

TESTIMONY OF CHAPLAIN BOB HAGEN

My name is Chaplain Bob Hagen. I have been involved with Dayspring Ministries since 1993 in penitentiaries in Eastern Washington and Oregon. I've been privileged to work with Mel Novak many times in 4 different prisons.

I had been involved in the occult since my early youth. I was fascinated with "tapping into the hidden powers," reincarnation, astral projection, spirit guides and the whole nine yards. After getting deeply involved with psychedelic drugs in the 60s, I purchased a one way ticket to the Fiji Islands in 1973. There I encountered Hinduism amongst the East Indian population residing there. I studied Hinduism under a priest. Later I went to New Zealand to obtain work and returned to Fiji 6 months later to be a part of a ceremony the priest held once a year. This was a fire walking ceremony, where participants would walk across hot burning coals bare footed. After 10 days of intense preparation, all the firewalkers would go into a lagoon to wet their clothes so they would not catch fire. I and the others successfully walked across a bed of hot coals approximately 30 ft. long.

I believed that once this "feat" was accomplished, I would then be set free from all fears, repressions and every other unpleasant attitude and emotion I'd been plagued with. After I returned to New Zealand, I began to sink into a depression deeper than anything I had experienced before. I discovered the church of scientology when I went to NZ the 1st time, so I reached out to them to accomplish what did not get accomplished in Fiji. I became a licensed scientology minister and studied its teachings. I used it to counsel people. I led them into their "past lives." I discovered a few dozen of them myself. After 5 years, I realized that after all this study and work I had done with this "church," I was never further away from God in my entire life. So I decided to sell all my interests in NZ and go back to the USA. On my way back, I decided to go and visit my friend, the Hindu priest. It was my hope that he could help me get closer to God. My last night in Fiji, I asked my friend 2 important questions: Why did you become a priest? He said that he had many children that died of a mysterious disease within one month. His only living child had the same disease. My friend took the baby to a Hindu temple and promised the gods that if they saved this baby, he would become a priest. That became his only child that lived. The next question: Who are these spirit beings hanging around your temple? Are they Krishna or Ram? He said that I must think of it like a big international supermarket. Krishna and Ram are found in the high populations of India. They are like the supermarket presidents of CEOs. In a remote temple where we were, these "Hindu gods" were like the clerks who operated the tills at the checkout stand. I then began to see that it was an international network of spiritual beings, who for thousands of years, through complex rituals and ceremonies, demand worship from all humans who make contact with them! The next morning, I left Fiji sick with a high fever. Back in the US, the depression and the confusion continued. I worked odd jobs moving up and down the west coast. I found that hard manual labor would temporarily help me to stay in touch with my surroundings, the physical world. Otherwise my attention would just drift into emptiness, lost in the void.

I met my wife Helen, and we were born again in 1984. The spiritual battle still continued until 1992, when a Pilipino Pastor told me that I needed deliverance. One evening, he prayed over me and I found myself lying on the floor restrained by 5 men, chanting the same words I had chanted in the Hindu temple 20 years earlier. But Praise be to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, I was fully delivered that night. My witness was Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords & King of Kings. Being set free, I went to the Philippines a year later and began prison ministry. Mel's teachings on spiritual warfare are of vital importance to all, but especially in the prisons! Keep up the good work Mel. And by the way, just for the record, **REINCARNATION IS THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE SPIRITUAL TEACHING FOUND ON THIS PLANET!!!** Jesus Christ's finished work at the cross refutes that lie, Praise the Lord. God is good!!!