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TURN A CORNER!

“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness” (2 Co. 11:14-15).

God has been doing wonderful things in recent years through churches, Bible studies, discipling groups, etc., in many places; and Satan has gotten nervous and brought along the book *The Shack*, to divide and confuse God’s people and (he hopes) lead them astray.

Christians’ blogs are saying “This book is a life-changer...,” “a favorite book of all time....”

I talked to my sister Margie in Virginia about it. I said, “I think it’s blasphemous.” She said, “When I read it I threw it in the trash so friends wouldn’t see it in our home! When someone tries to add to who God is, Revelation 22:18 says, God will ‘add to him the plagues described in this book.’” How scary is that!

Kathy Kelly: “*The Shack* presents a subtle message of ancient Hindu philosophy.... The name Sarayu... is a name for the spirit of Kali, the Hindu goddess of destruction. Elousia, a name that ‘Papa’ prefers,... is as follows: El is Hebrew for God.... Ousia translated is Being: it is the essence of the Hindu, Buddhist and New Age collective godhood,... that dates back to the ancient mystery religions of Babylon.”

The Shack is clothed in beautiful “Christian” talk. Don’t be deceived – but also, don’t lose peace over it. Quarreling with your brothers and sisters in Christ would make the devil happy, too.

“So we have seen and proved that what the prophets said [in Scripture] came true. *You will do well to pay close attention to everything they have written* [italics mine], for, like lights shining into dark corners, their words help us understand many things that otherwise would be dark and difficult. But when you consider the wonderful truth of the [Scriptures], then the light will dawn in your souls and Christ the Morning Star will shine in your hearts” (2 Pe. 1:19 TLB).