

HINN: I did teach the little gods doctrine. Today I don't believe it one iota. In fact, it's been erased off all my tapes.

People can take a few verses of Scripture and say, "See, it says it here." But they need to read the entire chapter or the entire book. When I taught the little gods doctrine, I was using scriptures that didn't fit.

The Scripture says we are partakers of the divine nature. But we're not God. We'll never be God. There's only one God.

CHARISMA: Did you ever teach that the Godhead consisted of nine members?

HINN: At one time or another, all preachers repeat something they've read, even though they didn't take time to study it carefully. That was my mistake.

In Finis Dake's book *God's Plan for Man*, he teaches that each member of the Trinity has His own spirit, soul and body. One Sunday when I was speaking on the Trinity, I repeated that teaching. As soon as I did, I could feel tension in the congregation because the people sense when you say things that aren't right. So I tried to clear the air.

Jokingly, I said, "There must be nine of them." Well, the people laughed and I thought, *Boy, that was a dumb thing to say*. Then I forgot about it.

The next Sunday, I apologized to my congregation for saying such a thing. I told them it wasn't right for me to teach this nor was it right to joke about it. The people acted like they didn't even remember it. They had dismissed it because they know me.

But the next thing I know, some people were calling me a heretic, saying that I teach there are nine gods.

Hank Hanegraaff has called me a tritheist [one who believes in three gods]. I am not. I believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God, three persons, absolutely one in essence.

CHARISMA: Some people have criticized you for claiming to get your teaching from "revelation knowledge." What is your current view of divine revelation?

HINN: The Bible is the only authoritative source of divine revelation. I believe God

speaks today—through the inner voice of the Holy Spirit, through dreams and visions, through prophecy and other supernatural means. But the Bible should be our final authority for doctrine.

There have been times in the past when I have been mistaken about what I thought was a revelation. I thought I was hearing from the Lord, but I was wrong. We see through a glass darkly; we see in part and prophesy in part. God does speak, but we are human beings and we don't always hear correctly.

CHARISMA: Hank Hanegraaff has used actual statements you made in sermons to base his claim that you are teaching error. Do these statements accurately reflect your current teaching?

HINN: Not at all. But the sad fact is that CRI continued airing my

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old tapes for months after I made the changes.

When I met with Hank Hanegraaff in August last year, I said, "Hank, I no longer believe this and I don't teach it anymore." I thought he understood, but he continued rehashing the whole thing until recently.

For the past several months, my staff has been reviewing and re-editing my tapes to remove any teaching that is not accurate.

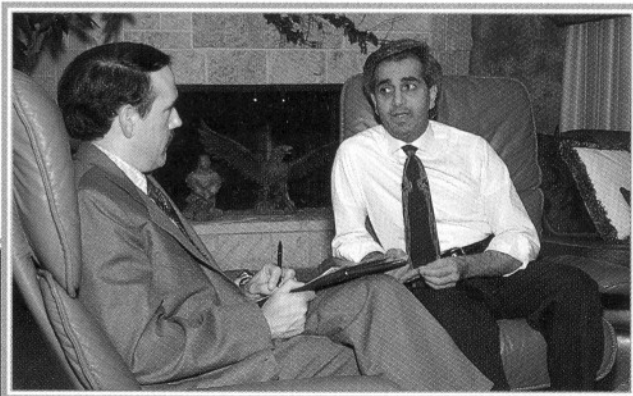
CHARISMA: Do you think Hank Hanegraaff did you a favor by criticizing you?

HINN: The Lord used Hank to open my eyes to some things, and I am grateful to

the Lord for that. A lot of the things Hank says are right, but I think he says them in a wrong spirit.

Hank pointed out things in my theology that I needed to re-evaluate. But I feel he was wrong in re-airing messages he knew I no longer preach.

It really bothered me that Hank criticized me in his book after I told him the changes had begun. I thought we had agreed that he would contact me first if he had a problem with any of my teaching. James Robison told me that the day will come when I am thankful for Hank Hanegraaff. I don't feel that way right now, but maybe someday.



CHARISMA: Some critics have accused you of overstating your involvement with Kathryn Kuhlman's ministry. What was your relationship with Ms. Kuhlman?

HINN: I have publicly stated that I didn't know Kathryn, personally. We never once talked. I did attend Kathryn's meetings when she was in Pittsburgh and many of her meetings elsewhere.

In 1977, I was invited to come to Pittsburgh to hold a memorial service for Kathryn Kuhlman [who died in 1976]. For about four years after that, I worked with the Kuhlman ministry on a monthly basis, ministering to the audience after they showed a film of one of Kathryn's services.

CHARISMA: Have you ever claimed to visit Ms. Kuhlman's grave site to get the anointing from her bones?

HINN: About two years ago, I visited Kathryn's grave just to say, "Thank You,

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