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by their teachers instead of being treated as those with "beautiful feet". These facts from the Bible, including hundreds of other verses about Gentiles, completely DEMOLISH Daniel Kikawa's book, and the entire platform of people like Richard Twiss, John Dawson, Don Richardson, Charles Kraft, Terry LeBlanc and hundreds of others who have moved beyond the Scriptures into mythology.

2 Tim. 4:3-4 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

When you mythologize religion and ignore the clear teachings of the Bible, as above, in order to make people feel better about themselves and their cultures, you are effectively preaching another

gospel. If what Richard Twiss, Daniel Kiwawa, Danny Lehmann and a host of others teach is true, then there was no need for Jesus Christ to die on the cross for sin. According to them all cultures, and even religions, already had ways to redemption built in by God Himself. But they forget that without Christ every man will be judged by their works, and therefore they cannot be saved.

2 Thes. 1:8-9 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.

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11 Reasons To Reject IPM Teachings *by Sandy Simpson*

11 Reasons To Reject The Teachings Of The Indigenous People's Movement

The *Indigenous People's* (hereafter IPM) or *First Nations* movement is an unbiblical movement teaching heresies and doctrines of demons. It is being spread worldwide by YWAM, Don Richardson, John Dawson, Richard Twiss, Terry LeBlanc, Daniel Kikawa, Danny Lehmann and many other adherents.

The IPM is full of the false teachings of the Third Wave, New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), Word-Faith, Dominionism, Latter Rain and many other false theological systems. But it does have it's own distinctives that are driven by the works of Daniel Kikawa, Richard Twiss, and Don Richardson in particular. They are teaching Christians to "redeem" their cultures by worshipping their former gods, pretending they are YHWH. Let's suppose I come to your island and most people know me as Sandy. If you spoke to me by another name I would likely not answer you, and I would correct you by giving you my real name. When Jesus Christ was first introduced to the islands He was introduced as the biblical Jesus Christ, the Son of David, born a Jew, the second person in the Trinity of God. Jesus was NOT introduced as Tagaloa of the Marshalls, the sleeping lady of Kosrae, Nahnsapwe of Pohnpei, Wonofaat of Chuuk, Uchelianged of Palau, Yalafath of Yap, Puntan and Fu'una of Guam or any other mythological or demonic god. To call Jesus by these other names is to blaspheme His name (Phil. 2:9-10)!

The Gospel came to the islands through missionaries from Hawaii and advanced through Micronesia one island group at a time who sent missionaries to the next group. They brought the true Gospel of the Jewish Savior, Jesus Christ, God's only Son who died on a cross in Jerusalem for the sins of the world. What IPM teachers are doing is promoting culture at the expense of the truth. I stand against this influx of these IPM unbiblical ideas, and I do so because of the ongoing ministry of my family for 44 years alongside the churches of Micronesia in the furtherance of the Gospel. We love the island people! For the IPM to teach what they are constitutes an ALL OUT ATTACK on mission and church work in the islands.

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<http://op.50megs.com/ditc/youthwithamission.html>

Here are eleven reasons to reject the IPM Movement.

(1) IPM leaders teach that God has been redeeming cultures and that He placed in all cultures a way for men to have a relationship with God outside of the Gospel.

"So these are clues that we felt God had left (the Hawaiian people) and evidence that He's left as well as processes He has left in which our Hawaiian people can respond in a very natural way to God and really set things right between them and God." (Leon Siu, Word To The World, show #544)



"There's a myth that we have labored under for centuries in indigenous communities and the myth is that we are a godless heathen people." (Terry LeBlanc, Word To The World, show #542)

"God is now calling forth from among the indigenous communities of the world that good deposit which He has made in them of their cultures, their languages, their musical expressions and all that sort of thing ... as an expression of praise and worship unto Himself." (Terry LeBlanc, Word To The World, show #542)

Let's address the two false assumptions above, namely that (1) God is in the business of redeeming cultures and (2) that God placed in cultures are way of redemption apart from the Gospel.

First, the only "culture" that will be redeemed will be that of God's chosen people, the Jews (Ps. 130:8), during the Tribulation (Zech. 13:1). But this will be because a certain percentage of the Jews (Rev. 7:3-4; Rev. 14:3) will come to understand and believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah (John 3:3). Other than this example there is nowhere in the Bible where it talks about God redeeming cultures. Rev. 7:9 speaks of nations, tribes, peoples and languages standing before the throne of God, but not

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"cultures". This verse is talking about individuals who have believed in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord from all the nations of the earth. Cultures are the traditions of men (Mark 7:8-9, 13; Col. 2:8), not God-created as many of the IPM people claim. God is in the business of redeeming individuals from sin (1 Pet. 1:18-23; Gal. 3:14) not cultures. The idea of redemption or "transformation" of whole cities, societies and cultures is actually a Dominionist idea from John Dawson, the Latter Rain and NAR and has no basis in Scripture whatsoever. Each man must believe for himself (Act. 16:31; Rom. 10:9) upon conviction of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-9). Notice that though the Holy Spirit is sent into the world to convict of sin, He is convicting men who do not believe in Jesus Christ, not whole cultures.

Second, there is no way for men to come to believe in Jesus Christ without having heard the Gospel (Eph. 1:13). You cannot hear the Gospel without it being preached to you (Rom. 10:14-15). The Gentiles had no knowledge of the Gospel message until that mystery was revealed to them by way of the apostles and missionaries (Eph. 2:12).

(2) IPM leaders teach that the gods being worshipped in cultures were really the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and deities are renamed accordingly.

Kikawa makes up an elaborate mythology about Hawaiian culture claiming that Hawaiians already were worshipping God in the form of the bird god "Io" long before missionaries arrived (Perpetuated In Righteousness, pg. 18, pp. 2). He claims that the Polynesian people were descended from Israel (Ibid, pg. 62) that they can trace their genealogies back to Noah (Ibid, pg. 72-73) and that they knew the gospel because it was written in the stars (Ibid, pg. 55). (Arnold Frutenbaum review of Kikawa's "Perpetuated In Righteousness", <http://www.letusreason.org/current4%20.htm>)

Richard Twiss was involved in an IPM conference where they prayed the following opening invocation:

May the Father, Adadoda, who is the Creator, Adanehilabusgi, and His Son, Tsisa, bless you with perfect peace and favor by the power of the Holy Spirit, Yobeva (Great Spirit). (Documentation available in the full article)

Danny Lehmann argues that Christians can use the names of foreign false gods if we simply redefine them as the "Jewish God".

"... and you have been under the gun on this issue of Io in the Hawaiian culture, well that's a bird god and it's obviously a demon and so forth, you can't worship it. We're not saying that we need to worship a bird god or we're not saying we need to worship a moon god. But were saying that those people understand it that way and they already have it as their god and perhaps we can use that name and teach the truth about the character of Jehovah God, without going to an Arab Muslim saying you have to accept the Jewish God, so that's where we are coming from. (Danny Lehmann, Word to the World, Feb.14/06, #7)

If Io is a false demonic bird god in HI, how can you change that to the real thing? Won't people forever be confused about who God really is if their concept of God is a mixture. Remember, God hates a mixture. From the beginning He separated the light from the darkness (Gen. 1:4, Ps. 75:8). God blesses those who trust in the Lord Jehovah, and curses those who turn aside to false gods (Ps. 40:4). From the beginning the nations had false gods, just like the Hawaiians have their false bird god Io among a pantheon of other gods, including many "supreme being" creator gods. Those who follow the Lord God of Israel and His Son, Jesus Christ, "walk in the name of the Lord", not the names of other false demonic gods (Micah 4:5). Any prophet, or Christian for that matter, who speaks in the name of other gods, was put to death by Old Testament Law (Deut. 18:20). Today we are to rebuke false teachers and false prophets, marking them and avoiding them. What are Daniel Kikawa, Danny Lehmann and many other IPM "Christians" speaking today? They are "speaking in the name of other

gods"!

There is only One God in Three Persons as revealed to the prophets and apostles, the subsequently to those who believe in Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament God revealed Himself to the Jews exclusively and there was no salvation apart from the Jews. In the New Testament God revealed Himself through the apostles, and especially through Paul to the Gentiles. All the gods of the nations were and are false gods

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(Deut. 32:17; 1 Cor. 10:20, Jer. 16:19, Amos 2:4). Even the supreme beings of the nations are not God, as in the case of Amen (Amon) of Egypt (Jer. 46:25), Hadad of the Arameans (1 Kings 20:28) Marduk of Babylon (Dan. 3:16-18) and many other "detestable" gods (Lev. 18:30; Deut. 7:25, 7:26, 12:31, 18:9, 20:18, 27:15, 29:17, 32:16; 1 Kings 11:5, 11:7, 14:24; 2 Kings 16:3, 21:2, 21:11, 23:13, 23:24; 2 Chron. 15:8, 28:3, 33:2, 34:33, 36:14; Ezra 9:1, 9:11; Prov. 21:27, 28:9; Is. 1:13; Jer. 4:1, 7:30, 16:18, 32:35; Eze. 5:9, 5:11, 11:18, 11:21, 12:16, 14:6; Mal. 2:11). By teaching these ideas the IPM is bringing people who have just come out of unbelief back into slavery to false gods (2 Pet. 2:18-21), and teaching things they ought not to teach (Titus 1:9-14). As those in Paul's day were spreading Jewish myths, today the IPM is spreading Gentile myths instead of the true Gospel.

(3) IPM leaders teach the spiritual warfare techniques of John Dawson, C. Peter Wagner and other Third Wavers to rid cities and nations of demonic influence, then people will just find themselves wanting to get saved.

On Saturday, August 7th, ... It will be a time for people of the Northwest to pray for twelve hours, simply for the Father's heart to be released for the healing of the land and spiritual renewal.... As the Holy Spirit leads, we may repent for the sins of our fathers, our unforgiveness, judgment and bitterness, pray for the release of ancient curses and pray a blessing over the land as the Host Nations. (Smoke Signals - Prayer Need and Reports Richard Twiss, July 20, 2004)

There will be traditional First Nations style drumming and dance as part of the worship time geared toward a prophetic impartation of release and liberty in Christ.... This will be a time to see the release of the "One New Person" made possible in Christ, between the Host People of the land, and later immigrant people in North America. (Smoke Signals - Prayer Need and Reports Richard Twiss, June 16, 2004)

These pragmatic techniques and practices will not liberate anyone. The spiritual warfare movement is based on a false understanding of Matt. 16:19. They claim they can bind and loose demons not only in individuals but over whole regions and nations. This is a perfect example of the absolute necessity of "context, context, context" when studying the Scripture.

Matt. 16:17-20 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The context is one of establishing the Church and preaching the Gospel and has NOTHING to do with casting out demons or casting down territorial spirits. Notice that the time had not yet come to proclaim that Jesus was the Christ, but the time would come when that Mystery would be revealed,

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the Jews were God's chosen covenant people, unlike the other Gentile nations including Hawaiians. God does not reject Israel, nor should we as we as "grafted in" (Rom. 17:11-23). What Christians do reject is the worship of false gods by the millions who are clearly NOT Jehovah, whether they are labeled as "supreme beings" or lesser gods. We reject those other gods because we serve the only true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, YHWH, the "I AM" (Deut. 29:13, Acts 3:13a, 1 Thes. 1:9, 1 John 5:20). It can only be concluded that IPM teachers do NOT know "Him who is true" because they put heathen cultures on a par with God's chosen people, Israel, and in the same breath vilify Israel by saying they are not better than any other nation. Kikawa forgets that it was often forbidden syncretism with the heathen godless cultures surrounding Israel that caused Israel to sin. Without Israel Gentiles would know nothing of the "true God" and we would also be without a Savior, the son of David, Jesus Christ. I don't see Hawaiian culture contributing to the knowledge of God, or producing a Savior. What Hawaiian culture produced was human sacrifice, incest, degradation of women, superstitions, and barbarities beyond description, and they are not alone. ALL cultures did the same! Yes, there were neutral things in Hawaiian and Polynesian cultures, just like there are neutral things in many cultures (I don't call them "good" because only God is good!) But those neutral aspects do not save, nor do they illuminate the truth of the true God, Jesus Christ, how to be saved, or the Gospel. Hawaiians were floundering in Godless sin and degradation till the missionaries, spurred on by the accounts of islanders like Heneri Opukaha'ia, came and sacrificed their lives to bring the Good News of freedom and the mystery of Christ to the islands, and Hawaiian Christians, in turn, accompanied Western missionaries to spread the Gospel to the islands of Micronesia. The Hawaiians are not exempt from what the Bible says about Gentiles, just like the cultures from which missionaries came are not exempt. They ALL apply

EQUALLY. All Gentile cultures were without God and without hope in the world (Eph. 2:12). Attempting to rewrite history to justify the Hawaiians, as Kikawa is trying to do, 'does nothing more than lead people to pride and unrepentance.' These are not my words, they are the words of an island pastor who has become aware of what Kikawa and friends are teaching! Shame on Kikawa and his friends for the way they degrade Israel and those with beautiful feet who came to share the Gospel of hope with heathen Gentiles (see #6)!

(11) IPM leaders pull Romans 1 from it's context and misuse it.

He was born in the center of civilization of that day. y'know the nexus of Europe and Asia and Africa, the civilization of that day and what did Jesus say is tell everybody that I came. y'know, Not that you don't know God or that you don't have no relationship with him and he's a foreign God to you. But that, that the son of your creator came who made himself known to as Rom.1:20 says and so this is what we bring to them and we find that if there are people who are really seeking God, there are people like Jobs everywhere who know. (Word to the World, Daniel Kikawa, Feb.14/06, #7)

IPM leaders are constantly quoting Romans 1:20 out of context. They love to emphasize what is not the point of the passage. They always quote this verse, or parts of it:

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— his eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Of course the creation is obvious for men who want to look at it and understand it, thus understanding there has to be a Creator. Sure ... when men think about their nature they see the eternal Godhead, the Three in One, reflected in the created human nature of body, soul and spirit. But that's about all they know. They know NOTHING of the Son, therefore they know NOTHING of salvation. What they don't quote is what follows

because it destroys their argument that all nations, cultures and peoples are already worshipping the true God.

Romans 1:21-25 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator— who is forever praised. Amen.

The fact is that ALL Gentiles (1) did not glorify God (2) did not give thanks to God (3) were foolish (4) were futile in their thinking, their beliefs (5) exchanged the glory of God for images (6) were given over to sin (7) and exchanged the truth of God for a lie, worshipping created things instead of the Creator. This covers EVERYONE since Adam until God revealed Himself to Israel through the patriarchs, Moses and the prophets. This started at the fall. Adam and Eve "exchanged the truth of God for a lie" and it has been getting worse ever since.

The point of this passage also comes to light when you read what precedes it.

Romans 1:16-19 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

God made it plain to men that He was the Creator and had all power. But men, from the beginning, rejected God. The

wrath of God is then coming on men who do not believe. What must they believe? The Gospel! The only way to be righteous before God is to believe in the Gospel message about Jesus Christ. There is no other way to be reconciled with God but through His Son and His Son must be revealed by those who preach the Gospel, starting with Paul to the Gentiles. The power of salvation does not lie in the old gods renamed. It lies in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, revealed

CONCLUSION

The Bible is clear. There are only two major distinctions among the nations—Jews and Gentiles. Gentiles did not have salvation, they were not worshipping God, nor did they have hope before they heard the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, no matter what Daniel Kikawa and his friends claim.

Eph. 2:11-13 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the bands of men)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

There is no way to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to know the mystery of the reconciliation available through the cross, without it being preached.

Rom. 10:14-15 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

As I have pointed out before in my rebuttal to the false teachings presented at the World Gathering of Indigenous Peoples conferences, missionaries and mission work are soundly rebuked

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humiliation of being caught. The recognition of sin, on the other hand, is the starting point toward repentance. The way to present the Gospel in a shame-based culture is not to take the word "sin" out of the picture but to ask these questions:

If a person steals something and no one sees him, is it a sin? If he gets caught then how does he feel? Did you know that when a person steals something, and no one sees them, that God sees them? Did you know that God says stealing is a sin? Now that you know that God is watching and that stealing is a sin, if you steal something will you feel ashamed? Will being ashamed not end there, but result in your realization that stealing is always a sin and that you need to stop stealing? God is the judge and He was already declared us all guilty of sin. Therefore if you steal and you remember that God is watching you, then you have come to realize that you are ashamed because of your guilt, your sinful nature before a holy God, not because you were caught. God has provided you a way to defeat sin through confessing your sin, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ to save you, and then to live a life where you put off the old man of sin and put on the new man in Christ through the Holy Spirit daily.

The point of the above example is that it is possible to bring people from a "shame-based" paradigm to a biblical paradigm, which is the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in anyone who believes. The Holy Spirit sharpens our conscience and convicts us of sin, at first while we are doing it, then eventually before we do it. This is the biblical process, which Jesus Christ, a Jew, introduced to the Jewish culture, which is shame-based. As Christians we are to present the Gospel in the terms that it was presented by Jesus Christ and the apostles (Rom. 10:9-11, 1 John 1:9). The problem of the human condition is one of sin, not shame. Sin is defiance against the holiness of God. Shame may be the result of our realization we have sinned (or may not) but rarely leads to repentance (turning from sin). Therefore in preaching the Gospel to nations and cultures that

have not known the character of God, it is important for them to understand that God is holy, we are cut off by virtue of inherited and willful sin, and that there is no way to salvation without confessing our sins and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. If calling sin what it is causes people to lose face and is an affront to people, then the Gospel has been presented CORRECTLY because the true Gospel message is an affront (1 Cor. 1:23, Gal. 5:11).

If Daniel Kikawa and others are no longer willing to talk about sin, they are no longer preaching the Gospel.

(9) Danny Lehmann and the IPM's do not use the example of Paul at the Areopagus in Acts 17 biblically.

Paul was preaching in Acts 17 it tells us that when he was talking about Jesus and the resurrection, they said "well he's talking about a foreign God" and he went on to bridge the gap there in a magnificent way there at Mars hill. (Word to the World, Danny Lehmann, Feb. 7/06, #2)

Paul did preach the Gospel in terms that the Greeks could understand. He used the illustration of the "unknown god" (Acts 17:23) which they were worshipping, with some sarcasm as scholars note, to point out that they did NOT know the true God at all, not to bridge a "gap" between them and their worship of an "unknown god". Barnes New Testament Notes states that an altar had been erected in Athens during a time of pestilence some 600 years before Christ because all the other "known" and named gods could not deliver them. Paul came and used this altar to illustrate that they did NOT know God at all saying "Him I declare to you" in other words, "I make known to you his name, attributes, etc... In other circumstances it might seem to be presumptuous for an unknown Jew to attempt to instruct the sages of Athens. But here they had confessed and proclaimed their ignorance. By rearing this altar they acknowledged their need of instruction. The way was, therefore, fairly open for Paul to address even these philosophers, and to discourse to them on a point on which they acknowledged their ignorance". An "unknown god"

means the Greeks were worshipping something unknown, not known. John Gill Expositor states: *God is an unknown God to those who have only the light of nature to guide them; for though it may be known by it that there is a God, and that there is but one, and somewhat of him may be discerned thereby; yet the nature of his essence, and the perfections of his nature, and the unity of his being, are very little, and not truly and commonly understood, and the persons in the Godhead not at all, and still less God in Christ, whom to know is life eternal; hence the Gentiles are described as such who know not God.*

Another problem with Lehmann's analysis of this passage, out of context, is that most of the Greeks rejected the true God Paul was preaching because they did not believe in a resurrection (Acts 17:32-18:1). So if Paul was bridging a gap between the Jewish God and Zeus, the Greek "supreme being" he was doing a very poor job! As far as we know Paul was never invited back to the Areopagus to speak, so this invitation was really an empty one, designed to get him to shut up and leave. Only a few believed in Jesus Christ. It is clear that Paul was there to tell them that they had been worshipping an

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unknown god among many other false gods and to use that as an illustration that they were in error and to preach the Gospel about Jesus Christ. This example of Paul, the only one in Scripture, does not justify telling people around the world that they have already been worshipping the true God and just have to add Jesus Christ into the mix. Paul was clear about the Gospel he preached:

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Apparently, according to people like Kikawa and Lehmann, we now need to be experts in foreign gods to present the Gospel effectively, bridging the gap between false gods and the One True God. Paul resolved to be an expert in the Gospel! Lehmann also says this:

"and isn't it interesting that he used the Greek word for God "theos" and he says I'm going to declare to you about that God." (Word to the World, Danny Lehmann, Feb. 7/06, #2)

"Theos" is a general word for "god" as is the word "god" in our language. This in no way shows that Paul was talking to them about YHWH. Paul simply said unknown "god" (theos) then proceeded to tell them who YHWH is, the Triune God they knew nothing about and were not prepared to believe in.

(10) Daniel Kikawa taught that if we reject a culture worshipping a pantheon of Gods, we would have to reject Judaism as well.

And if we look at a society like that we say throw it all out, this all evil y'know, this is a pantheon of Gods and so on, and if we did that with the Jewish culture we would throw out Jehovah or Yahweh with all of that. see. (Word to the World interview with Daniel Kikawa Feb.10/6, #5)

First of all, no one has "thrown out" any cultures, including ALL missionaries past, present and future. Missionaries gave their lives, both figuratively and literally, to bring in the harvest from all cultures. This is diapras, exaggeration and misinformation to make a point.

Second, God Himself rejected cultures with a pantheon of gods (Deut. 6:4, 1 Chron. 16:26).

Third, though Israel prostituted itself with the false gods of the surrounding nations, God made a covenant with Israel alone and if they repented and returned to Him, they were forgiven. He did not make a covenant of this kind with ANY other nation, though in the Old Testament if a Gentile agreed to forsake his false gods and become a Jew He could be saved (Jer. 2:28, Eze. 14:6, Is. 49:8, 59:20, Zech. 10:6) Let's never forget that

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first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles (Gal. 2:7-9). This is also the context in which Matt. 18:18 must be understood where they are addressing church discipline (Matt. 18:15-20). The context is one of establishing and maintaining the Church, not one of spiritual warfare, unless by "spiritual warfare" we are talking about confronting sin. If a person in the Church sins and will not repent, then the leadership of the Church has the authority to bind or loose that person. This all has to do with the continued establishment of the Church which is in the hands of God-called leadership of His Church. It has NOTHING to do with spiritual warfare as proposed by people like John Dawson.

A larger question remains for the careful thinker ... why do this type of unbiblical spiritual warfare to rid towns, cities, cultures and nations of demonic influence when you are getting the people to go back to their old gods and worship them under the name of YHWH? This is a case where two wrongs don't make a right, they make a mess!

(4) IPM leaders teach that God can be worshipped using cultural methods heretofore used to worship other gods.

Richard Twiss travels all over the world teaching people to "dance their prayers".

Everything is in place for our big Dancing Our Prayers Switzerland Tour. (Smoke Signals - Prayer Need and Reports Richard Twiss, July 20, 2004)

Peru – Our national Dancing Our Prayers Peruvian tour (Smoke Signals - Cool Stories and Encouraging Reports from 2003, Richard Twiss, Dec 16, 2003)

In light of mid-East political unrest, I am excited about my trip to dance with Jonathan Maracle at an international music festival in Cairo, Egypt. We leave May 25th and return the 31st. A special stage is being erected near the Great Pyramids to host the various groups. ...As we go in the grace, beauty and anointing of our cultural identity as a First Nations representation of Christ and

the Kingdom, please pray for grace, protection and peace for our team. (Smoke Signals - Prayer Need and Reports Richard Twiss, April 28, 2004)

My good friend, Ray Aldred, Cree, asked me to speak at his conference and dance in their pow-wow. ... After years of being invited to church meetings and witnessed to, the pow-wow was the first Christian event the chief ever agreed to attend. (Smoke Signals - Cool Stories and Encouraging Reports from 2003, Richard Twiss, Dec 16, 2003)

For the information of the reader, the word "pow-wow" is defined this way in Webster's Dictionary: *1 : an American Indian medicine man 2 a : an American Indian ceremony (as for victory in war) b : an American Indian social gathering or fair usually including competitive dancing.* This next explanation of the actual meaning of the word is even clearer: *Because trances were so important to the Native American shaman as a means of getting in touch with spiritual forces beyond the ken of the normal person, the title powwow, literally meaning "one who has visions," was accorded him. (The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, Copyright © 2000 by Houghton Mifflin Company.)*

The Bible is clear that we don't "dance" our prayers or enter altered states to pray. That is what the heathens have done with their false gods who had no knowledge of what God requires. Born again Christians are to pray with their minds (1 Cor. 14:15), not in altered states (1 Cor. 14:14). We are to remain alert when we are praying in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18). We may lift up holy hands in prayer, meaning we worship God in our praying (1 Tim. 2:8), but prayer is a way to worship God (Acts 13:1-3), thank Him and present our petitions to God (Heb. 12:28, 1 Tim. 2:1), being devoted to prayer in watchfulness and thanksgiving (Col 4:2), not in partying in a party atmosphere (Rom. 13:13-14). We all used to be pagans, now those of us who are born again are children of God in Jesus Christ, not given to debauchery (1 Pet. 4:3). There is nowhere in the Bible where dances were used for prayer. Dances were

used to praise and worship God such as in the case of David (2 Sam. 6:14). But we do not pray with dances. Prayer is an act of communication with God using our minds.

Daniel Kikawa also defends the use of the hula in Christian worship.

Daniel Kikawa: "... you can see it being used to worship Pele the volcano god and everything and sense the presence of that God there. ... The anointing of God is there when these dances are used to worship God. And it immediately tells to the Hawaiian people he's Hawaiian who loves the Hawaiian people. ... We need to understand y'know in Acts again, it does not prohibit the, the native dances. ... We need to take what satan has stolen back and put it where God created it which is to worship him."

Danny Lehmann: "We used the same logic (to discount the hula), nobody would tell someone that if you used to use your house for crack house and you get saved you need to burn that house down, ... or you have a smoke house among the, what do they call the houses among the native Americans- sweat lodge, where they smoke a pipe or something in there or whatever, we have all these non believing, non Christian cultural taboos." (Word to the World, Daniel Kikawa Feb.9/06, #4)

There are a number of false assumptions in this teaching.

(1) If Kikawa says he can feel the "anointing" when the hula dance is done for Pele, what distinguishes that "anointing" from the one when the hula is used to worship YHWH? The fact is that the idea of feeling an "anointing" and knowing it is from God is subjective and no proof of the activity of the Holy Spirit at all. God is the One Who gives the Anointing (2 Cor. 1:21-22). There is only one Anointing (1 John 2:20), that is the Anointing of the Anointed One (Ps. 2:2, Acts 4:2), Jesus Christ, King of Kings. When a person is born again, they are anointed by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 1:21-22, Eph. 1:13), foreknown, predestined, called, justified, glorified (Rom. 8:29-30). Also, no one can or should try to transfer the

Holy Spirit to another person as the Anointing is the person of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18, Titus 3:5). The Anointing is the indwelling Holy Spirit, and He gives us various gifts (1 Cor. 12:4) so that we can minister in the Church and preach the Gospel to the world. God is not in the business of giving out free massages, thrill rides, ecstatic experiences, and He does not want His people to play around with, act like or think they have some kind of higher revelation of the supernatural, going around claiming there is an "anointing" or assigning "anointings" to things that He has not assigned them to. He expects us to act in an orderly fashion in the congregation of the saints (1 Cor. 14:33). I'm sorry if this is offensive to modern Hawaiians, but the older islanders rejected hula in the churches for the very reason that it caused men to lust and was a dance dedicated to their former gods. All Kikawa would have to do is read the historical accounts of mission work in Hawaii, both by islanders and Western missionaries, to comprehend that what he is promoting is an affront to his own culture as a "Christian"!

(2) God is a Hawaiian god? No. God is God. He is the great I AM and does not view different people groups or different people with partiality (Duet. 10:17, Acts. 10:34). Apparently Kikawa and his friends DO view people with partiality.

(3) That Acts does not prohibit dancing is an argument from silence. The Bible also does not prohibit transexuality either. Does that make it okay for Christians?

(4) Satan did not steal the hula. The hula was invented by people to worship Pele and other false Hawaiian satanic gods. Here is what Titus Coan, one of the early missionaries to Hawaii, and probably the greatest evangelist of his time in the Hawaiian islands, said about the hula in regard to Polynesian cultures, which covers Hawaiian culture as well:

"...the hula or dance. -- The actresses undergo long previous training, during which time their persons are sacred to the gods." (Titus Coan, "Hawaii's

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Greatest Evangelist, Titus Coan ... his life 1835-1882", Published 1882, pg. 188)

What other types of activities did the Hawaiian gods require?

"On the coast of Kawaihar I have seen and measured the last great heiau, of heathen temple, of the renowned Kamehameha I., where human sacrifices were offered to the gods that can not save or destroy. I have also visited other heathen temples in Kona, Puna, Hilo, on Molokai and in other places." (Titus Coan, "Hawaii's Greatest Evangelist, Titus Coan ... his life 1835-1882", Published 1882, pg. 225)

The hula is a dance dedicated to false gods. The movements of the lower parts of the female body in this dance contain sexual messages to island people and do not help them escape from sin, but rather give the enemy a foothold. Since the striptease is a Western dance, if we follow Kikawa's logic, we would be perfectly justified in doing it in the church as long as it is dedicated to God. The fact that Kikawa can feel an anointing from hula, for whatever reason it is performed, should give you a clue as to how the hula affects island peoples. You cannot fully sanitize something that has been offered to false gods.

Let me try to be helpful by suggesting what COULD be done with the hula. (1) Take out the religious references to the false gods of Hawaii like Io and Pele. (2) Take out the suggestive movements the tourists and island males love so well. (3) Rename it something else. Then it may be useful as a way to tell the story of the Gospel.

(5) Lehmann makes, yet another in a long line of, bad analogies by trying to equate the issue of using the hula with the use of a house. Of course Christians can use houses formerly used for drugs or pot smoking (in the case of the Indians). But they do not continue to do drugs and smoke pot anymore! That's the point Lehmann misses. Hula is not a house. Hula is a dance dedicated for centuries to false gods. To take that dance and make it a large part of the Hawaiian Christian experience is to deny the dreadful and shameful use of hula in the past. Why not uplift other

cultural activities not tied to worship of the demonic. Isn't the idea to make a clean break from our past when we accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Phil 3:7-9)? If Paul considered the Jewish culture and its activities "dung" in view of the cause of Christ, how much more should we as Gentiles consider our cultures double "dung"?! What Kikawa and Lehmann are promoting is the direct 180 degree opposite of what Paul believed, lived and taught with regard to culture.

(5) Richard Twiss says Indian/First Nations peoples worship the Great Spirit who is really the Holy Spirit.

Richard Twiss, president of Wiconi International and keynote speaker at the 2001 conference, said the land restitution is "the fruit of following traditional indigenous protocol in presenting the redemptive message of faith and hope in Jesus Christ as Healer, Great Spirit and Chief Shepherd of all tribes and nations." (Richard Twiss, Charisma Magazine, October 2004, <http://www.charismamag.com/a.php?ArticleID=9744>)

Richard Twiss was on the 700 Club show with Gordon Robertson (Pat Robertson's son) recently and in an interview he told Gordon that the Great Spirit of the Indians is the same as the Holy Spirit. Robertson heartily agreed. (<http://www.deceptionintbechurch.com/lehmann2.html>)

Eagles Wings is the ministry of pastor and author Randy Woodley and his wife Edith. Both Native Americans, their mission is "to present the Great Spirit's Son, Jesus Christ and His Words, the Bible to Native Americans in culturally relevant ways." (Link from Wiconi site)

Richard Twiss... (was at) 'Standing In The Gap' gathering in Washington [D.C.] ... (and) "Those who watched the event noted participation by a Native American in full headdress (an Indian war bonnet). Wearing the eagle feathers has a pagan and anti-Christian religious (not just cultural) meaning. Joseph Epes Brown, biographer of Sioux medicine man Black Elk,

explains: The Indian actually identifies himself with, or becomes, the quality or principle of the being or thing which comes to him in a vision, whether it be a beast, bird, one of the elements, or really any aspect of creation. In order that this "power" may never leave him, he always carries with him some material form representing the animal or object from which he has received his "power".... In wearing the eagle-feathered "war bonnet," the wearer actually becomes the eagle, which is to say that he identifies himself, his real Self, with WakanTanka [the Great spirit which Wanli Galeshka (the Spotted Eagle) represents]. (Native American Gospel? Q&A - Berean Call - January, 1998)

Wiconi endorses Eagles Wings who claims the Great Spirit's son is Jesus Christ.

Eagles Wings is the ministry ... their mission is "to present the Great Spirit's Son, Jesus Christ and His Words, the Bible to Native Americans in culturally relevant ways." (<http://www.ethnicarvest.org/peoples/nativeamer.htm>)

Yet the historical facts are that the Great Spirit is pantheistic!

Religious beliefs varied between tribes, but there was a widespread belief in a Great Spirit who created the earth, and who pervaded everything. This was a pantheist rather than a pantheist belief. (<http://members.aol.com/pantheism0/indians.htm>)

The Lakota concept of Wakan Tanka (most frequently translated as Great Spirit) illustrates pantheism well: Wakan Tanka is the Spirit over, under, and throughout all of the physical world, its guiding principle, present in individual phenomena yet not confined to it, not strictly singular nor plural, neither truly personal nor impersonal. Manitou/manitos of the Algonkians is a similar concept. (<http://www.stormwind.com/common/nadoc.html>)

Note: Richard Twiss is a Lakota/Sioux Indian! The Great Spirit required human sacrifice/suicide to lift a sickness he had sent.

"... My father, who was also a great Medicine Man, told me that when I became old, the Great Spirit would send a sickness upon our people. All would die, unless a sacrifice was made

to the Great Spirit. ... When she arrived there above the jagged rocks, she turned her eyes upward, lifted up her arms and spoke to the Great Spirit. "If you will accept me as a sacrifice for my people, let some token hang in the sky." Just then, the moon rose above the trees across the river. It was the token. She closed her eyes and jumped. Soon afterwards, the sickness left her people. (The Great Circle of Life, Copyright 2001 - 2003. All rights reserved by Roger Kayser, <http://www.zeone.com/Readings/Wedding/wedding.htm>)

As I have set down, they worshiped Toya, or the sun, which they claimed represented the Great Spirit. ... as evening drew on most of the tribe would gather near the sacrificial mound. Just as the sun was about to set, their jauva would slay an animal and place its beating heart upon the altar and all would chant a prayer beseeching that Toya would return to give his light. When the sacrifice was a human heart only the warriors drew near unto the altar. After our companions had been sacrificed they brought in no more captives of our race, but did sacrifice warriors captured from other tribes. (CHASCO HISTORY Written by then, postmaster Gerben M. DeVries in 1922, etc.)

But among some tribes north of the Rio Grande, human sacrifices did exist. Evidence exists that the Pawnee (in what is now Nebraska) occasionally sacrificed someone. The Iroquois are said to have occasionally sent a maiden and white dog to the Great Spirit. And human sacrifice and cannibalism are believed to have existed among people along the coast between Louisiana, Florida and up the coast to Virginia, (THE AMERICAS, edited 9/20/2004, Copyright © 2000 by Frank E. Smitha. All rights reserved., <http://www.fsmitha.com/h3/h16-am.htm>)

The Great Spirit required blood rituals.

The Sun Dance - Each year, the summer sees another type of blood sacrifice; the Lakota Sioux ... Through offering their own blood, they are able to achieve an ecstatic state, making a connection with the Great Spirit and giving back to the earth something that is truly of their body.

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Again, there is no way for men to come to believe in Jesus Christ without having heard the Gospel (Eph. 1:13). You cannot hear the Gospel without it being preached to you (Rom. 10:14-15). The Gentiles had no knowledge of the Gospel message until that mystery was revealed to them by way of the apostles and missionaries (Eph. 2:12). What Twiss, Kikawa and others are doing is to teach Two-Thirds World Christians to make up fables about their former religious practices not based on facts but based on myths (2 Tim. 4:3-4, 1 Tim. 1:3-4). God's work among the Gentiles is a work of faith in Jesus Christ, not faith in their former gods who they are not renaming to try to syncretize their heathen, pagan beliefs with Christianity.

(6) Richard Twiss teaches that the Gospel was a source of division and stumbling for First Nation's peoples and this is blamed on Western missionaries.

One major wound in the land that negatively impacts the "character" of the American church lies in the fact that the message of Jesus has been so inextricably identified as "Euro-American." Because of this fact, the gospel message has been the cause of great shame, oppression, and in many cases, genocide among the Host People of the land. (Smoke Signals - Prayer Need and Reports Richard Twiss, June 16, 2004)

"Indigenous peoples have perpetually been put in the position of the mission field never fully recognized as been given gifts and callings and anointings to be equal partners. ..." (Richard Twiss, Word To The World, show #541)

The problem with our land is that throughout the history of Christianity, the message of Jesus has been delivered (at times) with deadly force & hatred instead of in love and mercy. Because of past atrocities, regions have been condemned by the spilt blood upon the land that continues to cry out for justice. ... I believe that God is calling

His church to build bridges to see Native people come to faith & life in Jesus Christ and fulfill their God-given place within the Body of Christ. (Smoke Signals - Prayer Need and Reports Richard Twiss, May 7, 2004)

"Western Christianity is syncretistic. It is a religion motivated about sharing the gospel story with people, not so they become who God has made them to be, but to make them like me so I can love them." (GOD

"These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit." (Jude 1:19)

MOVED IN POWER! Urbana Report #1, Richard Twiss, Jan 9, 2004)

This is how you confuse the issue. You turn the issue of syncretism (mixing religions together) around and blame it on the missionaries. It is true that some misguided missionaries, though clearly not the majority, tried to change indigenous cultural values to Western ones. But Twiss ignores the many missionaries who, in presenting the Gospel and sound doctrine, necessarily preached things that were in opposition to demonic cultures and practices like those of the Indians. The missionaries were faced with heathen cultures, not unlike their own in the past, and attempted to apply biblical principles, in cooperation with those in First Nations, to come up with a way of living in accordance to the Word of God (which is what ALL CHRISTIANS must abide by!). Mistakes were made, but if you talked to the first generation of converts, like I have had the privilege of doing in Micronesia, you would understand fully what First Nation's cultures were like at the time. Sexual perversion, women and child abuse, murder, human sacrifice, ruling elite who lorded it over everyone else, worship of

demons, and other atrocities were commonplace. Read "A New Culture" by Juanita Simpson. Those who heard the Gospel preached to them and recognized the freedom in Christ offered were saved and delivered from the things in their cultures that were evil and immediately wanted to make a statement about the difference God had made in their lives. Can we then blame them, in retrospect, for putting on clothes, stopping cultural activities that were tied to the demonic, and no longer being involved in sexual immorality, abuse, perversion, murder and the occult? People like Kikawa and others are trying to rewrite history when they clearly have not done their research. They have little understanding of what their formerly (and in fact currently) pagan cultures were like before the missionaries came and sacrificed their lives, in many cases, to bring the Good News. They were not sent to bring culture nor was that their purpose. They were primarily bringing God's culture, the Bible, and applying its time-tested truths, together with First Nations peoples, so that they might be light and salt to the nations. That historical mission work is now being demonized by these people in order to make way for the unbiblical ideas of the IPM is a clear indication that its whole premise is "out to lunch". The IPM is using diaprax (brainwashing) methodology in order to bring in this new paradigm (new worldview) of unbiblical and even demonic thought. IPM teachers are the ones bringing division because they are laying error alongside truth, teaching heresy. The Bible is clear about heretics:

Jude 1:19 These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

It is not a coincidence that the message of the IPM is targeted mainly at Christians. Our mandate as Christians, with regard to these divisive malcontents is this:

Titus 3:10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.

(7) Richard Twiss teaches that

the Bible is no longer our sole source of Truth, nor should we be tied down by doctrines taught in the Bible.

We are constantly growing, maturing and consequently changing in our perceptions and conclusions. How do we avoid getting stuck in our conclusions? Or harder yet, when we're grown so accustomed to the perceived "normalcy" or "correctness" of our beliefs, how do we get unstuck when we realize what we believed is no longer as true and right as we once believed? (Smoke Signals "Views From the Hill" - New E-mail commentaries Richard Twiss, Apr 5, 2004)

The Bible is the ULTIMATE source of truth for the believer Rom. 15:4, 2 Tim. 3:15-17). Those who add or take away from Scripture, either through written or extra-biblical means, are denounced and judged by the Word itself (Deut 4:2, Rev. 22:18-19, 1 Cor. 4:6)

(8) Daniel Kikawa states that the Gospel needs to be presented to "shame based" societies in terms of "Jesus Christ came to take away your shame."

... if you tell someone they need Jesus they can get very angry, because its implying to them that you think they are a criminal... that would be very offensive to them in this shame based society. ... So how do we present the gospel in that way. Maybe we can use the word shame in a shame based society. In other words Jesus came to take away all our shame." (Word to the World, Danny Lehmann interview with Daniel Kikawa Feb. 6/06, #1)

Granted ... the issue of "shame-based" rather than "guilt-based" societies is a real missiological issue that must be dealt with in order to preach the Gospel effectively. But Kikawa forgets that Middle Eastern societies are also shame-based, and it was to those societies the Gospel was first presented! Shame is not guilt of sin or repentance. Shame is basically an exercise in self-indulgence and self-pity. When a person is caught at something in a shamed-based society, they lose face. They generally do not repent nor do they stop doing what they were doing, they are simply embarrassed at the public