

Many Forms of Transformative Self-Salvation (TSS)

2013-2014 NBA MVP Kevin Durant said in an interview, “We are our *own* saviors.” While Durant likely did not intend to do harm to theological truth —by making this sincere but naïve statement —he nonetheless fueled the ever advancing notion of “self help” as efficacious —that we “are the captains” of our own ships; that the road to redemption and wholeness is controlled by human decision and effort. Increasing promise of **transformative self-salvation** includes:

- recovery, all forms
- weight loss/fitness programs beyond purpose to gain physical health
- achieving through increasing education and mental agility programs
- joining organizations and movements for increased sense of purpose
- adopting lifestyle strategies focusing on ascetic diet and health reform
- expanding one’s spiritual consciousness, psychic abilities
- motivational and corporate leadership training to build leadership

Salvation is now commonly characterized as an individual being taken *from* —or taking themselves from —where they don’t want “to be” —to where they *feel* they’ve “arrived.” This is achieved through whatever system of retraining or life reorientation that appeals to the lust of the eye; the lust of the flesh or the pride of life (1 John 2:16). An alluring and intelligent and spiritually sounding system is that advocated by Dr. Wayne Dyer in the acclaimed five part series on PBS, “I Can See Clearly Now.” To listen to Dr. Dyer suggests we are all our own gods.

Almost all of the self-help, self-awareness systems are actually ancient New Age philosophy —rebranded and repackaged for ever more diverse and younger crowds. Man has become so conditioned to believe he actually has the ability to self-improve —rather than accept that he

devolves¹ —that higher consciousness is considered the course evolution has taken, the purely physical adaptation and survival stages of evolution having been completed.

“In a secular context, higher consciousness is usually associated with exceptional control over one’s mind and will, intellectual and moral enlightenment, and profound personal growth. In a spiritual context, it may also be associated with transcendence, spiritual enlightenment, and union with the divine.”² “In each person lie potentialities that remain *inchoate* as a result of the individual being caught up in mechanical, neurotic modes of behavior where energy for personal spiritual development is not used effectively nor efficiently, but squandered in unskillful ways.”³

What does the Bible tell us about deception that *appears* to bring a soul to salvation and right relationship with their god but actually takes them down paths the Bible declares will end with that one hearing, “Depart from Me, I knew you not”? How does this perspective fit in to end times religion that will be used by the Antichrist?

“Take heed therefore that the [TSS] light which is in thee be not darkness” (Luke 11:35).

¹ The second law of thermodynamics —or entropy —physically manifests in the conditions present throughout all fallen creation. All life is actually in a state of decay rather than progress —beginning first with spiritual decay. And exponential expansion accounts for the ever increasing manifestation of this entropy. Central to the false religion that will fully bloom under Antichrist. Global delusion will embrace a false sense of transcendent ability with limitless bounds. That trend is fully engaged now in order to fully bloom later.

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higher_consciousness

³ Ibid.