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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

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## Endtime Jamming of the Mind’s Bandwidth - Part I

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Anyone working in the business world will be familiar with the current marketing jargon. Advertisers talk of market share. For example, Coca Cola, the world’s largest beverage company, sometimes calculates its sales in terms of share of the total of all the liquids that the entire world consumes. On this basis, they figure that only a small percentage of all liquids drunk by humans is a Coca Cola product. Conclusion? The sky is the limit for “market share,” if everybody can be expected to only drink Coca Cola beverages.

Marketing strategists extend this concept to other measurements—for example, “share of wallet.” But the most invasive and deadly concept in terms of endtime spiritual entrapment is “share of mind.” Leading marketing professionals use this concept to great effect upon unassuming consumers.

The Bible tells us about the cosmological battlefield for share of the human mind. Said Christ: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). Our Lord leaves nothing to interpretation here. It is plainly said: We are to love the Lord our God, with “ALL” our minds ... and 100% “share of mind.”

Satan, on the other hand, counters with lies, diversion, distractions and the gently-probing question, “Did God really say [...]?” (Genesis 3:1). This relates to the rebellion of Satan and his fallen angels against God.

Looking at trends today, we can be sure that Satan has mastered the technique of capturing “share of mind.” The proof? The “share of thought” that God Almighty, His Son and His truths attract in our time—whether in so-called Christian nations or not—is probably at an all-time low. Christ too foreknew that in the day He would return, he would not find much faith on earth, saying: “[...] when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). Share of mind will be near zero. Why?

The reality is that very few people will even be aware of this grave development. The truth and vital facts of eternal significance are being crowded out of the modern mind as never before. On the one hand, information about the gospel is available more than ever; on the other, people are too distracted being amused, preoccupied and self-absorbed. In contrast, Satan is an effective and deadly “marketer,” capturing people’s attention (share of mind)—in other words, jamming the mind’s bandwidth.

How tragic. He, who is the source of all knowledge and truth, through whom all things were made (Hebrews 1:2), who is worthy of all glory and honor (Revelation 5:12), is largely an afterthought today.

In fact, deductively, the “share of mind” assault that we are discussing is a development of the end times. How so? As mentioned, very little faith will be found on earth when Jesus returns. Why? Because the Bible

tells us that “hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close [...] suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth” (Luke 21:34-35).

## Why the Mind Is an Endtime Target

We next continue with two key questions: Why is the human mind such an important aspect of Satan’s endtime strategies ... of spiritual warfare? And, why have Satan’s strategies been so successful?

The human mind is a strategic focus in the cosmic battle for at least three important reasons: First, our faith involves the mind. “Come now, let’s reason together, says the Lord” (Isaiah 1:18). Faith, belief and obedience are connected to reasoning. As Apostle Paul admonished, we are urged to use our mind ... to not put our brains on the shelf. Said Paul: “I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind” (1 Corinthians 14:15). Our minds should remain consciously involved.

In contrast, cultic religions try to immobilize and to disable the mind ... to circumvent the natural safeguard of the skeptical human. Not so, God. Yes, it is true that our minds are not able to fully capture His greatness and His ways. But that does not mean we do not accept logic and reason to support our beliefs. Our Lord also allows us to question and to inquire after truth.

Another reason for the human mind being in Satan’s crosshairs is that it is the place of spiritual battle. Whatever thoughts gain access—whether through eyes, ears or spirit—it is there in the mind that they have their impact upon our hearts and soul. In fact, what the Bible calls the heart is what our mind chooses to believe and pursue.

Our thoughts rank in eternal importance just as much as our real and physical actions. Christ made this point very clear in this saying, “But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28). Here we see that the evil thoughts of the mind, if allowed to linger and not repulsed, become an actual sin of the heart (whether there has been physical consummation or not).

Lastly, the thought world of the mind, soul and spirit of man, finds its interface in the brain, a fleshly organ that learns and adapts. This grey matter can become habituated to lifestyle, thought patterns, thinking processes and addictions. Like a muscle that becomes stronger through exercise, so the synaptic pathways of the brain can be become trained and expert, whether doing good or bad.

To the extent that we have allowed our brain to train bad thoughts and behaviors, we need to undo them. Apostle Paul refers to this as renewal. “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2). This is not necessarily easy.

In conclusion, we have identified the main reasons why the human mind is the logical point of assault of our Enemy. It is there that we consciously “[...] choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15). There we have the essence that exercises faith and chooses a relationship with God; it is the spiritual war zone. And, lastly, through our physical brain, our mind can entrench behavior and responses that we may have to strain to unlearn.

## Jamming the Reception of the Human Mind

Without question, the mind of modern-day humankind is under assault. We will briefly investigate some of the tactics. The attacks and incursions are increasing and effective as perhaps never before. Moreover,

a global communications machinery has rapidly taken form that will play a pivotal role in enabling the Antichrist and the Beast to deceive the world.

Let's review a few of the developments that serve to "jam" the bandwidth of people's minds today.

**Media Concentration.** What is meant by this term? Concentration of media ownership is a process whereby progressively fewer individuals or organizations control increasing shares of the mass media. When we last wrote about this phenomenon almost two decades ago, a concentration trend was already proceeding rapidly. At that time, less than 10 firms—all of them global giants—dominated world media; whether radio, television broadcasting, cable, print or the internet. They included such world-spanning companies as Sony, News Corporation, Time Warner, Viacom, Disney, Bertelsmann and others.

This industry is always changing, as media takeover and acquisition activity remains high around the globe. Today, the following companies would number among the world's media conglomerates: National Amusements (Viacom and CBS Corporation), Time Warner, 21st Century Fox, Sony, Comcast, The Walt Disney Company, AT&T, Hearst Communications, MGM Holdings, NBCUniversal, Turner Broadcasting System, New Fox, Grupo Globo (South America) and Lagardère Group.

It is difficult to keep up-to-date with this fast-moving group. Rupert Murdoch—arguably one of the world's most powerful media moguls, who built News Corporation—famously predicted that the world would have only three large media companies in three years.<sup>1</sup> This has not happened ... yet.

Nonetheless, the concentration trend continues apace. The big "media" whales are trying to swallow each other with multibillion-dollar deals. Recently, Comcast and Disney have been skirmishing to buy 21st Century Fox. Time Warner, another media behemoth, is being swallowed up by AT&T.

Why is this concentration trend continuing? Firms are building and consolidating distribution channels to the entry ways of the mind—the eyes and ears of mankind. We can see that a massive and unified information machinery is taking form around the world. Of course, this would be good if they were all disseminating the gospel to the four corners of the world, and other vital and/or God-honoring material.

However, as is well-known, media owners and their professional staffs are largely dominated by secular humanists. Mostly, the messages carried by the media are being determined by consumer wants and the demands of corporate profitability. All of the large global media firms are public companies, and therefore must satisfy their shareholders. Generally, high share prices and earnings is what matters to these global conglomerates, not purity and high morals.

In one way or another, it is the interest of commerce that drives the message. As the head of Westinghouse once put it (which at the time owned CBS, the television network), "We are here to serve advertisers. That is our *raison d'être*."<sup>2</sup>

For a number of reasons, this global concentration trend has great significance for the world today. We can conclude that this development is playing a key role in a "mind jamming" strategy during these last days. Clearly, it is not accidental that this process has played out over such a short period, having largely occurred in accelerated fashion since the early 1980s.

Back then, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had been contemplating new ownership rules that would further open the doors to yet more concentration. One congressman made a prescient observation at that time, that will not be lost on those that recognize the prophetic season of our time. Speaking at a congressional hearing in opposition to the FCC's proposal, John McCain, who was worried about the possible effects of continuing concentration, commented, "At some point, you'll have many voices—and one ventriloquist."

Though he may not have known it, Senator McCain's words line up with prophecy. Indeed, there will be only one ventriloquist behind the world's systems. And increasingly, this voice—Satan's—is becoming more coordinated and pervasive than ever before. Already, he has been behind the degradation of once popular values and the invasion of humanist philosophies in mass media today.

In the next of segment of this four-part series, we will continue our expose of the many mind-jamming assaults upon the human mind that have accelerated over the last half century. Are these developments simply coincidental? Or can we discern a pattern? Without a doubt, the condition of human minds today is as compromised and disabled as ever before in the timeline of mankind.

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## Earthquakes In Diverse Places As Tennessee Has Largest Earthquake In 45 Years

Large earthquakes aren't supposed to happen in Tennessee. On Wednesday, the largest earthquake in 45 years hit eastern Tennessee, and it made headlines all over the nation. The magnitude 4.4 quake was so powerful that it was felt in portions of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Kentucky.

Significant shaking was even felt as far away as Atlanta, and that was highly unusual. The original earthquake was rapidly followed by a magnitude 3.0 aftershock, and subsequently there were several other noteworthy aftershocks.

We live at a time when earthquakes are increasing in size and frequency, and many are concerned about what this may mean for our future.

The recent earthquakes in Alaska were a shock, but at least they made sense since much of the coastline of Alaska sits directly along the Ring of Fire.

But eastern Tennessee is not an area that has traditionally been prone to quakes. Could it be possible that the "seismic scar" that was created when the North American continent was formed is beginning to reawaken?

Prior to Wednesday, the last time that eastern Tennessee had experienced an earthquake of this magnitude or greater was on November 30th, 1973.

That was 45 years ago, and many of you that will be reading this article were not even alive at that time.

Some experts had regarded eastern Tennessee as one of the "safest" areas in the eastern half of the country, but after what we just witnessed they may want to reevaluate things. When the earthquake happened, the shaking was so violent that it actually woke people from their sleep all the way over in neighboring North Carolina...

"Felt it here in Arden off Brevard Rd for sure. Sitting on the couch at 4:15 am reading news on laptop and it felt like the house swayed back and forth for a few seconds. Weird....." - Wayne Womble

"I felt the earthquake in Alexander, NC around 4:15 am. It woke me from my sleep." - Megan S. Bottego

"We felt the earthquake in Marshall, Madison County, NC (just outside the Buncombe County line). It woke me up about 4:20am as it shook enough to cause items on dresser to shake and rattle. It only lasted about 5-10 seconds. " - Paula Seay

In fact, in the center of the United States there have been 27 significant earthquakes of magnitude 1.5 or greater within the last 7 days.

Eastern Tennessee is not in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, but it is not too far away either. And there are some that are speculating that the "deep underground scar" that was created during the formation of the North American continent may be awakening once again. The following is what Wikipedia has to say about the formation of that scar...

The faults responsible for the New Madrid Seismic Zone are embedded in a subsurface geological feature known as the Reelfoot Rift that formed during the breakup of the supercontinent Rodinia in the Neoproterozoic Era.

The resulting rift system failed to split the continent, but has remained as an aulacogen (a scar or zone of weakness) deep underground, and its ancient faults appear to have made the Earth's crust in the New Madrid area mechanically weaker than much of the rest of North America.

This relative weakness is important, because it would allow the relatively small east-west compressive forces associated with the continuing continental drift of the North American plate to reactivate old faults around New Madrid, making the area unusually prone to earthquakes in spite of it being far from the nearest tectonic plate boundary.

As noted above, because of this scar the crust of our planet in that region is "mechanically weaker" and thus more vulnerable to shaking.

What that means is that earthquakes in that area could potentially be far more damaging.

According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, any earthquakes that occur along the New Madrid fault could "shake and damage an area approximately 20 times larger than earthquakes in California"...

Due to the harder, colder, drier and less fractured nature of the rocks in the earth's crust in the central United States, earthquakes in this region shake and damage an area approximately 20 times larger than earthquakes in California and most other active seismic areas.

Even though large earthquakes occur much less frequently in the NMSZ than in California, the long term average quake threat, in terms of square miles affected per century, is about the same because of the approximately 20 times larger area affected in the central United States.

And even though most Americans don't realize this, some of the worst earthquakes in all of U.S. history have happened right in the middle of the country.

In 1811 and 1812 three massive earthquakes struck directly along the New Madrid Seismic Zone, and the damage was off the charts. The following comes from a previous article...

Those earthquakes in 1811 and 1812 tore thousands of very deep fissures in the ground, they caused the Mississippi River to actually run backwards in some places, and they caused sidewalks to crack in Washington D.C. and church bells to ring in Boston.

In our time, the U.S. Geological Survey has admitted that the New Madrid fault zone has the "potential for larger and more powerful quakes than previously thought", and we have seen the number of significant earthquakes in the middle part of the country more than quintuple in recent years. Scientists assure us that it is only a matter of time before one takes place.

Giant earthquakes and huge volcanic eruptions are starting to happen with such frequency now that they almost immediately start receding from our memory after they happen. We have been witnessing one historic seismic event after another, and they are happening so fast that it is hard to keep up with them all.

And when you throw in wildfires, floods, hurricanes and all other major disasters, what we have been witnessing is truly historic.

According to CNN, 2017 was the costliest year for natural disasters ever, and it looks like there is a good chance that we will break that record again this year.

Our planet is changing and we need to be prepared for the days ahead.

***Next up: I think that probably most readers of Newzbytes understand what a spiritual scoundrel Joel Osteen is. But I do run into people who wonder what is wrong with him and get upset when we call him out by name. The following is just one reason to call Osteen a wolf. And hopefully we can remember to pray for the tens of thousands who follow him and have no idea just how far astray he actually is. – MD***

## The Devilish Ministry of Joel Osteen

By Geri Ungurean December 14

Author of *Your Best Life Now*, Joel Osteen, is well-known as a motivational speaker. But I had no idea of how Satan is using this man to completely mislead his congregation.

I don't watch Osteen because I don't need to be "motivated." But a reader of my articles wrote to me yesterday about Osteen and was very angry at what she witnessed. She listens to him occasionally – just to see what he is up to.

I asked if she would send me a link to the sermon. She did; and after watching as much as I could stand, I realized that this man is truly a WOLF and is taking so many to hell with him.

I was enraged.

Here is part of the email sent to me:

"As I listened today, I was horrified to hear what sounded like him calling all who follow him to come out/away from those who refuse to be enlightened – who refuse to go onto the next level. He kept saying, very heretically, that "God wants you to attach yourself to someone who is higher up than you so you can benefit from their blessings." He said that anyone who doesn't want to advance to the next level (by attaching themselves to someone of a higher level, thus gaining some of their blessings) should be shunned because he wants you to have nothing to do with those who "aren't advancing to the next level."

YES, brethren, you read that right. The unspoken reality is that Joel Osteen is saying to his congregation, "Go and make more money so that you can bring me more money. And break off ties with the poor." <hisssssssss>

The sermon is entitled "Favor Connections" and you can hear it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYuQolw4RYM&feature=youtu.be>

Brethren, I do hope that you are as outraged as I am. This man is a WOLF in the truest sense of the word. He is telling people to cut off relationships with people who are financially poor, and to seek out the rich.

WHERE is this found in the Word of God?

My husband and I attended a Baptist church near our home years ago. I won't go into the many unethical things this man did while he was the pastor but, for the sake of this article, I will tell you this:

At a meeting of the Evangelism team, he told them NOT to evangelize in the trailer park because "we don't want those kind of people in church." He said that they had no money to give to the church.

Soon after that meeting, my husband and I left that church.

Read what Osteen says under the YouTube version of his "Favor Connections" sermon:

"Sometimes, you will have to let go of old relationships, of old habits and mindsets that are keeping you limited if you are going to reach all that God has for you. Be encouraged during these times. You are making room for what God wants to do. You are rising higher, you are moving towards your destiny. Surround yourself with people who will challenge you, who will not allow you to remain in mediocrity. You are an eagle, designed to soar above the crowd!"

So, what my friend said about calling for people to be shunned was exactly what Osteen was asking. He was saying "come away from poor people, and connect up with prosperous people."

He even had the audacity in this sermon to use the Scriptures about Peter when the Lord told him to cast out his net once again. Osteen spoke only about Peter being "prospered" and nothing about the fact that Jesus was showing him that he would become a "Fisher of men."

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men'" (Matthew 4:18-19).

Brethren, that was the lesson our Lord Jesus was conveying to Peter and Andrew. He was not saying, "Follow me and I will make you rich." He was speaking of reaching people for the Kingdom of God – making them "Fishers of men."

If you attend Osteen's "church" or know someone who attends, please send them this article. Did you see the size of the congregation that is being misled by the devil using Joel Osteen? It breaks my heart.

Osteen will be unveiling his newest book called "Next Level Thinking." He is using the pyramid scheme in his church to become richer and richer!

Pray for Joel Osteen that God would reach him. Many of us would say that he is beyond help. If God intends for this man to be saved and in turn begin to preach the true Gospel of Jesus Christ – think of how

glorious that would be!

Pray for those in the congregation that the Lord would open their eyes to the truth of the Word of God.

Show them that the words of Joel Osteen are NOT from God's Holy Word.

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