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while to catch on and overcome the resistance of biblical influence. It was the 1960s when the great change came on the back of the rock & roll revolution. The pantsuit was created by homosexual fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent in 1966 (“How Yves Saint Laurent Revolutionized Women’s Fashion,” *Business Insider*, Aug. 8, 2011). Laurent has been called “the man who put women in trousers” (“Celebrating Yves Saint Laurent,” *Daily Mail*, June 2, 2008). The style was called “defiant,” “irreverent,” “daring,” and “androgynous” (*Business Insider*, Ibid.). It was all about “in your face” rebellion and unisexuality. Models popularized the fashion by appearing with “slicked back hair and masculine posture.” At first, respectable hotels and restaurants did not allow female guests to wear them. How far we have come! The pantsuit spoke of “an alignment with burgeoning feminist politics”; it declared, “If men can wear this, why can’t I?” (Ibid.) Feminist Linda Grant observes that the pantsuit “put women on an equal sartorial footing with men” and “is what fashion gave to feminism” (“Feminism Was Built on the Trouser Suit,”

The Guardian, June 3, 2008). Pants on women was a major part of the unisex movement that has broken down the divinely-intended barriers between the sexes and has contributed to the current frenzy for transsexual rights. Second, pants on women are sexually immodest, highlighting the woman’s figure in a sensual way, and the tighter the pants the greater the sensuality or “hot” factor. Tight pants were created by Calvin Klein, a bisexual fashion designer. When his pants appeared in 1974, they sold 200,000 pairs *in the first week* (“Calvin Klein: A Stylish Obsession,” *Entrepreneur*, Oct. 10, 2008). Tights worn as pants (leggings) were promoted by Gianni Versace, a homosexual fashion designer who was murdered in 1997. To “preach the Word” is to apply the Bible to every issue in life, and we intend to do so as long as God enables. As for older women, they are to set the spiritual and moral standard for the younger women, and the younger women are to train their daughters. The best time to learn to dress modestly is in childhood.

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Hebrew alphabet. Founder Yehudit Goldfarb says, “The simple movement patterns promote relaxation, integration and renewed vitality as they reveal spiritual light and life force within each letter.” In truth, this is combining the darkness of Hinduism with darkness of Kabbalah. It is not surprising that yoga and Kabbalah can so easily be merged, since both are mystical paths to a pantheistic god. “Yoga” means “union” and refers to the union of man with the universe through meditation. The goal is to enter Samadhi (self-collectedness): “a state of deep concentration that results in a blissful, ecstatic union with the ultimate reality” (“Yoga,” *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*). The Kabbalah concept of god is very

similar. In Kabbalah, the personal God of Scripture is replaced with Ein Sof, an impersonal omnipotent energy and infinite wisdom, “the divine infinity.” As with yoga, the goal of Kabbalah is to be united with the pantheistic Ein Sof through mystical practices. Kabbalah’s focus on enlightenment and spiritual power through the letters of Scripture is blind mysticism. The life and power of Scripture is not in the letters or in any allegorical meaning found in the letters; it is in the words and in the literal meaning of the words and in the gospel of Jesus Christ that those words reveal. Israel’s first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, practiced yoga standing on his head. In front of his desert cottage, which is a museum today, is a statue of Ben-Gurion in a yoga position. His living room in the Negev featured a statue of Buddha and a small Buddhist shrine, and his office in his house in Tel Aviv featured multiple Buddha statues. He rejected Scripture and “envisioned a new type of Jew, ‘emancipated from religion,’ whose Judaism would be expressed by a national framework” (Motti Friedman, “The Making of the State,” *The Jewish Agency for Israel*, July 1998).

BEWARE OF KUNDALINI YOGA

One of the types of yoga popular in Israel and in many other parts of the world is kundalini. “Kundalini” is a Hindu concept that there is a powerful form of psychic energy at the base of the spine that can be “awakened.” It is called the serpent, is purely occultic, and has resulted in many demonic manifestations. It is supposed to be located in the first of the seven “chakras” or power centers in the body. If the kundalini is awakened through such things as yogic meditation, chanting and dancing, and the laying on of hands, it can be encouraged to move up the spinal column, piercing the other chakras, eventually reaching the seventh chakra at the top of the head, resulting in spiritual insight and power through “union with the Divine.” Kundalini is purely occultic and has resulted in many demonic manifestations. It is said to create sensations of heat and cold, tingling, electric current, internal pressures, inner sounds and lights, buzzing in the ear, compulsive bodily movements and expressions (such as grimacing), uncontrollable emotional outbursts, loss of memory, a sense of an inner eye, drowsiness,

and pain. Its own practitioners warn repeatedly about its dangers. The Inner Explorations web site tells of a man who, while dabbling in the activation of kundalini, experienced touches by invisible hands and animals that would attach themselves to him or bite him or lick his face. The Ayurveda Encyclopedia says, “Those who awaken their kundalini without a guru can lose their direction in life ... they can become confused or mentally imbalanced ... more harm than good can arise” (p. 336). The book *Aghora II: Kundalini* warns many times that “indiscriminate awakening of the Kundalini is very dangerous” (p. 61). It says: “Once aroused and unboxed Kundalini is not ‘derousable’; the genie will not fit back into the bottle. ... Those who ride Kundalini without knowing their destination risk losing their way” (p. 20). In fact, the book says “some die of shock when Kundalini is awakened, and others become severely ill” (p. 61). It is likened to a toddler grasping a live wire (p. 58). Every form of yoga is a potential path to communion with demons.

U.S. PRESIDENT BEMOANS AMERICA’S PRIDE AND FORGETFULNESS OF GOD, 1863

“It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with the assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures, and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord. We know that by his divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of a national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace



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and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown, but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand that preserved us in peace and multiplied, enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these

blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated by our own unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us" (Abraham Lincoln).

GLOW IN THE DARK FLOWERS

The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 13, 2017: "Researchers at Stanford University surprised scientific colleagues several years ago when they proved that plants were not ... well, vegetative. We think of plants as things that sit and grow, not as living things that can react to their environment. Now researchers at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, have shown that plants not only react to the environment, they react with the same immediacy as animals. The Edinburgh researchers knew that plants react to a breeze or other wind movement by adding calcium to their cell walls. Plant cell walls typically have calcium in them. The calcium acts as an internal skeleton, giving strength to the plant. When stressed by wind currents, plants strengthen themselves by adding more calcium to



their cell walls. Researchers used a novel method to study how quickly plants react. They added to the plants jellyfish genes that bind to calcium and glow blue as the calcium level increases. Then they squirted the plants with puffs of air. The increased blue glow showed that plants react almost immediately to air movement by adding calcium to their cells. The researchers have been contacted by private companies that want to find out whether this technique can be used to develop glow-in-the-dark flowers or glowing grass to plant around airport runways. When God created plants, He gave them abilities that seem surprising to those who think that they are a simple form of life. (Source - "Glow little stressed plant, glow." Science News, Vol. 141, June 6, p. 379)."

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