

# Eastern Lightning - Church of Almighty God: Exposed!

## Part 1

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Until about a week ago, despite the fact that it is claimed that they have somewhere between one million and four million followers worldwide, I had never even heard of the so-called Eastern Lightning cult, which is also known as the Church of Almighty God. I imagine that this is due in large part to the fact that they are primarily a Chinese-based cult; although since their founding in 1991, they have spread into a number of other countries as well. So, considering that I myself am a citizen of the United States of America, and not Chinese, exactly why am I writing this current series? Once I have described some of their core beliefs, plus share an event which occurred in my personal life, I believe that the answer will become readily apparent to you.

So exactly who is the Eastern Lightning cult, also known as the Church of Almighty God? Let me begin by explaining the significance of the name Eastern Lightning. As it turns out, according to the cult, their name is based on the following

verse which is found in the Gospel of Matthew:

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Matthew 24:27, KJV

This misguided cult is firmly convinced that the previous verse has already been fulfilled in a person who I will be describing to you shortly. Furthermore, they in fact refer to this person as Almighty God. Shocking? Yes, I know; but this is obviously not the first time that some person who is living in our modern age has made such an erroneous claim, or acquired hundreds or even millions of followers. Let us not forget such individuals such as Sun Myung Moon of the Moonies cult, for example. You can find a long list of such deceived people at the following URL:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_messiah\\_claimants](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_messiah_claimants)

In more recent times, there is an Australian named Alan John Miller who in 2007 started a cult in Queensland, Australia called Divine Truth. Miller claims to be the reincarnation of Jesus of Nazareth, while his partner, Mary Suzanne Luck, claims to be the reincarnation of Mary Magdalene. But what did Jesus have to say regarding such false announcements and false claims? Consider the following verses and be warned:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Matthew 24:24, KJV

"And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many . . . And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."

Mark 13:5-6, 21-22, KJV

"And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them."

Luke 21:8, KJV

The truth is that these false christs and false messiahs have come and gone for thousands of years; and the body of every single one of them now lies in the grave stone cold dead. So much for their claims of divine messiahship. But regarding Eastern Lightning, a.k.a. the Church of Almighty God, the Wikipedia website offers the following regarding their origin. For the sake of brevity, I've redacted a few points, such as the Chinese equivalents for names, etc. Please note that in the following paragraphs, "roneotyped texts" refers to a kind of mimeographed document:

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A woman, whose name is never mentioned in the group's literature, but is believed to be Yang Xiangbin, started spreading in 1991 among Chinese house churches, most of them part of The Shouters, roneotyped texts with revelations she said were coming from the Holy Spirit. Chinese authorities state that Yang had a history of mental problems.

Zhao Weishan, a former physics teacher, had a history of membership in a variety of Christian new religious movements. In 1986, Zhao was a member of a Christian house church, and in 1987 he was baptized into a branch of The Shouters which venerated their leader Witness Lee as "Lord Changshou". Zhao rose to a leadership position within the group . . ."

In 1991, Zhao met Yang Xiangbin and quickly became the main leader of her small group, where he was recognized as "the Man used by the Holy Spirit." According to one estimate, by 1991, the organization had more than a thousand members. In 1992, Yang's revelations propagated by Zhao announced that Yang herself was more than a prophetic voice; in fact, she was the second coming of Jesus Christ on earth and the incarnated Almighty God. Since then, Yang was referred to as "he" rather than "she," as she was in fact regarded as Jesus Christ. Chinese media started taking an interest in the sect, and referred to Yang (sometimes also mentioned as "Deng"), as "the female Christ."

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Regarding the aforementioned "The Shouters", due to their somewhat complex history, as well as the difficulty in properly identifying exactly who they were, rather than try to explain them to you in this current series, allow me to

point you instead to the following Wikipedia page:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Shouters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Shouters)

According to other online sources which I accessed while I was conducting research for this current series, at some point, Zhao Weishan and Yang Xiangbin were married. There is one Chinese website called Creaders.net which claims in the English language that they were secretly married in 1993 and did not immediately make it known to their church. As the previous Wikipedia paragraphs explain, Xiangbin became the spiritual force behind the new movement, while her husband, Weishan, basically served as her public relations man. The Creaders.net website offers more details regarding how Yang Xiangbin began to be called Almighty God. Exactly how true this information is, I obviously, and honestly, cannot say. I have again redacted the information in order to keep it short. I have also added a few words in brackets to make for easier reading:

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Zhao Weishan had hid away for five years in Dengfeng County of Henan since 1991. The first three years he lived with Jiaowai's family and [the] next two years with Zhou Shuangxi's. He selected six women and gave them new spiritual name[s] respectively: All-Almighty, All-Complete, All-Prepared, All Glory, All-Victorious, All-Knowing, All-Reverence and All-Worthy. The seven people gathered in Jiaowai's house every morning, praying and studying together. After that, they began to speak and then wrote words down, which were collected as the book The Utterance of the Seven Spirits.

Xiangbin was called "Almighty" among the six women. She was born on November 18, 1973, 22 years younger than Zhao Weishan . . . After failing the Chinese national college entrance exam, she was so stressful that [she] suffered from a mental breakdown. Zhao Weishan met her in an underground preaching meeting in Datong, Shanxi Province. He showed special care for her and she was attracted by him. Gradually they developed a secret intimate relationship with each other. Yang Xiangbin often declared that she was moved by the Holy Spirit and saw visions. She often gave utterance to her delusions, dreams or visions, and proclaimed as "God's Word" in the name of Christ. Therefore, Zhao Weishan disguised her as a female Christ, the Almighty God and the

true God. He announced that people should stop believing in "Almighty Lord", but turn to "God Himself". This is the source of the Church of Almighty God (Eastern Lightning).

In the summer of 1993, Zhao Weishan held a coworker meeting in a female follower's house in Ruyang County of Luoyang, to testify the process of Yang Xiangbin changing to the "Almighty God". A previous follower called Ling Hui (an alias) recalls the scene:

"We sat on the benches in the room, listening to Zhao Weishan and the female God. They said that there were several 'God Himself' before, but now only one, the female God. Zhao Weishan explained that several 'God Himself' was just a step, "God has been incarnated in a female this time. That was Yang Xiangbin." He himself was the high priest. The first time God incarnated in a man, so the second time being a female. I was happy to hear their testimony, because it sounds reasonable."

She learned later that the "Almighty God" and the "high priest" turned out to be a couple. They got married in 1993 and had a child in 1995. Few people in the church knew it. She did not make it public, because it would blaspheme the God to comment on God's flesh. The Book of the Word Appears in the Flesh was later compiled from Zhao and Yang's words, as the classic doctrine of the cult.

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Now isn't that just totally crazy? A former Chinese physics teacher, who is said to be a Christian, meets this Chinese woman who claims to have visions, and who claims to receive messages by way of the Holy Spirit, and before you know it, and for reasons which are not clearly explained, determines that she is actually Jesus Christ returned in the flesh, and should now be called Almighty God. Thus, a new cult is born which now has millions of people trapped in their snare. And we are just supposed to accept their account as being true?

At any rate, according to the aforementioned website, due to persecution from the Chinese Communist Party -- Weishan was sentenced to three years of hard labor and re-education due to being accused of being involved with an evil cult -- Yang Xiangbin and Zhao Weishan escaped to the United States in the year 2,000, along with five other core members of their cult. The Creaders.net site claims that they used false identities

and false job descriptions in order to get into the country. In 2001, Zhao Weishan petitioned for political asylum, based on religious persecution. Apparently it was granted to them, and their son followed them from China some time after that. Outside of the restraints of the Chinese Communist Party, their movement began to grow even more. According to another source, at last report, they were living in the borough of Queens on Long Island, which is a part of New York City.

Given the outrageous and blasphemous claims which have been made by Yang Xiangbin and her husband, I am sure you already understand why I chose to raise an alarm regarding this very dangerous cult. Please note that by saying "dangerous", I am not referring to physical danger, but rather to a spiritual danger, and the very powerful deception which has not only taken over this Chinese couple, but also their millions of followers.

Sadly, it is this very deception, and how it has affected one of my own neighbors and friends, which prompted me to write this current series. Being as I wish to protect his identity and privacy, I will be very vague in the following sentences. This man is a few years older than myself, and as far as I know, has been a lifelong Christian. I believe he was formerly a member of the Roman Catholic Church, but came out of that denomination, after becoming disillusioned with it. No surprise there.

At any rate, for quite some time now, he and I, as well as another sister in the Lord, have occasionally been having impromptu, informal Bible studies. We just get together and start talking about different things, and before long, one of my friends will ask me a Bible-related question. Well, that is all it takes. We will end up talking for an hour or longer, as I share different verses from the Bible with them, in order to answer their question. I am sure many of you know exactly what I am talking about. Once God opens that spiritual Word spigot, it is hard to turn off, because one verse after another fills your mind. But is that not what Jesus said the Holy Spirit would do? Consider this set of Bible verses:

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 14:26, KJV

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

John 16:13, KJV

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

James 1:5, KJV

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Psalms 119:18, KJV

To continue, a few days ago, my female friend called me to inform me that our male companion had been watching certain Chinese videos on YouTube, and that as a result, he was no longer reading the Bible. Furthermore, he wanted her to view the same videos, in the hope that she too would stop reading the Bible as well. To say the least, I was shocked to hear this news from her. In fact, to be quite honest, I was quite incredulous, and I could not believe that this had actually occurred. I basically told her "Surely you must have simply misunderstood what he told you." However, she continued to insist that this was in fact what our friend had said.

As you can imagine, I was rather troubled by this news, and I wanted to speak with my male friend for myself. Well, two days later, the Lord gave me an opportunity to find out the truth regarding the matter when my male friend came up to my apartment because he needed some help with his cell phone. I, of course, took advantage of the situation to question him regarding what our female friend had told me. Expecting him to tell me that she had simply misunderstood him, I was dumbfounded when he proceeded to confirm exactly what she had told me.

At that point in time, I wasn't even sure what this cult was called, because I had only heard its name a few times. But as we were talking, my male friend then proceeded to show me a

segment of one of their videos on YouTube. I later discovered that the Church of Almighty God -- a.k.a. Eastern Lightning -- has several thousand videos on YouTube. My friends, I only had to watch a few minutes of the video before realizing that what this cult teaches comes from the bowels of Hell!

In the closing scenes of this film -- which is an almost three-hour long movie called "Break the Spell: Welcome the Second Coming of Jesus Christ" -- there is a middle-aged Chinese woman named Sister Fu Jinhua who is speaking with a small gathering of people. The movie has an English audio track. It is what she says to her friends which shocks me. Keeping in mind that Almighty God is the name that they use for their founder, Yang Xiangbin -- they also refer to her as Incarnate God or God Incarnate -- consider what Sister Fu says to them:

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"Great thanks be to Almighty God. Today, Almighty God, Almighty God has saved us all. Almighty God's words let us understand what believing in God is. Almighty God's words let us know the truth and gain discernment so we no longer have blind faith in the Bible or religious pastors and elders. We have broken free from the control of the letters of the Bible and religious leaders. We have broken the spell that trapped our belief in the Lord for years."

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That is EXACTLY why this movie is called "Break the Spell." Eastern Lightning -- a.k.a. the Church of Almighty God -- is not just talking here about breaking free from organized religion; they are also talking about breaking free from the constraints of the Holy Bible, so that they can believe some things which are OUTSIDE of the Bible. I will be sharing more regarding this point later on in this series.

Upon hearing those words, I immediately told my friend that what Sister Fu was saying to her friends was an attack on the Word of God, and an outright devilish deception. I don't remember my exact words now, but I made it clear to my friend that they were wrong. I further explained to him that right now, the Chinese Communist Party is fully engaged in a war against the United States of America. This war is NOT just a physical war which involves military hardware. It is also a multi-faceted propaganda war, the goal of which is not only



to utterly destroy the United States physically, but also economically, politically, socially and spiritually. The atheist Chinese Communist Party wants to confuse, divide and in fact destroy American Christianity.

The reason why China is engaged in this often unseen war, is because under its current leader, Xi Jinping, it's determined to become the sole superpower of the world, outmaneuvering Russia and the United States in every area. For the record, Xi Jinping simultaneously occupies three positions in China. He is the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, the chairman of the Central Military Commission, and also the president of the People's Republic of China. He has occupied these positions for a decade, which makes him the paramount leader of China. He is a very powerful man.

Currently, Xi Jinping even has Vladimir Putin in his pocket, thanks to the war in Ukraine. Concerning the United States, aside from all of the controversies surrounding Joe Biden, China is America's second largest creditor nation after Japan. In other words, in a financial sense, China has got the United States by the throat. If some day China were to call in the debt, America would be sunk. I talk about this issue in detail in the series called "When the Pipers Come Knocking".

Furthermore, not only is China currently engaged in a multi-faceted propaganda war against the United States, but it is using every means at its disposal to carry out this war. That includes the Internet, computer and cell phone apps, radio, television, music, movies, the publishing industry, etc. Let us also not forget spyware and other means of surveillance. In short, anything which Communist China can use to influence and shape American politics, and the worldview of everyday American citizens, is surely being used.

At any rate, I went on to explain to my male friend that not only does the Devil know the Word of God -- look at how he tempted Jesus by quoting verses from the Old Testament when the Lord was led into the wilderness for forty days -- but the enemies of God most certainly know the Bible as well. In fact, some of those deceivers know the Bible better than a lot of church-oriented Christians who don't take the time to seriously study God's Word for themselves.

As I explain in a number of my other articles, such weekend Christians prefer to be spoon-fed small bits of the truth by

their priest, pastor or minister when they attend church once a week. They adopt the attitude "Well, he is the minister, so he must surely know what he is talking about." But what if he is wrong? In short, they place their faith in a man, and in whatever doctrines are traditionally taught at their church, instead of going directly to the Word of God themselves. As a result, very few of them possess a strong foundation in God's Word, because many modern churches just don't devote a lot of time to sharing God's Word. They are more interested in music and bake sales and other such worldly nonsense.

Either that, or the Bible may be preached from the pulpit, but it is so twisted and distorted so that it conforms to whatever that particular church wants to teach and preach, that it may no longer even be Scriptural truth. Either one of these situations in fact makes people perfect candidates for deception, because they have no way of differentiating between the Devil's lies and Biblical truth.

In fact, I have shared this very same important lesson with my two neighbors with whom I often fellowship, on multiple occasions. I constantly impress upon them the importance of studying the Bible, and understanding God's Word, so that they don't fall under deception. Sadly, in the case of the man, it appears that my warnings fell on deaf ears, because he is now totally deceived by the Eastern Lightning cult.

What makes this situation even more tragic, is the fact that a number of months ago, I spent a few hundred dollars and bought him a cell phone, so that he could visit my website, study my work, and hopefully learn more about God's Word. Even though he was fully aware of why I gave him the phone -- I invited him to visit my site multiple times -- rather than do that, he would repeatedly tell me "Well, I read the Bible." Then he went to YouTube instead and became deceived by this cult. Now he is not reading the Bible at all! Maybe he should have listened to me.

To continue, my friend told me that he had already watched about four of Eastern Lightning's deceptive YouTube videos; and from our conversation, I gathered that he had intentions to watch more of them. What also shocked me was the speed with which my friend had become deceived. You see, the last time we had spoken -- which was only a few weeks earlier -- he seemed to be strong in his faith in the Lord, and in his belief that the Bible is God's inspired Word. Now here he was a number of weeks later telling me that he had stopped

reading the Bible altogether, because the Eastern Lightning videos had convinced him that the Bible is flawed and full of lies, deceptions, distortions and inaccuracies, some of which -- according to Eastern Lightning -- were committed by the Apostles themselves.

In fact, during our conversation in my apartment, my friend repeatedly accused the Apostle Paul of not obeying the Lord in some way, even though he could not show me in the Bible where this was supposedly found. I gave him several chances to show me the actual verses, but he just wasn't able to do it.

Now, if you have read my series entitled "Is the KJV Bible the Inerrant Word of God?", then you may know that while I believe that the KJV Bible is inspired, and while I've also used it as my Bible of preference for over fifty years now, even I recognize that it is not a perfect work. In fact, the KJV translators never once claimed that their translation was a perfect, error-free work.

While some diehard KJV defenders will obviously not like to hear this, the truth of the matter is that the King James Version of the Bible has in fact been manipulated by both religious and political forces for the past four hundred plus years. Yet, in spite of this fact, as I explain in the companion series called "In Defense of the KJV Bible", I still believe that the KJV is the best translation that we have today. It is certainly a lot better than the NIV, The Message, and a number of other perverted versions of the Bible.

What my male friend also repeatedly told me during our talk is that he truly feels in his heart that what the Eastern Lightning cult states in their videos is the truth. The only thing that I could offer in return was to tell him directly to his face that I strongly believe that he is deceived. Of course, he did not agree with my assessment, so to this day he remains very deceived. The reason why I could not offer him a stronger rebuttal at that point in time, is because I had not yet researched the cult, read any of their material, or watched any of their videos, other than those few minutes I mentioned earlier.

Furthermore, just as he had done with our female neighbor and sister in the Lord, my friend tried to convince me to also watch some of the Church of Almighty God videos, in the

hope that I too would see the light and accept their wayward beliefs. In the end, I promised him that I would watch some of them, and then share my personal assessment of them with him. Thus, after he left my home, I spent the rest of that evening, and well into the early hours of the next morning, conducting personal research. In fact, I have continued to research the cult since our conversation that day.

What I have learned over the past several days is that in addition to their YouTube channel, the Eastern Lightning cult also has at least two websites, apps for both iPhones and Android phones, a study group on WhatsApp, and I am not sure what else. Thus far, I have read some material on one of their two websites, read their background information on the Wikipedia website, looked at additional information on a few other websites, and last of all, I have also watched a few video clips, as well as their full-length movie called "Break the Spell: Welcome the Second Coming of Jesus Christ". To refresh your memory, it was a short segment of this same movie which I watched when my friend was visiting my home. Everything I have shared with you thus far in this series was discovered after my conversation with him; so he is not yet aware of what I have learned regarding Eastern Lightning.

At this point in our discussion, I would like to offer you my personal review of the aforementioned movie. To say the least, from beginning to end, the film is a rather powerful deception. At two hours and forty-two minutes in length, it is a very long-winded propaganda piece. While the actors who play the part of the representatives of Eastern Lightning in the movie quote dozens of Bible verses -- most of which are related to the Return of Jesus Christ -- every single verse, without exception, is distorted and taken out of context.

As I said earlier, the Devil knows the Bible quite well, and so do many of his human minions. They can quote verse after verse, and appear to be speaking the truth. They can be very convincing. In fact, they will even mix in a certain amount of truth, as they do in this movie. However, in the end, the thin veneer of truth is simply a disguise to hide the lies and deceptions which lie underneath. This movie is proof of that.

Another deceptive tactic which the creators of this film use is to try to appear fair. However, even that is a ruse which they use so that they can then present their version of the truth. But, of course, that truth always leads back to their

leader, Yang Xiangbin/Almighty God, who they claim is Jesus Christ returned in the flesh. In other words, they'll present certain beliefs which are commonly held by modern Christians, and then turn around and tear them down one by one, so that Eastern Lightning's interpretation of the Scriptures is the only right one.

It became obvious to me that the clear purpose of the movie is to deceive hungry sheep who are looking for the truth -- who may not yet have a strong foundation in God's Word -- as well as established Christians who are longing for Christ's Return, into believing that all of the verses they share in the movie, confirm and prove that Yang Xiangbin is in fact Jesus Christ secretly returned in the flesh for those who supposedly have eyes to see and ears to hear. In other words, the film is pure Eastern Lightning apologetics from beginning to end.

The craziest thing is that on the opening screen, even before one starts to watch the actual movie, there is a huge red flag which warns the viewer that the entire movie is one big deception. That red flag is found in these words:

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Despite that bald-faced lie which claims that God appeared in the flesh in China in 1991, many thousands of people -- including some Christians, such as my friend and neighbor -- have watched the movie, and apparently been deceived by its message. My friends, it is mind-boggling to me that even some established Christians have fallen for this deception. To date, more than 55,000 people have watched the film on YouTube.

Please go to part two for the continuation of this series.

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"Break The Spell" Is Powerful Deception, Hatred For Chinese Communist Party, Opening Scene: CCP Persecuting The Chinese Christians, Futurist Perspective, House Church Members Begin To Wonder Why Jesus Has Not Returned Yet, House Church Seems To Be Strong And Grounded In God's Word, Cautious Like The Bereans, House Church Invites Eastern Lightning To Speak To Them, Movie Ploy: House Church Members Become More Gullible And More Stupid By The Minute, House Church Determines They Have Been Wrong In Their Understanding, Our Spiritual Armor, Believe As We Believe Or You Are Wrong, House Church Made A 180° Degree Turn, Doctrines Of Devils And Damnable Heresies, Intentionally Sowing Seeds Of Doubt, Cult Attacks Organized Religion, Our Faith Is Based On God's Word And Not On Church System, Jesus Prophecies Destruction Of Jewish Temple, God Does Not Dwell In Temples Made With Hands, Modern Church Has Become Like The World, Why Church Of Almighty God Tears Down Churchianity, Cult's Belief In Jesus' Secret Return, Cult's Thief In The Night Belief, Jesus' Quick And Unexpected Return, Cult Believes Anyone Who Rejects 1991 Secret Return Is Doomed To Everlasting Destruction, Cult Believes Anyone Who Rejects Secret Return Doctrine Is A Pharisee And Antichrist And Worse, The JWs, Cult Believes Yang Xiangbin Is Embodiment Of Spirit Of Truth, Eastern Lightning Constantly Twists Meaning Of The Scriptures, OT Messianic Prophecies Regarding Jesus Christ, Why The Cult Asks Questions, A Subtle Form Of Intimidation, Satan Rebels And Falls Like Lightning, Deceived And Deceiving

Continuing our discussion from part one, as I said, "Break the Spell" is a very powerful deception from beginning to end, and they are very good at it. The film's creators take their time and slowly build their case in a seemingly very logical fashion. In fact, they start off by finding common ground which is shared by many Chinese Christians, and no doubt by many other non-Christian Chinese citizens as well. That is, their deep hatred for the Chinese Communist Party. To a lesser degree, that same strategy will appeal to some non-Chinese citizens as well. In other words, the Church of Almighty God is spreading their deceptive web far beyond the shores of China, in the hope of acquiring new members.

But you see, my friends, as I said, those anti-CCP scenes near the very beginning of the movie are just the hook which the film's creators use to soften up their viewers, to cause them to lower their spiritual guard, and to make them more receptive to the deceptive doctrinal poison which fills the rest of the movie. And believe me when I say that there is a lot of it.

Thus, in the film's opening scenes, we are introduced to a small Chinese house church of Christian Believers who are growing fearful, because the Chinese authorities have begun arresting Christians. It is during this segment that they refer to the Chinese Communist Party as a demon, and they question how much longer they must continue to suffer before Jesus returns. By the way, this movie adopts a very Futurist perspective in regards to Bible prophecy. In other words, the belief of this house church, like many modern Christians, is that Christ's Return is a near-future event. However, this is NOT what Eastern Lightning believes, as is revealed later on in the movie.

That the movie's creators take this approach is yet another subtle hook to trap gullible Christians in their deceptive web, because they know that many Christians eagerly await the Return of Jesus Christ. It is right after this that the film's creators begin to sow the first seeds of doubt. This occurs when a few of the house church's members begin to wonder if perhaps they have misunderstood Bible prophecy, and perhaps that is why they have not yet seen Jesus return in the clouds of heaven.

With the trap set, the movie then reveals its solution to this Chinese house church's dilemma -- or reveals its first piece of poisonous doctrine -- with the very first mention of the Eastern Lightning cult, and the fact that the cult believes that Jesus Christ has ALREADY secretly returned to the Earth in human flesh, and has since been teaching those people who have recognized his voice.

Let me just mention here that the acting in this movie is quite wooden and mechanical. I doubt that any of the actors are professional actors, though I could be wrong. While the actors who portray the house church members are shown to be eager to discover the truth, and to hold to sound, Biblical doctrine, for me personally, they clearly represent typical, gullible, modern Christians who are very easy to deceive. But

again, this is simply another part of the movie's deception, and an attempt by the Church of Almighty God to appear fair -- at least on the surface -- so that they can later use these house church members as vehicles to promote their wayward doctrines.

So, yes, at first we are given the clear impression that these house church members are strong, careful Christians who would not be deceived by false doctrines, and who, like the Bereans in Acts chapter 17, would compare and confirm all things with the Scriptures, as we can determine by the following set of verses:

"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few."  
Acts 17:10-12, KJV

Thus, at first there are a few house church members who are opposed to Eastern Lightning, and who reject the suggestion that Jesus has already secretly returned. However, by this point in the movie, it is already becoming apparent -- at least to me -- where the movie is headed, and what its main goal is. So, not surprisingly -- and foolishly, I might add -- because of those house church members who have begun to wonder if their understanding of Bible prophecy and Christ's Return is correct, the group decides that it is only proper for their church to more closely examine Eastern Lightning and its teachings, before outright rejecting them. Big mistake!

Well before long, this house church has invited some members of Eastern Lightning to come and speak to them, in order to more fully explain their beliefs to the members of the house church, and also to confirm whether or not the beliefs held by the house church are correct. From this point forward in the movie, because we have already begun to realize that the film is a thinly-disguised propaganda piece, and because we already know what it's really trying to accomplish, the house church members become more gullible and more stupid by the minute. I mean, they are like dumb sheep being led straight to the slaughter. They just suck up one cult lie after another.



I mean, think about it. Does it make any sense that they would go to a cult in order to determine if their church's beliefs are correct? As we read a moment ago, wouldn't the proper thing for them to do, be to go to the Scriptures if they have any doubts about their current beliefs? But as I said, the Church of Almighty God had a specific agenda in making this film. So in order to advance the plot, they had to make the house church members make some rather stupid decisions. It was like going to the Devil and asking, "Hey Satan! Are my beliefs correct?"

While there is still some resistance by a few members of the house church, before long, and after listening to the quite twisted Scriptural interpretations which are offered by the representatives of Eastern Lightning, and listening to them read actual quotations from volumes of "The Word Appears in the Flesh" -- which are the printed teachings of their false christ -- Yang Xiangbin, who they call Almighty God -- most members of the house church have become convinced that as a result of their own foolishness, stubbornness, arrogance and pride, they've been wrong with regards to their understanding concerning the timing and manner of Jesus' Return.

Well, this change in attitude by the house church members is obviously a very major win for the Eastern Lightning cult, because the house church members have now made themselves very vulnerable to deception. They have basically taken off their spiritual armor, and invited Satan to attack them with his fiery darts, as in the following verses:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto

with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"  
Ephesians 6:10-18, KJV

My friends, just like the house church members in this movie, that is precisely what Eastern Lightning wants every viewer of this movie to believe. That is, that unless they believe exactly as the Church of Almighty God believes, then they are dead wrong in their doctrines, and they need to repent. This message is strongly enforced in the second half of the movie. It is either their way, or the highway.

In other words, by the time I reached the mid point of this movie, the members of this Chinese house church had made a complete 180° degree turn, abandoned all caution, and now embraced the belief that Jesus had indeed already returned in a body of flesh -- known as Almighty God -- and was now secretly teaching his followers who had heard his voice, and who would thus become overcomers in God's Kingdom.

It was just mind-boggling! They hadn't even met this person yet. In fact, as I eventually found out as I continued to watch this movie, they never do actually meet her. All it took was listening to two of her devoted followers spewing forth their twisted doctrines of devils and their damnable heresies, and listening as they shared quotes from one of her many books -- that is to say, from a volume of "The Word Appears in the Flesh" -- and these house church members were hooked on Eastern Lightning's deceptive lies. Just like that! No more resistance! Why do I use such strong terminology in describing the doctrines of the Church of the Almighty God? Consider the following verses:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and DOCTRINES OF DEVILS; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"  
1 Timothy 4:1-2, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"  
2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in DAMNABLE HERESIES, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many

shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

2 Peter 2:1-2, KJV

What happened to the caution and Spiritual Discernment which this Chinese house church had displayed earlier in the movie? It had just gone out the window! They didn't even bother to ask "Precisely who is this Almighty God? When and where can we meet him? What proof has he offered to show that he truly is who he has claimed to be?" My friend, if you were to find yourself in such a position, wouldn't you want to ask such questions before committing yourself to such a person, or to their organization? Sadly, many folks do not do this, and that is precisely why so many people -- both young and old -- become trapped in cults.

As I said, the creators of this film had to depict them as dumb, gullible sheep in order to promote their misguided beliefs, and advance their agenda in the movie. After all, if these once-careful church members in the film could be convinced that they were wrong about Christ's Return, then it could also potentially sow seeds of doubt in the hearts of some of the movie's viewers, and likewise convince them that they were wrong as well. As I said, there is no doubt in my mind that this is precisely what Eastern Lightning hoped to accomplish when they made this movie. It certainly worked on my neighbor!

Up until this point in the movie, aside from attacking the Chinese Communist Party, the movie's creators also strongly attack the leaders of organized religion, which I refer to as churchianity. To be honest, the Eastern Lightning cult does state a number of things regarding organized religion in this movie which even I agree with, and which I have also written about over the years. You will find a considerable number of articles on the Bill's Bible Basics website where I delve into this very issue. But there is a very important point to be made here, and that is the following.

While the Church of Almighty God cult strongly and viciously attacks organized religion/churchianity in their movie, and rightfully points out some of its flaws and errors, in my view, it should really not matter all that much, because our faith is not based on the physical church system with all of its different denominations and divisive doctrines which pit one denomination against another. Our faith is based solely on God's Word, and the promises of God's Word. Thus, if the

churches were to for some reason disappear tomorrow, such an occurrence really shouldn't have any effect on us; unless, of course, we happen to be trapped within that false religious system, as so many Christians are.

As Jesus said to the woman of Samaria in John chapter four, our Heavenly Father desires that we worship Him in spirit and in truth, without the need for any kind of temple or church building. In fact, the Lord even told that woman that the time would come when the temple in Jerusalem would cease to exist, just as He told the Apostles the same thing in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and elsewhere. Consider the following verses which verify these points:

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, THE HOUR COMETH, WHEN YE SHALL NEITHER IN THIS MOUNTAIN, NOR YET AT JERUSALEM, WORSHIP THE FATHER. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."  
John 4:21-24, KJV

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."  
Matthew 23:37-24:2, KJV

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."  
Luke 13:34-35, KJV

"Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?"

Acts 7:48-49, KJV

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;"

Acts 17:24, KJV

"And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?"

2 Samuel 7:4-7, KJV

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?"

1 Kings 8:27, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

Isaiah 66:1, KJV

"Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these."

Jeremiah 7:4, KJV

"For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof."

Hosea 8:14, KJV

So as I said earlier, the Church of Almighty God is justified in pointing out the errors, sins and misguided doctrines of organized religion, and they are indeed many. In fact, I was

just reminded of something which the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian brethren. Consider the following Bible verse:

"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."

Colossians 2:8, KJV

In the above verse, the word "rudiments" is derived from the ancient Koine Greek word "stoicheion". This word refers to elements, principles or precepts. Thus, the Apostle Paul is referring to the traditions, principles and practices of the world. Well, sad to say, and as many of us already know, the modern church has indeed embraced and been overcome by, many of the rudiments of the world, so that in many cases, it is difficult to tell the difference between the two. However, to name just a few of their many sins, consider the following: same-sex marriage, gay and lesbian bishops, pastors, priests and ministers, modern hard rock music, materialism and greed, marital infidelity, pedophilia, drunkenness, improper dress code, and the sad list goes on. So it is easy to point one's finger at organized religion.

But concerning the Eastern Lightning cult, the question which we need to ask ourselves is why they are attacking the church leaders in this movie, and where they are going with it. What is their motivation for doing this? The simple answer is the following: They have to tear down one -- meaning the church system -- in order to build up the other -- meaning Eastern Lightning, a.k.a. the Church of Almighty God. They have to criticize, discredit, and tear down the church system with its sometimes-misguided leaders, so that they can seemingly legitimize their own cult and its wayward teachings. That is what motivates them. To reiterate, the primary goal of this movie is to validate the Church of Almighty God, and to try to justify its devilish doctrines, which are contrary to longstanding Christian beliefs. This movie is in essence waging a verbal war against anything that opposes their cult.

As I mentioned earlier, in the movie they likewise attacked specific beliefs which are widely embraced by many modern Christians. In particular, they very strongly attacked -- and in fact outright condemned -- the widespread belief that Jesus would suddenly appear in the clouds of heaven, without secretly appearing to His followers for a time in the flesh first. This is a point they harped on over and over again during the first half of the movie.

Of course, they had to condemn this popular belief in order to supposedly justify and validate their own teachings which promote the idea that Jesus would return secretly FIRST, and only LATER make a very public appearance in the clouds of heaven, where every eye would see Him. To emphasize their belief in a secret return in a body of human flesh, in the movie, they repeatedly pointed to the New Testament verses which speak of Jesus returning as a thief in the night. In this way, they are convinced that they have proven without a doubt that their leader, Yang Xiangbin/Almighty God, is the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Personally, I am not convinced that Jesus was referring to an actual secret return as this dangerous cult -- and some other Christians -- have interpreted the thief-in-the-night verses. My view is that just as Jesus used the Genesis Flood as an example to demonstrate how quickly and unexpectedly His Return would be, I believe that the thief-in-the-night verses are to be understood in the very same manner. Stated another way, one never knows when a thief might strike. It could occur quickly and unexpectedly if one is not paying attention and watching for the signs. So again, I do not believe that Jesus was talking about returning secretly and revealing Himself to a small, select group of Believers who have heard His voice, as the Eastern Lightning cult claims in this movie.

At any rate, by the middle of this very deceptive movie, in addition to the previous points, the representatives of the Church of Almighty God who are speaking to the house church members, also make the following points very clear as well. This is in large part accomplished by reading actual quotes from the writings of their spiritual leader, Yang Xiangbin, who they refer to as Almighty God:

1. People -- meaning Bible-believing Christians who reject the belief that Jesus secretly returned in 1991 in the flesh body of a young Chinese woman named Yang Xiangbin, who is also known to her followers as Almighty God -- are going to suffer everlasting destruction, and will go down to hell to be punished after they see Jesus -- meaning the false Jesus of Eastern Lightning belief -- make his public appearance when he descends in the clouds of heaven. This is plainly stated in the movie.

2. The Eastern Lightning representatives in the film plainly

refer to people who reject their false Jesus' secret return in the flesh, as Pharisees, antichrists, foolish virgins, the progeny of hell, unbelievers and degenerates. They use every single one of these words and phrases. They likewise accuse such people of being stubborn and arrogant. In other words, the cult members strongly condemn anyone who does not embrace their misguided doctrines concerning their leader, Almighty God. Their very self-righteous attitude reminds me a lot of the Jehovah's Witnesses, who also believe they are doctrinally right about everything. As you may know, the JWs barely let a person get a word in, because they are so full of themselves and their wayward doctrines.

3. Although they don't name her by name, or even reveal to the house church members that she is a woman, the Eastern Lightning members say that their leader, Yang Xiangbin -- or Almighty God -- is the actual embodiment of the Spirit of Truth of which Jesus spoke in John 16:13; and thus, Xiangbin is Incarnate God, meaning God in the flesh. To refresh your memory, that verse states the following:

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

John 16:13, KJV

As I have stated several times now, Eastern Lightning quotes a lot of verses in this film, but in just about every single case, they twist and pervert the real meaning of the verses, so that they conform to their misguided beliefs regarding Yang Xiangbin, their spiritual leader. Please remember what the Apostle Peter wrote regarding such practices in the following two verses:

"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest [twist, pervert], as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:15-16, KJV

4. In the movie, the Church of Almighty God members falsely claim that the reason why the arrival of their leader, Yang Xiangbin -- or Almighty God -- and the work of Almighty God



is not mentioned in the Bible, is because Almighty God just recently arrived on the Earth, and just recently begun doing his work. As such, there can be no record in the Bible. They falsely claim that all of the events which are found in the Bible were written after-the-fact. In other words, God would do something, and then it would be recorded afterwards.

This is obviously an absolute lie which can rather easily be exposed and refuted by the simple, well-known fact that the Old Testament is filled with literally hundreds of Messianic prophecies which clearly describe the birth, life, ministry, persecution, betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ hundreds and thousands of years BEFORE those events actually occurred. Thus, if this false christ is who they say she is, shouldn't the Bible speak of her as well? Yet it is completely silent regarding the matter . . . unless one purposely twists and perverts the meaning of certain verses, as the Church of Almighty God does repeatedly and continually throughout their movie.

At this point, let me mention that in this movie -- "Break the Spell: Welcome the Second Coming of Jesus Christ" -- as well as in their other online content, these modern Chinese deceivers use a very confrontational approach, which I have seen used by other people before. Sadly, including by some Christians as well. In other words, they ask some questions, not truly seeking answers from their audience, but rather to use the questions as dares, and to basically challenge folks to disagree with them. In short, their attitude is one of superiority, and their goal is actually to make people feel like they are ignorant and stupid if they don't already know these things, or if they dare to disagree with the Church of Almighty God's teachings. It really amounts to a subtle form of intimidation.

While Jesus describes His Return as something which occurs quickly and unexpectedly for those people who have not discerned the signs of the times, just as lightning quickly flashes across the sky, there is a much darker side to this whole issue regarding lightning, which the members of this cult don't even dare to mention in their movie. I believe that it is this darker side which reveals the true nature, and the true spiritual force, which is behind the Eastern Lightning cult, also known as the Church of Almighty God. Consider the following set of verses. If you aren't already familiar with them, you may possibly find them shocking:

"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan AS LIGHTNING fall from heaven."

Luke 10:18, KJV

"HOW ART THOU FALLEN FROM HEAVEN, O LUCIFER, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Isaiah 14:12-15, KJV

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. AND THE GREAT DRAGON WAS CAST OUT, THAT OLD SERPENT, CALLED THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Revelation 12:7-9, KJV

While I do not believe that this Chinese woman is actually Satan in the flesh, nevertheless, just going by the absurd claims she has made, I am convinced that she, her husband, and their millions of followers are seriously deceived by the Devil and his minions. Not only are they personally deceived, but in the process of being deceived, they are also deceiving others, who they try to bring into their misguided cult. Sadly, this now includes my neighbor and friend who has swallowed their lies hook, line and sinker. Please consider the following verse:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

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## Eastern Lightning - Church of Almighty God: Exposed!

### Part 3

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Satan And Minions Are Liars And Deceivers, Perverting God's Word, False Angels Of Light, Evil For Good And Darkness For Light, Tares Wolves And False Brethren, Resist The Devil And False Doctrines, Jesus Did Not Mince His Words With Enemies, Church Of Almighty God Needs To Be Exposed, Reject The Truth And God Will Let You Be Deceived, What Jesus Meant By "This Generation", Jesus' Rejection By Unbelieving Jews, Cult Says Rejection Verses Really Apply To Yang Xiangbin Their Leader, The Romans: "They Also Which Pierced Him", Cult Says Being Pierced Refers To Their Leader, Cult Members Verbally Attack Church Leaders, Words Of His Mouth Were Smoother Than Butter, Eastern Lightning Quotes Many Verses But Manipulates Them, Cult Attacks Truthfulness Of 2 Timothy 3:16, Proper Deception Involves Mixing Truth With Lies, What Qualifies As Word Of God?

Continuing our discussion from part two, as many Christians already know, Satan and his followers are outright liars and vile deceivers. However, because they are so crafty in using God's Word, in quoting the Bible, and in perverting the true meaning of the Scriptures, they can often trick people into believing that they are angels of light who speak the truth. Such vile deceivers will seem to be righteous people, good people, and people who really love the Lord. Through their smooth words, they will induce others to drink their bitter doctrinal poison, and they will give them spiritual darkness instead of God's true light. Sadly, this is clearly what has happened with my neighbor and friend, and this is how he now views Eastern Lightning. However, consider what the Prophet Isaiah and the Apostles Paul and James had to say regarding this issue:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

James 3:15, KJV

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

If you carefully study the New Testament, you will quickly discover that both Jesus and the Apostles repeatedly warned the First Century Church to beware of deceivers and false brethren who would pervert the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the Gospels, Jesus referred to them as wolves in sheep's clothing, and as evil tares which grow right along side the good wheat, as we see by the following group of verses:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

"Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as LAMBS AMONG WOLVES."

Luke 10:3, KJV

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye

gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

Matthew 13:24-30, KJV

"He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Matthew 13:37-43, KJV

Following are some additional Bible verses which are found in the New Testament which warn us to beware of these very same tares, wolves, deceivers and false brethren who either sneak into our midst in order to cause division, or who try to draw away people from the true Body of Christ:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall GRIEVOUS WOLVES ENTER IN AMONG YOU, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

Acts 20:28-30, KJV

"And that because of FALSE BRETHREN unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:"

Galatians 2:4, KJV

"Beware of dogs, BEWARE OF EVIL WORKERS, beware of the concision."

Philippians 3:2, KJV

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard

that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

1 John 2:18-19, KJV

As I told you earlier, we must be like the Jews at Berea who carefully examined what Paul and Silas shared with them, and searched the Scriptures to see if what Paul and Silas told them was true. The Bereans did not just blindly accept their words at face value. So too, rather than listen to Satan and the false brethren who try to deceive us with their false doctrines and damnable heresies, we are instructed to resist the Devil, and to NOT be carried about by every wind of strange doctrine which comes along, as we can determine by the following group of verses:

"Neither give place to the devil."

Ephesians 4:27, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7, KJV

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"

Ephesians 4:14-15, KJV

As you may already know, when Jesus was confronted by some of the unbelieving Jews of His day, He did not mince His words. He just outright exposed them for the lying hypocrites that they were, and He let them have it with both barrels. He told them exactly who controlled their thoughts and actions, as we can determine by the following group of verses:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves . . . Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like

unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity . . . Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Matthew 23:14-15, 33, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

So as I mentioned at the beginning of this series, this is also why I felt compelled to write this series. The Church of Almighty God -- a.k.a. Eastern Lightning -- cult needs to be exposed for the liars, false brethren and deceivers that they truly are. Sadly, I already know that not everyone will accept the things which I have written here, particularly if they already happen to belong to this Chinese cult, or have embraced any of their strange doctrines as being true. But if that is the case, please understand that if we knowingly reject the truth of God's Word, He will in fact allow us to be deceived, if that is what we truly want. This truth is made evident by verses such as the following:

"I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not."

Isaiah 66:4, KJV

". . . because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:"

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, KJV

As I pointed out in part two of this series, not only are members of the Eastern Lightning cult personally deceived, but in the process of being deceived, they are likewise deceiving many other people as well. The way in which they twist and pervert the meaning of different verses defies belief. Allow me to give you another example. As I explain in the seven-part series entitled "Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?", throughout the Gospels, the Lord

frequently uses the phrase "this generation". If we read enough verses which contain that phrase, we come to see that Jesus was specifically referring to the generation which was alive at that particular time in Jewish history.

More specifically, Jesus said that He would be rejected by that generation due to their unbelief. One instance of this verse comes right after Jesus saying that His Return would be quick and unexpected, just like a streak of lightning which flashes across the sky. Consider the following two verses where this is mentioned:

"For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation."  
Luke 17:24-25, KJV

In fact, Jesus being rejected by the unbelieving Jews during the early First Century is clearly prophesied and mentioned multiple times in both the Old and the New Testaments, as is made abundantly clear by the following group of verses:

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."  
Isaiah 53:3, KJV

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."  
Psalm 118:22-23, KJV

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"  
Matthew 21:42, KJV

"And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."  
Mark 8:31, KJV

"And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was



the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Mark 12:10-11, KJV

"Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day."

Luke 9:22, KJV

"But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation."

Luke 17:25, KJV

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

John 1:11, KJV

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."

Acts 4:11, KJV

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11, KJV

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed [that is disapproved, rejected, repudiated] indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

1 Peter 2:4-8, KJV

Thus, through a simple Bible study, we have now established that this is precisely what Jesus was actually talking about. Well, believe it or not, but despite the fact that all of the previous verses clearly describe that evil generation's rejection of Jesus Christ, the Church of Almighty God has appropriated -- or taken for their own -- Luke 17:24-25 as well. In their movie, they claim that not only are those two verses actually referring to Jesus returning in the physical

body of Yang Xiangbin in our modern day, but they are also describing how Yang Xiangbin -- a.k.a. Almighty God -- will be rejected by this current generation! You see, they had to find a way to explain why most of the world views them as a dangerous cult and rejects their leader. So they latch on to Luke 17:24-25, and seriously pervert the true meaning of the verses. That is how deceived these folks are! As I said, they purposely distort the meanings of verses over and over again. Another verse which they seriously pervert is the following one:

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

Revelation 1:7, KJV

Now, personally, I believe that the phrase "and they also which pierced him" is referring to the Romans. After all, aren't they the ones who crucified our Lord after the Jews pressured Pontius Pilate to kill Jesus by instigating a mob to cry out "Crucify him, crucify him!"? Was it not also a Roman soldier who pierced Jesus' side? Following is the exact scene, as described in the Gospel of Luke, along with some supporting verses as well:

"And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they [the Jews] required."

Luke 23:13-24, KJV

"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear PIERCED HIS SIDE, and forthwith came there out BLOOD AND WATER."

John 19:31-34, KJV

"I AM Poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels."

Psalms 22:14, KJV

So as you can see, we have a very clear Scriptural record regarding what the phrase "and they also which pierced him" really means. Tragically, once again, because they are so desperate to find Bible verses which they can knowingly and intentionally misinterpret so as to supposedly legitimize and validate their misguided cult and its wayward doctrines, they latch on to Revelation 1:7 as well. Well, how do they interpret the phrase? Believe it or not, but the following is a verbatim quote from the movie "Break the Spell". Keep in mind that when they say "God Incarnate" and "Almighty God", they are NOT referring to our Heavenly Father or to the real Jesus of the Bible. They are referring to their female leader, Yang Xiangbin, who Zhao Weishan has unwisely declared to be the one true "God" in female form, based on some personal whim over thirty years ago:

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"In reality, those who pierced him are those who when God Incarnate descends secretly in the last days, do not seek God's voice, and condemn and resist Almighty God."

----- End Quote -----

Have you had enough yet? Are you convinced yet that Eastern Lightning, a.k.a. the Church of Almighty God, is a dangerous cult? Sorry, but we are not done yet. I still have more to share with you, including some additional quotes from this deceptive movie which will shock you!

The second half of the "Break the Spell" film contains much of the same elements as the first half, except that in the second half, the Church of Almighty God attacks organized religion with greater intensity, and casts doubt upon some verses which are found in the Bible. They also reveal a very clear distrust in the words of the Apostle Paul, similar to legalistic Jews, and Zionist Christians who have swallowed Jewish lies, and who hate the Apostle Paul with a passion. In fact, such people view Paul as a false apostle who is responsible for the creation of modern Christianity, which contradicts Jewish legalism. This same general idea comes across in this outrageous movie as well.

In one extended scene, two members of the Church of Almighty God named Brother Li and Brother Chen really attack a small group of church leaders who are present at their meeting. They repeatedly refer to them as Pharisees and antichrists. In fact, at the two hours and thirty minutes mark in this disgusting movie, they refer to church leaders as "worthless vile men". Furthermore, as I mentioned earlier, throughout the entire movie, this cult constantly uses both words -- Pharisees and antichrists -- to describe anyone who rejects the claims of their false christ -- Yang Xiangbin -- and the plethora of misguided beliefs which this cult espouses. For example, following is a direct quote which is found at the 38-minute mark in this blasphemous movie. Please remember again that when they say "Almighty God", they are referring to Yang Xiangbin, and NOT to our Heavenly Father:

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"Those who cling to the notion that the Lord will descend with the clouds but don't seek God's work in the last days, are in fact foolish virgins. In particular, those who resist and condemn Almighty God are the Pharisees and antichrists, exposed by God's work in the last days. They all have recrucified God, and they shall endure great disasters and be punished."

----- End Quote -----

Returning to the second half of the movie, while the church leaders do offer a few rebuttals, I was amazed by the way for the most part they just sat there and took whatever the Eastern Lightning members threw at them, and almost seemed to cower in fear. But, of course, this was all part of the movie plot to make them look guilty, while at the same time,

making the Church of Almighty God appear to be both right in doctrine, and victorious over organized religion.

What I also find interesting is the fact that each time that an Eastern Lightning cult member speaks, they do not do it in an angry, harsh tone. They are quite calm, collected and authoritative, and they speak matter-of-factly with a lot of confidence, as if they know that they are right, even though they really are not. It is very subtle. They cast darts and slice with verbal knives, never hinting at the least bit of animosity. Their words are as smooth as butter. Wow! I was just reminded of the following powerful verse:

"The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords."

Psalms 55:21, KJV

There are just so many things which are terribly wrong with what is preached by the Eastern Lightning members in this film, that I am unable to cover them all in this series. If I were to endeavor to do so, it would surely require many more pages. However, I do want to cover a few more scenes where they purposely cast doubt on the Apostle Paul, on the Bible as a whole -- even though they hypocritically endeavor to use the very same Book to validate their cultish ideas -- and where they openly attack the belief in confirming all things with the Holy Scriptures, and not embracing anything which can be shown to outright contradict the Scriptures.

As I have explained several times now, like many cults, this cult knows the Word of God. In the film, their members quote verse after verse in order to demonstrate their knowledge of the Bible, and to prove their points. BUT, as we have already clearly seen, they purposely manipulate the verses which they quote. As I said, in every scene where a member of the cult speaks, they do so calmly, logically and very confidently. One problem which all cults have to overcome, is to find a way to justify any of their beliefs and practices which fall outside of the written Word of God. The Eastern Lightning cult is no different, and they know this.

So, to overcome this difficulty with several of the house church members who still cling to the Scriptures, and who continue to insist that we must verify all things with the Word of God, the two members of the Church of Almighty God once again embark on a seemingly very logical path through

the Scriptures to prove their point. In this case, the goal of these cultists is to prove that what the Apostle Paul wrote in the following verse is not true. In other words, they endeavor to prove that Paul lied when he wrote this:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

2 Timothy 3:16, KJV

The tactic they use is actually two-pronged, and once again, they do say some things which are true. Remember, a proper deception involves mixing in some of the truth with all of their lies, so that the gullible sheep will become deceived. Thus, the two cult members in the film have two goals. Their first goal is to prove to the reluctant house church members that not every single word that is found in the Scriptures is the actual word of God. Well, guess what? From a legalistic standpoint, they are absolutely right! Even I know this. What do I mean by this? Have I lost my marbles? Am I likewise a heretic? Relax, my friends. Let me explain.

The fact of the matter -- as the Eastern Lightning cultists clearly point out -- is that in order to truly be classified as the Word of God, something must meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. It was spoken directly by God to a human being, or to a group of human beings, as in the case of God speaking with Moses directly in the Pentateuch, or Torah. This would also include verses such as the following where God speaks from Heaven, as heard by multiple witnesses:

"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17, KJV

"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

Matthew 17:5, KJV

"And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11, KJV

"And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove

upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22, KJV

2. It must have been spoken by a Prophet of God who was moved by the Holy Spirit, as in this verse:

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

2 Peter 1:21, KJV

3. It must have been spoken directly by Jesus in one of the Gospels, or in the Book of Acts where, for example, the Lord spoke directly to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus, or else in the Book of Revelation where Jesus speaks directly to the Apostle John.

4. It must have been spoken -- or written -- by an Apostle, under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit.

All four of the previous points define what can truly be called the Word of God in a very narrow sense. Anything else would technically have to be viewed as human words. Thus, as the cult members point out in this evil film, there are many thousands of words in the Bible which are actually endeavors by humans to describe events which they either heard about, or which they personally witnessed, but technically, they are not the Word of God. Please don't become alarmed by what I have written here. I have not taken leave of my senses. As you will learn in part four, there are parts of the equation which the Church of Almighty God is intentionally leaving out.

Please go to part four for the continuation of this series.

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Defining The Direct Word Of God, Inspired Word Of God Is Not The Same As The Direct Word Of God, Eastern Lightning Doesn't Believe That 2 Timothy 3:16 Is True Or That The Entire Bible Is The Inspired Word Of God, The Bible Does Not Contain All Of The Things Jesus Said And Did, The Church Of Almighty God Believes We Shouldn't Constrain Our Beliefs And Practices To Just What Is Recorded In The Bible, Cult Teaches It's Okay To Operate Outside The Bible Even If Some Things Contradict The Bible, Truth Mixed With Lies, Saying We Should Not Limit God Or Ourselves Is A Half Truth, Brothers Li And Chen's Lengthy Deceptive Diatribe, In The Multitude Of Words There Wanteth Not Sin, Sin Is The Transgression Of God's Laws, Satan Is A Legalist And Operates Very Logically, Satan Is A Liar And A Deceiver, Putting Darkness For Light, Evil Fruit Of Brother Li's And Brother Chen's Deceptive Speech, Formerly Faithful Members Of The House Church Have Become Totally Deceived, God Has Magnified His Word Above His Name, God Keeps His Word And Does Not Lie, We Are Not Free To Live Or Believe Outside Of The Constraints Of The Bible, For Ever, O LORD, Thy Word Is Settled In Heaven, Divorcing Ourselves From The Word Of God Is Spiritual Anarchy, Why Eastern Lightning Drew The House Church Members Away From The Bible, Movie Never Reveals To House Church Members Who Almighty God Really Is, Blind And Not Knowing It, Don't Watch The Cult Movie "Break The Spell"

As I concluded in part three of this series, in their film, "Break the Spell", Eastern Lightning members make the point that there are many thousands of words in the Bible which are actually endeavors by humans to describe events which they either heard about, or which they personally witnessed. However, technically-speaking, they are not the direct Word of God. That is to say, they are not necessarily words which were directly spoken by God. They are not words which were given through prophecy, or spoken directly to a human being by God, as in the case of God speaking to Moses, or to one of the Prophets.

While such a bold statement may make certain Christians rather uncomfortable, it is nevertheless true, and even I



have to agree with it. However, in their customary deceptive fashion, these cultists are NOT telling their viewers the full truth.

While the Church of Almighty God claims that their reasoning and logic proves that what the Apostle Paul wrote was false, and that Paul thus lied, and therefore, he should not even be trusted, a closer reading of 2 Timothy 3:16 reveals that Paul did NOT say that every word in the Bible is the Word of God. What the Apostle Paul did write is that all Scripture -- derived from the Koine Greek word "graphe", meaning something that is written -- is INSPIRED by God, and given by the INSPIRATION of God.

While this may be difficult for some of you, please try to understand this concept. While something can be inspired by God in the Bible, it does not necessarily mean that every single word down to the last period is the exact and direct Word of God. After all, we are all fallible human beings -- just as the writers of the Bible were human -- and so we do the best we can. I am sure that the writers of the Bible did the best they could as well, to write down what they heard, saw and personally experienced in human language. As such, we should be thankful for what we have today, because it has come at a great price. But is every single word "Thus saith the Lord"? I don't believe so. Please withhold your sticks and stones, unfriending and blocks. Thank you.

But regardless of how you and I personally understand the verse 2 Timothy 3:16, as you will see in a minute, the fact of the matter remains that the Church of Almighty God cult does NOT believe that the verse is true. They do NOT believe that the Apostle Paul told the truth, and they do NOT think that the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God.

At any rate, it is through this subtle manner that the two Eastern Lightning cult members -- Brother Li and Brother Chen -- continue to instill serious doubts in the minds of the Chinese house church members. This is the first prong of their vile attack against the Apostle Paul, and against the reliability of the Scriptures. The second prong of their attack was to demonstrate that not everything that God said and did is recorded in the Bible. This is obviously true as well. And to prove this point, they share this verse:

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that

even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

John 21:25, KJV

Through these two very logical and seemingly right arguments, these two very crafty Eastern Lightning cult members named Brother Li and Brother Chen, are in fact working towards a particular point. I mean these two guys are like lawyers of the Word. The only problem is that they consistently pervert its meaning. The main point they are driving towards is that because there are many things which are not recorded in the Bible, and because of the fact that not every single word is the prophetic and direct Word of God, we should not constrain our beliefs and our practices to just what is recorded within the pages of the Bible. In other words, we should be willing to operate OUTSIDE of the Bible, even if some things seem to contradict the Bible. We should not limit God, or ourselves, by just what is contained in the Bible.

BAM! There's their next big lie and deception! The cult takes a considerable amount of time in this movie to build up this part of their case, in order to arrive at this very deceptive conclusion. This is the same thing which all Christian cults do which have beliefs and practices which they are unable to support directly with the Scriptures. Now, on the surface, it may seem like a right conclusion. After all, who are we to dare say what God can and cannot do? Who are we to even dare to limit God? I have said this myself a number of times over the years. BUT, the fact of the matter is that this is simply another half-truth which is promoted by Eastern Lightning and other cults. I will explain why in a moment.

But first, I want to share another part of the movie's dialog with you. This particular conversation begins at the one hour and twenty-five minutes mark, and is spoken by Brother Li and Brother Chen, who are the Church of Almighty God cultists. I have left out some of the secondary comments which are made by some of the house church members -- such as "Yeah, yeah", "I agree", etc. -- in order to concentrate on the main parts of the dialog, and to keep this section of this series as short as possible. As you will see, Brothers Li and Chen do offer some seemingly legitimate arguments. However, when all is said and done, one can't help but notice that these snakes cast serious doubt on the Divine Inspiration of the Bible -- outright lying about it, in fact -- and basically say that we should NOT trust very much in the words of the Apostle Paul.

Please remember what I've repeatedly warned you about in this series. The Devil will purposely mix in small bits of truth, so that gullible people will be willing to swallow his lies. That is precisely what we see happening in the following sad conversation, as is clearly evidenced by the later character comments I will be sharing with you. Trust me; you will be shocked by the blatant devilish lies which are stated by the cultists, Brother Li and Brother Chen. From the very first few sentences, they begin to cast serious doubt on God's Holy Word. Please note that I have placed some words in uppercase letters for the sake of emphasis:

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Brother Li: "Most of the religious world rely on the words of Paul "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God". To think that everything in the Bible is the Word of God, and that by following it, they'll be led into the Kingdom of Heaven. In the last days most believers still believe in this. But does this viewpoint align with truth and fact? Did the Lord Jesus ever say "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God"? Did the Holy Spirit say it?"

Sister Fu Jinhua: "No, no."

Brother Li: "Right. Never. It was Paul who said those things. Many believers use the words of Paul as the basis of their belief that every word in the Bible is the Word of God. But isn't doing this a big mistake?"

Brother Li: "Some people believe that even words spoken by people are the words of God if they're in the Bible. Isn't this idea fallacious and absurd? All believers should be clear. The Bible is a testimony of God and a record of His work. The creation of the Bible was based on God's salvation. Every stage of God's work is filled with the battle between God and the forces of Satan, which is why the Bible has not only God's Word, but the words of people, and even the words of Satan. This is just a fact."

Brother Li: "So then, are we able to say that every word in the Bible is the Word of God? Isn't this confusing what is simply black and white? How can people even think of these erroneous ideas? Why think that when the facts are so clear to us? Anyone who's read the Bible knows there are conversations between God and Moses, and between God and Job, between God and His chosen people, and between God and

Satan."

Brother Li: "If someone's conversing with God, does that mean that they utter the Word of God? Isn't that idea ridiculous? THE SAYING THAT ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD CANNOT POSSIBLY BE THE TRUTH."

Brother Li: "Some people insist that man's word in the Bible is the Word of God. This is nowhere near the truth. That notion is seriously offensive to God. It tarnishes and blasphemes God. God's words are God's words. Man's words are man's words. Satan's words are just Satan's words. Why would people mix them up? God's words are always the truth. Man's words can never be the truth. At most, they can conform to the truth. Satan's words will always be lies and falsehoods. Even if spoken a thousand times, they will always be lies and falsehoods. If we were wise, we would know this for sure. Only fools insist on a false viewpoint."

Brother Li: "We will understand even more after we read the words of Almighty God."

[At this point in the film, Brother Chen begins to read from one of the volumes of "The Word Appears in the Flesh", which are the teachings of their false christ, Yang Xiangbin, who they refer to as Almighty God and Incarnate God.]

Brother Chen: "Lord Almighty God says:

'Today people believe the Bible is God, and that God is the Bible. So too do they believe that all the words of the Bible were the only words God spoke, and that they were all said by God. Those who believe in God even think, that although all of the 66 books of the Old and New Testament were written by people, they were all given by inspiration of God, and a record of the utterances of the Holy Spirit. This is the erroneous interpretation of people, and it does not completely accord with the facts.'

Brother Chen: "In fact, apart from the books of prophecy, most of the Old Testament is historical record. Some of the epistles of the New Testament come from people's experiences, and some come from the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. The Pauline epistles, for example, arose from the work of a man. They were all the results of the Holy Spirit's enlightenment, and they were written for the churches, and were words of exhortation and encouragement for the brothers and sisters of

the churches. They were NOT words spoken by the Holy Spirit."

Brother Chen: "Paul could NOT speak on behalf of the Holy Spirit, and neither was he a prophet. Much less did he see visions. His epistles were written for the churches of Ephesus, Philadelphia, Galatia and other churches; and thus, the Pauline epistles of the New Testament are epistles that Paul wrote for the churches, and NON-INSPIRATIONS from the Holy Spirit. Nor are they the direct utterances of the Holy Spirit."

Brother Chen: "If people see the epistles or words like Paul's as the utterances of the Holy Spirit, and worship them as God, then it can only be said that they are too indiscriminating. To speak more harshly, isn't this nothing but blasphemy? How could a man talk on behalf of God? And how could people bow down before the records of his epistles, and over the words he spoke, as if they were a holy book or a heavenly book? Could the words of God be casually uttered by a man? How could a man talk on behalf of God?"

----- End Quote -----

Now, I could very easily pick apart the previous conversation in order to point out the subtle lies it contains. However, I am sure that many of you will already see them for yourselves. As King Solomon wrote in the Book of Proverbs:

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise."  
Proverbs 10:19, KJV

Please note that in that verse, the word "wanteth" is derived from the Hebrew word "chadal". Pronounced khaw dal', it means to cease or desist. However, because the verse says "wanteth not" -- in the negative -- what it's really saying is that if an individual speaks long enough, you will find sin in their words. There will be no end to sin in such a volume of words. Sin will not cease. Exactly what is meant by sin? As I have explained many times before, the Apostle John informs us that sin is the transgression -- or violation and breaking -- of God's Laws and God's words, as we see here:

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."  
1 John 3:4, KJV

My friends, I'm sure that I don't need to tell you that what Brother Li and Brother Chen say in the previous paragraphs is loaded with serious sin, rebellion and satanic deception. It all sounds very logical on the surface because that's exactly the way in which Satan operates. He's a legalist, so he likes to tie us up and confuse us with all of his legalities and technicalities in order to trick us into believing whatever he is saying. Please remember the following three verses that I shared with you in part three:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

James 3:15, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

So, now we need to ask ourselves the following question: What kind of effect did the words of these two wolves in sheep's clothing have on the members of this Chinese house church? As we saw earlier in this series, they had already lowered their spiritual defenses, taken off their spiritual armor, and had become deceived. The following direct quotes, taken from the next hour or so of the movie provide us with a very clear picture. This is the evil fruit which was born from that evil tree, meaning the previous conversation. These excerpts are arranged in chronological order, and appear in the movie after Brother Li and Brother Chen have finished with their satanic diatribe.

Do not forget that when this movie started, Sister Fu and her house church companions were very cautious Christians who strongly believed in the inspiration of the Scriptures, and who also believed in confirming all things against the Scriptures. Just look at how far they have fallen during the course of this movie:

01:32:24,450:

Other church member: "Thanks be to God. So not all the Bible is inspired by God . . ."

01:33:26,400:

Sister Fu Jinhua: I think Paul's words misled us that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . From here on out, we mustn't blindly trust the words of Paul. We have to differentiate them.

01:52:32,320:

Sister Fu Jinhua: I think the words of Almighty God corrected my biggest mistake of belief in the Lord, and saved me from going down the wrong path. From now on, I won't be controlled and bound by the Bible. I must read the words of Almighty God. Thanks be to Almighty God."

01:58:12,330:

House Church Member: "Almighty God is the second coming of Lord Jesus. Almighty God's words are the truth . . ."

02:15:10,469:

Sister Fu Jinhua: "Can Paul's words show what the Lord Jesus intended? Can Paul represent the Lord Jesus? Only God's words are the truth. Only God's words can be used as proof. As for Paul, he's not Christ. He's just a person. His words are not truth. Even if he was enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we can only say his words conform with truth. We cannot treat the words of Paul as the truth and use them as proof."

02:15:54,600:

House Church Member: "Sister Fu is right. Paul's words do not represent the Lord's will."

02:31:16,109:

House Church Member: "Biblical knowledge and theology are too harmful. If not for the words of Almighty God, we'd still be deceived by our pastors."

02:38:45,671:

Sister Fu Jinhua: "Great thanks be to Almighty God. Today, Almighty God, Almighty God has saved us all. Almighty God's words let us understand what believing in God is. Almighty God's words let us know the truth and gain discernment so we no longer have blind faith in the Bible or religious pastors and elders. We have broken free from the control of the letters of the Bible and religious leaders. We have broken the spell that trapped our belief in the Lord for years."

----- End Quote -----

Note: When Sister Fu Jinhua says "letters of the Bible" in that last excerpt, I assume that she is referring to the Epistles of the Apostle Paul. But just look at the spiritual devastation which resulted from Satan's lies! When the movie began, all of these people had strong faith in God and in the Bible. They refused to deviate, if something could not be confirmed by God's Word. They questioned everything so as to not become deceived. However, by the last act of the film, consider what has happened to them:

1. They question the Divine Inspiration of parts of the Bible.
2. They no longer trust the Apostle Paul and say that he does not speak the truth. In contrast, they DO believe that Yang Xiangbin -- a.k.a. Almighty God -- speaks the truth.
3. They truly believe that Almighty God is Jesus Christ returned in the flesh.
4. They are convinced that Almighty God has freed them from spiritual blindness, and from the constraints of only believing in and following the Bible.
5. They show more interest in reading the writings of Yang Xiangbin -- The Word Appears in the Flesh -- than in reading the Bible.
6. And the biggest tragedy of all is that they have become so blinded and deceived, that they don't even realize that they are blind and deceived!

In short, Brother Li and Brother Chen of Eastern Lightning have been totally successful in converting this entire, once faithful Chinese house church into more deceived zombies for Yang Xiangbin, a.k.a. Almighty God. That is the wicked fruit, because an evil tree CANNOT bear good fruit, as Jesus said!



Earlier, I mentioned to you that what Eastern Lightning was promoting when they convinced the house church members that we should not limit God, or ourselves, and that it was okay to operate outside of the Bible, was a half-truth. Why so? Because those two wolves in sheep's clothing left out one very important part of that equation. The second half of the equation is revealed in the latter portion of the following verse:

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

Psalms 138:2, KJV

Do you see that? God has magnified His word above His very Name. That is how important it is to Him. God is a man of His word. He is bound by His word. He will fulfill His word. He will not lie. This Biblical truth is confirmed by verses such as the following:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19, KJV

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

Deuteronomy 32:4, KJV

"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth."

Psalms 31:5, KJV

"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes."

Isaiah 65:16, KJV

"And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

John 8:45, KJV

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Romans 3:4, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

Titus 1:2, KJV

Now, if God magnifies, respects, exalts and esteems His word that much, doesn't it make sense that we are to do the same thing? Does that mean we are free to ignore it and do as we please when some new "prophet" or false christ comes along? I am sure that I do not need to answer this for you. So, despite what the Church of Almighty God says, in our modern day, we are STILL bound by the moral precepts of God's Word. We are STILL required to confirm ALL THINGS with God's Word in order to make sure that they are true and acceptable to God. Contrary to Eastern Lightning's claims, we are NOT free to live or believe outside of the constraints of God's Word. That is just a devilish lie. It is deception, and it is also rebellion. Why is this so? Because of the following verse:

"LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

Psalms 119:89, KJV

To intentionally divorce ourselves from God's Word is pure lunacy. Let me give you a parallel. What would happen if everyone in the United States were to suddenly stop obeying and respecting the US Constitution, the US Bill of Rights, and other laws which govern our land? The answer is rather simple. It would lead to mass confusion, violence, as well as anarchy. What would happen if everyone decided to ignore the standard DMV driver's manual? Prepare the hospitals and ambulances, folks! Well, divorcing ourselves from the Word of God is spiritual anarchy and sin! Think about it!

So what I am hoping you will see here, is that the primary reason why the Eastern Lightning cultists had to deceive the house church members, and subtly divorce them from God's Word, and convince them that it was okay to accept things outside of God's Word, is because that is the only way in which they would accept the words of Almighty God -- a.k.a. Yang Xiangbin -- believe that she was telling the truth, and decide to place their faith in and read and study her words

in "The Word Appears in the Flesh", instead of in the Bible. As we have already seen, sadly, that is precisely what they did.

Let me mention that near the end of the movie, Sister Fu is NOT holding up a Chinese Bible. She is holding up a copy of one of the volumes of "The Word Appears in the Flesh". This symbolizes that these deceived Christians have switched from reading God's true inspired Word -- the Bible -- to reading the lies and deceptions of Eastern Lightning's false christ. That is to say, Yang Xiangbin. I believe that this may be an intentional slap in God's face. Please likewise note that when these deceived Christians say "Thanks be to Almighty God", whether they realize it or not, they are NOT thanking the true God of Heaven. Rather, they are thanking a false christ, liar and deceiver who is merely a human woman, and probably a very deranged one at that!

As I mentioned previously, one possible reason why they may not even realize their error, is because one major deception which is used throughout this movie, is the fact that Yang Xiangbin is never shown. Likewise, neither is her real name ever revealed. Lastly, neither is the fact that Almighty God is really a woman, ever revealed to these foolish Chinese Christians. In fact, as I mentioned at the beginning of this series, she is referred to as "he" by design of Zhao Weishan.

All this group of gullible Chinese Christians are told is that Jesus Christ has returned to the Earth, and has taken on human flesh once again. This is supposedly so that he can complete the so-called third and final stage of God's "Management Plan". Yet despite not even knowing who this Almighty God is, they blindly believe the words in her books. So while Sister Fu says that they no longer have blind faith in the Bible, they most definitely do have blind faith in the deceptive words of Yang Xiangbin. What more needs to be said?

So as I said, this movie called "Break the Spell: Welcome the Second Coming of Jesus Christ" -- and I imagine other movies made by Eastern Lightning -- is pure propaganda from Hell. I do not recommend that anyone watch it, unless your faith in God, and in His Word, is so firm, that you stand no chance of being deceived by it. In fact, the only reason why I think you would even want to watch it, would be to confirm that everything I have stated here is true, which it is.

Let me warn you that if you are NOT strong in your Christian

faith, and if you foolishly decide to watch "Break the Spell" anyway, not only may it weaken, break or even destroy your faith in God's inspired Word -- as it did with my neighbor and friend -- but it will also put you under the spell of this dangerous cult, known as Eastern Lightning and Church of Almighty God. So beware! You've been warned! Please consider the following verse:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

Personally, I believe that I have shared enough direct quotes from this vile movie to convince you the movie is absolute devilish garbage. Sadly, if you go to their YouTube channel, you will discover that a lot of dumb sheep have taken this cult's bait, and actually praise this movie.

Please go to part five for the conclusion of this series.

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Warnings Regarding False Brethren Who Preach Another Jesus  
And Another Gospel, Closing Remarks, Suggested Reading List

Continuing our discussion from part four, and taking into consideration everything I have now shared with you in this series, it should be clear to you that Eastern Lightning -- a.k.a. the Church of Almighty God -- their leaders, and also their followers, preach another Jesus, and another gospel.

That is, a FALSE Jesus, and a FALSE gospel, which certainly does NOT conform to the Scriptures which have been passed down to us. As we have now thoroughly discussed, in order to convince people to accept their doctrines of devils and damnable heresies, these deceivers intentionally twist and pervert the meaning of the Holy Scriptures one after the other. According to Jesus and the Apostles, exactly how are we supposed to treat such people? If they refuse to repent of their wickedness, and fail to abandon their misguided doctrines of devils, the following verses provide us with a straightforward answer to this question. Please note the words I have emphasized in uppercase letters:

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, LET HIM BE UNTO THEE AS AN HEATHEN MAN AND A PUBLICAN."

Matthew 18:15-17, KJV

The above verses mean that we should shun and avoid them.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID THEM."

Romans 16:17, KJV

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him [meaning STAND FIRM AGAINST HIM]."

2 Corinthians 11:4, KJV

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, LET HIM BE ACCURSED."

Galatians 1:6-9, KJV

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF."

1 Timothy 6:3-5, KJV

"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition REJECT;"

Titus 3:10, KJV

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, RECEIVE HIM NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE, NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

2 John 1:10-11, KJV

In the case of my neighbor and friend, now that I have become aware of all of this information, my plan is to try to reach out to him again. Hopefully, this information regarding the Church of Almighty God will shock him and wake him up. But if not, then I will have no choice but to follow the counsel we find in the previous set of verses.

With these thoughts, I will bring this series to a close. It is my hope that you have found it to be both informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you would take the time to click or tap on the corresponding share link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which contain topics that are related to this series, and which are likewise located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server.

Are You Just a Baby Huey?: How to Organize Your Own Home Fellowship  
Churchianity or Christianity: Which Do You Practice?

Did the Apostle Paul Start the Christian Faith?

Exposing the Tactics of the Enemy

Gargoyles: Satan Loves Church Buildings!  
Have You Read the New Scriptures Yet?  
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