

YOU ARE GROWING SLEE-PY, S-L-E-E-P-Y . . .

NLP / HYPNOTISM

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"The apostle Paul warns us that 'some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.' This is what we may expect. Our greatest trials will come because of that class who have once advocated the truth, but who turn from it to the world, and trample it under their feet in hate and derision.

"God has a work for His faithful servants to do. The attacks of the enemy must be met with the truth of His Word. Falsehood must be unmasked, its true character must be revealed, and the light of the law of Jehovah must shine forth into the moral darkness of the world. We are to present the claims of His Word. We shall not be held guiltless if we neglect this solemn duty." EV 624-625:

We are living in a most exciting and solemn time! A time full of miracles and madness. A time when the common people have never found it easier to acquire an education. But strangely a time God's professed people are dying for a lack of knowledge.

For the last few decades we have become a "fast food" generation and most people in all of Christendom are "fast food" Christians. With our modern conveniences, life has become much easier than in past times and we have become accustomed to getting things quick and easy.

Even though in many ways this day of technology has afforded us more "free" time, what are we doing with it? The scenario as a practical matter is a sad one indeed and the enemy has set us up for the kill. The reason God's people are dying for a lack of knowledge certainly isn't because God hasn't done His part. We have a clearer perception of truth presented by the Lord than in any other generation.

He has warned us that minds would be hypnotized and I believe that is exactly what's happening. Not only through the modern music in all of its different forms of rock, jazz, country western, "Christian" rock, etc., but also through the medium of television and radio. Our emphasis in this tract however will focus on hypnotism and its' inroads into the Adventist Church!

We're going to take a brief overview at NLP/Hypnosis and explain from this layman's point of view what is happening. We'll take a look at who is utilizing it and what God has to say about it. This is not an exhaustive report by any means as it would take at least one book to complete such an undertaking.

Neuro-Linguistic Programming or NLP as it's known, by definition using the Resource Material Guide published by NLP Comprehensive of Boulder, Colorado, says:

"Some people easily get more of what they want out of life. Others don't. Neuro-Linguistic Programming is a proven set of mental techniques designed by studying people who have achieved effectively. NLP was developed in the early 1970's by an information scientist, Richard Bandler, and a linguistics professor, John Grinder, at the University of California, Santa Cruz. From their studies of successful people they created a way to analyze and transfer human excellence, resulting in the most powerful practical psychology ever developed.

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"Through NLP you can: learn how to excel in any area; . . . develop real rapport with friends; improve your communications skills and get better response; change your feelings from resourceless to resourceful; Resolve conflicts between people, within yourself and others; assist others in making changes in behavior, thought, and feelings; and achieve many other goals." NLP Comprehensive Resource Guide, 1988, p.1.

Now on the surface that might sound pretty good but no where do you find God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit in any of this. So what is its source and who's doing all of this "good" changing?

In the New Age Catalog under the section title "Brain/Mind Technology" this is what's said about NLP which will serve to help us locate its origin, and source: "In the early 1970's Dr. Richard Bandler and Dr. John Grinder through a careful study of acknowledged masters of communication and change such as Drs. Milton Erickson, Virginia Satir, Gregory Bateson, and Fritz Perls, discovered what made these individuals so effective and in the process developed the field of Neuro-Linguistic Programming. . . . "Additionally there is a growing body of patterns for accomplishing specific desired changes in emotions, beliefs, thinking strategies, and behavior. In accomplishing all of this NLP fosters an attitude of respectful fascination for the unique way in which each person creates his or her own experience.

"As Dr. Richard Bandler has said, 'NLP teaches people, to run their own brains instead of letting their brains run them.' NLP is about understanding how your mind works, then getting into the driver's seat to 'drive you own bus.'" The New England Institute of NLP, New Age Catalog, p.85.

If you were to go through the material we have (which I highly recommend) you will see in just a few minutes that this whole program is loaded with New Age ideology and hypnotic techniques.

You might ask, "So what's so important about NLP?" Well many of you may already know but for those who may not, many Adventist Pastors have been and many are planning to be trained in the programs offered by those who teach NLP.

"There is danger in departing in the least from the Lord's instruction. When we deviate from the plain path of duty, a train of circumstances will arise that seem irresistibly to draw us farther and farther from the right. Needless intimacies with those who have no respect for God will seduce us, ere we are aware. Fear to offend worldly friends will deter us from expressing our gratitude to God or acknowledging our dependence upon Him. . . .

"Angels of God will preserve His people while they walk in the path of duty; but there is no assurance of such protection for those who deliberately venture upon Satan's ground." EV 607:

Just a couple weeks ago I received a call from a dear sister in Northern Washington, she was upset and concerned. She related to me how her pastor had told her that he had been invited (and had attended) by the Alaska Conference to fly up and be trained with some other SDA Pastors.

Just a few days ago I received a call from a brother also concerned because his pastor was about to teach Lab I, II, III and IV. He was a member in the same church in Washington.

"I am so weighed down in your case that I must continue to write to you, lest in your blindness you will not see where you need to reform. I am instructed that you are entertaining ideas with which God has forbidden you to deal. I will name these as a species of mind cure. You suppose that you can use this mind cure in your professional work as a physician. In tones of earnest warning the words were spoken: Beware, beware where your feet are placed and your mind is carried. God had not appointed you this

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work. The theory of mind controlling mind is originated by Satan to introduce himself as the chief worker, to put human philosophy where divine philosophy should be.

"No man or woman should exercise his or her will to control the senses or reason of another, so that the mind of the person is rendered passively subject to the will of the one who is exercising the control. This science may appear to be something beautiful, but it is a science which you are in no case to handle. . . .

"In taking up the science you have begun to advocate, you are giving an education which is not safe for you or for those you teach. It is dangerous to tinge minds with the science of mind cure." MM 111-112:

The pastor who recently left our own local church and accepted the position of associate pastor in the Tabernacle Church in Portland, Oregon, took some training and actually attempted to use the "anchoring" technique at one of our prayer meetings! He also taught Labs I and II at the Grants Pass SDA Church.

2SM 349-350:

"Brother and Sister N, in the name of the Lord I ask you to remember that unless your sentiments regarding the science of mind cure are changed, unless you both understand that you are in decided need of having your own minds converted and transformed, you will be stumbling blocks-pitiful spectacles to angels and to men.

"The truth has had but little influence over you. It is dangerous for anyone, no matter how good a man he is, to endeavor to influence another human mind to come under the control of his mind. Let me tell you that the mind cure is a satanic science. Already you have gone far enough in it to endanger seriously your future experience. From its very first entrance into your mind until the present time, it has been a most injurious growth. Unless you can see that Satan is the mastermind who has devised this science, it will not be so easy a matter as you suppose to separate from it, root and branch. The whole philosophy of this science is a masterpiece of satanic deception. For your soul's sake, cut loose from everything of this order. Every time you put into the mind of another person ideas concerning this science, that you may gain control of his mind, you are on Satan's ground, decidedly cooperating with him. For your soul's sake, break loose from this snare of the enemy.

"Neither one of you should study the science in which you have been interested. To study this science is to pluck the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God forbids you or any other mortal to learn or to teach such a science. The fact that you have had anything to do with this science, ought alone to be sufficient to show you, Brother N, the inconsistency of your being the leading physician in the sanitarium. . . .

"In dealing with the science of mind cure, you have been eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which God had forbidden you to touch. It is now high time for you to begin to look to Jesus, and by beholding His character become changed into the divine likeness.

"Cut away from yourselves everything that savors of hypnotism, the science by which satanic agencies work.-Letter 20, 1902." (Emphasis supplied).

Not only are we told plainly to have nothing to do with this science but the counsel of the Lord through His prophet told the physician in the above quotation that he had disqualified himself to lead out. How much more then would that apply to ministers who are leading God's people!

I received a call from Northern California recently from a brother who had been an elder in his church. He told me his Youth Pastor was trying to get John Savage to come to his area to put on this NLP training

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program. Reports have come in from locations stretching from one coast to the other coast including Canada, and people are disturbed at what's going on, as indeed they should be.

Dr. Savage, who conducts much of the training, is a United Methodist Pastor with his membership in the Western New York Conference, a certified psychotherapist, and a certified minister of music and education. He retired from the local parish in 1978 and has been working full time as President of L.E.A.D. Consultants, Inc. which conducts the NLP training seminars.

According to the information from L.E.A.D. Consultants here are some of its key people:

The founders and developers of NLP are Dr. Richard Bandler, Dr. John Grinder, Leslie Cameron-Bandler, Robert Ditts, David Gordon and Steven and Connirae Andreas.

On the staff at L.E.A.D. is Richard Clark, a psychotherapist and Principal Trainer and Director of NLP.

Elizabeth Hearn, is certified as a Master Practitioner of NLP. She has spent many years in the fields of education, art and humanistic growth models, including Gestalt therapy and Psychosynthesis. She is Director of the Center of Psychospiritual Development and maintains a psychotherapy practice in Connecticut.

Norma Salter is certified as a Master Practitioner of NLP and Ericksonian Hypnosis. She is certified as a psychological examiner and is currently working also as a school psychologist.

Nick Le Force is certified in Ericksonian Hypnosis and is a Master Practitioner in NLP. He is also a certified psychotherapist.

Well those credentials ought to ward off any SDA from these programs but let us press on.

Time Magazine, December 18, 1983:

"Hypnosis, self-help, linguistics, and nonverbal communication may seem like unrelated items in a therapeutic grab bag. Nonetheless, all are essential components of a fast-growing therapy with the jaw breaking title: Neuro-Linguistic Programming."

The article went on to mention that John Grinder, one of the founders of NLP, has become an eccentric California-style guru, who has even used NLP to walk over hot coals.

We will briefly skip through the material we have (I would strongly urge you to get it!) and pick up bits and pieces to show what we're dealing with.

There are four "Labs" in the training of NLP and each one must be taken in sequence before moving on to the next one. Although some might say that the first Lab and maybe the second is "innocent" enough, we would challenge this report. Let's take a peek to see if it is "innocent" based on our responsibility to God as an Adventist weighed against the counsel.

One other thing before we do that is to mention that before a person can teach any NLP Lab the next higher level training must be taken. For example, before you could teach Lab I you would have to take the training for Lab II. To teach Lab II you have to be trained in Lab III and so on. Keep that in mind because if your pastor is teaching any of these classes it will help you to realize the minimum amount of training he has received.

Here is some of the suggested (I would assume heavily suggested) reading for those being trained. Here's why I say heavily suggested. From their material: "Listed below are some of the finest books on

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NLP. They are divided into groups. It is suggested that you read, in the order listed, those recommended for the particular level of NLP that you are planning to attend." It seems clear that these books are source material for those who wish to receive the training. Here we list just a few:

Lab I "Frogs into Princes"
"Magic Demystified"

Lab II "Reframing"
"Practical Magic"

Lab III "Patterns of Hypnotic Techniques, Volumes I & 2"
"Trance-Formations"
"Therapeutic Metaphors"

Lab IV "The Structure of Magic, I & 2"

Sometime near the turn of the century in order to make more money our publishing houses accepted commercial work. In reference to an order for materials on hypnotism the Lord directed His servant to speak. Here we find not only a warning but a very interesting and wise principle.

7T 166-168:

"There is another class of literature, more defiling than the leprosy, more deadly than the plagues of Egypt, against which our publishing houses need unceasingly to guard. In accepting commercial work, let them beware lest matters presenting the very science of Satan be admitted into our institutions. Let not works setting forth the soul-destroying theories of hypnotism, spiritualism, Romanism, or other mysteries of iniquity find a place into our publishing houses. . . .

"To allow matter of this character to pass through our institutions is to place in the hands of the employees and to present to the world the fruit of the forbidden tree of knowledge. It is to invite Satan to come in, with his bewitching science, to insinuate his principles in the very institutions that are set for the advancement of the sacred work of God. To publish matter of this character would be loading the guns of the enemy and placing them in their hands, to be used against the truth. . . .

"The managers of our institutions need to realize that in accepting their position they become responsible for the mental food given to the workers while in the institution. They are responsible for the character of the matter that goes forth from our presses. They will be called to account for the influence exerted by the introduction of matter that would defile the institution, contaminate the workers, or mislead the world.

"If such matter is allowed a place in our institutions, it will be found that the subtle power of Satan's sentiments is not easily cast out. If the tempter is allowed to sow his evil seed, it will germinate and bring forth fruit. There will be a harvest for his reaping in the very institutions established by the funds of God's people for the advancement of His work. It will result in sending forth to the world, in place of Christian workers, a company of educated infidels.

"In these matters a responsibility rests not only upon the managers, but upon the employees. I have a word to say to the workers in every publishing house established among us: As you love and fear God, refuse to have anything to do with the knowledge against which God warned Adam. Let typesetters refuse to set a sentence of such matter. Let proofreaders refuse to read, pressmen to print, and binders to bind it. If asked to handle such matter, call for a meeting of the workers in the institution, that there may be an understanding as to what such things mean. Those in charge of the institution may urge that

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you are not responsible, that the managers must arrange these matters. But you are responsible-responsible for the use of your eyes, your hands, your mind. These are entrusted to you by God to be used for Him, not for the service of Satan. . . .

"We are brought into connection with the world, not that we may be leavened with the world's falsehood, but that as God's agencies we may leaven the world with His truth."

Trance-Formations is one of many books on the suggested reading list which deals with NLP. This book is authored by John Grinder and Richard Bandler, a couple of the founders of the program. Here's a portion of the ad from their material we have:

"Sit down with this book and be entranced as Grinder and Bandler apply their special genius to teaching and demonstrating Ericksonian-style hypnosis. Rather than "canned" inductions, in this book you'll learn (and experience) the underlying skills of any hypnotic technique, as well as how to apply NLP techniques within trance states. . . . The section on self-hypnosis provides valuable ways for you to get results with yourself. Going far beyond the usual applications of hypnosis. . . ." (parentheses theirs).

I hope you're getting a clear and startling picture of what these folks are saturated with and who our pastors are going to for training. Included with this material from L.E.A.D. Consultants is a 1989-1991 training schedule that plainly shows that Adventist leaders are scheduled for training and lists dates, places and names.

Colossians 2:8

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

These folks love hypnotism and sing its praises through out this literature. But they are particularly fond of Ericksonian Hypnotism and here's part of what they say: ". . .anytime you start to concentrate internally or focus inwards you change your level of consciousness. So, very naturally you go in and out of various levels of consciousness throughout every day. Hypnosis is the skilled and directed use of this naturally occurring state.

"The person most responsible for advancing the field of hypnosis was Dr. Milton H. Erickson. This extraordinary person showed us how to use hypnosis to better meet therapeutic goals. . . . Dr. Erickson also taught us how to utilize and bypass client resistance by embedding therapeutic interventions in seemingly casual conversation."

Now did you catch that? They claim that the training they provide can teach one to UTILIZE AND BYPASS CLIENT RESISTANCE by embedding therapeutic interventions IN SEEMINGLY CASUAL CONVERSATION. I don't know about you, but to me this seems most alarming and dangerous! Praise the Lord for the Spirit of Prophecy! Let's take a look at another quote that bears light on the subject.

". . .While preaching, praying, or conversing, some professed Adventists who had rejected present truth used mesmerism to gain adherents, and the people would rejoice in this influence, for they thought it was the Holy Ghost. Some even that used it were so far in darkness and deception of the devil that they thought it was the power of God, given them to exercise. They had made God altogether such a one as themselves and had valued His power as a thing of nought. EW 44-45:

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"Some of these agents of Satan were affecting the bodies of some of the saints-those whom they could not deceive and draw away from the truth by a Satanic influence. Oh, that all could get a view of it as God revealed it to me, that they might know more of the wiles of Satan and be on their guard! I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, deceive, and draw away God's people, just now in this sealing time. I saw some who were not standing stiffly for present truth. Their knees were trembling, and their feet sliding because they were not firmly planted on the truth, and the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them while they were thus trembling.

"Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, until the covering was drawn over God's people, and they left without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues. God has begun to draw this covering over His people, and it will soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter in the day of slaughter. God will work in power for His people; and Satan will be permitted to work also." (Emphasis supplied).

This style and bias in favor of Ericksonian Hypnosis permeates not only their thinking but also their training. Because they think so highly of it and are so skilled at it, I'm sure they use it when they think necessary or at least have the capacity to do so, sometimes even in their training without the prior knowledge of their students! I'll show you why I say that in just a few moments.

Several of the pages from the book "Frogs into Princes" named earlier are included with the information packet. It describes many of the techniques used and demonstrates my above comment and the deception involved with the "art" of hypnosis. Before we get to that book, let's look at another quote from the Lord:

"We are to be on guard against Satan's deceptive arts. He will take possession of human bodies, and make men and women sick. Then he will suddenly cease to exercise his evil power, and it will be proclaimed that a miracle has been wrought. We need now to have a true understanding of the power of Jesus Christ to save to the uttermost all who come to Him. . . .

"Men and women are not to study the science of how to take captive the minds of those who associate with them. This is the science that Satan teaches. We are to resist everything of the kind. We are not to tamper with mesmerism and hypnotism-the science of the one who lost his first estate and was cast out of the heavenly courts." MM 110-111:

Back to the book "Frogs into Princes." Once again, its authors, Richard Bandler and John Grinder, are co-founders of NLP. Speaking of a technique called "anchoring" (you'll have to get this material!) page 85 of "Frogs into Princes" says:

". . . It constitutes, in my opinion, one of the most covert tools that you can use as a therapist or as a communicator." You know what covert means: concealed, done secretly, etc. Remember this is the technique that our ex-pastor tried to use on one of our members at prayer meeting!

A few moments ago I said that I thought these people would use hypnosis even while training without prior knowledge of the students, remember? Here's why I think that as we read a quote from the above book on page 91:

"Once I was lecturing to two hundred and fifty fairly austere psychologists, being academic, talking about representational systems and books, and drawing equations. In the middle of my academic lecture I just walked up to the edge of the stage, looked up for a moment, and said 'That's weird' and then continued. A little later I looked up again: 'Well, that's really weird.' I did that a couple more times

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during my talk, and most of the people in the first four or five rows became fixated, staring at this spot on the ceiling. Then I moved over to the side, and talked right through to them. I could get arm levitation and other unconscious responses." (Emphasis supplied).

Remember, seemingly casual conversations? These people had no idea what was happening to them.

MM 111:

"For thousands of years Satan has been experimenting upon the properties of the human mind, and he has learned to know it well. By his subtle workings in these last days he is linking the human mind with his own, imbuing it with his thoughts; and he is doing this work in so deceptive a manner that those who accept his guidance know not that they are being led by him at his will. The great deceiver hopes so to confuse the minds of men and women that none but his voice will be heard.-Letter 244, 1907."

MM 112:

"This science may appear to you to be very valuable; but to you and to others it is a fallacy prepared by Satan. It is the charm of the serpent which stings to spiritual death. It covers much that seems wonderful, but it is foreign to the nature and spirit of Christ. This science does not lead to Him who is life and salvation."

EW 21:

". . . I told him [a physician] that the Lord had shown me in vision that mesmerism was from the devil, from the bottomless pit, and that it would soon go there, with those who continue to use it."

Back to "Frogs into Princes" page 102: ". . . The same patterns that you can use to change somebody quickly and unconsciously can be used to hook them and keep them as patients.

". . . The more covert you are, the better off you will be in your private practice. You can be very covert in the way you touch. You can use tones of voice. . .or postures, gestures, expressions.

"Anchors are everywhere."

MM 115-117:

"No individual should be permitted to take control of another person's mind, thinking that in so doing he is causing him to receive great benefit. The mind cure is one of the most dangerous deceptions which can be practiced upon any individual. . . .

"It is not God's design for any human being to yield his mind to another human being. The risen Christ, who is now set down on the throne at the right hand of the Father, is the Mighty Healer. Look to Him for healing power. Through Him alone can sinners come to God just as they are. Never can they come through any man's mind. The human agent must never interpose between the heavenly agencies and those who are suffering. . . .

"We do not ask you to place yourself under the control of any man's mind. The mind cure is the most awful science which has ever been advocated. Every wicked being can use it in carrying through his own evil designs. We have no business with any such science. We should be afraid of it. Never should the first principles of it be brought into any institution.

"Christ can do nothing for those who are yoked up with the enemy. . . .We already have the science which gives them real rest-the science of salvation, the science of restoration, the science of a living faith in a living Saviour. -MS. 105, 1901."

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L.E.A.D. Consultants provide many seminars. Here are several topics they provide training for:

1. Removing resistance and motivating the Client
2. A variety of trance induction techniques
3. Demonstrations of trance inductions
4. Indirect forms of suggestion
5. Twenty-five brief structured trance experiences
6. Hand levitation and reverse hand levitation
7. Talking in trance
8. Nine confusion techniques
9. Post-hypnotic suggestions
10. A variety of hypnotic interventions
11. And many, many more.

Here's a quote once again from the packet of material that we thought you might find as we did extremely interesting. They are talking about a guest speaker from Ireland named Finbar Nolan.

"Finbar is an Irish healer whose work has been well-documented over the past thirty years for a wide variety of physical ills ranging through tumors, epilepsy, ulcerative colitis, myopia, skin disorders, etc. Finbar places his hands in a certain way on the afflicted area and in about fifty to eighty-five percent the affliction disappears or is cured in a relatively short period of time. NLP holds that skills one person manifests can be modeled and acquired by others using appropriate technology." (Emphasis supplied).

In laymen's terms that means that with the skills NLP training offers there is the distinct possibility that you too can become a healer. To further prove this let's continue the quotation:

"In 1985 a number of people studied Finbar Nolan under John Grinder's guidance and some successfully acquired Finbar Nolan's gift, including Linda Shapiro and myself. . . . We will also probably be joined by Dr. Herbert Lustig a protege of Dr. Erickson. Herb also independently modeled Finbar and acquired his healing gift. . . . Persons can come to learn to Model Finbar or to avail themselves of Finbar's healing." Letter by Richard Clark, director of New England Institute for NLP. (Emphasis supplied).

PK 210-211:

". . . Believers in spiritism may speak with scorn of the magicians of old, but the great deceiver laughs in triumph as they yield to his arts under a different form.

"There are many who shrink with horror from the thought of consulting spirit mediums, but who are attracted by more pleasing forms of spiritism. Others are led astray by the teachings of Christian Science, and by the mysticism of Theosophy and other Oriental religions.

"The apostles of nearly all forms of spiritism claim to have power to heal. They attribute this power to electricity, magnetism, the so-called 'sympathetic remedies,' or to latent forces within the mind of man. And there are not a few even in this Christian age, who go to these healers, instead of trusting in the power of the living God and the skill of well-qualified physicians. The mother, watching by the sickbed of her child, exclaims, 'I can do no more. Is there no physician who has power to restore my child?' She is told of the wonderful cures performed by some clairvoyant or magnetic healer, and she trusts her dear one to his charge, placing it as verily in the hand of Satan as if he were standing by her side. In many instances the future life of the child is controlled by a satanic power which it seems impossible to break."

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EW 59:

". . . I was shown that by the rapping and mesmerism these modern magicians would yet account for all the miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that many would believe that all the mighty works of the Son of God when on earth were accomplished by this same power."

These folks also produce and sell tapes and have many assorted topics to offer. Under the title "Changeworks Cassettes with Multievocaton Ericksonian Hypnosis" here is some of what's advertised:

"These fascinating and intriguing multi-voice tapes are an outstanding technical triumph in the art of suggestion!"

"I find these tapes exquisitely choreographed in both words and music. This allows the content to penetrate deeply. They are VERY effective!"

"The tapes use music, advanced psycho-acoustic techniques, and state-of-the-art special effects to deepen the reality of your hypnotic experience."

"We are just as excited about the Multi Evocation Hypnosis tapes which are put out by his company. This is the state of the art in hypnosis tapes. These tapes deliver more than they promise." (We think this is probably very true!)

Here are just a few more quotes from their material, this time about the "Expanded Intuition Training Tape Series," or one of the tapes from the series:

"This tape takes you on an inner journey to a Library where the sum total knowledge of the universe is stored." (Emphasis supplied).

"There seems to be no limit to the use of these techniques!"

"Tape 5 introduces you to your Intuitive Guide, a being of personal significance to you who will also answer questions. The tape is long, rich and leisurely: it will increase self-esteem, lower stress, & promote security."

"For inner guidance and support, and answers to questions."

L.E.A.D. also has listed some of the companies that endorse the Ericksonian Hypnosis Tapes:

1. Magical Blend
2. Medical Self Care
3. The New Times
4. Whole Earth Review
5. Common Boundary
6. Whole Life Monthly
7. Yoga Journal
8. Body, Mind, & Spirit

Well believe it or not, this is a very condensed excerpt of some of the information the packet of material provides. We strongly suggest that you order this material from us so you can examine it more closely and keep it on file for your own records. You need to see for yourself what many of our pastors are getting involved in and what several of our conferences are promoting. And this involvement seems to start with the local pastor and go right on up the ladder.

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A personal friend of mine wrote a letter of concern on this subject of NLP to Elder Folkenberg not too long ago. He had a heavy schedule and was unable to respond personally, so it was forwarded to the Ministerial Association. The letter of reply is from a well known man at Ministry Magazine, and he states clearly that he took part of the training himself in 1981! The letter demonstrates that Adventist Leadership has been involved with NLP training which has clearly been shown to be the Devil's ground. It also sadly demonstrates leadership involvement in this training has been going on for at least 10 years and that the training has reached all the way up into the highest ranks of the SDA Church.

On February 8 of last year (1990) another personal friend of mine, who I choose not to name, (as I'm painfully aware of what happens to those who take stands for truth which expose certain facts) called Elder Don Jacobsen, President of the Oregon SDA Conference. During the forty-five minute conversation my friend brought up the NLP/Hypnosis issue and asked Elder Jacobsen what his thoughts were on it. My friend wrote down at that time specifically what Elder Jacobsen said so he wouldn't forget or misconstrue it. Elder Jacobsen told him he thought that hypnotism could be used for good or bad but he thought "if God were here today it wouldn't surprise him if He [God] used hypnotism."

Is it any wonder we have the problems we are having in this church? God help us!

2SM 351-2:

"This entering in of Satan through the sciences is well devised. Through the channel of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism, he comes more directly to the people of this generation, and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the close of probation.

". . . Through these sciences, virtue is destroyed, and the foundations of Spiritualism are laid."

2SM 252:

"Satan often finds a powerful agency for evil in the power which one human mind is capable of exerting on another human mind. This influence is so seductive that the person who is being molded by it is often unconscious of its power. God has bidden me speak warning against this evil, that His servants may not come under the deceptive power of Satan. The enemy is a master worker, and if God's people are not constantly led by the Spirit of God, they will be snared and taken."

Well so you don't get discouraged or frightened out of your wits, let me leave you with a thought and one more quote or two. But before I sign off let me encourage you one last time to send for this material, so you can see this for yourself. Remember that Satan fears nothing more than for God's people to discover his devices.

Remember the story of Baalim, a prophet of God gone bad? He was hired by a king to curse God's people. He tried to do this while Israel was completely unaware of the fact that it was going on. God in His compassion protected His true people from Satan's attack on them. I am convinced that He will do the same today if we give ourselves completely to Him. If we are to be protected we must continue to follow His counsel. For all those who choose to follow man rather than God will be taken captive irrespective of profession or position. God is no respecter of persons!

EV 626:

"The means by which we can overcome the wicked one is that by which Christ overcame—the power of the Word. God does not control our minds without our consent; but if we desire to know and to do His will, His promises are ours: 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' 'If any man

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willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching.' Through faith in these promises, every man may be delivered from the snares of error and the control of sin.

"Every man is free to choose what power he will have to rule over him. None have fallen so low, none are so vile, but that they can find deliverance in Christ. The demoniac, in place of prayer, could utter only the words of Satan; yet the heart's unspoken appeal was heard. No cry from a soul in need, though it fail of utterance in words, will be unheeded. Those who will consent to enter into covenant relation with the God of heaven are not left to the power of Satan or to the infirmity of their own nature. They are invited by the Saviour, 'Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me.' The spirits of darkness will battle for the soul once under their dominion, but angels of God will contend for that soul with prevailing power."

As we stay in tune with the right Spirit I know He will continue guiding us upward on the homeward path. As we are diligent students of God's Word, Jesus will protect us from the fiery darts of the wicked one. If we are to be among the true remnant we must keep ourselves informed for:

"We must make up our minds that instead of matters taking a more favorable turn, wicked men, seducing teachers, will grow worse and worse, deceiving themselves and deceiving others. We may expect greater opposition than has yet been experienced. . . . We must now make Christ our refuge, or in the days before us our souls will be overwhelmed with darkness and despair. There is a point beyond which human help cannot avail. Every one must live by faith as he is forced into close and apparently deadly conflict with the powers of darkness. Each must stand or fall for himself. The arrows of the destroyer are about to be hurled against the faithful ones, and no earthly power can turn aside the shaft. But could our eyes be opened we could see angels of God encircling the righteous, that no harm may come upon them. . . ." RH 8/28/1883.

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