

# Schuller's 'Rethink' Conference Exposed

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And Kay Warren, wife of Saddleback Church mega-pastor Rick Warren, will join Robert Schuller, the white-haired, bespectacled purveyor of "possibility thinking."

What could such a diverse group have in common? What's the topic?

*(Story continues below)*

Well, it's a little vague.

It's called the "Rethink Conference," and Schuller promises 30 "Aha!" moments from the 30 different speakers confirmed for the event.

Not everyone is thrilled about this meeting of the minds. Some, including Christian author and former New Age devotee Warren Smith, suspect an agenda to subvert the church – to take the focus off biblical truth and absolutes.

"From my perspective as a former New Age follower, I believe that Robert Schuller's mission has always been to 'rethink' and 'change' biblical Christianity into something 'new' – as in New Age/New Spirituality," he says.

Smith's ["Deceived on Purpose: The New Age Implications of the Purpose-Driven Church"](#) documents Schuller's contacts and endorsements of New Age stars such as Gerald Jampolsky, Neale Donald Walsch and Bernie Siegel.

"As a former New Age follower I could hardly believe it," says Smith. "On October 17, 2004, more than 20 years after his first appearance on the 'Hour of Power,' New Age leader Gerald Jampolsky was once again Robert Schuller's featured guest. I was not surprised on one level, because I had always been aware of Schuller's affection for New Age teachings. What did surprise me was Schuller's willingness to still be so openly aligned with a veteran New Age leader like Jampolsky."

Smith says it was Jampolsky who first introduced him to "A Course in Miracles," the best-selling New Age bible that taught him "there is no sin," "a slain Christ has no meaning" and "the recognition of God is the recognition of yourself."

All of Jampolsky's books, according to Smith, are based on "A Course in Miracles." But yet, there was Schuller on his TV show recommending all of Jampolsky's "fabulous" works. He even noted he sold some of them in the Crystal Cathedral bookstore. And, according to Smith, for awhile, Schuller even hosted "A Course in Miracles" study groups in his church.

It's not a one-way street, either, says Smith. New Age leaders like Walsch, author of the best-selling "Conversations With God," and Jampolsky go out of their way to praise Schuller, too.

"They know that Robert Schuller has always been open to spiritual compromise," he says.

According to Smith, Schuller has always "done a good job of softening up the church" for what he sees as unbiblical New Age ideas. And that's just what he expects the "Rethink Conference" is all about.

If indeed that's what the conference is all about, some other big names are going along for the ride. They include Christian pollster George Barna, former heavyweight champ George Foreman, American Center for Law and Justice founder Jay Sekulow, Gary Smalley and "The Case for Christ" author Lee Strobel.

"Never before have we gathered such dynamic leaders who will challenge us to think outside the box as we grapple with a changing culture and our response to it," said Schuller.

The conference will not only be attended by thousands at the Crystal Cathedral, but it will be telecast by satellite around the world by Church Communication Network, according to organizers.

"These culture pioneers know what is center-stage in our culture right now and also what is breaking on the horizon," says Rethink Conference executive director Bill Dallas. "This conference will confront outdated and pre-conceived ideas, offer new perspectives and open our minds to all kinds of possibilities that connect us with our shifting culture without compromising our core values."

Smith just wonders about those "outdated and pre-conceived ideas."

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Banner promoting coming 'Rethink' conference

## Rethinking Robert Schuller

By Warren Smith

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I was very familiar with Gerald Jampolsky. When I was exploring New Age teachings, he was the first one to introduce me to the New Age Christ and to the New Age/New Gospel teachings of "A Course in Miracles." Widely reputed in New Age circles to be the closest thing to a New Age bible, "A Course in Miracles" taught me that "there is no sin," "a slain Christ has no meaning" and "the recognition of God is the recognition of yourself."

On this "Hour of Power" program, Schuller praised Jampolsky and [recommended all of his "fabulous" books](#) – in spite of the fact that every one of them was based on the New Age teachings of "A Course in Miracles." He also stated that Jampolsky's latest book, "Forgiveness," was available in the Crystal Cathedral bookstore. Amazingly, Schuller had begun the year as a featured speaker at the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. He was now closing the year by featuring a prominent New Age leader as his special guest. As usual, no one in Christian leadership was holding him accountable, or even seemed to care. Over the years, Robert Schuller had obviously done a good job of softening up the church.

Schuller's latest move is to hold a "Rethink Conference" at his Crystal Cathedral. With an unusual mix of Christian and non-Christian speakers, the conference will take place Jan. 17-19, 2008. He is co-hosting the conference with Emerging Church movement leader Erwin McManus. [Schuller's "rethink" website](#) states the purpose of the conference: "Our aim is to bring together a cross-section of the key leaders in today's culture so we can grapple with what's truly happening in our world."

Among the 30 speakers lending their names and varying degrees of credibility to Robert Schuller's conference are Lee Strobel, Dan Kimball, Charles Colson, George Barna, Rupert Murdoch, George Herbert Walker Bush, Larry King and Rick Warren's wife, Kay Warren. While Rick Warren has tried desperately to deny his spiritual ties to Schuller, his wife's presence at the conference speaks volumes.

Conference speaker Lee Strobel's recent book, "The Real Jesus: A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks on the Identity of Christ," purports to expose today's deceptive false Christs, yet an in-depth discussion of the false New Age Christ is completely missing from his book. Meanwhile, apologist Strobel, a former Saddleback pastor, makes no apologies for aligning himself with New Age sympathizer Robert Schuller.

The Emerging Church also refuses to take the New Age seriously. Not surprisingly, two of its top leaders – Erwin McManus and Dan Kimball – agreed to participate in this Schuller "Rethink Conference." The word "rethink" can be found throughout Kimball's book "The Emerging

Church," which was forwarded by Rick Warren and Brian McLaren. The word "rethink" can also be found throughout the books of other Emergent leaders, including McLaren. So what is this "Rethink Conference" *really* about? What do Schuller and "the forces that be" hope to accomplish?

In defining the word "rethink" Webster's states: "to think over again, with a view to changing." From my perspective as a former New Age follower, I believe that Robert Schuller's mission has always been to "rethink" and "change" biblical Christianity into something "new" – as in New Age/New Spirituality. There is a reason that New Age leader Neale Donald Walsch and his New Age "God" refer to Robert Schuller as an "extraordinary minister." There is a reason Gerald Jampolsky and so many other New Age leaders go out of their way to praise Schuller. They know that Robert Schuller has always been open to spiritual compromise.

In fact, in his latest book, "Don't Throw Away Tomorrow: Living God's Dream for Your Life," Schuller eagerly writes about the virtue of compromise. In this book, that bears New Age leader Gerald Jampolsky's endorsement on the back cover, Schuller states, "We need to learn the healing quality of wise compromise." He further states, "Perhaps the only way to deal with contradictions is to combine them creatively and produce something new. That's ingenious compromise." Whether Schuller knows it or not, he just presented the recipe for a New World Religion.

In "Don't Throw Away Tomorrow: Living God's Dream for Your Life," Schuller uses the term "God's Dream" in the subtitle and within the book. He used the term "God's Dream" heavily in his 1982 book "Self-Esteem: The New Reformation." Saddleback pastor Rick Warren used the Schuller term "God's Dream" to introduce his widely publicized global "P.E.A.C.E. Plan." He described his peace plan as "God's Dream for you – and the world." Brian McLaren, Bruce Wilkinson, Joel Osteen, Erwin McManus and a host of other Christian leaders also use the Schuller term "God's Dream." Why?

Although "God's Dream" is a Schulleresque term with no biblical foundation, it has become part of the vocabulary of the church's new emerging purpose-driven mindset. It is interesting that Warren uses the Schuller term "God's Dream" to describe his peace plan. Is "God's Dream" suddenly becoming the metaphor for world peace? Will we be asked to "rethink" and "compromise" our faith for the good of the world? Will we be asked to "rethink" and "compromise" our faith to attain the world peace that is "God's Dream"? Is this Schuller-inspired conference designed to initiate this kind of "rethink" and "compromise" process? So what are we expected to "rethink"? What must we ultimately "compromise"? The answer lies within the New Age itself.

The New Age *also* has a "peace plan" and its adherents are *also* calling for conferences like these. They insist that world peace will only occur when Christians abandon their "exclusive" and "divisive" relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Neale Donald Walsch, speaking for his New Age "God," unequivocally states that "the era of the Single Savior is over." Yet at the same time, Walsch's "God" suggests that Robert Schuller could be instrumental in providing a bridge from the church to the peace and oneness of a New Spirituality. Is this New Spirituality where Robert Schuller and these kinds of conferences are ultimately headed? Time will tell. It is important to note that Walsch is not some obscure New Age leader. He is a best-selling author and highly regarded by his New Age peers. Just ask Gerald Jampolsky. It was Walsch who wrote the introduction to "Forgiveness" – the book that was so highly recommended by Schuller on that 2004 "Hour of Power" program with Jampolsky.

In Revelation 2:2, Jesus Christ commends the church of Ephesus for exposing false teachers and driving them out of the church. Men like Robert Schuller wouldn't have lasted five minutes in Ephesus. And neither would those who continue to stand alongside Schuller giving him undeserved influence and credibility. The church does not need to "rethink" and "compromise" its God-given biblical doctrines to accommodate the world. It needs to rethink its willingness to follow worldly leaders like Robert Schuller.

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## Erwin McManus Teams Up with Robert Schuller - Could Have Far-Reaching Effects

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In January 2008, the Rethink Conference will take place at Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral. [According to Church Communication Network \(CCN\)](#), the event will be hosted by Robert Schuller and Erwin McManus.



On the [Rethink Conference website](#), the event is described as: "Leading Thinkers and Influencers offer a perspective you may never have imagined." These thinkers and influencers include a wide array of prominent personalities such as Kay Warren, Chuck Colson, former president H.W. Bush, Larry King, John and Nancy Ortberg, Rupert Murdoch, Gary Smalley, and of course hosts Robert Schuller and Erwin McManus. While at first glance there might appear to be little, if anything, in common between these speakers. However, a number of them do have one thing in common, and that is a propensity toward contemplative (i.e., mystical) spirituality. Those would include Kay Warren, the Ortbergs, Erwin McManus, Robert Schuller, Dan Kimball, and H.B. London Jr. (Focus on the Family).

According to the conference site, "If you want to increase your influence as a leader in an ever-changing culture, then ... Rethink gives you the tools and perspectives you need to lead today." The event is designed for pastors and leaders in particular, and promises that even theologically conservative pastors will feel comfortable. Ironically enough, many of the speakers whom Christian pastors and leaders might be more willing to trust (those who are professing Christians) may be the very ones who will pass on a mystical perspective. For instance, H.B. London Jr. is an avid promoter of Richard Foster's spiritual formation, and Erwin McManus, who says it is his goal to destroy Christianity, claims that the core of his book, *The Barbarian Way*, is mysticism.<sup>2</sup> Kay Warren recommends Henri Nouwen's contemplative book, *In the Name of Jesus*, and her husband Rick Warren has supported the contemplative (spiritual formation) movement for years (see *ATOD*, ch. 8)

While Robert Schuller will be representing Christianity as well, he too has a long history of mystical affinities. Listen to Ray Yungen explain:

[W]hat many might not know about Schuller is his New Thought proclivities. Interspiritual scholar Marcus Bach once related the following incident that took place at a Unity church in Hawaii in which Bach was speaking:

Dr. Schuller attended the first of three services, this one at 7:30 am. When we shook hands at

the door, he tarried to assure me how much Unity principles meant to him and how helpful they had been to him in his work.

What could some of these Unity principles be? Bach explains:

Hinduism's emphasis on meditation fit[s] well into Unity's patterns for enlightenment.

This is one of the major principles that Schuller was making reference to. In his own book, *Prayer: My Soul's Adventure with God*, he says:

Move into mighty moods of meditation. Draw energy from centers of sacred solitude, serenity, and silence... Find yourself coming alive in the garden of prayer called meditation.... Yes, the "New Agers" have grabbed hold of meditation.... Hey, Christian! Hear me! Let's not give up the glorious, God-given gift of meditation by turning it over to those outside our faith.

The point that Schuller misses is that meditation is what makes a person a New Ager! This perspective is something to consider in light of the quarter million pastors who have trained and been mentored under Schuller at his Leadership Institute.

The Rethink Conference is bringing together leaders from several different philosophical and religious camps under the auspices of Robert Schuller. If one wonders what his purpose is, that answer might be found in his book, *My Journey*, when he states:

I met once more with the Grand Mufti (a Muslim), truly one of the great Christ-honoring leaders of faith.... I'm dreaming a bold impossible dream: that positive-thinking believers in God will rise above the illusions that our sectarian religions have imposed on the world, and that leaders of the major faiths will rise above doctrinal idiosyncrasies, choosing not to focus on disagreements, but rather to transcend divisive dogmas to work together to bring peace and prosperity and hope to the world.... p. 502

Standing before a crowd of devout Muslims with the Grand Mufti, I know that we're *all* doing God's work together. Standing on the edge of a new millennium, we're laboring hand in hand to repair the breach." p. 501

What is really taking place at the Rethink Conference is the reality of Schuller's dream that there be a global unity among all religions and beliefs and that all these paths lead to the same God (i.e., "we're all doing God's work" and all these paths can "bring peace and prosperity and hope to the world.") The glue is mysticism, and this is what is being inculcated at the Rethink Conference. The effects of this could be far-reaching as you can see by the earlier quotes.

For more information on interspirituality, [click here](#).

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## Erwin McManus: "A Secret Behind the Secret"

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When David Jeremiah [endorsed Erwin McManus' 2002 book](#), *Seizing Your Divine Moment*, there should have been reason for concern. Then when Jeremiah [made reference](#) to McManus in his own 2003 book *Life Wide Open*, that should have sent up red flags. But Jeremiah also quoted New Ager Sue Monk Kidd in the book as well as a Buddhist sympathizer, a couple mystics, and Rick Warren.

This was a turn around for Jeremiah - for just about a decade earlier he wrote a book exposing the New Age (*Invasion of Other Gods*). It didn't seem possible that both books were written by the same person. But in 2001 Jeremiah was quoting mystic proponent Henri Nouwen, and in 2003 his church, Shadow Mountain, was recommending its men read Richard Foster's contemplative book, [Celebration of Discipline](#).

Then in 2005, things seemed to go from bad to worse. After [Ken Blanchard](#) had been exposed as a New Age sympathizer, having promoted Buddhism and mantra meditation for twenty years, David Jeremiah became part of a speaking team (which included New Age sympathizer [Laurie Beth Jones](#)) for Ken Blanchard's [Lead Like Jesus conference](#).

It was about that time that Jeremiah contacted Lighthouse Trails when he heard us mention him on a radio program. In his letter to us, he defended Ken Blanchard and insisted he was a new Christian, which he wasn't, and reprimanded us for saying Blanchard was promoting the New Age. What seemed odd though was that after it was brought out that Jeremiah favorably quoted New Agers like Sue Monk Kidd in *Life Wide Open*, he didn't pull the book from the market and give some public explanation and caution. On the contrary, his 2006 book, *Captured by Grace*, discussed (not critically) [Henri Nouwen](#) and carried an endorsement by Ken Blanchard.

And then something very strange happened. In the fall of 2006, Jeremiah [sent out an email](#) to subscribers which favorably quoted and discussed [Erwin McManus and his book, The Barbarian Way](#). Jeremiah said he would use the book in his upcoming Sunday sermon to help prepare the congregation for what he called "a major paradigm shift." Since that email, we know of at least two occasions where Jeremiah has favorably referred to McManus again.

Erwin McManus is a promoter of the New Age. He admits himself that his book (*The Barbarian Way*) has a message that is the "[core of mysticism](#)," (which is the heart of the New Age). After studying McManus' books and evaluating his [Awaken website](#) as well as his other writings and websites, it is the conclusion of Lighthouse Trails that Erwin McManus has New Age proclivities. But it wasn't until Tuesday morning (February 27th) that we truly became alarmed by the acceptance of leaders like David Jeremiah (and many others) towards the spirituality of Erwin McManus.

Jon Gordon is the author of a book called *The 10-Minute Energy Solution*. Ironically enough, Ray Yungen wrote about Gordon and his book in [A Time of Departing](#). He wrote about it to show further proof of Ken Blanchard's embracing of the New Age, for you see Blanchard had endorsed Gordon's book. Listen to what Yungen said:

In early 2006, a book hit the market called, *The 10-Minute Energy Solution* by Jon Gordon. The book is filled with suggestions on how to improve energy levels through meditation, yoga, breathing exercises, and other such techniques. Throughout the book, Gordon quotes favorably from the Dalai Lama, mediator Daniel Goleman, Thich Nhat Hanh, New Agers Marilyn Ferguson and Wayne Dyer, and from [A Course in Miracles](#). Gordon promotes panentheism (God in all) by saying things such as: "You came from this source [speaking of God] and you are this source."

Jon Gordon is as New Age as it gets. On Tuesday morning we read an article from Gordon's [recent newsletter](#). The article is titled "The Secret Behind the Secret." In discussing the [new film, The Secret](#), Gordon states:

The law of attraction [what *The Secret* is based on] is important to share and it's a big part of my new book, "The Energy Bus," which tells the story of a man who uses the law of attraction to help turn around the negativity, fear, adversity, and challenges in his life. In understanding



the law of attraction many are now realizing that they are involved in the creation of their lives; that their energetic thoughts, beliefs and actions have an impact on the world and in imprint on the energy fabric of the universe.

You see, Gordon likes *The Secret* because he believes that God is in all creation. And *The Secret* teaches that God is in everyone; actually it teaches that we *are* God. Listen to *The Secret*:

We are the creators not only of our own destiny but also of the Universe ... We are all connected, and we are all One (p. 175).

No matter who you thought you were, now you know the Truth of Who You Really Are. You are the master of the Universe. You are the heir to the kingdom. You are the perfection of Life ( p. 183).

You are God in a physical body ... You are all power ... You are all intelligence ... You are the creator ( p. 164).

Few could deny, after hearing these statements that *The Secret* is pure occultism, especially when we realize that the author of the book is a disciple of "the teachings of Abraham," [1](#) which is a group of spirit guides (demons). But listen now to what Jon Gordon says next [in his article](#). To him who has ears, let him hear:

While having dinner the other night with Erwin McManus, author of "Soul Cravings" and a person who has had a profound impact on my life, we discussed *The Secret* and Erwin made a great point that we need to explain there is a secret behind *The Secret*.

God gave us free will and the power to choose. In choosing to have faith and believing in a brighter and better future, cultivating a grateful and appreciative heart, and practicing forgiveness we open ourselves up to amazing possibilities. We become a vessel God can use to mold into the people we were born to be... who share the love we were meant to share.

We are co-creators of our life with God. We are both creating and being created at the same time. The universe is not some magic genie that's says, "Your wish is my command," bringing you any car, house, or amount of money you desire. *The Secret* does not exist to satisfy your every wish but to help us become the kind of people God can use to make His ultimate wish come true - Heaven on Earth and inside *each one of us*.

Erwin McManus resonates with *The Secret* and with Jon Gordon. And there is a simple explanation for this -- he agrees with the same spirituality. The following is taken from McManus' website, Awaken:

Awaken is a collaboration between a team of dreamers and innovators who specialize in the field of developing and unleashing personal and organizational creativity. Awaken is committed to creating environments that expand imagination and unleash creativity. Convinced that the world is changed by dreamers and visionaries, Awaken serves humanity through its commitment to maximize the creative potential in every individual and organization. Awaken emerges out of the unique ministry of Mosaic and reflects Mosaic's commitment to creativity, uniqueness, innovation and diversity.

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We would propose that the "Jesus" McManus refers to is another Jesus, and the gospel he proclaims is a different gospel (II Corinthians 11:4).

*The Secret* has the potential to prepare the world for such delusion as it has never seen before. And now countless Christian leaders will help to take Christendom into the same spiritual deception through mysticism and the contemplative prayer movement. When we see leaders like David Jeremiah promoting Erwin McManus and Sue Monk Kidd, Josh McDowell endorsing Dan Kimball's new book and sharing a platform (twice now) with meditation promoter Tony Campolo, Charles Stanley authoring an audio series called *Meditation: The Power of Silence*, Southern Baptist Convention embracing the emerging church through their partnership with Leadership Network (the organization that launched the emerging church), Beth Moore being part of the Be Still DVD and later saying [she sees nothing wrong](#) with contemplative spirituality, Focus on the Family [promoting a man](#) who tells his readers to repeat a word for twenty minutes, Erwin Lutzer [endorsing Larry Crabb's book](#), *The Papa Prayer* which outright promotes contemplative and centering prayer, and Chuck Swindoll [exalting the name of Henri Nouwen](#) and saying we can't really know God without the silence ... when we see the massive shift by Christian leaders, we know there will be a convergence where millions will come together unified through meditation and exalting man as God.

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. (I Timothy 4:1)

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. (II Thessalonians 2:3)

[T]o them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:2-3)

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What have these top influencers been thinking about in the last year? What keeps them up at night? What are they rethinking? And how does it all apply to you – your work, your ministry, your life? Find out at Rethink.

**Dr. Robert H. Schuller (co-host)**

As the Crystal Cathedral's Founding Pastor, Dr. Schuller is seen and heard internationally every Sunday from the [Read more](#) pulpit of the Crystal Cathedral on the world's first and most-widely watched hour-long church service, the "Hour of Power." He is a pastor, speaker, motivator and author appreciated by countless millions worldwide for his ability to encourage and inspire. Dr. Schuller has authored 37 books, six of which have made the prestigious *New York Times* and *Publishers Weekly* bestseller lists.

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In 1977 after losing only his second fight he had what he described as a near death experience. At that point he became a born again Christian and eventually an ordained minister at a small church in Houston Texas.

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NFL coaches such as Jack Del Rio, the PGA Tour and the FBI have called on Jon to inspire and benefit their teams. He has appeared on CNN and co-hosted a 4 week series on NBC's Today Show and coached Ann Curry in the process. Clients such as Dial Corporation, Wells Fargo, Burger King, Dell, and Chubb Insurance also call on Jon to get their team on "the bus" and get them moving in the right direction. [www.jongordon.com](http://www.jongordon.com)

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