

G12; revealing the reality about the so called Government of Twelve; 6th part

“In the Encounter”: A new cross for the old sins that have already been forgiven?

The incomparable work that our God did for us, for those of us who believe, was the one to forgive all our sins, and to throw them into the sea. It was only possible because Somebody made himself voluntarily guilty and defendant for us: The only Son, the only one who is Just, giving himself to a Cross, the Cross of Calvary. It was the perfect work of the love of God, unquestionable and matchless, by which all the universe marvelled (1 Peter. 1:12)

In that work of deepest love, God in Christ brought justice and mercy in the same act.

Justice, because it was right that the payment of sin should be settled, that payment being his own blood spilled by the Loved one; and mercy, because through that genuine act of justice, man can receive salvation by faith in that work of indescribable love.

All those sins, great and small, some horrendous and others not so much, all of them, separated us from God, were written in order and detailed in the act of the decrees that was against each one of us, which was absolutely against us, Christ, with that indescribable and unique sacrifice, cleared it out of sight and nailed it on the tree (Col. 2:13, 14)

In doing that, having literally disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them triumphing over them on the Cross (Col. 2:15), that very cross that the devil had prepared with as much hatred against Him, and that clearly being an instrument of death, was transformed into the instrument of life for us, because God used it for our eternal salvation.

Therefore, our God, having forgiven all those past sins, as we have already said, He himself threw them into the depths of the sea (Micah. 7:19), thus making clear reference to the fact that those sins, not only have been {written off}, but they no longer count in the economy of God. In this sense, God has forgotten them for ever (Is. 43:25; Jer. 31:34)

For that reason, emphatically the apostle Paul, divinely inspired, writes: ***“Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death” (Roman 8:1, 2)***

In addition, as death could not retain him (Acts. 2:25), Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, by the power of the Father; and just as it happened in this way, we also, by that faith, walk and will walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4 b)

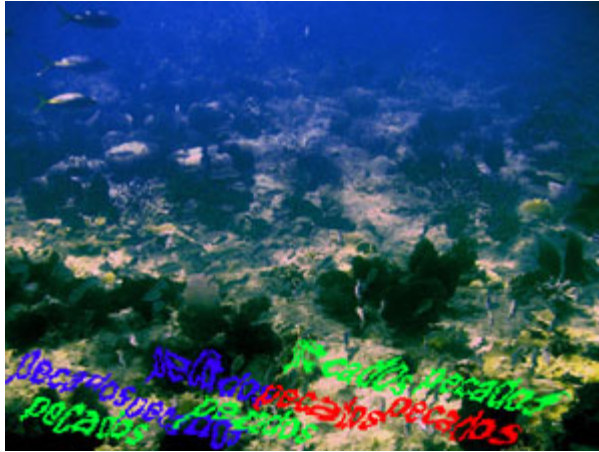
Basically, this is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; the Good New of eternal salvation.

We say all this, well-known and believed by all those of us who professed that faith in Jesus Christ, because we are astonished and even overwhelmed (disheartened) when we understand certain absurdities that are taught and practiced in the **context of G12 and its sadly famous “Encounters”**.

Re-living the forgiven sins

In the “Encounter” of G12, not only those that are recently converted, but Christians who have been converted for many years, are guided (and lead) to recognize their past sins of long ago. They are called to receive Jesus Christ again; and many of them, unhappy with themselves, even deny the time in which they were Christians, saying that now, from the moment of the “Encounter”, they have finally had that true *encounter* with Jesus, therefore, denying the first encounter they had with Christ in which they gave themselves to Him, possibly several, or many years before.

The sins that had already been forgiven and thrown into the deepest depths of the sea by the Lord, now, are *re-fished out* and exposed in a list written by the “penitents” on a sheet of paper that has been given to them for that use.



“... in the depths of the sea...”

The Rev. Eliodoro Mora Méndez, Ejective President of General Council of the Assemblies of God for Venezuela, that participated in one of those “Encounters”, *in situ* verifies the reality about them, writes the following:

<<When they exposed the subject of forgiveness, when finishing they distributed a sheet of paper (“clinical sheet”, they call it) in which there were nearly two hundred sins and you had to mark with an x those that you had (done). Later we were ordered to bow our heads and close our eyes. Nevertheless, I found myself speaking in tongues then. When I opened my eyes, some brothers were carrying a very big cross and the speaker of the subject was ordering each one to pass by, giving a nail and a hammer so that every one nailed his “clinical sheet”, with the sins marked, onto it >> (1)

Pay close attention: The sins are nailed on a cross, in a tangible, modern cross, on a cross that is not the one of Christ... **on a false cross!**



Photo of the cross, with the “nailed clinical sheets”, made during an encounter of G12

And brother Pastor Eliodoro Mora continues on the matter: *<< A clinical sheet is given where a large amount of sins are written so that they mark with an x those that they have committed, the pacts that they have made and all class of practices that do not allow them to grow (believe).*

Later they take them to a place and they give them a nail and a hammer so that they nail the clinical sheet on a wooden cross. Supposedly with this symbolic act they are free. I ask: Where does the Bible teach that in the Bible? Is it necessary to make this ritual so that the Christian is free from the confessed sin? Where is the faith that God gave us, and about which the Holy Spirit says: “By grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves - it is the gift of God”? (Efesios 2:8) >> (2)

And I myself add: Is God going to return to forgive sins HE already forgave, and throw them into the depths of the sea, sins that cost the life of his only Son? What horrendous blasphemy is this?

Those sins that were forgiven by the Cross of Calvary, are now nailed again on a new cross, on the cross of G12; a cross that is not the one of Jesus Christ, but that is the log of deceit, of self-sufficiency, religiosity, and human effort.



If somebody here wanted to argue that it is not certain that the message was directed to those already Christian; now read the testimony of the Pastor Marcos Andrés Nehoda, who also attended an “Encounter”, and wrote in detail all that experience:

*<<You have to mark with an X the sins that you have committed in your life, **forgiven or not, before or after your conversion.** Well, your conversion, your baptism and membership and position are not even considered at all here. Because they are preaching to you again; **I was convinced with horror that the message that we listened to is not for the unconverted occasionally here present; it is specially for the believers.** Because only the presentation that they do of the “gospel” is what has value; what has been preached to you in your church is good for nothing>> (3)*

In those “Encounters” of G12, the faith they teach is not, nor can be the healthy doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is a belief based and constituted in Roman Catholicism, under the observance of the teaching of the Jesuit spirit and Opus Dei (see “Spiritual Exercises” and “short courses of Christianity”).

It is the faith of personal effort to reach what only Christ could reach for each one of us. It is a faith that moves between the emotionalism of a false religious fervour, and a strong self guilt and undeserving feeling.

<<They tell you that you must get on your knees, with your forehead on the ground and to cry out to God for your life, until He decides to listen to you; you cry, moan, fight as Jacob did in Peniel, until you overcome God and obtain the Blessing. Now you are a worm and you will crawl on the Earth; you are worth nothing; you are a miserable sinner>> (4)

For G12, before your “Encounter” you are a miserable sinner, but after the “Encounter”, and having practiced and believed what has been taught you in him, then now you are a renewed and victorious

Christian, you are entering the "Vision". In fact, the conversion is not to Christ but to the Christ of the G12.

Practicing the regression

The Feeling of culpability (guilt), indignity, distance from the love of Christ is more than evident in all those Christians who have been so for years, even ministers, and who have lent themselves voluntarily to the occultist experience of **regression** (*) in those "Encounters" of G12. In this sense, the following is narrated with vivid eloquence by the Rev **Alice De Jesus Rodriguez**:

<<It hurts me to see people with powerful testimonies of how God freed them, and that today say "I am not deserving for God to forgive me", and all this because they went to an ENCOUNTER, and the regression that they did returned them to that sinful stage when the blood of JESUS CHRIST had already CLEANED THEM, but in the ENCOUNTER left them again in that stage>>.

(*) *<<The Regression or therapy of last lives is a tool of hypnosis, which allows the patient to remember and re-live situations, experiences, forgotten traumas of the past in life or "previous lives" that are kept in the unconsciousness. Hypnosis is occultism and witchcraft>>.*



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The strategy of the devil through G12

What happens when through the occult method of *regression*, a Christian who voluntarily lends himself to that experience (or not), leads him to the past, making him remember the sins that he did, and in that state of *shock* he begins to re-live the culpability, guilt and condemnation of his old life?

What happens when he is made again to experience those sins that were in their day pardoned, forgiven and erased by the blood of Jesus Christ?

Those sins, for that individual, return to life and existence, because the Word says that in agreement with our faith, it will be done (Math. 15:28; Mark. 10:52; Lc. 17:19 etc.). Then the "penitent" desperately looks for the forgiveness that he understands he needs, because he feels he is committing those sins in that very moment. There the devil has caught him.

After crossing that emotional and spiritual experience of undeserving culpability and guilt, there is only one door left for these saddened people, the door of the false cross of G12 and its spirit.

When the new "penitent" goes to that unknown cross and unknown Christ, now the Enemy has the power to deceive and seduce, which he did not have before. However, he now also has the legal right to do it in the measure in which the individual has put his faith in that false teaching and that false cross, retrieving his confidence in the (original) salvation experience that he truly had when in his day he received the Lord Jesus as his Salvador and his Lord.

Next, the devil provides a spirit of false joy and false peace for him, along with a certain euphoria, which makes that Christian believe, now falsely "Christianized", that now, yes, he has been born again, and that now he has entered into the true vision of Christ, into the *Vision* of G12.

The Rev. Eliodoro Mora Méndez expresses this in the following way:

<<And even some ministers have boldly testified: "Now yes I have had a true encounter with Jesus". "In the Encounter I was born again". And this is not an invention, then, I have spoken with those brothers who express it like that>> (5)

Thus all those men and women are deceived who had previously received the true Christ, and who in that "encounter" with a false Christ, decided to believe in him, denouncing the genuine experience of salvation, and take refuge under the "spirit of the vision", a false and shameful replica of the blessed Holy Spirit.

What does the Bible tell us about this matter?

With respect to those that knowingly look for the perdition {deception and destruction} of the saints, the Word cannot be clearer, as well as for those who are convinced by them:

<<These men are springs without water, and mists driven by the storm; Blackest darkness is reserved for them. For they mouth empty boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity - For a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him>> (2 Peter 2:17 - 19)

He follows the warning here for all those that let themselves be seduced:

<<If they have escaped the corruption of the world, by knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way the righteousness, than to have known it, and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. On them the proverbs are true: A dog returns to its vomit, and, a sow that is washed goes back to wallowing in the mud>> (2 Peter 2:20 - 22)

It is very painful to speak of these things. It is not easy, nor is it an easy task and far from pleasant; **but for our part, it is worse, once knowing it, once having found out about it, to shut up and not to expose it to public light.** Therefore, it is our duty, as watch out points of Christ, to denounce them, with the hope that some can be freed from evil, as is being done, thanks to God.

To those that are deceived in those "Encounters" of G12, what Hosea prophesied comes true: *My people are destroyed form lack of knowledge*". (Hosea 4:6) Therefore, it is necessary for us to know the Word of God well, not to be deceived, with the consequent danger of being destroyed.

Concluding

And, humbly some advice, fellow brothers and fellow servants: The word "encounter" has sadly been made very popular, being called *encounter* that which has always been called an evangelical camp or a weekend retreat, etc. Better to continue calling it as we were used to, to avoid confusion.

In addition, there is the "encounter" with the Lord Jesus, that we each had, each one of us Christians in the moment when He entered our lives. In my case it was the 31 of January of 1982 at 9:30 p.m. and once "encountered" with the Lord, there is no longer any need to keep "encountering", because He is in me by His Spirit.

However, the word (phrase) "retreat" (withdraw by themselves to pray) has another sense, and this is explained by the Rev. Eliodoro Mora very well:

<<The word retreat, as it is in Scriptures, reminds us of Christ {alone or} inviting the disciples to take them to a place for spiritual searching {praying or teaching the disciples perhaps} (Mc. 3.7; Lc. 9:10; Jn. 6:15) (6)

That agrees with the sense of going out into the country or anywhere else, as a church, family or individuals, the typical weekend or whenever it is, to seek for more of Him and to share with the brothers, etc. That yes is of blessing.

God bless you all.

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1. Circular "*Estuve en un Encuentro*", by Presidente Ejecutivo General of the Council of the Assemblies of God for Venezuela; Rev. Eliodoro Mora Méndez.

2. Informative letter of Presidente Ejecutivo General of the Council of the Assemblies of God for Venezuela; Rvdo. Eliodoro Mora Méndez.

3. Personal testimony of Pastor Marcos Andrés Nehoda.

4. Ibid.

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6. Ibid.