

Prologue: The 'Gospel Circus' Show

(This satirical meditation was first written down on Saturday, 23rd November 1996. It exposes the grotesque nature of a false, commercialised Gospel – one providing entertainment rather than showing people the way to God through Jesus Christ.)

- 1) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
See the Gospel Circus show
- 2) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Get a nice cosy glow
- 3) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Hear a '*big name*' preacher tonight
- 4) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Be prepared for an astonishing sight
- 5) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
We promise mighty miracles galore
- 6) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Allow your expectations to sore
- 7) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Have no fear about the hype
- 8) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Enjoy preaching of a bold new type
- 9) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Bring your chequebook here
- 10) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Be delivered from all types of fear
- 11) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Listen to the heavy rock band play
- 12) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Let the anointed preacher have his say
- 13) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Permit all inhibitions to go
- 14) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Joyfully enter a powerful new spiritual flow
- 15) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Receive a wonderful new feeling
- 16) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Gain total inner healing
- 17) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Escape from every kind of bind
- 18) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
There's no need to use your mind

- 19) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Generously fill our offering basket
- 20) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
You don't want to leave in a casket
- 21) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
If you wish to preserve your health
- 22) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
If you hope to gain vast new wealth
- 23) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Drink of the brand new wine
- 24) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Imbibe this blessing in double quick time
- 25) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Convulse on the floor if you'd like
- 26) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
But if religious '*get on your bike!*'
- 27) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Give the preacher all the glory
- 28) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Believe his each and every tall story
- 29) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
This is '*happy-clappy*' party time
- 30) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
There's even a brand new mime
- 31) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Loads of exciting drama
- 32) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Witness a grand panorama
- 33) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Many books on sale
- 34) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Expect to receive lots of free mail
- 35) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Click onto our web site
- 36) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
It certainly has lots of bite
- 37) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
Toilets are just near the back
- 38) Roll-up! Roll-up!**
A place round the corner to hang your '*Mac*'

39) Roll-up! Roll-up!
Please take your seats right now

40) Roll-up! Roll-up!
Wait for exclamations of 'ooh' and 'wow'

41) Roll-up! Roll-up
Make warfare against the foe

42) Roll-up! Roll-up!
Enjoy this cool other Gospel Circus Show!