Subject: Virtual preaching Posted by grandom on Thu, 15 Jul 2010 18:15:05 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Subject: Re: Virtual preaching Posted by james on Fri, 16 Jul 2010 22:30:21 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hummm, Well I can see their logic, after all spending \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 and accomplishing the same thing that a new building would, and saving millions of dollars seems a no brainer...That would free up funds to purchase a new Citation X jet(for the ministry, of course)

But if you stop and think about it, Bro. Freeman stopped traveling from assembly to assembly and just started making tapes of his messages and sending them out...Is it too much of a stretch to believe that if the technology was available he might have done this?(I could see Bruce doing it,he was always on the cutting edge of technology) How different is this from going online and watching streaming messages from Bro. Rusty Tardo or Tom Hamilton, it's their image being projected through modern technology.

Now I don't know about the effectiveness of body ministry and the presence of The Holy Spirit under these circumstances, it doesn't seem to be the exact reflection of a NT Church, but I guess it beats no church at all.

If people are pointed to Jesus and saved and then feed The Word in this manner, then Praise Jesus...

Subject: Re: Virtual preaching Posted by GWB on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 02:21:26 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

"If people are pointed to Jesus and saved and then feed The Word in this manner, then Praise Jesus..."

I agree...but, there is absolutely nothing like worshiping together with believers and allowing the Holy Spirit to move within the midst on a personal basis....live...so to speak.

So...how does the church interact with a hologram when using the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Hm-mm....seems to be getting very "sterile and impersonal" to me. Just my opinion...

Subject: Re: Virtual preaching Posted by james on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 03:00:48 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

james wrote on Fri, 16 July 2010 17:30

Now I don't know about the effectiveness of body ministry and the presence of The Holy Spirit under these circumstances, it doesn't seem to be the exact reflection of a NT Church, but I guess it beats no church at all.

A lot of things we do today are "sterile and impersonal", such as communicating by computers and texting...but it beats no communication at all...Just my opinion.

It'd be great to be in a live, properly functioning body of believers, with anointed worship and praise, body ministry, and teaching...but there have been(and still are) many who only have tapes, CD's, and their Bibles, yet The Lord keeps them...

Subject: Re: Virtual preaching Posted by grandom on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 10:04:18 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Being the cynical person that I am it would seem to me that the Devil and the Anti Christ would find this most appealing. They could more easily deceive the young since they are into the virtual electronic games etc.

Since it costs so much money to implement the words of Jesus ring in my ears, " you are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing" and He might add you dont even need your pastor to appear in person. With the cost in mind it would probably take a mega church to pay for this and I dont believe that a man of God preaching the complete council of God will attract that many people. But thats just cynical me.

Subject: Re: Virtual preaching Posted by james on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 12:12:25 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

grandom wrote on Sat, 17 July 2010 05:04Being the cynical person that I am it would seem to me that the Devil and the Anti Christ would find this most appealing. They could more easily deceive the young since they are into the virtual electronic games etc.

... But thats just cynical me.

cynic...

person of little faith in human nature.

skeptic...

person inclined to doubt all accepted opinions.

Just trying to faciliate discussion, I too am a bit cynical, though I usually would use the word skeptical to describe myself ...

but after looking at their definations it would seem that both tend to be a bit wary.

I can see how this hologram technology could be used for both good and evil...like so many other things.(computer)

But I am reminded of what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:15-18, 'notwithstanding...Christ is preached'. That was my thought...

I probably won't be subscribing to a live feed from one of these new hip mega churches.

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