

Appendix III

God's Church & The Paradigm Church

Some fundamental differences between God's true church and the New Paradigm Church.

God's True Church	New Paradigm Church
Identify with Divine Standards and apply them in all church activities.	Identify with local culture and adjust all services and programs accordingly.
Use a distinct name for the church.	A neutral name should be chosen.
Preach the Word of God.	Preach a seeker-sensitive message.
The Spirit and the power of the two-edged sword should convince people of sin and bring about repentance; unite and enable them to live by faith a new-born sanctified life in Christ Jesus unto eternal salvation.	Technology, psychology and marketing techniques with visualization and dramatic presentations are to be utilized to attract, unite and hold people together to practise a certain religious standard of living.
Use a reliable Bible translation as close as possible to the original pure text such as the Byzantine Text and Textus Receptus.	Use preferably paraphrased versions as close as possible to the people but mainly based on less reliable Alexandrian texts.
Follow the Biblical instructions how to reach people with the Gospel of salvation.	Employ marketing research to identify the needs and desires of the people.
Reprove, rebuke and exhort.	Entertain, satisfy and appease.
Aim at people's true conversion.	Promote a sense of feeling good.
Crucify self.	Cultivate self-esteem.
Stress the importance of growing in grace.	Stress the importance of great numbers.

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A foundation of sound biblical doctrine is the basis for people's spiritual life.	People's spiritual life is guided by Eastern practices of contemplative spirituality.
Doctrinal purity forms the ground for true unity and freedom.	Unity is stressed at the expense of sound doctrine.
Biblical truth must be proclaimed, upheld, guarded and defended.	Life applicated messages of man's needs must be more stressed than divine truth.
The objective of worship is to serve God.	The motive for worship is to like people.
The church is separated from the world.	The church is embracing the world.
Music is to praise God sacredly.	Music is to please and attract people.
The influence of music is not neutral nor amoral. Popular music is not purified by religious lyrics. Only edifying hymns and music styles that honour God and are a blessing to man are to be accepted.	All kinds of music are acceptable. There is no Christian music; only Christian lyrics. Contemporary modern music styles and songs people are accustomed to listen to should be used to revive worship services.
The church choir should evoke a holy and dedicated atmosphere.	A modern praise band is to excite and capture people's emotional feelings.
The church is to unite faithful believers in Christ as their personal Saviour.	The church should unite all religions into one world church with Christ as one way.
Values man's conscience and suffers even those who may be regarded as tares. They are left to grow up until the harvest.	Shows intolerance towards conservatives seeking to get rid of all those who disagree and are not co-operative.
Avoids political inroads and any mingling of church and state confessing that God's Kingdom is not of this world.	Incorporates politics and the economical world encouraging collaboration with state-governments.
Taking heed of the sure word of prophecy explaining its meaning is a necessary part of our mission against deception.	Discourages the study of the prophetic word emphasizing our mission as being our business.

