

DECEIVED ON PURPOSE by Warren Smith

It seems that I read this book with my mouth open much of the time. Agog, as it were. I had recently been punched in the stomach by *The Purpose Driven Life*, so when I was told about *Deceived on Purpose*, I read feverishly, hoping that something of what had just happened to me would be explained. It was.

In *Deceived on Purpose* Warren Smith explains that he had spent years involved pretty heavily in the New Age Movement and then had become a Christian. He heard about *The Purpose Driven Life* and decided to read it. It seems that he was taken aback when he realized that what Rick Warren was teaching was some of the same stuff Warren Smith (please don't confuse the Warrens) was taught in the New Age Movement when he was studying it so deeply. As a matter of fact, it seems to be some of the same stuff Oprah's show is preaching.

Throughout this book Mr. Smith explains, from the New Age perspective, phrases and terminology found in *The Purpose Driven Life* and connects Rick Warren with other known New Agers, some of which might surprise you.

I highly recommend this book to those of you who have read, or suffered from the effects of, *The Purpose Driven Life* or experienced personal pain through doing The 40 Days of Purpose at church.

My humble thoughts and opinions, but this time through personal...and painful...experience.