

Divine Healing Training
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Author's Preface

There is obviously a great deal of material covered in this 16 hour +, 19 session audio teaching seminar. The notes I have taken by no means represent the entirety of the work. For that, another, much longer body of work would be needed. I have noted and attempted to transcribe things that were of importance from Mr. Blake's teaching for myself, and possibly for others, especially things that stood out to me and/or seemed useful with regards to the study of divine healing. Another person doing this—I am sure—would take notes on some of the things I have left out entirely, while at the same time—most likely—excluding some of the things which I have included. Therefore this body of work may by no means be counted a full transcription or summary of Curry Blake's seminar *Divine Healing Training*, which is otherwise provided as 170MB download *Divine Healing Technician*.

Curry Blake is a Texan. He uses a lot of Texan slang, and improper English forms. In most cases of incorrect *grammar*, the closest to the original is preserved. So, the reader should bear in mind the fact that Mr. Blake is a Texan as they read this.

Many times, almost as a filler or means to keep the audience tracking with him, Mr. Blake (hereafter simply referred to as "Blake" in most cases) will throw in, sometimes even in the middle of sentences, words and phrases such as "Alright?", "Ain't that right?", "Isn't that right?", "Well", "Now," and "See". I am considering editing out these (what I would consider for the written form *unnecessary*) in-between mentions from the message for the ease of use of the reader. They show his spoken form. But I believe that the substance of the message can still be preserved and better rendered in it's written form, despite their removal.

Also, some of the accents or proper ways of showing the language of the speaker are included. Others, such as "dudn't", "idn't", and "wadn't" have been changed to their proper abbreviated English forms (i.e. "doesn't", "isn't, and "wasn't", etc). I am, however, considering changing all of the Texan variations to their proper English forms, such as *'ems* to *thems*, *somthin'* to *something*, *ya'll* to *you*, *ya* to *you*, etc. in subsequent transcriptions. Other changes already made specifically include adding the appropriate modifier to words used in sentences that call for it, such as *We* having *'re* added to it, shown as *We['re]*, or adding the appropriate word.

His use of accents or emphasis is so frequent it renders it almost impossible (or without more labor than I am willing to undergo) to always determine which words should be rendered so (i.e. underlined or *italicised*). In many cases, however, certain words have been underlined and/or italicised, in order to illustrate his original meaning or emphasis.

For the purposes of these notes, brackets used within quotations marks, i.e. "[]", show that a word has been inserted to help support the sentence structure, or a scripture reference that coincides with the speaker's topic. All words given as author's notes immediately following an indentation and use of the word "Note:" are to be considered author's notes and comments only, and are not to be considered necessarily a part of the original teaching. All words apart from author's notes found outside of quotation marks may be considered to follow or coincide with the overall emphasis of the teaching, though not necessarily be word for word quotations. Doing this allowed me to save time, and not have to be so exacting.

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"Whenever the ministry was passed to me in 1987 by Wilford Reidt who was John Lake's son-in-law, there was a lot of people associated with him at that time that did not like the fact that he passed the ministry to us..."

"...but the fact is, the reason he passed it to us was...there was a prophesy that Dr. Lake gave in 1934 that actually told about the person who would pick up the ministry and carry it on..."
"...I do not claim Dr. Lake's anointing; I don't claim the mantle of Dr. Lake or any of that kind of stuff..."

"I do not emphasize on a lot of anointings. I emphasize on responsibility. I emphasize on doing what you're supposed to do, and setting the captives free."

"...if what I do is by anointing, then you can't do what I do."

"No office gives you more anointing to do the basics of Christianity." "All anointings do is give you greater responsibility for which you will answer." "...it may be best sometimes *not* to claim it, and just to walk in it."

"This one guy walked up to us and shook our hand and said, 'Hello! I'm prophet so and so. What's *your* name?' and I looked at him and I said, 'Well, if you were a real prophet, you could tell me!'" "Anybody can print up a tag. But the Spirit of God produces *results*."

Jesus only gave two reasons for failure (to heal or to receive healing):

1. Unbelief
2. By your traditions you make the word of God of none effect

"The only hindrance to healing is the fact that you believe there are hindrances to healing. That's it."

"If you've got sin in your life you can minister healing." (showing that sin, in itself is not a hindrance to healing, giving or receiving)

"People have said, 'What method works best, then?' The one you believe in."

With regards to Smith Wigglesworth kicking the baby with dropsy off of the platform, and it landing perfectly whole: "It was the method that he had faith in." "...when he was younger he had appendicitis. And there was a young man and a woman that came to pray for him. And the young man—while they were praying—jumped on the bed he was lying on and punched him in the stomach where his appendix was and he was instantly healed. And from that time on, whenever anybody had any type of stomach problems, he would punch them, and they'd be healed. It wasn't anointing. God didn't whisper in his ear. It was something he had faith in. And so when he'd punch people he released his faith, and they got healed."

"If you've got faith for that, wonderful. If you don't, bless God, when you punch me, I better be healed when you finish! Because I'll punch you back!" (crowd laughs)

All the people teaching faith—the best of the best—teaching faith, teaching healing, during a crisis in his life (his 3-year old daughter was about to die) were unreachable: "I couldn't get a hold of them on the phone. They were all too busy or too important." His daughter died.

"...I'd been taught faith. I'd been taught healing. I had been taught the best there was at the time, and it did not work. We saw some advances. We saw some good things. But overall, *it did not work.*"

Blake was a former practicing martial artist. Although he has since completely given up martial arts, yet the principle of seeking out the best of the best to learn from in a particular field has he chosen to apply to the area of divine healing. With regards to a Christian practicing the martial arts he says, "A Christian has no business in martial arts. We're to turn the other cheek."

"...I've had a history of finding the best, and studying under them. Well, whenever I started studying healing, I studied the best at what there was. But when it didn't work, then I started doing deeper research and started finding people like Wigglesworth and Dr. Lake, and some of the different people. And Wigglesworth was intriguing...but he never really reproduced himself." "A person that knows it best is one who can reproduce himself. And so I started studying Dr. Lake, doing everything I could to find out about him."

For about 7 years he regularly kept in touch with John G. Lake's son-in-law, Wilford Wright, asking questions, taking note of the answers, and checking them against scripture.

Blake said to his wife, with regards to the enormous phone bill he was racking up in regularly calling Mr. Wright, "Someday it'll pay off, because someday I'll be able to put my hands on the sick, and they will recover. That'll be worth every penny that we spend."

As a young child, on September 16th, Blake's father ran over him (accidentally) with the car. He was hospitalized and they weren't sure if he would make it. His mother prayed for him. She promised the Lord that if He would spare her sons life, she would give him back to Him.

"There was a prophesy that Dr. Lake gave, on May 29th of 1934." "He said that 25 years from the day of his death, Satan would try to take the life of the person that would carry on the ministry." "The person that would pick it up would be born the year the country quit growing. Well, obviously the population is still growing. So it had to mean something else. Well, the last state was added to the Union in 1959. That was the year that I was born." "...Dr. Lake died on September 16th, 1935. Twenty-five years later, September 16th, 1960. And so it all came together. And so Wilford said, 'We believe that you're the person.'" "He passed the ministry to us." "He...transferred the ministry to us."

"Spirit of God can work anywhere, anytime, under any conditions. You don't have to get the conditions right for Him to work. If your God only works when the conditions are right, you need a new God. Mine works under storm conditions, when everything is chaos, and everything is going wrong. I don't have to have everything right, for Him to show up."

"I still have one of the largest personal libraries that most people have seen."
"I've got pretty much every book ever written on healing, even the ones that are pure garbage, which is about 98% of them." "I had gone through these things, and I had practiced everything that they said to do, and still was only getting about 15-25% success rate, which is still pretty good 'cause the average Christian... the average church gets about 10% success. Maybe 1 out of 10 gets healed."

After his daughter died from double pneumonia on Friday 13th, 1981 he got on the phone and called every major ministry that he could. "If I named them you would know them." We called everybody that we could.

He got a hold of Lake's Divine Healing Manual in 1987. "It totally destroyed everything that I had learned. And remember that I had learned the best from the best at the time. But I realized that every condition that they put on healing was wrong. Everything about it was wrong- the way it was practiced was wrong, even the premise was wrong. I made a decision right then that I would totally disregard everything I had ever learned and start from scratch." "The first thing I did was changed how I prayed. Instead of talking to God about the healing, I told the sickness or disease what to do. There is not one place in the Bible, in the New Testament especially, where it ever tells us to talk to God about a healing."

"...you are to be, according to God, a mix between a soldier and a policeman in the spiritual realm."

"People need to know what sin is and how to get out of it. But more than that..."

The criminals against God are:

Sin

Sickness

Disease

Demonic beings,

anything that would exalt itself above the knowledge of God.

"Our job is to search them out and destroy them." "Our job is to destroy them. Simply just state the truth."

"I starting changing the way I prayed, and just started commanding instead of asking, and immediately our success rate shot up."

The main changes he made *after* changing the way he prayed was in what he believed.

"...essentially, what it comes down to is, what you get, is what you're believing when you pray. And so, if you're believing for a progressive healing, that's probably what you're going to get. If you're believing for an instant healing, that's probably what you're going to get."

"...I quite looking at other people's faith..." "...I found that even though Jesus would acknowledge people's faith, He never relied on it. And when people didn't have faith, He had it for them."

There was a man that came to Dr. Lake (came into his office one day, and Dr. Lake was sitting in his desk, and the man came in on crutches). The man walked in and said, "I'm a good Catholic, and I don't want anything that's going to hurt my religion. I don't have faith in man, I don't have faith in doctors, I don't even have faith in God. What can you do for me?" Most Christians would have said, "Not a thing. You've got to have faith if you're going to be healed." But Dr. Lake wasn't that way. He laughed. He pushed himself back from his desk, and said, "That's alright. I've got enough faith for both of us." and got up and walked over, next to the man that had the crutch, and stood there and talked with him. "I never prayed for the man. I let the Spirit of life flow from me to him, to drive out the sickness and disease." While he stood there, talking to the man, having shaken his hand, and holding him by the arm as they talked, he eventually took the man's crutch away from him. The man did not notice he had taken it. Lake finished by shaking the man's arm and saying, "You go and have a good day!" The man turned, and walked out without his crutch and didn't even notice that he had been healed. When he got outside the office (in the hallway), Lake called to him and said, "Hey! Do you want this?" The man turned back towards Lake, and seeing the crutch he said, "Ahh, to *hell* with it!" Lake said, "I agree." Lake put the crutch down. The man walked out healed.

Blake comments, "Honestly, that's probably the most accurate use of that word [hell] that you could make, because that's where it came from. Sickness and disease is not from God. It's not sent to teach you anything, to show you anything. It's not meant to make you better. It is meant to destroy you."

"Most doctors are closer to the heart of God than most Christians, because their whole job is to eradicate sickness and disease. Most Christians believe that they are supposed to caudle it, that God is somehow using it for our benefit: to teach us something, to make us better. It doesn't make you better, all it does is show you what's there. Hardship and trials do not make you better. They just reveal what's in there."

"No army has ever brought glory to its king or its commander by showing how much it can suffer at the hands of an enemy army. They bring glory by conquering enemy armies. Our job is to conquer, not to show God how much we can suffer sickness or disease and put up with it. Now, your hardship, your suffering is not sickness and disease. Your hardship and suffering are the things that you choose to go through for the propagation of the Gospel."

Regarding all the things that Paul suffered [2 Cor. 11:23-28] Blake says: "He gave that as his credentials for being an apostle and a minister of God."

He despises the "prosperity Gospel". He says, sickness and disease don't take a vacation, so neither does he.

"People will live and die based on what you get out of this class."

"And once you really, truly learn that who you touch will live, and who you don't touch will probably die, then you will start to look at your hands different[ly], and you won't be talking about an anointing, you'll be talking about, 'God show me how I can be more useable. Show me the things, the weights - the little sins that get in the way. Show me those things so I can get rid of 'em so I can run my race clearer, and faster, and show me what's important.'"

"...all the little gimmicks that the church has today is not going to last..."

"Most of the churches aren't led by the Spirit of God, they are led by the book publishers. And whatever book comes out that's the fad that the church jumps and then they run with it until the next fad. And I'm telling you if that's what you think healing is, you're wasting...your time. Because this is life or death." "This isn't a fad. It's not neat. It's not magic. It's not snap your fingers and...all the glory and your name in lights and all that kind of stuff."

"...I decided I would always be accessible." "...I made a vow to God, 'God, if I'm ever in that position, I'll be available.' When people can ask me questions I'm not going to run and hide."

"...what we do, if it's bible, it has to work everywhere. If it won't work everywhere, it's not Gospel. Right? Most of what the church practices today in America for healing will not work in India..." "...you know, 'Where did the devil get a door in?' 'How did you get into this. Let's go back and find the history of this thing. Let's find the root of your generational curse.'"

"...If you're a Christian, generational curses do not apply to you."

"Every problem every Christian has goes back to this (one of two things): They either do not know the benefits of the covenant they have, or they are not walking in the benefits of the new birth."

"My generation goes back to Jesus. And there's no generational curses that come from Him. He became a curse for me, (Right?) that I might receive the blessings. So I've got generational blessings, not generational curses. See, you can't go to India and try to pull out that generational curse thing. ... You've got a crowd of 50,000 people...their whole generation all the way back is cursed." "...you don't have time to go into these peoples lives. You're not told to. Paul said, 'Forget the past.' 'Move forward.' 'Press on.' See our job is to set the captives free. Not to point out their faults. We're not to be be their judges, we're to be their deliverers."

"Everything goes back to this: the devil is defeated. Now find his works that are still in operation and destroy 'em. Kill 'em, cast 'em out, defeat 'em - whatever it takes, but it's real simple. You know the problem is you have to get rid of all those stupid beliefs, that says, 'Yeah, but what about...?' 'Yeah, but what if...?' And I always tell people the one statement I hear more than any other is, 'Yeah, but...' And I tell 'em, 'I am here to kick your 'buts' (Right?) right out the door, because 'buts' don't count."

"...there is not one thing that can stop the power of God. If a sin can stop the power of God, you didn't get saved. 'Cause you were in sin, and the power of God delivered you." "You beat the devil with one scripture - John 3:16. And once you get saved, now you think you've got to know all the theology before you can beat the devil—one little imp of spirit of infirmity, or some type of sickness or disease. You think you have to have perfect theology. And I'm here to tell you all you have to have is perfect determination that you won't give up before they do."

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"...titles and ranks and all that stuff does not matter - it's what you can produce."

"When you begin to learn something, the best position to take is that you don't know anything. Alright? Start from scratch. Because if you come in with preconceived ideas, you're always going to be trying to say, 'How does this fit in with what I already know?'"

"I don't go to healing seminars. (I'll be honest with you) Why? Because what I do works. I've been to a bunch of 'em, and learned a bunch of stuff that didn't matter and didn't work."

"...now, diet has become a god in the church, and they rely on diet to keep 'em well, more than they do on the power of God." "...don't come to me with the idea that you have to have perfect nutrition, because perfect nutrition is almost impossible to have today, (Okay?) even if you eat all the right foods." "...all the things that you put your faith in are gonna to let you down."

"...there are diseases that are caused by a lack of nutrition."

"Now people say, 'Okay. Now, how does that tie in with the idea that all sickness is of the devil?' Well, all destruction of the human body, all death, disease, all those things are under his category. Alright? So, whether a particular disease is an actual demon, or whether it is just the results of it, or the results of destruction or decay in the human race in the sense of what we eat or where we are, or the air you breathe—all that kind of stuff—it all falls under the category of Satan: of killing, stealing and destroying out of John 10:10."

"We will talk to it like a person. We'll tell it what we want it to do."

You've been taught in times past...you've been looking for a formula.

"What you say is not nearly as important as who says it." "Devils don't listen to you because you've got the right words. Devils listen because your names are written in Heaven. Alright? They listen because of who you are and Who you are connected to, not because you *say* it right." "...we've all tried the formula stuff, and we know it doesn't work."

"I don't need to ask Him, 'Well, but God is it Your will to heal this person?' What can He say? That it's not? Isn't it His will that all will be saved? Well, healing is just a part of salvation. It's the same word used, and it's been translators that decided whether they used the word 'healed' or used the word 'saved'. ...it's a part of the same thing. And so it all comes back to knowing who you are in Christ."

*Note: I have investigated the claim that, "It's the same word used" (for "saved" and "healed") and affirm it, at least in three instances, to be true. However, the primary word translated as "saved" in the New Testament is not one of the two primary words translated as "heal", "healed", "cure" or "cured." It is also never translated as "healing" or "curing." For more see part 1 of study "Is healing a part of salvation?"

"The Bible does not say, 'Counsel devils out', it says, 'cast 'em.'"

"An anointed teacher, makes the complicated simple. An annoying teacher, makes the simple complicated."

"...the Bible is simple. It is easy. There is not a bunch of hidden stuff. People say, 'Well I'm digging down to the hidden meaning behind it. You know? I'm reading between the lines.' There is nothing between the lines. Alright? People say, 'Well let's get down into the meat.' I say, 'Well, I've got news for ya! The *meat* is not what you think it is. Alright? See most people have turned Christianity into Gnosticism—you've got to know the secret, and you're initiated into this elite group that knows the secret—that's *not* Christianity. Jesus said, 'I didn't do any thing in secret. I did everything out in the open. I preached out in the open. I healed out in the open' and 'I did everything out in the open.'"

"Most times people discount us because its not theatrical enough."

You don't need "atmosphere". "You are the atmosphere." "...the atmosphere will change because you will be the spiritual authority in that area."

He says he has seen someone healed in violation of almost every tradition regarded in healing by the Church that there is.

Example:

"God isn't going to heal you until you get your life right."

Not true! It's not based on your own goodness. Usually Christians rely on their goodness. NOBODY deserves it.

Jesus said, "Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cast out devils. Freely you've received. Freely give." [see Mat. 10:8] "He (Jesus) said, 'Listen, heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cast out devils. I've given you this power freely. Give it away freely. Heal anybody, anytime, anywhere, of anything.'"

Don't worry about "getting permission from headquarters" to do your job.

"Do you realize that if generational curses are true today then they were true back then (in Jesus' day)? How come Jesus never dealt with one? He had a greater healing ministry than anybody else."

"In every group that we minister to, 90% need healing."

If you have 18,000 sick people (90% sick out of 20,000 [5,000 men + women and children]), and Jesus healed them all, by many modern healing teachings, Jesus had to have been the luckiest guy in the world!

Some modern healing teachings attribute lack of healing to:

- Not enough or no faith in the ones needing healing
- Not being within the providential (i.e. divine) timing of God
- Generational curses

"...Jesus never dealt with any of those things and if Jesus didn't deal with any of those things what makes you think *you* should?"

"...the representative has no right to say or do anything that the person they are representing didn't or wouldn't say." "So when you start telling people, 'Well I tell you what, when you get enough faith, you come back.' ...well hello! When they get enough faith they won't *need* to come back. Right? How do you know then they've got enough faith? 'They get healed.' And I've had people say that at times, 'Well, so and so told me I needed more faith.' Jesus never told anybody that." "All the faith that it ever took with Him is them coming to Him." "Who had faith for Lazarus? It wasn't Lazarus. ...who had faith for him? Jesus."

"There are 247 accounts of healing in John Wesley's ministry."

"It's not the sick person's responsibility to have faith. They weren't given the command to heal the sick. Its a *command*. He didn't say, 'Heal the sick if they have faith.' He said, 'Heal the sick.' Why? Because its an act of war. They're just destroying the works of the devil. So you can have faith for other people."

"Ya but what about the Scripture that says, *He could do no mighty works there, because of their unbelief...?*' Well, now, remember this: A religious person always quotes *half* a verse. '...He could there do no mighty work because of their unbelief, except that He laid His hands on a few sick folk and healed them.' So even in the midst of unbelief the sick got healed."

"It is amazing how ineffective we have made ourselves. We have boxed ourselves into a little, bitty corner, where everything has to be just right before God will work, before He'll show up, before we can set people free. We think it's a big deal when 1 out of 10 gets healed. We're excited. Now, obviously for that one its a big deal, but what about the other 9? See, Jesus healed them all."

(In reference to a particular example of a miracle, too long to list here)

"God didn't tell Wigglesworth what to tell the guy. See *that's* what you've got to *realize*. It's not always hearing a voice, 'Do this.' and 'Do that.' That's wonderful if you get it. If you get it, do it. But if you don't get it, just do the Bible. See, people are always waiting for a leading. And I'm going to tell you, the Bible says you're always led. Romans 8:14: 'As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.' The Greek on that says, 'As many as are constantly led...' You're *constantly* led. Matter of fact, that verse is often taken out of *context*, talking about doing something. Do you realize that no where in the Bible, especially in the New Testament, are you ever told to wait for a leading for anything? Not one time. You make sure you're filled, and God'll make sure you're led." "Your job is to stay filled." "...he [Paul] is saying, as long as you are mortifying the deeds of the flesh, you know you're being led by the Spirit of God, because the flesh sure isn't leading you."

"The biggest problem in the Church, is that 99.9% of Christians are operating out of an Old Covenant mindset as opposed to a New Covenant mindset." "God did not sow a Son, to reap servants. He sowed a Son, to reap sons." "Our problems is we have a servant mentality. You want to be a servant. You want to be told what to do, when to do, and how to do it. That's not a son - that's a servant."

"You don't have to always make sure you're right. All you have to have is the right heart - the right motive."

Only one time in the New Testament were the disciples commanded to wait. Once we've received what they received, we are told to Go! Go! Go! If the Holy Ghost has come upon you, you've got power...feelings regardless.

"...[I've] had people come up, and they would say, 'I want to be healed.' And I say, 'Alright. Do you believe I can do it?' ...you know what you think? 'Well, of course *you* can't. But Jesus can.' Okay. Then what are you doing in *my* line? Ain't that right? Couldn't Jesus touch you back there where you were at? See you know that the person has *something* to do with it. You call it an anointing. I call it obedience. That's the difference. I don't look for an anointing. I don't wait for an anointing. I recognize that I'm a soldier. I'm a warrior for Christ. I'm here to do a job. I'm here to beat the enemy. And my Commander and Chief has given me all the weapons and tools I need to get it done." "...I live revived - I don't need revival."

"...this is what the Spirit of God showed me: that whenever He shows up, He's there to do something. (Right?) With the Christians. To use them. Get them to help set people free. He is the Spirit of Liberty. (Ain't that right?) The Spirit of freedom. That's Who He is. If He shows up, people ought to get free. ...When He walks in the door, all the Christians, you know what they do? They fall down. So He walks in. They all fall down. They're useless..."

"...you as a minister have to become *insulated* to carry the power without it effecting you."

"I don't believe that [Jesus] ever got to the place where He couldn't carry on because the Spirit was so strong. I believe that He ministered to people, and I believe that He was normal when He ministered to people."

"Generally, when I minister to people, I let life go into 'em." "All healing is, is the life of God going into a person and driving out sickness and death. And when you get enough life into 'em, they're well! So your job is just to become a big enough conduit that enough life can go into them to drive that thing out of them. (It's real simple) So I'm not ministering *healing*, I'm ministering *life*, because life defeats death. Life defeats sickness and disease."

You don't have to know how long a person has had whatever they have. That is purely a matter of compassion. It's for *them*.

"You don't have to fast and pray to cast out devils." "I've cast out devils without fasting and without praying. I've *done* it. (Alright?) Even epileptic spirits - the very spirit that is [mentioned] in Matthew 17." [17:14-20]

He claims that Matthew 17:21 was *added* by the King James Translators and that it is *not* in the original Greek Text. I can confirm that at least some scholars agree that this verse was "assimilated" from Mark 9:29, of which the "and fasting" part appears to be added as well. So the only doctrinal variation, based on Mark 9:29 that I can see from what Blake is saying, is that perhaps certain types of spirits, i.e. an "unclean dumb and deaf spirit" can "come forth by nothing but prayer." Prior to this [Mat. 9:15] Jesus had told John's disciples that His disciples would not fast until He had been taken from them: *then* they would fast. So what Blake is saying, is that it does not make sense that Christ would expect something of His disciples that He had never asked of them or encouraged them to do. *Faith*, however, had been encouraged [Mat. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31]. It is clear, therefore, that the disciples were unable to cast out the spirit

causing epilepsy in the child due to their unbelief [Mat. 9:20].

Christ did not focus on pointing the blame, but on getting the job done.

"Your sin or God's will." That's where we usually point the blame these days. Jesus put the ball in His disciples court, however. In fact, the only type of people that He blasted was the religious - people that had a form of godliness but denied the power thereof.

Christianity started in Israel as a relationship with God;
went to Greece, and became a philosophy;
went to Rome, and became a religion;
came to America, and became an enterprise.

Presently, we need to get it back to how Jesus intended it to be, away from all the ungodly metamorphic changes it has taken on.

"People like religion because it is neat and categorized."

"If you realize that you're going by the book—you've got the laws written called the New Testament - this is our parameters; it's what we live by—if you are in good faith ministering to a person, helping a person, based on the Spirit and the letter, then even if you are wrong, God will back you up and accomplish what you are trying to accomplish, because of the intent of your heart and your motivation, even if your methods are wrong."

In praying for somebody, "Be general as possible, and specific as necessary."

"When you are specific, the devil is specific, and he will hold you to that technicality. And so you need to be general, like Jesus, 'Be healed!'"

Divine Healing Training 03

1. Submitted Question:

"What about having someone healed, and then telling them to stay on their meds?"

"We have two things: We are dealing with the Bible, and we are dealing with the US government. ...You cannot tell a person what to do with their medicine, according to law. ... And technically...you cannot tell them to even keep taking their medicine because you're still practicing medicine without a license if you comment on their medicine. So the best thing to do is stay clear of that..." "You're not going to rely on *their* faith. You're going to rely on *your* faith."

"As long as you believe that nothing is stronger than God, He can use you to prove it. (Alright?) But as long as you don't believe that nothing is stronger than God, He is still stronger, He just can't use you to prove it."

A lot of the questions that often come up in the area of healing are (purely) academic, because when an actual healing occurs, the questions themselves are answered by the healing.

"We've seen 9 come back from the dead." He's seen about 70,000 that he has personally laid hands on and seen healed in a 5-year period.

"One reason you don't see more dead raisings here in the States is because as soon as they die, somebody takes the body away from us, and you can't see it again until it's ready for burial."

"God gave my kids to me. He didn't give 'em to the doctors. I trusted my first daughter to a doctor, and we buried her, and at that point I decided that I'd never do it again, and we never have."

Blake describes how he prays for women and his ministry's practice of ministering to them: "We don't put our hands on women, anywhere, at any time for any reason, other than hold their hands, or we have them put their hands over the affected part, and then we put our hand on top of theirs. That way, there's no question. Healing ministries get enough flack without shooting ourselves in the foot."

During a trip to Italy, Blake began to realize that some practices are based on cultural standards, not necessarily God-required ones. His vow to never drink alcohol was challenged while there. And although he didn't have to break it, he realized that some practices and principles (it included) are not necessarily based on what God says, but rather on what has been culturally accepted or taught.

While in Italy, Blake laid hands on a man who had been in a coma, hospitalized for over 3 months. He had been shot, and had recently picked up an infection, and was running a fever. Blake ministered to him, and told the people that the man would be okay. The following day Blake received word that the man had died. Privately, Blake prayed. He said he got blunt with God, and told Him, "He lives or I go home. He lives, or I quit preaching. One of the two, because I'm not doing this anymore. I'm not going to go around telling people that they are going to be okay, and then them die. That isn't going to work." The following morning he received report that the man had not only "woken up", and that the infection had left him, but that he was perfectly cognizant—aware of everyone and everything around him—just as Blake had said.

"I don't go in saying, 'Bless God. *I'm* the man. *I'm* the anointed one. Get 'em to me and *I'll* get him healed.' No, I tell 'em, '*He's* the anointed One. We're doing *His* work. We're saying *His* words. And it is the *Gospel* that is the power of salvation."

"My hands are not special. (Right?) I don't claim a gift. 'Cause if I did, you can't do what I do, unless you have the same gift. But what we do have is the same Savior, the same Lord, same Holy Spirit, same gifts, (You know what I mean by gifts - I'm talking about the gift of the Holy Ghost), same power, same weapons, all of this...we have the Name (Right?), we have the blood (The Bible says they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony). (Ain't that right?) That's how you overcome. Not by anointings. You don't need anointings. You[ve] already got it. Just use what you[ve] got." "We're going to kill all the

sacred cows; get 'em out of the way. But essentially, this is what it comes down to."

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"If you're going to come with a word [from God, for me], come with specifics."

"A lot of people that have gone through years of pain, and sickness and disease have pretty much given over to the idea that they would be better off dead. And even though you can get them healed, and you begin to minister to them, and you can get them healed on your *faith*...if they can't see themselves living, then your first job, along with ministering healing to them, is to convince them that they are useful, and that they have a purpose, and that they have not accomplished their purpose yet."

Submitted Question: "What do you say to yourself to get and stay healed?"

"I can't tell you whether to go to a doctor or not. That's your choice. That's your business. That's your deal." "I had to learn to fight for myself."

Blake uses an example of when he had broken his foot in a trampoline accident:

"First thing I did, is I started telling my body, 'Foot, you line up with the word of God. You're healed in Jesus name, and I command you to be healed *now*.' And I started to get loud, and I'd reach down and slap it." This he did continually for a while. "It took about 2 weeks, and it was well."

"...I've done some drastic things that I don't even necessarily advise you to do. But at the same time, I've convinced myself that I can do whatever I have to do."

"Wigglesworth used to say, 'I'd rather die believing, than to live doubting.'"

"I've had people ask me [if they] should they take medicine. ... Then I would tell them, 'Well, I can't comment on it.' Then they would say, 'Well, what would *you* do?' Which is another way of me tryin' to tell them what to do. I said, 'Well, if I needed medicine or a doctor, I would go to one. But by the time I got to a place where I would admit that I needed one, I would probably be in no condition to tell anybody.' And so I had decided that I would go into a room and they would carry me out dead before I would (you know) bow to something else."

Blake remarked to an African believer on how fast and keen the people there responded to taking the message of healing to the surrounding area immediately following a morning teaching time. The African man responded to him, "Oh brother Curry. You do not understand. Over here we do not have hospitals on every corner. Over here we believe God or we die." "Right then," Blake said, "I realized that our blessings had become our curse. Because we have too many other gods. If you need finances, you don't need Jehovah-Jireh. Man, you [ve] got banker so and so down here [to] give you what you need, for a price. If you have anxiety and problems, you don't need (you know) Jehovah-Shalom, you[ve] got psychiatrist so and so down here to prescribe Xanax or Prozac or something. And if you need healing, you don't need Jehovah-Rapha. Man, you[ve] got doctor so and so down there. If it hurts he'll cut

it out, cut it off, or give you something to deaden it. And so, we've got too many other gods. So, at some point you've got to decide who your god is. And it seems just it's what it all comes down to, because, sooner or later, the gods who you trust in are going to fail ya, unless its the One true God. That's that. [It's] that simple - they will fail you in one way or another."

"The heat of the battle is always the wrong time to make the decision. Make the decision *ahead* of time. Set your parameters *ahead* of time."

"We're friends with [Dr.] Michael Brown. Ya'll know him from the Brownsville Revival, and Fire School [of Ministry]. He's given us endorsements. He said that our message is theologically accurate and scripturally flawless."

"...this stuff works. We have a message that works. We've taught over 20,000 people. 20,000! And I have never once got a letter, card, email, phone call--nothin'--from any person that ever said, 'I tried what you taught and it didn't work.', not once."

"I will probably say several things that might upset you. But if you will think about it, and study the scriptures you'll find [them] to be true. One is this: the power of God is mechanical. ...the more God can be counted on, the more responsible you become."

"God has healed every type of person from saint to sinner. He has healed every type of person from king to harlot. He's healed everything. Every type of person. He's helped people. There are no limits. Our limits are the ones that we set. See, if you say, 'God won't until...' then He won't until for you. But whenever you teach someone else that, then you are spreading whatever you are infected with. And I'm here to tell you that *God will!* He'll heal. He'll deliver. Even if the person has sin in their life. Now, He doesn't want sin in their life. (Right?) I want to be real clear - I'm not telling you, 'Continue sinning.' He will use you to heal others while you have sin in your life. But He doesn't want sin in your life."

"God is with us. He is in me, and the very emotions that I feel are His emotions - *dimmed*. Because if I feel compassion for someone, how much more compassion does He feel? For me to stand there and tell God, 'God, we want this person healed. Please heal them. God, please heal...(Now) You make it sound like you've got more compassion than He does!'"

"You look at God and you say, 'God, if you just *would*. God, we know you can, if you just *would*.'" "...we act like God is some hard-hearted being. (You know) He would rather you doubt His ability, than to doubt His willingness." ""We know You can, we just don't know if You will.""

"That's an *Old* Covenant mindset." "See the Old Covenant mindset is always, 'Well, God is out there somewhere. We've got to go find Him. We've got to go *seek* the face of God. We gotta go find Him - He's out there somewhere. Oh God! Please come down! Oh God! Please show up! Lord, let Your glory fall.' All of that is *condemned* in the Bible. [scriptural references?] And yet we do it like we think we're being spiritual. Why? Because it *sounds* spiritual. Well it's not spiritual, it's religious!"

"You're the conduit of Heaven. And as the conduit of Heaven wherever you are there's an open heavens above you. I don't have to 'pray through'. I say, 'In the name of Jesus', I'm through! It's there! I'm there. Why? Because He's with me. And as I go, He's with me."

He references Romans 10:6-8.

"We've made this thing so hard. And the simplicity of it is, you believe that God is available—He's with you—I don't have to go find Him. When I get up in the morning, (You know) I don't have to say, 'Good morning, Holy Spirit.' There's nothing wrong with that. But I don't have to. 'Cause He didn't go anywhere. When I'm asleep that's when He talks to me sometimes the most, 'cause I get my head out of the way."

"...the New Covenant mindset is, 'I am made perfect and complete in Him.' So why do we always think we have to have something added?"

"We say things like, 'I've got head knowledge. It needs to become heart knowledge.' That is a lie! You've got heart knowledge, that needs to become *head* knowledge."

You want to increase your faith?

"Start talking it. 'Cause first you talk it, then you live up to it. 'Cause if you talk it and don't live up to it, you're lying. So you talk it. You make a commitment, then you live up to it. And you never talk where you are. See, that's the problem. People talk where they are. If you talk where you are, you're always going to stay there. You've got to talk above that. You[ve] got to talk what you're supposed to be. You've got to find out who you're supposed to be, and talk that, and then rise to that level. Are you going to jump there instantly? Probably not. Are you going to make mistakes? Probably so. But guess what? That just proves that you're human not divine."

We have the mind of Christ.

Blake will sometimes tell someone to try to do something that they couldn't do before after he has ministered to them. They sometimes ask him, "'Brother Curry, was that you, or was that the Holy Ghost?'" He says, "My answer is always the same: 'Yep. Mmmhmm. Sure was.' Then they look at him like, 'No. You didn't get it. Was that *you* speaking, or was that by the Spirit of God?'" Again he'll answer, "'Ya. Sure was. Mmmhmm.'" This makes, he says, religious people mad. They'll ask, "Well, who do you think you are!" And he'll say, "I *know* who I am, and thank God, that doesn't matter. But I know what He made me."

When your mind is in alignment with God's word [Rom. 12:2], the fact that His will is good, acceptable and perfect can be proven.

"Until your mind is renewed, keep your mouth shut!"

"I always tell people, 'If you really want to do Bible healing, do the exactly the opposite of what has been done in Church, and you'll be closer to the Bible'. The Church says we have to

search out people's sins, and dig these things out, and get all the sin out of our life before God can use us or before He can heal us, which is not in the Bible."

"You don't have to get saved to get healed. But if you get somebody healed and they don't get saved, they'll answer to God for that." "See, we try to put the cart before the horse. We need to realize, we need to show these men, the *goodness* of God leads men to repentance."

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Submitted Questions:

1. "Do you have to touch the person afflicted?" No.
2. "Can the person be healed long distance?" Yes.

"The statement I usually use is, 'You will live and not die, in Jesus' name. Now that is not a formula. It is not a magic charm, or an incantation of any sort, but it has worked for me."

"Let what's in you come out."

Uses a period in a sentence in an email as a point contact for faith. The person receives the email, touches their hand to the dot on the computer screen, and they're healed.

Practical display of compassion for someone grieving can be seen in a pat on the back.

"See, *we* think we have to it just right, and everything just right here, and it has to be God's will for this person to be healed at this time, and they have to have the right amount of faith...I tell everybody it's like an IRS tax form..." "We've made healing harder than filling out an IRS tax form."

Who set the conditions for the healing of the woman with the issue of blood? *She* did. The power of God was made available and she decided that if she touched the hem of Christ's garment she would be healed. She did, and she was.

"Our job here is to bring Heaven to Earth, in a matter of speaking."

"It is your responsibility to find out what you have to know to get people healed. (Now) A lot of it we have condensed here. (Now) Some things you will learn as you go. But I can get you started to the point where pretty much anything that comes up, you can handle it. But you're still going to have to make the decision and the commitment. Because what you start playing with eventually will consume you."

"You have to learn to take all responsibility and yet give the care of it to Him."

"It's kinda like this: If they get healed, glory to God; if they don't get healed it's your fault."

"That's pretty much the way you have to think about it."

"It's like we're saying earlier: God allows what you allow. Why'd God allow this? 'Cause *you*

did. Real simple. You believe that? Half of you. Alright? 'Cause it's true. He said, 'Whatever you loose on Earth, is loosed in Heaven. Whatever you bind on Earth is bound in Heaven.' Where does the binding/loosing start? Here: Earth. *Not* Heaven. Isn't that right? It doesn't start in Heaven. It starts here. What *you* bind, what *you* loose, will be bound or loosed here. See this is New Covenant Christianity. This is what Jesus taught. Jesus is your only example. The disciples weren't your example. The sick people weren't your example. Jesus is your example."

"Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest prophet. Yet he did no miracles. So miracles don't have anything to do with being a great prophet. So then I had to go back and say, 'Okay. Well, what does it?' Well, a prophet is one that speaks for God. (Right?) So, therefore, that must mean that John the Baptist had the greatest message. (Isn't that right?) Well, what was the greatest message? Well, if you go back to the Old Testament all the Old Testament prophets kept saying, 'He's coming. He's coming.' (Ain't that right?) Over and over again. 'He's coming.' What did John the Baptist say? 'He's here.' Now, (but) what did Jesus say? He said, 'of all the prophets born of women, not one is greater than John the Baptist, but he that is *least* in the kingdom of God is greater than him.' Why? Because John the Baptist watched Him walk away. But [of] he that is least in the Kingdom of God...[it] not only says, 'He's here.' but 'He's *here*.' Not, 'He's here but He walked off.' but He's here. He lives in me. He walks in me. He talks in me. He doesn't leave. He doesn't come. He doesn't go. That's why I tell people, 'The anointing doesn't lift! The anointing doesn't wane. It's not the anointing that gets weaker and stronger. See, we have these weird ideas about what the anointing is. 'Well, there's an increased anointing.' You know I get all these letters and emails from different people, (you know) 'God is about to release a fresh anointing.' And then I thought, 'Well, now we know whose fault it is that we hadn't had that anointing before. God's been holding back. Because He's about to release. If He's about to release that means He's been holding back.' See how we always put it back on God? God's not about to release anything. God has released. You know what He says? You know what He tells the Church? 'Wake up!' Read the New Testament! He never said, 'Well, wait until I release something.' He told them, 'You awake to righteousness. You rise up. You stir up the gift [that] is in you.' Read the New Testament! The responsibility is absolutely, completely, 100% on the *Christians*. It's never on God. Because if it was then someday somebody could stand before God and say, 'You didn't give me what I needed.' And I guarantee you will never stand before God and accuse Him as if you had more at stake, and you had more heart for the people than He did. He has given you His Name, His Word, His Spirit, He has given you His gifts, He has given you His power; He has given you *EVERYTHING*. And so if there's any lacking, it's not a lacking in our part in the sense of our having it, it's in our lacking of obedience to *use* it."

"(See) We say, 'I'm anointed because the Spirit's upon me.' Jesus said, 'The Spirit's upon Me because I'm anointed.' You think it's the same thing. It's not. The reason the Spirit's upon you is because you're anointed. Anointed means to be appointed to do something. Saul was anointed king. Why? Because he was appointed king. See, an anointing is an appointing. You think the anointing is some sort of an ethereal thing that comes upon you. No. The anointing

is when you got born again. (See?) And then the Spirit comes upon you. That's called the baptism of the Spirit. So you're anointed and then the Spirit comes upon you. Why? Why does He come upon you? I know you want Scripture 'cause you're not going to believe me if I don't [have scripture]. But He said it in Galatians. He said, 'Because you are sons, He has sent the Spirit of His Son (Ain't that right?) crying, *Abba, Father.*' He didn't make you sons by sending His Spirit. Because you are sons, He sent His Spirit."

"We do everything backwards." "Dr. Lake had a greater healing ministry *before* he received the baptism of the Spirit than most people have *afterwards.*" "Dowie - tremendous healings. Never had the baptism of the Spirit. Ripped cancers off of people's faces, and they were totally healed. All kinds of stuff. Now, explain that. Why? It's because when you get born-again, you have the authority. See the new birth gives you authority to become sons of God. The baptism in the Spirit gives you the ability to act like one. That's the difference. (See) That's what Dr. Lake knew about the baptism of the Spirit. The stuff that I'm giving you, that I'm pouring out to you - it's the secrets that Dr. Lake knew that allowed him to see 100,000 healings in 5 years. That's what did it. It's the understanding that the Spirit of God is given to you to use for God."

"Your power, *you*, as a spirit-living being, is exponentially magnified by the Spirit of God. Do you get that? He doesn't come separate from you - that's the problem. You think He's separate. 'He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with the Lord.' [1 Cor. 6:17] That's why I said, when I told you earlier, somebody asked me, 'Is that you or is that God?' 'Ya.' Why? Because it's neither me nor Him. It's us. You see? The two shall become one." "We become one with Him. One in thought, one in direction, one in goals, one in aspirations."

"...He permeates me, where you can't tell where He stops and I pick up, and where I stop and He picks up. And the more my mind is renewed to His word, the less you can tell. And pretty soon you just keep going unto where you talk and act like Him..."

"I know I'm nothing. And the more I know I'm nothing the more He can live big in me."

"Dr. Lake even one time when they were saying, 'Well, he can do this because he's anointed, and he's got this gift and he's got that gift.' And he laughed. He said, 'If my dear Jenny was here,' (she had passed away), (he said) 'she was here to hear that she would laugh,' (he said) 'because she knew only too well my mistakes and my shortcomings.' And he said, 'but people say that I am able to do what I can do because of who I am,' and he said 'but I know that the secret is, is not me knowing *who* I am that allows me to do what I do, but it's the ability that I have to *forget* who I am that allows me to do it.'"

"I don't like rejection anymore than you do, and I don't know how they're going to respond."

"Anybody can be a prophet the day after. Tell me ahead of time."

"If that *same* Spirit dwells in you that raised Jesus from the dead and it clicked. Bless God! I don't have a different spirit!" "Every dead raising - He was there. Every healing that's ever

taken place - He was there. Do you realize: nothing miraculous has ever happened that the Spirit that's in you was not there to perform. 'But I'm not ready.' Nope. 'He is.' 'But I'm not prepared.' That's okay, *He* is. 'I've never been in this situation.' That's okay, *He* has." "The only thing that's always the same is the cure. The cure is the Spirit." "You get enough of the Spirit of God onto that person, it'll fix any problem."

"Well, you know, God's gonna get me right before He'll use me to heal somebody else.' You're not that important. (crowd laughs) Do you get that? Jesus died for that person to be well. Why would He not get them well just because you're a little mixed up. (Ain't that right?) You think you've got to be perfect! It shows that we think this whole Universe revolves around us. And it doesn't! It all revolves around *Him*. All your job is to go and show His glory." "It's not about us being perfect, and ready."

"I must decrease that He might increase.' (Now) Can the Holy Spirit increase? No! But you can decrease. And if you decrease it'll look like He is increasing, cause you're going to see more of Him."

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Submitted Question: "How do you keep your healing?"

[Answer difficult to articulate without taking extensive notes]

Many times we try to fulfill in the natural what God has promised you in the Spirit.

"Many times it becomes an Ishmael that hurts you more than helps you because you know too much (so to speak) in the areas of biology, and physiology..."

Medicine numbs the symptoms of a problem.

"(Now) Here's what devils do. (Okay?) Devils take advantage of weakness."

He teaches that we have three immune systems: a physical, an emotional, and a spiritual.

Dr. Peterson from Oral Roberts University found out that people that prayed in tongues for 30 minutes a day raised their immune system by 30%.

"Only Christians have the right to enter and operate in the spirit realm."

Witchcraft, tarot cards, drugs... all those things are illegal ways to enter the spirit realm.

"Only people who operate in the spirit can do whatever it takes."

"If it causes a lessening of sin and an increase of spirituality, then you are engaged in spiritual warfare. If what you're doing (that you think is spiritual warfare) is not lessening sin in your life and increasing the level of spirituality that you have, it's not spiritual warfare, it's some kind of religious game, or something that you're doing. (Right?) At some point you're going

to have to quit waving banners and start putting your feet on the street. Which means talking to people and contacting people."

"In reality the way you keep your healing is the same way you get it."

#1 Key to divine healing: "Get fed up. Nothin' changes 'till you get fed up. As long as you're willing to put up, you ain't fed up. You didn't get out of sin 'till you got fed up with it. And you won't get out of sickness until you get fed up with it. And you have to begin to hate it, and you have to learn to treat it like a person that you hate. You have to talk to it, speak to it, tell it what you want it to do, and know that you have authority over it."

"...there come a point where I quit teaching the doctrine of healing and I became healing. And the difference was when I got a hold of the heart of God."

"...you have to realize that there are qualifications to these scriptures."

"We have this Augustinian view of the sovereignty of God to the point where we think, 'Well, everything that happens is God's will.' That's not true. If that was true then Jesus would never have said, 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.' You wouldn't have to pray that if His will was always done. And then we[ve] got scriptures, 'It is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.' Isn't that right? Are there people dying and going to hell? Then God's will isn't always done. But when's it done? Whenever *we* do it. Matter of fact, Jesus said, 'I've come to do the will of Him that sent Me.' And what did He do? He went about fixing things that were not right. That means that if the things He did was the will of God, then the things He fixed wasn't the will of God."

"...the word of God is for freedom. See we think, for some reason, that God is against us, and He's holding back, and if somethin' isn't happening it's 'cause it's His will. No, it's because we aren't doing it. We must work the works of Him that sent us."

"...if you've never done it, you'll believe whatever anybody tells ya. But once you get out there and do it, all the theory falls apart. And then, you know what's real 'cause you've done it."

"See, someone comes along to me and say[s], '(Well, you know) healing passed away.' And I'm gonna look at 'em like, 'You poor dumb thing.' 'Cause I know better, I'm doing it, I see it every day. I know it hadn't passed away. '(Well, you know,) but God won't heal anybody with sin in their life.' Mmm. Wrong. (You know?) [I] see it every day. People that will acknowledge, 'Ya. There's sin in my life.' and God heals 'em. So I say, you will pass on whatever theories you've heard until you get out and do it. But when you get out and do it, all the theories fall away and you find out what's real."

"We used to call them 'paper tigers'. People that all kinds of certificates but couldn't back anything up. And that's exactly the way it is in the church. I don't care if you[ve] got "Dr." - I don't care what you've got." "I've seen people with more initials than I have letters in my name. (Right?) And it doesn't mean a bit of difference, if you can't set the captive free. It

doesn't make any difference. Why? 'Cause anything you say can be theory. (Ain't that right?) But we've got to get back from theory to the reality of the Bible that works. What Jesus did worked."

The Gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection [2 Cor. 15] is not the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It's the Gospel that lets us preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. "Gospel of the Kingdom of God" means literally "The good news of the supremacy or the reign of God." "That's what they went out and preached. They went out into every city, and said, 'We're here to tell you the good news that God is over everything else.' And then they would find sickness and said, 'Let us prove it to ya. God is over cancer. Cancer be gone.' And they get healed (which proved what they were preaching). Isn't that simple? Every person that's called to preach, that's what you're called to preach. Every Christian, that's what you're called to share - the good news of the supremacy of God, by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Isn't that simple? And we go about with the authority to demonstrate it. That's what we do. Amen?"

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"I tell you this: if I can run you off, I guarantee the devil will. (Alright?) (So) 'Cause he doesn't like it. He doesn't like it when you start getting results. He doesn't like it whenever you start getting the grit to just stick and fight no matter what." "The devil's not stupid. He may be crazy, but he's not stupid...one of the things he's figured out is that if a Christian decides to go against him if he just stands still and doesn't move most Christians will give up and leave. And so basically you come down to a staring competition seeing who's going to break first, or who's going to blink first, and who's going to leave. And most of the time if you'll just stand, you can outlast him."

"...you can and should develop a reputation of just standing. And once you develop that reputation of standing in the spirit realm, they'll start to leave a lot faster. (And, because) They start to realize that you're not budging. (and that, uh) Basically faith is just simply deciding what the object or the conclusion is that you're after and then not moving until you get it. A lot of people don't like that definition of faith. But essentially faith is nothing more than courage. It's the guts to stand when everybody else runs." "Let me tell you, you are as big as the last problem you beat, and you are just slightly smaller than the last problem that beat you. (And so) If you want to have faith generally all you have to do is stand. And you continue to stand. Faith is not quantity, it's quality. It's the ability to stand when everybody else runs. It's the ability to continue going whenever you don't feel like it."

The manual Blake reads from is one he put together. It is not Lake's original manual.

Absorb what is useful,
reject what is useless,
and add what is specifically your own by experience.

"...the word of God is absolutely our rule of faith..." "...my job is to get your experience to line up with the word of God..." "Well, you know, God answers prayer, and sometimes it's, *Yes*, and sometimes it's, *No*, and sometimes it's *Wait*.' (Mkay?) That is not Bible. The Bible says that in Christ all promises in Him are, 'Yea.' and, 'in Him Amen.' That's, 'Yes' and 'So be it.' not, 'No.' and not, 'Maybe.' Not, 'Wait.' [and] not anything else."

"Anything included in the atonement you do not have to talk to God about. You obey, you have the experience to line up with what the atonement covered."

"Sickness and disease is not sent to make you better, it's sent to kill you..."
"...anything that is in the atonement - it's yours..."

Good rule of thumb: "Anything that stands between you and the fulfillment of a promise of God is a devil." "...I do include a prophetic word in that, but I am primarily talking about a scriptural promise. Something in the Bible that says, this is a promise." "...anything that stands between you and the fulfillment of that promise is there for you to defeat..."

"Quit being an Israelite [in the sense of being faithless and whining], become a New Covenant son (or daughter) and look at that thing and say, 'Glory to God! Here's another opportunity to prove God's word true, and I'm going to overcome it! And if I overcome it I know that my place is guaranteed in Heaven.'" "...He didn't say those that don't have any trouble are going to make it into Heaven. He said, 'Those that overcome...'"

"People forget sometimes, politicians don't win wars." "...if you want to win a battle, you send in a warrior, you don't send in a politician." "You are in absolute control in every spiritual battle. (Right?) It's up to you. Your Commander and Chief has given you everything you need to win, and anytime you don't win it's because you have failed to use a weapon or tool that He has provided." "(Now) One of those tools is faith."

"God is not in charge of your failures. Don't blame Him. He's always won. (Right?) Jesus didn't lose one battle. You need to think of these things. (Right?) He's your example. You should win every battle. (Isn't that right?) You're not here for cannon fodder for the devil. You're here to win. (Right?) He's here for you to practice on." "...they're here for you to overcome [speaking of demons]. That's their purpose. (Right?) Help them fulfill their purpose."

The reason the Nazis hated general Patton was that he loved to fight.

These signs shall follow them that believe.

Believers laying hands on the sick is a sign.

Tongues are a sign for unbelievers.

A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign. That's not you!

Signs are for unbelievers.

If you are a believer it is assumed you have faith. Not how much faith. Salvation is the biggest miracle there is. So if you have faith for salvation, then you have faith for healing also. Faith, therefore is not the question. What is the question? Grit. Are you willing to stand? Are you willing to decide, This is the truth?

If signs, healing and tongues are for unbelievers, how come the only place we seem to practice them is in a church?

"As long as healing is an event to you, you'll never flow in it. When it ceases to be an event, and becomes a life style, it starts to flow." How do I know if it's an event? When its sporadic.

The whole context of healing in the church today has been removed from real life. "...one of the first things we need to do in the church is start to change our terminology into real life words that people can understand."

(Metaphorically speaking) Dress militarily. Strip down to what you need. Travel light. "...we need to get rid of some of the baggage from religion that we have gathered up."

"You need to realize that sin is bondage, and it kills."

Just because God is using you it doesn't mean your doctrine is right. "...if you just go by signs and wonders, you're going to be easily led astray by somebody that just has power in the spiritual realm. So you have to analyze what's said according to scripture. Now if what you're saying is according to scripture then there should be acts of power backing it up, confirming the word."

"The idea here is that a person can be used of God and not be right. (Right) Why? Because God loves people. And just 'cause He uses you, it doesn't mean you're right, it just means you were there. (Right?) It means you were available. That's all it means. So, how can you get (you know) puffed up or in pride over it? Just do your job."

"People want to be apostles and prophets without fulfilling the basics of being a believer. It's like, 'Well, I want to be president of the United States, but I'm not a citizen here.' Well, then we've got a problem. (Right?) Go back to doing the first things, first, then we'll see about you being president. (Right?) But we've got people wanting to be apostles that are not even acting like believers. Because believers will lay hands on the sick - they're going to cast out devils, they're going to raise the dead, they're gonna preach the Gospel, they're gonna (you know) speak in new tongues. All these things. They're gonna drink deadly things and it won't by any means hurt them. All these things are going to be going on. And yet they haven't even done that, and they've got apostolic networks, and churches under them and everything else and they hadn't even done the works of a *believer*, let alone an apostle."

"...the whole basis of Christianity is discipline. You're called a disciple. (Okay?) If you do not have discipline, you are not a disciple. That's the root word. (Alright?) It's simple as that." "...I want to emphasize to you that at some point you're going to have to live what you say you believe."

"If you're not doing it [personally], you're not doing it."

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"...many people won't move until they get a prophetic word. Then it got to where they wouldn't move [unless] they got a prophetic word and a confirmation. (You know?) So it just keeps getting farther down the line. Now, at the same time, people say, 'But shouldn't we wait until we're led by the Spirit?' Depends on what you mean by 'led by the Spirit.'" ... "The leading of the Spirit will always line up with scripture. Now think about this: if the leading of the Spirit is always going to line up with scripture, then you can do scripture anytime, with or without a leading. (Right?) There is nothing in the Bible that tells you to wait for a leading."

If Paul had waited for a leading, the Holy Spirit wouldn't have needed to prevent him from going into Asia. He did operate by "a leading" when he was turned aside by a vision and went to Macedonia. I'm not against leadings. But if you don't get one, do the Bible, do the great commission. "...while you are going you will probably get specific or what we call 'special' leadings. And if you get a special leading, obey it. But until you get a special leading, obey the Bible."

Common doubts:

1. Is this for me?
2. Is this for today?
3. Is this right?

"Witches are just people looking for power. And unfortunately most of the Church has not shown them power, and so they go into other areas."

Three groups Blake likes working with:

1. Ex-Baptists: they already believe the Bible, and don't need a specific leading of the Holy Spirit to do what the Bible says.
2. Ex-Military: they know what it means to take an order get the job done. They don't quit until they get new orders. Since our job is never done, they will never quit.
3. Ex-Cultists: they know what it means to absolutely commit, and to give everything towards getting a cause accomplished.

"If it came down to a voice, or written scripture, take the scripture. (Right?) 'Cause pretty much every cult that's ever been started came by somebody hearing a voice. (Alright?) So [a] voice doesn't mean much." "...the written scripture is the...one sure thing."

"...scripture will always be solid." "Prophecies can come and go; scripture stands." "The word

of God is our final authority. Our experiences must be judged by scripture, [and] not scripture judged by experiences, and that knocks out most of our traditions right there, if you would just judge your experiences by scripture and not the other way around."

What is essential (as far as our doctrine)? Often times doctrinal statements are written or amended out of reaction to heresies.

Forever God's word is settled in Heaven. "Our job is to settle it on Earth."

"I only have one enemy and he's called 'The Devil.'"

"...I am not special by any stretch. I am so normal you wouldn't believe it. But I refuse to give up. I refuse to quit. And I just keep finding more of the Bible to do and I try to live what it says to do."

When he first started in the healing ministry there was blatant sin in his life. He was amazed that people were getting healed. "I was shocked. (You know?) 'Cause that went against everything that I had been taught. And here I am praying for people and they're getting healed and I have all these sins in my life. I'm like, 'Sss. Okay.' (You know?) And finally I just went to God. I went, 'God, don't You care? Don't you know that there's sin in my life? I mean what's the deal here?' And right then God spoke up, and He said, 'I know and I will deal with you later.' And I thought (you know) it sounded like somebody being called to the principal's office. (You know what I mean?) And I tell people, it's kinda funny 'cause right after that this desire for holiness seemed to come on me. [crowd laughs] (laughs)."

We think that sin somehow short-circuits our ability to minister to others.

What about "giving place to the devil?"

The bible says that the devil was a thief and a murderer and a liar from the beginning. "See, you seem to think for some reason that the devil has some authority." "He's a renegade, criminal spirit." The devil didn't take the garden from Adam. He had to fool Adam. Your body belongs, by right, to God. You don't have a right to give the devil "rights". "When it talks about giving the devil place, it's talking about sin, not sickness. Sickness was always an attack of the enemy."

Blake says that sickness can come in roughly one of three ways (2 of which he mentions):

1. Sowing and reaping. Doing things to yourself to break down your body, thus giving the devil entry and a place to work.
2. Flat out enemy attack.

"You notice (it's funny) people never hate the sin they're doing. How come all the people that have generational curses, how come they enjoy the sin? How come it's always the sin they want to do? 'Well, ah, I'd like to be good.' No. You know what? Really, it's [that] you don't

want to go to hell. You like the sin but you don't want to go to hell. That's the problem. It's not a matter of generational curse. (You know?) Come on! Generational curse? The whole world's under a generational curse! People talk about, 'This is a generational curse.' It's not!"

"...we have built up an entire industry on generational curses. We['ve] got books, seminars...some of these seminars cost hundreds of dollars to go through. And, they take you into these things, and you['ve] got to sit, and you['ve] got to visualize Jesus, and you['ve] got to go back to the root of your problem of where it started. And let me tell ya, Jesus never did that. And He didn't tell you to do that. He said, 'Heal the sick. Cast out devils.' There you go... 'But, I have fear, and it's because one time I was in a swing when I was a three-year-old and somebody pushed me out of a swing and I fell and so I have fear from then on.' Alright, well, we're gonna take you back to that swing. (Now) Are you there? Close your eyes. Are you there to swing? 'Ya.' Well, okay. Now look around, 'cause Jesus is there. 'Oh yeah! I see 'em!' And they *see* Him. Now, that is...No, I'm sorry. It's not that close, it's that close. (Right?) You know what I mean by that? past it, to spiritualism. You're dealing with spirits. Familiar spirits. And you are opening up a can of worms you don't want to get involved with. I've never seen...any church get involved in that stuff that did not split, that did not have problems, and did not [end up having] more trouble...than what they started with."

"Heal it or cast it out. (if it's a problem) Heal it or cast it out."

"He didn't say dig back into your past. He didn't say that. I mean, how far can He go? You're dead!" "Well, I can't help myself.' Yes you can. If you couldn't help yourself, God couldn't send you to hell over it. (Right?) The fact that you go to hell over a sin is not because you can't help yourself. See, it's like what Charles Finney said, 'It's not that you can't. It's that you *won't*.' See, it goes back to a heart problem."

"We have tried to turn ourselves into doctors, rather than into deliverers. You need to just set people free."

"...how *did* Jesus operate?"

Jesus called the pharisees hypocrites.

He told his disciples to practice what the pharisees proclaimed, but not according to their works.

"...a hypocrite is a person who says to do something but then doesn't live by the same rules they set up."

"Listen to what they tell you. And do what they tell you." Just don't *do* as they *do*.

"...when you're gonna be flowing with the Spirit, you're gonna be doing what the Bible says."

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Acts 10:38

"(Now) That word 'went about' literally means to wonder around with no set destination. See,

you believe in times past (or maybe even been taught) that Jesus had an appointment every day, and He had to be somewhere, and His whole life was lined out. And it had to be this: Jesus went up on the mountain at night, met with the Father, and got His directions for the next day. (You know) He broke out His little day planner, and said, 'Okay, Father, what are we doing tomorrow?' 'Well, now Son, now listen. We have to make sure that You're at the well—Jacob's well—*be* there in the morning, 'cause there's going to be a woman at the well, and We're gonna put that in the Book. You[ve] got to meet her, so make sure You're there. She's gonna be there about ten o'clock. You be there. (Alright?) And this is what's gonna happen and here's what You tell her.' Now that's not the way it worked. (You know?)" "...we have the idea that that's how Jesus was led. But it *wasn't*."

How did Jesus fulfill the law and the prophets? How did He operate? By this: Whatever you would want done to you, do to others.

"It's not about being nice. It's about being *right*." [context is Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple and the money changers being scared]

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Submitted Question: "Jesus has the keys of hell and death. Therefore, Satan cannot take a life. Is that correct?" "No." "...technically he doesn't have the authority to anymore than a bank robber has the authority to take money out of the bank, but he still does it. That's why you're God's police man. (Right?) That's why you're supposed to stop him. So anywhere you see him, stop him."

Any person with compassion proves the existence of God.

"...the principles that I'm teaching you work across the board. They work for deliverance, they work for salvation, they work for healing, they work for prosperity..."

Part of eulogy spoken of John Lake following his death:

"...he had the ability to impart faith to his hearers.' And I thought, 'That's what I want said about me when I die.' See, if I give my son every dime I've got, it can be spent, it'll be gone and he'll have to find more. But if I can give him the knowledge of faith in God he'll never be forsaken. He'll never have to be broke to the point where he can't survive in an area, and he will always know that wherever he's at he will survive and thrive because God is with him and God is his source."

It's wrong to rely on faith in others all the time. "You have to have faith for them, and you have to be able to deliver them. (Now) As long as you think God is your problem, you will never operate in faith, because you're not going to be sure if they're going to get healed or not. Faith is knowing. See, faith is not necessarily believing, faith is knowing. There's a difference. And once you do it enough, it goes beyond believing into just knowing."

"Across the board, 94-97% of all the people we pray for get healed."

"...you need to forget the people that stand in front of ya...you need to forget God at that point...you're not talking *to* them, and you're not talking to God *about* them. By then, you should have already done all the talking to God about anybody that you need to do. (Right?) When you stand in front of them it is not the time to start talking to God. When the crisis arises, that is not the time to start praying." "...people's lives depend on me being ready."

Blake went to see Dr. Lester Sumrall at his office in South Bend, Indiana in 1981. He had two very important questions he hoped Dr. Sumrall could answer. "I figured, 'If I can get those two answers, everything else will work out.'" The questions were:

1. "How do I know when I'm being led by the Spirit?"
2. "How can I be sure of the will of God? (What is the will of God?)"

He says Dr. Sumrall answered his questions. "To know the will of God read the Bible. To be led by the Spirit do the Bible."

"He lived in a small house behind the church. (I'm telling ya) If there was ever a man of God, it was him. Fifty years of ministry, never a hint of scandal. Solid."

"...I realized that I can be spiritual and walk in this world, and be touchable and real and not have to 'protect the anointing.' (Come on!) The anointing protects me! I don't protect the anointing; I can't protect the Holy Spirit. That's like people saying, '(Well, now) Everybody be quiet - we don't want to grieve the Spirit.' Let me tell you, you talking while I'm praying for somebody doesn't grieve the Spirit *near* as much as you walking *past* the sick person and acting like you don't see 'em."

"We act like there's not a real war going on. It's a real war. That's what hindered Daniel. The answer was sent the day he prayed. (Ain't that right?) But there was warfare going on in the heavenlies over the situation. (Now) We think (Well, now), 'We[ve] gotta pray (you know)...to get the answer. No. The answer was sent the day he prayed. But the hindrance was, the fact that he didn't pull it on through because there are beings that try to stop you. But I'll tell you, we're not in that case. See everybody tries to bring it up. Spirit-filled, charismatic Christians. You talk healing? You know what they bring up? Everybody knows Paul's thorn, Timothy's stomach, Paul left somebody sick somewhere...and Job. It's amazing. They know every one of them. And you say, 'Give me five clear-cut scriptures that guarantee healing.' Most of them can't do it. But yet we know every reason, every failure, every problem."

"We will think the worst about God (and we always put the negative spin on it) rather than realizing that throughout His entire history He's done nothin' but good, done nothin' but healed, done nothin' but blessed people, and yet we want to turn around and say, 'Yeah, but see? He didn't get this, and He didn't do that.' Many of these people did not have the provision of the atonement. Paul's revelation was unfolding as he went along. The early

Church didn't have Paul's revelation. The early Church didn't know all this stuff." "[If] you try to use the book of Acts as a purely theological manual, you're going to have some weird stuff going on."

"We're supposed to do greater works with less effort."

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"...a spirit of infirmity is technically a spirit of weakness. Now, here's something you need to know about demons. A spirit of fear is not some big scary demon that scares you. Okay? A spirit of fear is a scared demon. You understand? *It* is scared. *It* is skittish." "...Demons are not trying (necessarily) to bring something *on* you—they don't stand over here and say, 'Yeah. Fix that.' or 'Do something with that.' They try to express themselves *through* you. See? That's the same thing the Holy Spirit wants. (Right?) He wants to *express* Himself through you. So a person who has a spirit of fear, that *demon* is fearful and you are expressing it's emotions or it's characteristics." "...some of these things are natural human tendencies that are to be controlled and brought under control. But...once you get beyond a certain degree it's no longer human - it can become demonically inspired."

"You want to know how to get bold? It's real[ly] simple. Get convinced of what you know. When you get convinced of what you know and what you believe, you will be bold."
"Boldness is...the freedom to speak freely (Right?) - the ability to speak freely."

"...the baptism of the Spirit gives the power to back up the things that you say and the things that you do, with the power of God to effect change."

How come we always talk about sowing and reaping in 2 ways?

1. Negative i.e. You're reaping what you sowed.
2. Relating to money i.e. Christian television

Every seed reproduces according to its *own* kind. You can't sow money and reap healing - the seed you sow can only produce more of it's kind.

Hank Williams (song writer): "Every one tells me to give to God, but they always give me *their* address."

"The world is smarter than the Church is in some ways..."

God's people don't have to beg. His blessings will overtake you, but you can't stand still. You have to move.

"You want more power? Use what you['ve] got! 'Well, I don't have enough.' How do you know? You haven't used what you['ve] got yet."

You don't need great faith. If you have it, Wonderful! But you don't need it. Faith the size of a grain of mustard seed will get the job done. He never told you that you needed a certain amount of faith. He just recognized faith when He saw it.

Why did the Roman centurion have great faith? Because he had no covenant with God. Nor did the Syrophonecian woman.

"It's not always easy coming into a place and preaching a message of absolute victory..."
"The Bible says that if the Spirit of Christ is in you, you're *in* the spirit."

Submitted Question: "Peter's shadow healed. Did he just believe it? Or, how did it happen?"
The flesh doesn't really encapsulate the spirit, the spirit emanates out from and animates the flesh. "...I don't teach healing anymore - I am healing. Healing pours out of me. (Alright?) I don't even have to think about it. I don't have to direct it. Healing is life, and so it just emanates." Blake's theory / answer: The Spirit of God emanated from Peter as far as his shadow fell.

A Japanese scientist (Dr. Masaru Emoto) has proven that the words that we speak have effect. His studies were done on water. Our bodies are mostly water. He found that written words attached to a glass holding water altered the frozen formation of the water. Good words (such as "blessed" and "happy") resulted in good formations, and bad words (such as "Satan" and "hate") resulted in bad formations.

www.life-enthusiast.com/twilight/research_emoto.htm

A scientist in Texas has found a way to create healing water using bio-resonance.

The Bible says in Ephesians 1:3 that God has blessed you with every spiritual blessing in Heavenly places. The word, "blessing", means, literally, that God has said every good thing He can say about you. That's what it means. "To be blessed means that God has spoken well about you."

"...I have faith in God's word, and I want all *my* words to line up with *His* word, even when I'm not *preaching* to somebody."

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"...the hardest thing is getting everybody to know their job. Once you know your job, you know what you're supposed to do. (Right?) And you also know everybody else's job, so you'll know who's responsible for what. 'Cause there's nothing like working for a company where you don't know who's responsible for what."

I am God's son,
The Devil's master,
Man's servant.

Lord over Satan, rule over man. Rule over Man by serving him.

"...I can get you free [but] I can't keep you free. See I can get you free because I have authority over all sickness, disease and devils. I can't keep you free because after I'm gone you can live any way you like."

"You will conform to the level of people you hang around with."

Your friends are like elevators - they will either bring you up, or bring you down. But they generally don't leave you where they found you.

Iron sharpens iron. "Don't get around dull people, or people that dull you (either way)."

We have the Great Commission.

"See we put stock in men. We keep thinking that it's the 12 apostles. No! It's the Spirit of God! It wasn't the acts of the apostles, it was the acts of the Holy Ghost through men of God!"

"We keep trying to build up men instead of exalting Jesus."

Exalt God

Exhort Men.

Exhaust the Devil.

Blake speaks to the argument made that the healing referred to in Isaiah 53:5 (...by His stripes we are healed) and 1 Peter 2:24 (...by Whose stripes you were healed) isn't a physical one. He says that the Greek word used in 1 Peter 2:24 [G2390] "is a word that is always used for physical healing. It was never once used for spiritual healing or any other type of healing." This word is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word used in Isaiah 53:5 [H7495], which Blake says is only used in scripture in one other instance besides that of physical healing - the (repair of the) temple altar, [1 Kings 18:30], which still refers to the "physical restoration of a physical thing." "So it never referred to spiritual healing."

Note: I have investigated these claims and found them false. Some of the findings may be found in the following section. I refrain from publishing all of my notes and findings here on this subject lest I be thought a critic rather than a simple researcher.

WARNING - Author's (partial) investigative findings and summary.

Exceptions I have found to the last claim (that the word for "healed" in Isaiah 53:5 "never referred to spiritual healing."):

2 Chronicles 30:18-20 (healing in the sense of providing atonement in the sense of being cleansed and forgiven);

Psalms 41:4 ("heal my soul; for I have sinned against You");

Psalms 147:3 ("He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds");

Isaiah 6:10 (being healed in a way that's apparently not physical);
Isaiah 19:22 (healing a nation or a people group);
Isaiah 30:26;
Isaiah 57:18 & 19 (context is healing for wickedness, restoration of peace);
Jeremiah 3:22 ("heal their backslidings");
Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11 ("healed the hurt of the daughter of my people");
Hosea 6:1 & 7:1 (national healing from the effects caused by God's judgement brought on by their unfaithfulness, iniquity and idolatry);
Hosea 11:3;
Hosea 14:4 ("heal their backslidings").

Exceptions I found to the first claim

i.e. [G2390] "is a word that is always used for physical healing. It was never once used for spiritual healing or any other type of healing.":

Matthew 13:15 (context of restoration to God);
Luke 4:18 ("heal the broken hearted");
John 12:40 (context of restoration to God);
James 5:16 (in light of the majority of the preceding verses shown in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament, this seems to be speaking of the healing of the soul; no longer do I believe this verse is primarily speaking of physical healing);
1 Peter 2:24 (The healing referred to here also, when read in context of its direct appearance, direct reference, and in the light of what we've learned from the majority of the preceding verses, seems to be speaking of the healing of our souls, or the healing of our relationships with God [i.e. our having been reconciled to God], and NOT the healing of our physical bodies. This point is further emphasized by the proceeding verse, "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.")

In conclusion, these few verses, when looked at in their order of appearance and broad Biblical context, seem to refute rather than substantiate Mr. Blake's two claims.

NOTICE: Author's investigation concluded.

He mentions the book, "Bodily Healing and the Atonement." by T.J. McCrossan (1930's). According to Blake, T.J. McCrossan said, "For any scholar to say that bodily healing is not included in the atonement, proves one of two things: the person is either not a scholar and does not know Greek and Hebrew or he is a liar."

Note: For an alternative view on this subject see: <http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue14.htm>

"When somebody gives you credit, they are basically putting faith in you."

"This is a fact - Jesus' bearing our sicknesses, our diseases. It's a *fact*."

Note: Obviously a lot of his faith for physical healing is based on the idea that physical healing is part and parcel of, or guaranteed in, the atonement. If I could find strong scriptural evidence of this, I believe that I would have this faith, too.

WARNING - Author's notes on the idea of physical healing being guaranteed in the atonement.

Unfortunately, from my brief studies based on the verses and references mentioned by Blake, I was unable to come to the same conclusion with regards to physical healing being part and parcel of, or guaranteed, in the atonement.

The main passages listed in support of this idea are:

Isaiah 53:4-5

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Isaiah 53:11-12

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Matthew 8:16-17

"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses."

1 Peter 2:24-25 (verse 25 included for context by author)

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

Commenting on Isaiah 53:4-5 and Isaiah 53:11-12, Blake says that, "...whatever He [Jesus] did for our iniquities and sins, He did the *exact* same thing for our sicknesses and our infirmities."

"So, if He bore (as a punishment) our iniquities and our sins, so that we don't have to, then He also bore, (as a punishment) our sicknesses and our infirmities so we don't have to."

"...whatever He did for one, He did for both."

His basis for this seems to be that the same Hebrew words used for "borne" and "carried" regarding sickness and disease in Isaiah 53:4 are used in Isaiah 53:11-12 ("bear their iniquities" and "bare the sin of many").

Aside from the belief that the first part of Isaiah 53:4 is referring to the atonement, and not simply to Christ's work prior to the atonement* (such as seen in Matthew 8:16-17) I have yet to see substantial grounds (Isaiah 53:5 included) that give me reason to believe that physical healing is guaranteed in the atonement.

*This is a conclusion I arrived at in 2010. I was always taught that the first part of verse 4 *did*, in fact, refer to the atonement. But, in light of Matthew 8:16-17, which references Isaiah 53:4, and all the other times in scripture He helped and healed people *prior* to His betrayal, arrest, trial, scourging, beating, mocking, crucifixion and death, I now no longer believe that it does refer to the atonement, but rather to a time that preceded it.

If the "griefs" that Christ bore, and the "sorrows" He carried, as mentioned in Isaiah 53:4 are a part of His atoning work for us, then why are we, His disciples not all physically healed the moment we are born-again? Why are there any sick Christians? Also, if physical healing is *dependent* on the atoning work of Christ, then why were He and His disciples and others able to heal the sick *prior* to the atonement's accomplishment? (Some people hold to a belief in no real difference between past, present, and future, and therefore believe that the atonement had already been accomplished *prior* to Christ actually accomplishing it. They believe it was accomplished before He even made the earth. But this is entirely another discussion. Suffice it to say that I *do* believe in a real past, present, and future, and that Christ's atoning work was not completed until He declared it so, i.e. "It is finished!" [John 19:30])

In other words, it seems like physical healing is a work that God *does*, not *has done*.

NOT:

- God has physically healed you and you just don't know / realize it yet.
- God has physically healed you and your body just doesn't realize it yet.
- God has physically healed you and you just don't believe it yet.
- God has physically healed you and you just have to get your body to "manifest" what is already true "in the spirit."
- God has physically healed you and you just have to fight to obtain what has already been accomplished for you by Jesus.

It seems that physical healing is a work that God does at definite points in time, and not something that God has already done for us, namely through Christ's atoning work. However, I do not say that it is something which God has not made available, but only that it seems that it is not something He has guaranteed us on the basis of the atonement.

Also, I have previously noted (and am mentioning again) that the healing referred to in 1 Peter 2:24-25 seems to be speaking of the healing of our souls, or the healing of our relationships with God [i.e. our having been reconciled to God], and NOT the healing of our physical bodies. This point is further emphasized by the proceeding verse, "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

In summary, I believe that 1 Peter 2:24 refers to the healing of the soul, Matthew 8:16-17 to the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:4 and not Isaiah 53:5, and that the New Testament realization or scriptural fulfillment of verse 4 is separated by time (or in order of occurrence) from the New Testament realization or scriptural fulfillment of verse 5, and therefore the healing referred to by one, doesn't necessarily correlate to that in the other.

In other words, the people Christ physically healed could have gone without ever having experienced the healing of their souls or their relationships with God. Similarly, those who experienced the healing of their souls or their relationships with God by putting faith in Christ and His atoning work sometimes went without experiencing physical healing. (1 Cor. 12:7-10; Acts 9:36-37; Phil. 2:25-30; 2 Tim 4:20)

So, what if we read Isaiah 53:4-5 in light of Matthew 8:16-17 and the rest of the NT?

Pre-atonement

"Surely he hath taken our infirmities, and borne our sicknesses:" (He healed people prior to the cross)

Mid-post-atonement

"yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." (Zec. 13:7; Mat 26:31)

"But he *was* wounded for our transgressions," (crucified, Mark 15:25)

"*he was* bruised for our iniquities:" (hit on the head with a reed, Mark 15:19)

"the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him;" (Colossians 1:20)

"and with his stripes we are healed." (John 19:1; 1 Peter 2:24-25)

Although I cannot see that physical healing is explicitly guaranteed as part and parcel of the atonement (based on the aforementioned scriptures), neither do I absolutely rule it out as a possibility.

NOTICE: Author's notes concluded.

"Healing comes with Him. It's *yours*."

"He gave us everything that pertains to life and godliness. Doesn't healing pertain to life?"

How do you get healed?

By what I believe.

Divine Healing Training 12

Is it wrong to turn to physicians?

We never want to hurt those who are sick, depressed or downtrodden.

Dr. Lake had, at one point a church with over 25,000 members. He had to use a Masonic lodge to hold all the people.

I believe that God's heart is to help people, and not to hurt, but to bind up their wounds.

Almost all of the big-name Christian publishers want to edit author's submitted material prior to publishing to fit their own or current beliefs.

"[Do] you know why people die? Because they want to walk in another person's revelation."

"...about 40% of what we deal with at every healing service is undoing mistakes that doctors did."

More people die every year of misdiagnosis than that died during the entire Vietnam war (which spanned 12 years).

"...God should be our first resort."

The reason Dr. Lake was against medical science was because he had trained to become a medical doctor.

"God can direct their hands, but don't try to say that that is God's way."

"When I was teaching martial arts, Man! I baptized three of my students. Two of 'em in a lake, and one in a swimming pool in a motel, because I led them to Christ as a martial arts instructor. But was I a Christian? Not by any stretch! I mean I was doing...not even what I knew. But I knew enough that whenever they were needing help and wantin' it, yeah, I shared with 'em. But come on, my life wasn't consistent. The miracle is, they *got* born-again lookin' at my life."

One of the things the Bible talks about is the law of faith. [Rom 3:27]

A plane flies by one law (the law of lift) superceding another law (the law of gravity). Gravity does not cease to exist or operate, but the law of lift allows the plane to operate despite the law of gravity.

In the same way, the law of faith allows us to operate despite the law of fact. Sometimes it takes a while before the law of faith supercedes the law of fact.

"It is better to walk alone than to walk with people that flat-out disagree with you."
"...you have to learn what is vital and what isn't. Where are you going? Is it vital for you to sustain that and to go with it?"

Blake gained an appreciation, not for what looked good, but for results during his time spent as both a martial arts practitioner and teacher.

He says God spoke to him as he was on his way to open another martial arts school: "...He said, 'You're using your hands to teach people to kill. I want to use your hands to teach people to heal.' I pulled over [and] told my son, 'We can't do this.' We turned around [and] went back. We ended up closing down our schools..." "I shut down everything. Walked away from everything. Had no income. Nothing. And told God, 'What do you want me to do?'" "God...what do you want me to do? ...You tell me what you want me to do. Right then, God spoke clearer than I've probably ever heard Him. He said this. He said, 'It's not what I want you to do, it's what I want you to be.' And He said, 'I want you to be My son, and I want you to be happy.' (Now) For me (hey), I was raised pentecostal. I didn't think God really cared if I was happy or not. (Right?) You know, serving God? And then He asked me. He said, 'When you're My son, what makes you happy?' And I thought, Well, that's easy! When I'm Your son, Man! Preachin' the Gospel, healin' the sick, raisin' the dead, castin' out devils! Man! There's nothin' else like it! And He said, 'Now you know what I want you to do.'"

"...when I started in the martial arts I was into (believe it or not) nutrition and fitness. I worked at Ballys." "I could tell people what to eat, and how to eat, and all this kind of stuff, (and I was a fore-trainer at Ballys [Total Fitness clubs] at ah, what? Back then I was president [of] 1st ladies), how to exercise and what exercises to do. So I knew about all the supplements and nutritional supplements - all that stuff." "In the martial arts (I was also in Wing Chun Kung Fu, and) to certify for some of the belt rankings I had to go through some traditional Chinese medicine, and herbalism. And so I could tell you what herbs to take. I mean, I *knew* all that stuff! But I laid it all down to teach this, because *this* is better. (Alright?) It works. It's more sure."

What is the catalyst for power? He wanted to see how far faith ALONE in Jesus (i.e. no prayer, no fasting) would take him. He says, of fasting and prayer, "...it helps you to kill the flesh, to die to self, but it is not power in it of itself, and it does not give you power in it of itself. But it does tend to make you more sensitive to the spirit realm." "...witches pray. Witches fast."

Everybody loves Wigglesworth. Everybody loves Lake. That's because they're dead. Wigglesworth was mean. That's why he didn't have many visitors.
"...most people want Wigglesworth's anointing without Wigglesworth's life."

"What you believe is what allows God to work through you or not. Your belief is the breaker that allows the power of God to flow through. And if your breaker isn't big enough, you'll only see headaches, and backaches, and things like that [healed]. But if you can start to get your breaker bigger, and realize that it's your believing is what counts, then He can flow through you more. So take all these limits off. Take these things that we try to put on God, off of Him."

"...when you think you can do *anything* to deserve to be used, at that moment, you have just established and set up your own righteousness rather than relying on the righteousness of Christ, and when you do that you have just removed yourself from truly being used of God. When in reality the answer is this: when you realize, that it's by grace. You heal the sick by grace. You get healed by grace. It's not by works lest any man should boast." "We believe in Christ. We don't boast. We do our job. We do what we're supposed to do."

Divine Healing Training 13

(Divine Healing Technician, Chapter 3 - Divine Healing in the Atonement, Pg. 21)

Is healing always God's will?

Is healing in the atonement?

"It's just a matter of finding out what is *in* the atonement, and enforcing it."

"We decide from scripture what is the will of God, and then we go after it. Once we decide, we don't back off."

Jesus was the voice of God on the earth. A Syrophenician woman approached Him, begging Him to cast a demon out of her daughter. [Mark 7] Essentially, He, as the voice of God on earth, said, 'No.' This is God, saying, 'No.' to a woman begging Him for something she desperately needed. Most Christians would have accepted what He said, and walked away. But she was determined to get what she was after. She didn't accept a 'No.' from Him as a final answer. Her persistence caused Him to commend her on her faith.

"...just cause you can't get it done doesn't mean it's not God's will." "Just 'cause you prayed and it didn't happen doesn't mean it's God's will. Sometimes you've got to push on through, fight, decide, do whatever it takes."

"...you need that kind of attitude, that, whenever something gets in your way, that you don't take, 'No.' for an answer."

"Anything included in the atonement He *cannot* say no to."

Sin and sickness - 2 fruits from the same tree.

They both have the same source - death.

It all falls under the same category of Satan.

"Sin and sickness are always grouped together in scriptures. You will always find them together."

God is a perfect being, and He operates in absolutes. He has made provision for our imperfection so that He can work with us. But He must expect perfection, because He is perfect - it flows from Who He is.

Grace doesn't mean you can live any way you want and get by with it. "Grace means you have time to get right."

"All of the Bible talks in terms of legalities." It's amazing how much like a court system it is.

"...we know there were times in the Lord Jesus' life whenever the Spirit led Him to do certain things, but it wasn't like we generally think it is where it's every second, 'Do this. Do that. Do this.' Because when you do that you are taking away all responsibility of the person. There's no virtue. There's no faith. Nothing. (Alright?) Now, you should learn to be led by God's nature and His character and not by some arbitrary voice or feeling."

He will never give you the will to do something without giving you the ability to do it.

A scripture he gives is Psalm 103:2-6.

Blake explains the Old Testament scriptures mentioning God "putting" diseases on people by way of pre-established laws, already set in motion.

He gives this example: A man says that a judge put him in prison, when it could equally be argued that he put himself in prison when he committed the crime that put him there. All the judge did was pass an appropriate sentence for the crime.

"...most diseases are self-inflicted." "...some of them come by excessive worry." "...worry is a sin."

"If you know God is with you, and you have faith in God, nobody can stop you. No devil, no sickness, no poverty..." "Faith is not a working up, it is a settling down."

"A lot of the theologians today, they lack substance."

Blake said of David Hogan (to his wife), "He is livin' the life I've been preachin'."

Divine Healing Training 14

(Divine Healing Technician, Chapter 3 - Divine Healing in the Atonement)

"The one thing that has to come back into the Church is the spirit of martyrdom." "If you haven't found a Gospel worth dying for, you have not found a Gospel worth living for yet."

James 5:13-20

the afflicted should pray

the sick should call for the elders of the church to pray for them

(affliction and sickness differentiated here)

The bronze serpent being lifted up in the wilderness for the children of Israel was a type of Christ. Jesus refers to Himself being lifted up (future tense) as was the bronze serpent. (John: 14-15) Every one who looks on the Christ shall live.

Says that Matthew 8:16-17 "gives us God's commentary on Isaiah 53" which says, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses." Blake says that this, "proves it isn't just 'griefs and sorrows'..." "It means basically every thing that comes against the human race."

Lake says, "Matthew, under divine inspiration, gave divine commentary that attributed the verse in Isaiah 53 to the physical healing of the people mentioned in Matthew 8:16-17."

Blake then uses this occurrence in Matthew 8:17 to further support the theory that the healing referred to in 1 Peter 2:24 is a physical one.

Lake goes on to say, "This ties physical healing to the atonement scriptures, and the verses again brought forth in 1 Peter 2:24, proving also that the verse applies to physical healing also, and not spiritual healing from sin alone." Therefore, Blake brings the point home by referring to point 5 of chapter 3, of Divine Healing Technician, in which Lakes says, "If healing is in the atonement, it is an established fact."

"...you're going to have to get to a point where you're not trying to get God to heal, and you realize that God has already decreed it."

Blake addresses a common argument made: "People say, 'Well, I don't understand. You say we're healed, but I'm still sick.' (Mkay?) I'm saying God decreed you free. I'm saying that He made a law that set you free. I'm not saying that the devil bowed to that decree and said, 'Oh, okay - I'm sorry. I didn't know you were already free. I won't bother you.' (Mkay?) Because *he* is a criminal. He is violating the law that says you're free. He has attached himself to you in some form, through sickness or disease, and therefore he is trying to bring this thing on you, but it is illegal. Every form of sickness or disease, *especially* upon a Christian is illegal."

Lake says, "God has made us a standing offer of forgiveness *and* healing through the crucifixion."

Blake says, "...healing is part of salvation."

"Jesus bore the ingrown toe-nail just as He bore the cancer."

"The Bible never tells you to void your mind." "If you void your mind, you will have a problem."

Pulling down "strongholds" isn't referring to powers and principalities, but to wrong ways of thinking.

Two standard responses in a female to rape:

1. Turning lesbian
2. Becoming promiscuous

"No Christian has any business doing yoga. Simple as that. The name yoga means union with God, and it's not Jehovah. It is the hindu gods."

"...when I got out of the martial arts, broke free of it, and asked God to set me free of those things, over a period of 27 days 22 spirits left." "...everything to do with martial arts is a false Gospel. It promises peace. It's false peace. It promises security. It's a false security. It promises power. It's a false power."

Divine Healing Training 15

"...you taking medicine will not stop you from getting healed."

"I believe in pushing for the manifestation. (You know?) We've got too many people that's believin', and been believin' for healing for the last 20 years. 'Well, I'm standing for my healing.' 'How long you been standing?' 'Fifteen years.' That's too long! (Right?) We have to push on beyond this."

"The devil knows what type of person you are." "...the devil knows if you are passive." "...he feeds off of the pain. He feeds off of the hurt. He feeds off of the torment." "My job is to get you to become aggressive."

Lake says (Divine Healing Technician, pg. 27) "To say that God is using the sickness or disease to teach you something is to say that the sickness is the Holy Spirit, or that the Holy Spirit is a spirit of infirmity, because the Bible says that the Holy Spirit will teach you all things."

"See, what I am giving you in 3 days, it has taken me 30 years to learn."

"30 years I've been studying, I've been practicing, I've been doing this, so you are getting in 3 days what has taken me 30 years to compile."

"...get on God's side and start agreeing with Him and know that He has set this thing up for you to win." "You do not bring glory to God by losing at any time."

Note: Are God's benefits available to me? One of His benefits available to David was that He healed all of David's diseases. ("Who healeth all thy diseases", Psalm 103:3). Did David have some special relationship or standing with God, that granted him healing of all his diseases? Is there any guarantee that we can have the same benefits from the LORD, or was that exclusive to king David?

Blake claims that, "...whatever He [Jesus] did for our iniquities and sins, He did the *exact* same thing for our sicknesses and our infirmities." "So, if He bore (as a punishment) our iniquities and our sins, so that we don't have to, then He also bore, (as a punishment) our sicknesses and our infirmities so we don't have to." "...whatever He did for one, He did for both."

His basis for this seems to be that the same Hebrew words used for "borne" and "carried" regarding sickness and disease in Isaiah 53:4 are used in Isaiah 53:11-12 ("bear their iniquities" and "bare the sin of many").

"God has decreed freedom for all Mankind. There is nobody that you can set free that God has not already set free in Heaven."

Luke 17:5-10 Faith

"If an unprofitable servant is a person who does all they're commanded, what would be a profitable servant? Somebody that does what they're *not* told to do. Somebody that does what *needs* to be done, and not what they're *commanded* to do."

"For some reason we think that the further we go along (we start to go the other direction) that the height of spirituality is to be told everything to do, when to do it, how to do it, second by second." "...the older you get the less supervision you should have to have. What's that called? *Maturity*. Why do we think it's the opposite in the Church?" "...we think that the older we get in Christ that the *more* supervision we have to have, the *more* detailed we have to get, the *more* detailed instruction we have to get. Why do we think that?"

Divine Healing Training 16

If you live under the Old Covenant mindset you're always going to be waiting for God to do something.

"There are songs usually sung in the Church, that I cannot and will not sing, because I have trained myself not to sing lies or unbelief, and most of the songs in the Church today are that very thing."

You have to make a complete break with the Old Covenant. If you look at the (Roman) Catholic church, it is a reproduction of Judaism - rules, rituals, cathedrals, the pope is like the high priest. "I want you to understand, we are free in Christ."

Do the things that Jesus said first, before doing the things that He didn't say. (prophetic dance used as illustration)

"...we use the word to verify healing. Jesus used healing to verify the word!"

Old Testament = without Christ, I can't do anything

Note: (law was a school master to bring us to Christ)

New Testament = with Christ, I can do all things

Old Testament emphasizes what you don't have, can't do, and do need.

New Testament emphasizes what He has given you, what you can do with it, and how you can help other people.

"That's what makes religious people so mad..."

You must stop relating to all the other people in the Gospels. As a believer in Christ, you must relate to Him alone. When you read the Gospels, stop putting yourself in the shoes of the sick, the sinners, and the skeptical. Begin to put yourself in the shoes of, and relate to, Christ alone, when you read. What He did, you can do also. "You have to put yourself in the position of the person you are most like. The only person filled with the Spirit, walking right with God, was Jesus."

"[Do] you know who the hardest people to get healed are? Faith people. Hardest people in the world. [Do] you know why? You can never get a straight answer from 'em. You ask 'em. They'll come up in the line, and I'll say, 'What can I do for you?' 'Well, I believe I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus.' Liar. You're lying! No, no you don't. 'Oh, yes. I do.' 'Then what are you doing in my line? I call for people that are sick.' 'Well, because I...' 'Ugh, wait a minute! I thought that you said you believed you were *healed*. Well, which is it? Do you believe you're healed, or do you believe you're sick?' 'Well, I believe I'm standing in my...' 'No.' [cuts them off] See that's *Christianese*. That's talk for, 'I don't want to say the wrong thing, but I'm still hurtin'.' That's the way that works." "...what you believe hasn't helped you so far, or you wouldn't be in my line."

He has to ask faith people, after having prayed for them, if they are the same, better or worse, because what they are saying and their actual physical state are usually two different things.

Faith is like a muscle. It must be developed and can be strengthened by resistance.

"Once you learn to enjoy the fight, the enemy will hate to fight you. Until then, he loves it."

You get into the new Covenant by getting into Jesus.

"Is there any possibility of breaking the New Covenant?" "You can't break what you don't make."

When Christ died the New Covenant came into place.

A curse was promised to those who broke the Old Covenant. There are no curses promised to those a part of the New Testament.

"...if your word doesn't match your character or your nature you're a liar."

"...God has been truthful, and He has said, This is Who I am: I am Jehovah-Rapha."

"We have trained over 20,000 people around the country (and even around the rest of the world now). We get reports (on the average) between 1,500-1,800 reports every month. The average DHT right now, around the country gets between 25-30 healings every month." "...that means that right now, John G. Lake Ministries is *still* getting, on a regular basis, over 30,000 healings a month. Not 30,000 a year, 30,00 a *month*, by DHTs out doing it. And that goes all the way from AIDS to (we've seen well over 300 cases of AIDS healed)...you name it. There is not a disease that I know of that we have faced that we have not beaten. (Right?) But it's because the word of God is true, we apply the same principles, regardless. And the principles are this: we win."

"Anything that stands between us and the fulfillment of these goals:

- the word of God
- the will of God
- the plan of God
- the mission of God

anything that gets in-between is a devil. Beat it, drive it out, cast it out, walk through it, whatever it is. Kick in the gates. (You know?) Bring the prisoners out. Do whatever you got to do. (You see?) Are you how this is kinda funneling to a real simple point, that this thing is really just never give up (Isn't that it?) and go after it, and blast."

"It's not *what* you say that counts, it's *who* says it."

Once the sacred cows are out of the way, the word of God is free to work.

"It's just a matter of latching hold of something, and hanging on until you get what you go for."

This method doesn't fit in with other methods of healing.

"...I've seen the results of it. We've got the results. We've proven the results."

"Just 'cause it helps, doesn't mean it's God."

"Is it ever safe to visualize Jesus? No. It is never safe to visualize Jesus, 'cause nobody knows what He looks like."

"The Bible nowhere tells us to look to angels or anything else for direction. It is the Spirit of God that we're supposed to follow, based upon the word of God."

"We don't charge you to come in here because the Gospel is free. You say, 'But you sell tapes and CDs.' Yeah, but you don't have to have 'em. (See?) If I told you, 'Now listen - if you don't get my tapes, you're going to hell. My tapes are the only way to heaven.' Then, obviously, that would be wrong. Right? Well, I could do the same thing and say, 'Listen. If you want to know actual healing, (Ah, you know?) you[ve] got to pay a fee to come to the seminar.' No. Why? Because truth is free. (You see?) You can't sell, 'Truth'. You have no right to sell truth."
"...Christianity shouldn't cost you anything. Like I said, it will cost you your life. But it shouldn't cost you money to *belong*."

Christianity does not consist in the *not* doing, but in the *being*.

(reference used is a lobster is not a Christian just because it doesn't cuss, drink, smoke or chew tobacco)

"See you keep trying to *become*, and the answer isn't in becoming, it's realizing who you already are, and just start acting like it." "See, you're already where you need to be. Quit trying to *reach*, and just live the life you know you're supposed to live. Just act like the Christian you wanna be. And when you start acting that way, who you gonna act like? Jesus. And when ya act like Jesus, you get Jesus results."

"Do you realize that maybe you've missed basic Christianity because you've been trying to figure it all out? You've been trying to become theologian." "Get simple. Get back to basics. (Right?) Love God. Keep His commandments. Love your neighbor as yourself. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. You do that, and you'll find yourself healing the sick, raising the dead, castin' out devils, preachin' the Gospel - you'll do it all, if you live by that. That statement is much deeper than you will realize until you start doing it. Amen?"

Divine Healing Training 17

The Sovereignty of God is not the fickleness of God.

"You cannot have faith any further than what your knowledge of what the will of God is." (Divine Healing Technician)

"...you don't always know what people think." "How come so and so died? Man, there was faith comin' out of of them. They were full of faith. They were believing and they died.' Wrong. Because the Bible says if you have faith, you live. (Right?) The just shall live by their faith. (Ain't that right?) But you will *live*. If you have faith, you will *live*. You pray for people, they die. You didn't have faith. Simple as that. I'm sorry it's not a better answer. But that's the way it is. 'Well, I know I was believin'.' Well, okay. Let me get on the phone to Heaven, because

God's a liar. I'm going to believe you. I don't think so. God said that if you have faith, they will recover. (Isn't that right?) You put hands on them, they're going to recover. It says that you pray the prayer of faith, the prayer of *faith* shall save the sick. It's as simple as that. So don't tell me about the good, saintly person that died believing. You don't know *what* they were believing. They may have been saintly. They may have been godly, and they're probably with God today, but do not say they were believing God. (Alright?) Because, if I have to choose between you and God, I'm sorry, but God's gonna to win. [last sentence edited according to his edit] (Right?) '(Now) But I heard them talk faith.' Okay, talking faith isn't believing. Even God says, 'They draw nigh Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.' So just because a person says something, that doesn't mean that's what's going on inside of them. You don't know." "...I am not telling you these things by theory. I've lived it. I've walked it. I've done it. I've experienced it." "...we don't always know what all is going on inside of a person or in a situation."

Speaking of the Spirit of God, Blake says, "He's moving. Why aren't you?"

Common Excuses:

"I'm waiting on God."

No you aren't! He's waiting on you! He's been here before you. He's been moving.

"Well, I don't want to get ahead of God."

You can't run that fast! You're not going to get ahead of God.

"But, what if I make a mistake?"

You will! And when you do, then you can use that scripture, that says, "All things work together for the good..." like you do already. He can fix whatever you mess up. You can't make a mess so big He can't fix. Any mess you make by going and doing things He can fix. But one thing He can't do is take your inactivity and change it to activity. So the worst mistake you'll ever make is to do nothing. Better to do something and make a mistake, then to do nothing, and let people die, without even trying to lift a hand.

"There's nothing in the Bible in the New Testament that tell you to be revived. Not one place. If you're in the New Testament, and you're in the New Covenant, and you're a Christian, it is expected that you are revived. All revival is talked about in the Old Testament. You know what it is in the New Testament? You know what it says? Awake. Awake. You *are* revived. You're not dead, and need to be made alive again. You need to wake up to righteousness and walk in the freedom that Jesus has provided for you."

In John 4 Jesus speaks to a woman in Samaria. He reveals to her, her sin. She changes topics to religious things once she perceives he is a prophet. "What does she do? 'Yeah! There's my sin. Oh! But don't look at that! Matter of fact, let's look at the religious hot topic of the day. Let's talk about what we oughtta...' See how she shifted attention? Right off of her, and on to where we oughtta worship. What do religious people do? That's exactly what they do. 'I don't want to hear no preaching about sin.' That's 'cause you're *in* it."

"The sin you defend, is the sin you're in." "...if you defend it, you're partaker of it. (Alright?) You need to stand up against sin in any form (simply)."

Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." (John 4:34) "The milk is knowing the word, hearing the word, preachin' the word. The meat is *doing* the word." "That's the difference between milk and meat. You can hear about it all your life, and as long as you sit and become a hearer and not a doer, you will deceive yourself."

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Blake refutes the theory of generational curses passing from Christian parents to their children based on Exodus 20:5, etc by pointing out that Christians love God and keep His commandments. He also points out that in a similar passage (Exodus 34:7) it states that God "will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and the fourth generation," but then asks, "Weren't you the guilty that got cleared? (Right?) So this ain't talkin' about you. (Right?) 'Cause this is sayin' that nobody can be cleared. But you were cleared. So obviously this isn't about you."

He also uses Ezekiel 18 to point out that no one is held guilty by God for the sins of their parents, but only held personally responsible for their own sins, thus showing that a "generational curse" cannot rightly be used as an excuse for one's personal sin. He points out that it is a choice to enter into sin, and infers that it is through those sinful choices that "troubles" are brought to us.

Note: obviously he thinks of generational curses as sinful practices, and not necessarily devils or dispositions to weakness, whether genetic or otherwise. This is shown the following paragraph:

"You *can't* break a generational curse. (I'm talkin' about you breakin' it for somebody else) You know how the person breaks it? [He or she] stops sinning. Do you get that? You can't break it off of them. They have to stop sinning."

Note: although Blake's logic seems sound, I wonder if his understanding of generational curses doesn't differ as previously mentioned from that held by most people.

"...the Holy Spirit is One called along side to help us."

"We always try to say, 'Well, we're just gonna to follow the Holy Ghost.' (Okay?) That *sounds* good, but is another way of sayin', 'I just don't want any responsibility, and whatever *He* does, He can do, and I'm just here, and I'm just gonna witness it.' (Right?) He works *through* you. See, that's the biggest difference between the *Old* Covenant and the *New* Covenant. Through the *Old* Covenant, God fought *for* you. In the *New* Covenant, He fights *through* you. (Right?) But if *you* don't fight, *He* doesn't fight. 'Why did God allow this?' Cause *you* did. 'Well, I don't believe that.' Yeah, whatever *you* bind on earth, *He* will bind in heaven. Where does it start? *Here*. Why did He allow it? 'Cause you didn't bind it here first. He's waiting on you to bind it before He can bind it. Why? Because the Earth He gave to sons of men, the Bible says. The Earth belongs to the Lord, but He gave it to men. And it says the same thing in Matthew 9:1-8,

he goes on. And it says that they glorified God, that God gave such power unto men. See, He gave you power, but you've got to use it. If you don't use it, it's not gonna be done. Quit blaming God, and sayin', 'Why does God do this? Why didn't You do that? Why does He allow all these things to go on?' It's 'cause *you* allow it. Simple as that. It's your responsibility."

Can you, in and of yourself, do miracles, perform signs and wonders, heal the sick?
"No. Who does it? Jesus. The Spirit of God. Even Jesus said, 'I don't do the works I do; the Father in Me, He does the works.' [John 14:10] (Isn't that right?) The *Spirit* does the works, right?" "...every miracle, every healing, every dead raising...it was the Spirit of God that did it. It wasn't you. It wasn't anybody else. It wasn't a different spirit. It was the Spirit of God. And that Spirit lives in you. (Right?) So the Spirit of God *does* the actual *miracle*. You don't do it. You just lay the hands. (Right?) And you believe, and you speak, or whatever it is. But He does the actual fixing."

"If you get this, it will change your life. I promise you. If we're going and preaching, if we're laying hands on the sick, and the Holy Spirit is doing the healing, and the healing is the sign, and the sign is following the believer....Who's following Who? You're following the Holy Spirit, or is He following you?" "...if you don't go, He doesn't go."

You (the Christian) is going (into all the world, preaching the Gospel), and the Holy Spirit (Who performs the healing, signs, wonders and miracles) accompanies you. The signs follow believers, and not believers signs. The Holy Spirit accompanies believers, and not believers the Holy Spirit. He is called The Helper. Therefore, "following" the Holy Spirit is erroneous. He goes where you go.

"Who determines where the Holy Spirit goes today? You do, 'cause He's in you. I know you don't like that, and you're probably thinkin', 'He's near heresy.' [crowd laughs] That's what they said about Jesus, too. But I'm tellin' you, the Holy Spirit is in you. He follows you. You preach. He confirms with signs following. (You know) 'Well, I'm just gonna follow the Holy Ghost.' Then you're gonna go nowhere. 'Cause He's waitin' on you to move. He says, 'You go into all the world...' He doesn't say, 'Find out where I am and follow Me.' He didn't even say, 'Follow Me.' (Isn't that right?) He didn't even tell anyone, there, at that point, 'Listen, when you get filled with the Spirit, just follow the Holy Spirit.' He didn't say that. He said, 'You go into all the world. You preach the Gospel. You heal the sick. You do all these things. And as you do that, guess what's gonna happen? The Holy Spirit's gonna go with you. And as He goes with you, He's gonna do the works. And you're gonna have signs following you. But if you don't go, you can't have signs follow.' Ain't that right? Do you get that?") "Now, what do *you* do? You lay hands, but what is that called? That's called being a *doer* of the word, and not just a hearer. (Right?) So you have to do the word, and when you do the word, He does the work. (Right?) You do the word, He does the work."

He is the Helper, and we are the doers of the word. He is to help you. Why do we keep trying to make Him the *doer*, when He's the Helper? Do you see how we get that backwards. "He's

not the doer, He's the *helper*. And whenever you *do* the *word*, He *helps* by doing the work. Do you get it? He's your Helper. The Paraclete. The Holy Spirit." He's not the One that you follow from place to place. "...you be busy about your Father's business...He has provided a Helper, called the Holy Spirit, to accomplish whatever you put your hands to."

"Volume isn't power, but you can stir yourself up by getting loud." "...I had to learn to sustain power quietly." Early Pentecostals were known for getting loud.

John G. Lake, Divine Healing Technician, pg. 87

How to enter into the will of God

Two phases to entering into the will of God:

1. The first is the surrender of our will to do the will of God.

"Most people's conception of doing God's will is to become a non-entity." "Now it is not God's ideal to have to be pushed around like a machine, or moved like a mechanism."

2. The other is recognizing yourself as God's son, and Man's servant.

"I think the most wonderful exhibition of this truth that God can give us is that He gives us the Holy Ghost to use for God."

Blake connects Lake to the Argentina and Chile revivals, saying that Lake, "...helped start the revival that was down in Chile, that went on down into Argentina that has erupted now, and is still going on." Why? Because Lake encouraged Willis C. Hoover to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ex-Methodist turned Pentecostal missionary Hoover went on to leave the Methodist church as a direct result of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit (he was kicked out), and eventually went on to start a pentecostal church in Chile that grew to over 2,000,000 members. Blake therefore traces the revival in Argentina back to the revival in Chile, and the revival in Chile back to Hoover, and Hoover's dynamic ministry to the ministry of Dr. Lake.

Lake refers in a letter written to Carey Judd Montgomery, to a letter he had previously written to Hoover. Lake wrote of this letter in his letter to Montgomery, "I haven't a copy of a letter I wrote sometime ago to a missionary by the name of Hoover, at Valparaiso, Chile, on the subject of divine healing which embodies what I regard as the secret of the aggressive ministry of healing that South Africa demonstrates." Blake believes that the secret Lake referred to was this: that God is waiting, and the whole earth is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. By "manifestation of the sons of God" Blake says that he means that we are to begin to "walk like Jesus - *not* like disciples, [but] like *Him*. ...using His Name...speaking like He did."

Note: Is this manifestation of the sons of God theology? If it is, it doesn't seem to trace back to William Branham or John Wimber, two of the persons most commonly associated with this type of theology in modern times. Blake seems to have come up with this on his own.

Lake further writes (to Montgomery), "'I feel sister, that there is a step in this ministry' [Blake says] (Meaning in South Africa, and the Pentecostal ministry) 'in advance of what the Pentecostal ministry in general enjoys' [Blake says] (In other words we might be a little bit more advanced in the areas of healing over what the people back in the United States are

experiencing) 'and God has laid it deeply on my soul to present this particular phase of the exercise of the dominion of Jesus Christ, and that the secret of our success here in this ministry is in our teaching our workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost, and that He has already put it in their soul when He baptized them' (So in other words, he's sayin', 'When you get filled with the Holy Spirit, you got it.' You don't have to wait. You got it. {See} God doesn't just give you a gun, and hold the bullets. He gives you a loaded gun when you get the baptism in the Spirit. {Right?} You're ready. 'while in other branches of this work, they still follow largely the old line of intercession for the sick.'"

Blake comments, "Now think about that. Isn't that *still* what the Church does? We intercede. We beg God. We try to get God to do something. We try to intercede for the sick. And he said (Do you get it?) He said... (This is a hundred years ago!) He said, 'We're in advance of what the United States people are experiencing because they still follow the old way of asking God to do something whenever we believe that when He baptizes us in the Holy Ghost He gives us the ability to do something, and we enforce that dominion, rather than trying to beg Him to do something.'"

Lake's letter continues, "We do not pray for God to come and heal as in the old days, but looking into His face, believing that He has baptized us in the Holy Ghost and that we have received the power of God through that baptism, we command in the name of Jesus the devil and his works to depart. Nevertheless dear sister, there are instances where God puts the spirit of *real* intercession, even for the sick, upon you."

Blake comments, "Now I asked people that knew him, what he was talkin' about there, and they said, 'It's talkin' about prayin' for people at a distance.'"

Lake's letter continues, "I am convinced that there is a secret and better place of interceding for the sick, in exercising a dominion of God over the devil and his sicknesses that when learned by the Pentecostal movement will put the ministry of healing miles in advance of where it is now."

Blake comments, "Unfortunately, they never learned it. Then he [Lake] came back to the States in 1914, [and] started putting it into practice, and started the healing rooms, and had 100,000 healings and confirmed it, and yet the Church *still* did not pick it up. Then he gives you the secrets: 'His Name, through faith in His Name has made this man strong.' ...'Such as I have, give I thee.' and is, 'Jesus maketh thee whole.' We have never caught the force of Jesus' words, 'To proclaim liberty to the captives.' (See) Most people have never heard the Gospel preached, they've heard it offered. But when it's proclaimed, it is not just offered, it is delivered, and you're told you're free, not that you can be free. 'Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.'"

Lake's letter continues, "It was through the healing of a young man from Detroit, Michigan in your faith home in Buffalo that my interest for this ministry was first captured. But, it was not until many years afterward, when through the teaching of John Alexander Dowie that I really grasped the thing, so that the knowledge of the ministry became vital. And it was only after I had received the baptism in the Holy Ghost that the dominion of God entered my soul that compelled me to command sickness and the devil to leave, rather than to intercede with the Lord to take them away."

Blake says, "That's the secret. ... Now all you have to do is pick it up and run with it."

If you're born of God, and have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you have everything you need to get the job done.

The only ingredients you need to add, are the ABC's of divine healing:

Availability

Boldness

Compassion

Determination

"When you add those ingredients to these things [presented or written] here, it works."

Note: I had asked the question, Is what is being presented here what is currently known as "Dominion" theology? If so, I wanted to know if that was a good thing or not. After a little digging I found that there are at least two different main types of "dominion" theology alive in the world today. The teaching presented here seems to fit into (although pre-date, and not represent in it's entirety) one of those categories.

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The baptism of the Spirit brings power to bring deliverance to the captives, and you are to enforce that deliverance by releasing the power of the Spirit into people by various methods - speaking, laying on of hands, etc.

Blake says that Lake said that the secret to divine healing was to:

EXERCISE THE DOMINION OF GOD THROUGH THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.

The exact quote that Blake refers to is taken from Lake's letter to Montgomery, in which he writes, "the secret of our success here in this ministry is in our teaching our workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost, and that He has already put it in their soul when He baptized them". (*Divine Healing Technician*, pg. 85)

From that portion of Lake's letter I observe three things which he attributed to having such a successful ministry, (presented here in exhortational form):

1. Exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost
2. Teach your workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost
3. Teach your workers to understand that if they have been baptized in the Holy Ghost, God has already put the exercising of His dominion in their souls.

Judges 13:24-25 The Spirit of the Lord began to move Samson at times.

"That's the way the Church usually operates, is the Spirit moving at times. But if you study the life of David...it says that the Spirit of the Lord came upon him from that day [1 Samuel 16:13, the day that he was anointed by Samuel as king of Israel] forward. It should be all the time,

the same. The Lord God, He changes not. (Ain't that right?) Jesus is what? The same yesterday, today, and forever. So the Spirit is the same yesterday, today and forever. So if there's times that He doesn't seem to be moving, it's because we're not moving, because He is."

Samson had a covenant with God, and it worked.

"This is what you've got to get: To function freely in the anointing, you have to realize that the anointing itself (Himself) has absolutely no feeling. There is no feeling in the anointing. Now, as you're operating in the anointing, you may feel things, but what you're feeling isn't the anointing, in it of itself. 'Cause if that were true, everybody would always feel the same thing. But if you talk to different people, different people feel different things. So what everybody's feeling can't be the anointing, but it's how your body might react *to* the anointing."

"What is the anointing sent to do? To destroy the yoke. (Ain't that right) Any yoke a person has the anointing will destroy the yoke."

1 Samuel 10:1, 6

"The anointing takes place first, then the Spirit comes upon you *because* you're anointed."

"Saul was anointed first. And because he was anointed, the Spirit came upon him."

"When are you made kings and priests? When you're born-again. (Right?) So when you're born again, you're a king. How did Saul get to be king? He was anointed king. Well, you're anointed as a king. You're appointed as a king. And when that happens, you have the power and the authority to become sons of God, and *after* that the Spirit of God comes upon you. So I'm tryin' to show you that the two are connected, but they're not one and the same."

"...what you have to realize is that healin' the sick is part of preachin' the Gospel. Healin' the sick is part of tellin' people the Kingdom of God is available. It's at hand. It's nigh. It's come near to you. (Right?) It is part *of* preaching the Gospel. Demonstration is part of preaching."

For a time, Blake would take a Sudafed (drug) with water before speaking. He realized that the feeling he thought was the anointing was really just the drug kicking in. After he realized what was going on, he asked God about it. He says he asked God, "What is this? What's happening?" "This is what He told me, 'You were waitin' for a feeling. And when you got the feeling, you thought it was the anointing, and you started *acting* anointed. You were anointed the whole time, but you wouldn't act like it until you had a feeling.'"

"I'm telling you the anointing has no feeling."

In Blake's first healing meeting all 32 people that came forwards for healing were healed.

"He can't give me a job and then hold me responsible for doing it unless He gives me the *ability* to do it."

"Most people want to do it [minister healing], they just don't know how."

"...if you do it like I tell you to do it, it will work. Because God is not a respecter of persons. (Amen?) He's a respecter of faith, He's a respecter of His word, but not of persons, and if you will operate in faith on His word it will work for you."

"...you can minister calmly, peacefully. Because a lot of people, if you get wild, you're gonna scare 'em, and you're gonna drive 'em away. (Right?) See with a child, you can't get wild and crazy and talk about devils and spirits and that kind of stuff..." Just call the thing by its name. No need to add on "spirit of..." or "devil of..."

If they say, 'I have a tumor.' you say, 'Tumor, I command you in Jesus Name: leave their body. Dissolve. Disintegrate. Disappear. Leave with no adverse side effect.' It's not the words, but the *intent* that counts. Remember, it's not an incantation. It's not a magic formula.

"You don't have to get specific, but you're going to ask them, 'What do you need help with? What's the problem?' Now, those of you that are sick, your job is this: *DO NOT* tell people your medical history. We are not doctors. I don't need to know that this started when you were four, and went through, and all this stuff. (Right?) All you're gonna do is talk me out of faith, and you're gonna leave the same way you came. Tell me the name. Tell me what I'm fixin' to beat. (Right?) Tell me the name, tell me a symptom, tell me a problem, whatever it is, and I will call that thing. Now if you don't know, say, 'I don't know.' Now if they tell you [that] they don't know, your job is to say this: 'Spirit of infirmity, I command you to go.' (Ain't that it?) You can even shorten it to 'infirmity'—that's the same thing—*it knows*. [Re]member, it's what you *intend*. That's what counts. (Alright?) What you intend is absolute healing. I even say it that way: 'I command healing, head to toe, spirit, soul and body.' (Just ways to say it) (Mkay?) But you're going to command it to go. Then you tell the body, 'Body, function normally. *Be healed.*'"

The next step is this: ask them, "What could you not do?" If they say, "I couldn't walk." then guess what you're going to make them do? They're going to walk. "Whatever they couldn't do, get 'em to do it. (Right?) Now, when you do that what kicks in is not just healing but in many cases it will be the working of miracles that will kick in at the same time."

"...Jesus said, 'You are not heard because of your many words.' It's not how long you pray. Jesus prayed short prayers like, 'Be healed!' (Right?) So it's not how long. It is the *fervent* prayer of a righteous person that availeth much, not the long prayer. (Right?) So you are going to condense all of the spiritual power that you have into a couple of words, and you're gonna hit this thing with a force that is going to knock it out of them. (Now) Notice you are hitting it with you words, not with your hands."

Ask them for their hand. Take them by the hand. You're not going to lay your hand on the afflicted part. You want their hands, palms down. "You want fingers to fingers, and your fingers should not extend past their fingers. That way, if he starts to tighten up [Blake demonstrates this with a man in front of the audience], I can slip right out, and he can go right

on down, and I can move right along." "I call this the quick release. [crowd laughs]" "(So) Their palms down, prayers: your palms are up. Just slide your hand in [demonstrates] just like that, fingers to fingers."

Don't touch them until you find out what the problem is. Why? Because as soon as you touch them, life begins to flow from you to them. But you don't want a small amount to flow to them, you want it to be enough to blast the problem out of the way. When you find out what the problem is, command it in Jesus Name to "Go!" "Convince the problem that you're serious. You've got to convince it." "'Go!' And when you say, 'Go!' I want you to grab their hands by the fingers, just like that, hold on for a couple of seconds, and then let go." "...you're gonna grab, and you're gonna hold it—let it flow in—and you're gonna turn loose. Why do you turn loose quick[ly]? So it doesn't come back. 'Cause it will sometimes. It'll go out like a wave, and you can feel it come back. You don't want it to come back. You want it to stay."

1. **Ask them what the problem is.** (They should NOT give you a medical history, only the direct problem that they are coming to you with)
2. **Ask them to hold their hands out,** palms facing down.
3. **Hold your hands out** (palms facing up) underneath theirs (your hands should not be touching them yet), with your fingers not extending past their fingers. (This way, if their hands tense up or clench, you'll be able to slip your hands out, and they won't take you down with them if they fall)
4. **Tell the problem to go.** Condensing all of the spirit power that you have into a few words, speak to the problem in Jesus' Name and command it to go. You've must convince it that it has to go.
5. **Grab their hands.** Immediately after you have commanded the problem to, "Go!" grab their hands by the fingers. **Hold on for a few seconds**, allowing the life that is in you to flow to them. **Then let go quickly.** The reason you want to let go quickly, is that you don't want the life that flowed from you to them to flow back out of them and into you. You want it to stay with them.
6. **Ask the person what they could not do before** (due to their problem). Ask them to tell you what their problem prevented them from doing - what they formerly could not do.
7. **Ask them, or get them, to do that thing!** Whatever they could not do before you are now asking them to do. This not only demonstrates the healing that has already taken and/or is taking place, but can allow the working of miracles to also come into effect.