

MAGNETIC CHRISTIANITY

JOHN 3

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Introduction:

The magnet is an amazing thing. It consists of two poles. These two poles are what attract the metal of another magnet. However the North Pole of one magnet will only attract the South Pole of another magnet. It will repel the North Pole. Likewise the South Pole of one magnet will draw the North Pole of another magnet, while it will repel the South Pole of the magnet.

I suppose that is where the saying "opposites attract" came from. And truly opposites do attract.

Now the day in which we are living we are being told and persuaded that in order to be successful one must blend in, become a part of, and take on the characteristics of our surroundings. That teaching and philosophy has filtered into the church, and is more commonly known as New Evangelicals, wanting to

infiltrate the world instead of separating from the world.

Reaching the world is not nor ever will be accomplished by becoming like the world. I have known Christians who have lowered their standards to try and reach someone, but in turn ended up as bad as or worse than the one sought after to begin with. Remember opposites attract, likeness repels.

I believe that the Bible is full Magnetic Christianity illustrations.

1. BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THIS MAGNETIC LAW

A. First shall be last.

Matthew 19:27-30

²⁷ Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? ²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. ³⁰ But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

1. We are being told just the opposite today.

2. Everyone is concerned about being number one for number one.
3. Get to the top no matter whom or what it cost you.

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B. Loveth his life shall lose it.

John 12:23-25

²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. ²⁵ He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

1. We are being told today to live life to the fullest, and to love ourselves while we are doing it.

- a. Self Esteem classes

2. We live in a day where its motto is eat drink and be merry.

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C. Give and it shall be given

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, ²⁸ Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. ²⁹ And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not *to take thy coat* also. ³⁰ Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again. ³¹ And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. ³² For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. ³³ And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. ³⁴ And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to the evil*. ³⁶ Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: ³⁸ Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

1. We are being told today that we better save for bad times.
2. You better plan for your retirement

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D. Living Dead Person.

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1. We are being told to live for self, take care of self, and love self.

2. What we need is to die to self.

E. Red sins becoming white as snow

Isaiah 1:18

¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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2. BIBLE PEOPLE THAT SHOWS A PICTURE OF THE MAGNET.

A. David

1 Samuel 16:6-13

⁶ And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him. ⁷ But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said,

Neither hath the LORD chosen this. ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. ¹⁰ Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. ¹¹ And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. ¹² And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he. ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

1. David was the least like candidate for the job
2. Just a shepherd
3. Last to be seen by Samuel

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B. Gideon

Jude 1:1-7

¹ Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called: ² Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. ³ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. ⁴ For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this

condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵ I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. ⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. ⁷ Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

1. We would have took every soldier we could have found
2. We would have taken the best of every weapon.
3. We would have never sent anyone away from the battle.

But Remember Opposites Attract!

C. Jesus

John 3:14-18

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is

condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1. Was not mentioned in Forbes as one of the wealthiest men alive.

a. Born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes

b. No home, or bed to rest His head.

c. No transportation of His own.

d. No tomb to be buried in

2. Praise God for a Magnetic Saviour

a. Who draws all men, no matter how good or bad.

3. AREAS WE NEED TO BE MAGNETIC IN.

A. Our Churches Need to be Magnetic.

1. We need not act like the world to reach the world.

a. In music

b. In activity

c. With the Word of God

d. In our fellowship

2. We need to attempt to reach everyone

a. Red, yellow, black, white

b. Rich or poor

c. Home dwellers or homeless

d. Young and old

B. Our Preaching Needs to be Magnetic

1. Red hot, devil hating, Jesus loving, preaching still works.
2. We need to just preach with Holy Spirit power, and conviction.
3. Seminars, and psychology will not change the world.

C. Our Testimony Needs to be Magnetic

1. Who in the world would want to get repent if they can see no difference in you.
 - a. We need magnetic standards.

D. We Need Magnetic Soul Winning

1. We are instructed to in Mark 16:15

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¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

2. No where will you find Life style Evangelism in the Bible
3. Confrontational Soul Winning still works.

4. Jesus confronted those that He won to Himself.

a. Women at the well

b. Peter

c. Matthew

4. RESULTS OF MAGNETIC CHRISTIANITY.

A. Christians will become more Christlike.

B. Lost will be won with the Gospel.