



# Books in Review

## THE MANY FACES OF BENNY HINN, VERSION 2.0

by The Door Magazine

4½-hour, 2-DVD set, \$29.95

It's not the sequel, but the original made much better. Its forerunner, a three-hour videotape version released in 2000, has been updated, expanded, and enhanced as a set of digital video discs.

For many years, the folks at the Trinity Foundation (publishers of *The Door Magazine*) have picked up the debris of wrecked lives of people who have been financially, emotionally, and spiritually abused by televangelists. Atop their list of abusers during the past decade has been faith healer Benny Hinn. This Dallas-based watchdog group has worked with news organizations to expose the corruption of various television ministers, including Hinn.

For more than a decade, Hinn has been dogged by investigations by *Inside Edition*, *60 Minutes* (Australia), *Dateline*, HBO, and others. These reports — many spearheaded by the Trinity Foundation — make up the bulk of this DVD set and show Hinn at his worst, including his power-wielding control, opulent lifestyle, bogus healings, lies and deception, heretical theology, and much more. A single report should make anyone question the integrity of this man; viewing several hours of investigations should leave no doubt.

The presentation also includes segments from Hinn's broadcasts that have not been shown in news reports. These include his stage antics, absurd theological statements, and false prophecies. Wife Suzanne's infamous "Holy Ghost enema" diatribe is also included.

The discs' interactive menu enhances use and study of the reports. Users can locate and view specific segments at the touch of the DVD player's remote control. All of the material has been digitally remastered, providing the highest quality of video images.

This work reveals things Hinn doesn't want his flock to know. Reading Hinn's statements in a book like *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn* causes alarm. Seeing him in "living color" making these statements — in his

arrogant and conceited temperament — brings that emotion to another level. *The Many Faces of Benny Hinn, Version 2.0* is one of the best resources to expose the false, self-serving ministry of today's most popular faith healer.

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## JESUS CHRIST: SELF-DENIAL OR SELF-ESTEEM?

by David M. Tyler

Timeless Texts, \$9.95, 114 pages

Like a bad penny that just keeps turning up, so too the dynamics of self-esteem theology continue to plague an already undiscerning Church in various forms. With the publications of self-esteem and self-love advocates abounding in one fashion or another, it is disheartening to see just how few biblical responses have been made against this persuasive and selfish philosophy. In the past two decades, books such as Paul Brownback's *The Danger of Self-Love* and Jay Adams' *The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love, and Self-Image* are too few and too far between.

Christians are now able to add to this scarce reserve a volume by PFO director David Tyler. *Jesus Christ: Self-Denial or Self-Esteem?* takes on the unbiblical notion of the worthiness of man by examining "The Words of Jesus Christ," "The Miracles of Jesus Christ," and "The Parables of Jesus Christ." His study unequivocally shows "that the claims made by Christian self-theorists are incompatible with the teachings of Jesus" (pg. 9). The life and teachings of Christ always demonstrate an "other-oriented way of life," as opposed to the self-oriented leanings of sinful man.

Tyler, in his Introduction, names names. The roster of secular theorists (such as Carl Rogers, Erich Fromm, and Thomas Harris), along with the established "Christian" self-esteem authors (such as Norman Vincent Peale, Robert Schuller, and James Dobson) are provided. However, a name or two, such as apologist Josh McDowell, might surprise some.

Tyler's argument that "The Lord wants to produce in the believer an *indifference to self*, a spirit and attitude that does not take offense easily, retaliate, defend, or avenge

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