THE QUANTUM FAITH THEORY

The Gospel according to Annette Capps taught in the booklet, Quantum Faith is inconsistent with the teachings of the Word of God in her application, as she presents faith in a physics mode as in Quantum faith, to achieve all that we want.

In the mustard seed example that Yahshua used to show the size of faith necessary to make it work, she compares it to the Quantum Physics and said, “If He were here today, He might say ‘If you had faith as an atom...’ or even smaller, as quark (which is a subatomic particle)” (Page 6). Yahshua always used examples that everyone understood not only the learned, the teachers, the lawyers, as in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:3-9,19-23 to show the different types of soils or hearts the Word of God –the seed will penetrate to achieve results; in the the story of comparison the kingdom of God to be like, He used the example familiar to all of a farmer planting good seed in his field; another story of comparison was again the mustard seed, the smallest of the seeds, however the largest of the herbs; in another story of comparison, He used the illustration of “leaven which a woman took and covered over in three measures of meal or flour till all of it was leavened”, and the list goes on and on with practical illustrations known to all class of people.

In page ten of the booklet we read, “When you believe that God loves you and wants you to prosper, then you change your words and beliefs about money”.

First of all, God’s love is not measured by things He gives us and by our prosperity; His love was demonstrated to Paul in His afflictions and weaknesses. His faith and devotion for the Lord grew from his trials. Sometimes he was delivered and sometimes not, and he died a death of a martyr for His Lord. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul relates his life style of service to God: “To this hour we have gone both hungry and thirsty; we wear but one undergarment [and shiver in the cold]; we are roughly knocked about and wander around homeless, and we still toil unto weariness working hard with our own hand. When men revile us we bless them. When we are persecuted, we take it patiently and endure it. When we are slandered and defamed, we answer softly and bring comfort. We have been made and are now the rubbish and filth of the world (I Corinthians 4:11-13). Paul believed God’s love for him didn’t come through prosperity, neither was he worried about things of this world, but rather to serve His Lord in faithfulness in contentment of having or not having. His ultimately goal was to know Christ-to become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him so that he might share His sufferings as to be continually transformed to His death (Philippians 3:10).

“Whereas gravity works whether anyone is present or not (a tree falls down, not up, even if no one observes it), subatomic particles are not there unless someone (an observer) looks for them. We can’t really know what they are doing or even if they exist when we are not looking.
It is possible that they “are not”. I Corinthians 1:28 says that God has chosen the Things that are not to bring to nought things that are”. “How can a thing not be? This scripture makes no sense at all until you bring it down to the atomic level”. (Page 16)

This has nothing to do with the subject of Quantum faith; it merely considers the foolishness of the world found in its wisdom, in its philosophers, in the cleverness of the clever and in the discernment of the discerning in comparison with God’s wisdom and how God chose what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame; and God also selected what in the world is low born and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, (the things that are not) even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are – the wise according to the world and independent from God’s wisdom for the reason that “Let him who boasts and proudly rejoices and glories, boast and proudly rejoice and glory in the Lord (I Corinthians 1:19,26-31).

Therefore, the foolish according to human standard is the thing that is not and God made it to be; the things that are in accordance to the human standards are the things that are not and God made them nought.

Understanding this Scripture only in the “atomic level” leaves the Holy Spirit’s ministry of teaching and revealing truth to us, out of the picture, leaving many of us, which is a great number, in the spiritual darkness. I must say here that this understanding according to the knowledge of Physics is useless in the spiritual realm, especially when one does not know neither understands physics.

Faith is substance-substance of the promise of God; faith is evidence we believe to be true of the hope we have in the promise of our salvation through which we are sanctified; by the way we live our life we show the evidence of faith residing in us and of its assurance of the hope we have of things not seen-our salvation; it is by the assurance of faith that we believe that God created the world by the word of His mouth out of nothing that was visible.

“The Concordant Literal New Testament says,”...So that what is being observed has not come out of what is appearing”. . . “What makes it appear? You, the observer, with faith that gives substance of your hopes and dreams; you alone have the power to choose which possibility becomes reality in your life (Pages 17, 18).

The Word of God says, By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that we see was not made out of things which is visible (Hebrews 11:2). What I read here is that God made the world appear and by faith we understand and believe that it was as He said. In this I don’t see that I and my hopes and dreams have anything to do with the way God created the world; He is all knowing, and His infinite wisdom the human mind cannot fathom, neither can we act as He does or has done in the creation of the universe. The
substance of my dreams and hopes happens when I rely on Him to provide for me that which is in His will for my life, not what I want, but what He wants for my life. Psalm 37:23 says, The steps of a man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way; In the same Psalm He tells us to Delight in Him and He will give us the desires- (the dreams, hopes) of our heart; The substance of our faith, although invisible, is God, who is faith and who blesses us with the good things, provided we walk in obedience to His word. In John 15:7 says: If you live in Me and My words remain in you, and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you; ... whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much fruit. However, apart from Me you can do nothing (v.5b). In Hebrews 11:13 we read, These people (the heroes of the faith) all died controlled and sustained by their faith, but not having received the tangible fulfillment of [God's] promises, only having seen it and greeted it from a great distance by faith, and all the while acknowledging and confessing that they were strangers and temporary resident and exiles upon the earth.

“In order to believe the words of Jesus, it is necessary to let go of old ideas and open yourself to new ones”. (Page 19)

We read in John 16:13a the following concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit to us: But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. If the “old ideas” we embrace are in line with the teachings of the Holy Spirit, no new ideas outside the sphere of His truth is to be followed. Yahshua said to the Church of Philadelphia, “I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one may rob you and deprive you of your crown. To timothy, Paul said, Hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus (II Timothy 1:13). Only the presence of the Holy Spirit in one’s life is necessary to understand the words of Yahshua, for the Holy Spirit speaks only what He hears from Him. The new ideas that one should embrace are those in line with Scriptures.

“Physical laws we take for granted were superseded by the person of Jesus Christ and can be superseded by those who accept the principles of the kingdom of God”. “He that believeth on me, the worlds that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father” John 14:12. (Page 21)

“Greater things or more remarkable things shall he do”. The key to this is found in the words, “If anyone steadfastly believes in Me” he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father. In Acts 5:14-15, we see the “greater things Jesus was referring to. We read: More and more there were being added to the Lord those who believed, crowds both of men and of women, so that they kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. And the people gathered
also from the towns and hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those troubled with foul spirits, and they were all cured; Acts 19:12 reads: so that handkerchiefs or towels or aprons which had touched his skin were carried away and put upon the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Yahshua’s ministry was limited to Israel only; however before He ascended to heaven, He commanded the disciples to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt.28:19). And that is what our Lord was referring to when He said, “He will do greater things (or more remarkable things) than these”. The emphasis here is on believing, love, keeping His Word, obedience; Yahshua is teaching the disciples how to have a relationship with God to the point of God coming down to make His home with them.

“Just as God created the universe by faith-substance and word-energy, you create your own universe by your faith and your words. If you don’t like what you have created, you can change it”! (Page 23)

In the beginning was the Word, (Yahshua) and the Word (Yahshua) was with God and the Word (Yahshua) was God Himself. He was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being John 1:1-3). God sent His Word and the world was created. In His infinite wisdom and understanding, He created the world and controls its physical laws. God created the universe by the power of His Word- Yahshua; by His wisdom Psalm 136:5: By Him Who by wisdom and understanding made the heavens; Proverbs 3:19: by Wisdom he founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens. So, as I understand, the world was created by the power of God’s Word, who was Yahshua; by Wisdom, who was also Yahshua and by His understanding. No way can we measure to that, as we are just His created beings, and as Proverbs 16:1 says, To man belongs the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue. One can plan, “create his universe”, however, if it is not in harmony with God’s plan, one’s own “universe” will not be successful. King Hezekiah’s self- willed prayer ended in ten tragic results. God gave him the desire of his heart, not of His heart, as he asked Him for.

It is beyond acceptance to use God’s Word for purposes besides those found in II Timothy 3:16: Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The end of this matter is: Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and the necessities of life will be supplied unto you (Matt.6:33). That is, the desires of the Father will be your desires as you walk in fellowship with Him, accepting His desires for your life. After all the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink; not a matter of things but instead it is
righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17. What more is there to desire? Nothing, absolutely nothing!

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In the introduction to Quantum Faith by Annette Capps, she references two popular books about quantum physics which she must have used as reference material for her book. I am not critical of her sources of information, but of her interpretation of quantum physics and application to faith.

I can challenge statements about physics and quantum mechanics on pages 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, and 23. However, most of her statements concern whether our words, in the form of sound waves, affect matter. She relates that to the quantum physics idea that the observer of a quantum level experiment changes the outcome. (In her view, observation is by the introduction of sound waves into the experiment). She states that “subatomic particles are not there unless someone (an observer) looks for them. “ (Page 16) Since my wife is a carbon based life form, and carbon is made of subatomic particles, if the particles don’t exist unless I look for them, then my wife does not exist unless I look for her! What foolishness!

Wikipedia makes the following statements concerning the “observer effect” of quantum mechanics:

A commonly debated use of the term “observer effect” refers to quantum mechanics, where, if the outcome of an event has not been observed, it exists in a state of 'superposition', which is akin to being in all possible states at once. In the famous thought experiment known as Schrödinger's cat the cat is supposedly neither alive nor dead until observed. However, most quantum physicists, in resolving Schrödinger's seeming paradox, now understand that the acts of 'observation' and 'measurement' must also be defined in quantum terms before the question makes sense. From this point of view, there is no 'observer effect', only one vastly entangled quantum system.

The Heisenberg uncertainty principle is also frequently confused with the "observer effect". The uncertainty principle actually describes how precisely we may measure the position and momentum of a particle at the same time — if we increase the precision in measuring one quantity we are forced to lose precision in measuring the other. Thus, the uncertainty principle deals with measurement, and not observation.

In conclusion, Annette Capps is in error in her understanding of quantum physics and a danger in misleading Christians concerning the relationship between God and faith.

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