I created the charts based on information from the book by Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *The Footsteps of the Messiah.* You're encouraged to study the various sections of Scripture listed in each to determine just exactly what these differences are between the two events.

Beyond this, for a complete detailing of these two events, the aforementioned book by Dr. Fruchtenbaum is a must for anyone's library.

The chart on page 153 (also based on information provided in Fruchtenbaum's book *Footsteps of the Messiah*) outlines the *Promise of the Rapture*, the *Program of the Rapture* and the *Timing of the Rapture*. The clear teaching of Scripture designates a specific event in which all in Christ (the Church) are translated, or *caught up* to be with Him in the clouds. This event, unlike the Second Coming, is *not* a return of Christ to earth. In this event, He merely steps away from His throne, out of the third heaven, and *greets* His Bride as His Bride is translated.

This event is also very similar to the way Enoch was *translated* prior to the judgment of the global flood in Genesis 4. Enoch walked with God and "was not because the Lord took him." Enoch, then, was removed from this earth alive. He did not see death. This is the exact sense in which Christ's Bride, having already been purified due to His shed blood on Calvary's cross, is caught up to be with Him forever. Many people today teach that the Church needs to be purified before we are able to be presented to Him blameless. This is a false teaching. Paul teaches that there is therefore <u>now</u> NO condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). For the Christian, there should be no fear in standing before Jesus Christ in judgment (for our salvation).

The Church awaits the *fullness of the Gentiles* (cf. Romans 11), which is the time we are now living in. During this phase, God continues to call out those earmarked for salvation from every nation and culture. When the last of these has been called out, the fullness of the Gentiles will have been reached. The reader is encouraged to read through the passages highlighted in the charts seen on the previous pages.

In a day and age when people are balking at the doctrine of Jesus' return, it is important to honestly understand what the Bible teaches. Is the Rapture grounded doctrinally in His Word, or is it a figment of someone's overworked imagination? Because of what the New Age is teaching throughout its loose knit network of adherents, it would appear that Satan knows the Rapture will occur. It is because of this that he has taken the time to thoroughly indoctrinate his followers with the truth of the Rapture, but with his own special twist, via the teachings of aliens. It certainly seems to be working.

Christians should spend at least some time determining what is being taught within the New Age. After all, this is where Satan lies to his own followers, yet he does so by mixing the truth of Scripture with his own falsehoods. The New Age movement is nothing but the continuation of the system of Babylon, officially begun by Nimrod in Genesis 11. It was there that Satan made a grab to unite all of humanity under one banner.

We will talk more about that next time. Thanks for joining me today and until we meet again may God open your eyes to show you how blessed you are in Him!