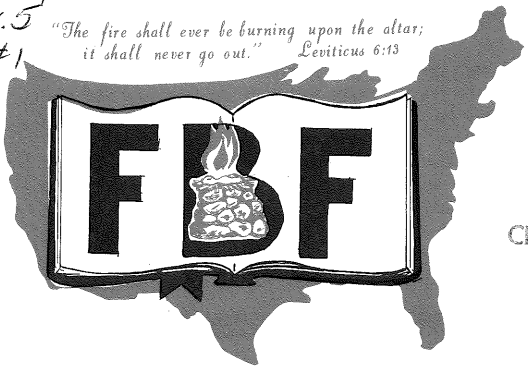


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THE MATING-CALL OF JERRY FALWELL

by Dr. Charles Britt

Recently I read the book, *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon*, by Dr. Jerry Falwell. He very clearly states his compromise position in regard to New Evangelicalism and God's people should be informed about this compromise. Historic Fundamentalism not only believes in the great fundamentals of the Christian Faith, but has consistently exposed and separated from all ecclesiastical denial of that faith and refused to be tolerant of believers who are tolerant of unbelievers. Several passages teach us that sometimes separation from Bible-believing brethren is commanded: see Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:11; 1 Tim. 6:3,5; II Thess 3:6,14, 15; Rom. 16:17. When New Evangelical spokesman, Dr. Billy Graham, insists on "fellowship" with liberals, charismatics, communists, and Romanists, those who obey these Scriptural admonitions must separate from him and all others who persist in this compromise. Now we have a clear call on the part of a "fundamentalist" for marriage with "our Evangelical brethren."

Let us listen to the "mating call" of Jerry Falwell:

"In spite of our (fundamentalists') weaknesses, we have much to offer our
Continued on Page 2, Column 1 ...



DR. ROD BELL PRESIDENT

Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

LETTER FROM HOST PASTOR:

Dear Friend:

I want to invite you to the National Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting which will be held June 15-17 here at Tri-City Baptist Church in Tempe, Arizona.

There are two good reasons why I would like to urge you to come:

- (1) The great preaching you will hear at the FBF meeting. I've been attending these meetings now for a number of years and find the preaching uniformly to be some of the greatest in the nation. The messages warm our hearts and send us back to our churches with a new desire to build local New Testament churches and, in addition, inform us of the issues of the day. Thus we learn how to build and to battle at the same time which are the twin responsibilities of every true Fundamentalist. Dr. Bell has planned one of the greatest slates of preachers that we have ever had in any of our Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meetings.
- (2) I would like for you to come and get acquainted with the great state of Arizona. Many of you have wanted to visit the Southwest for many years. This is your opportunity to do so. There are so many things to do and see in lovely Phoenix and many other attractions around the state such as the Grand Canyon. Why not plan to bring the family with you and make this a wonderful time of vacation for all of you?

Here at Tri-City Baptist Church we are quite excited at the opportunity and the privilege of hosting a great Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting. Our people are already praying for this meeting, and our staff is hard at work to make your stay here a very enjoyable one.

I have been in contact with men all over the nation who plan to come, and I believe this will be one of the best attended meetings that the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship has ever had.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. SINGLETON
Host Pastor

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THE MATING-CALL OF JERRY FALWELL CONTINUED . . .

Evangelical brethren that they need (p. 220)...Evangelical spokesman Billy Graham appealed to pastors for three things that we Fundamentalists need: (1) Integrity of life; (2) Compassion; (3) Vision (p. 221)... Evangelical pastors have provided mature and stable leadership for the churches of America. They have demonstrated the love of Christ ("If ye love me, keep my commandments," said Jesus. CB) to their congregations and have been expositors and defenders of the Christian faith (this had to be written with tongue-in-cheek, CB). Where others have been extreme, they have remained balanced. They have attempted to apply the truth of the Gospel to the needs of society" (p. 221).

Throughout the book, Falwell attempts to throw kisses at the compromising New Evangelicals, including Billy Graham, and then comes the paragraph which will force those who have been "on the fence" concerning Falwell's compromise to obey the Lord and separate from him or go along with his compromise. Listen carefully as he speaks:

"We appeal to our evangelical brethren to stand with us for the truth of the Gospel in this hour when America needs us most. Stop looking down your theological and ecclesiastical noses at your fundamentalist brethren... We have so much in common. Only the radicals among us (to the left and to the right) divide us. I say it is time we denied the 'lunatic fringe' of our movements and worked for a great conservative crusade to turn America back to God" (p. 222 -- underlining is mine--CB). He goes on to conclude the book with these words addressed to the New Evangelicals:

"Acknowledge us. Accept us as Bible-believing brethren who love the same Christ you love. Let us work to reach the world for Christ.

"We conservative Fundamentalists and Evangelicals can be used of God to bring about a great revival of true Christianity in America and the world in our lifetime" (p. 223).

There it is! What will Christians do now? Will they repudiate the unscriptural union of true Fundamentalists with the compromising New Evangelicals and join the ranks of the "lunatic fringe," the "radicals among us" as Falwell terms those who will not go along and those who "divide us," or will they go along and chime in the "mating call?" Where do you stand, Christian?

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THE MARRIAGE-VOWS OF JERRY FALWELL

Dr. Jerry Falwell has done the Christian world a great service! His position is now clearly defined and in print. No one will have to guess where he stands and what his motives are after reading the book, The Fundamentalist Phenomenon. I am convinced that it should be entitled "The Fundamentalist Betrayal."

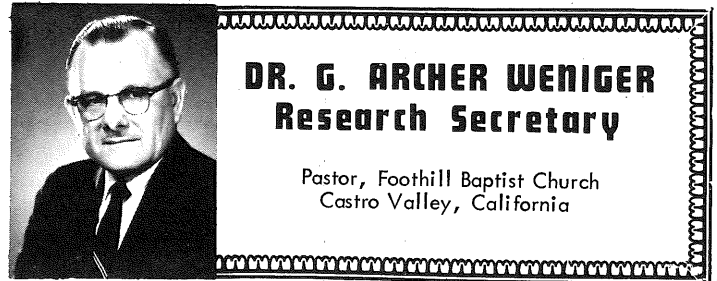
He takes it upon himself, as a self-appointed historian, to make the Falwell ministries 'the mainstream' of Fundamentalism when in reality he is a stranger to the term. He is not a Fundamentalist. Those that have stood for the faith in the past and are contending for the faith in the present are now said to be in the 'lunatic fringe.' Actually, Falwell's position is no more than New Evangelicalism in the disguise of Fundamentalist garments.

The over-all thrust of the book is the same verbiage offered by the New Evangelicals in the early fifties. Their dislike for the narrowness of Fundamentalism, their desire for dialogue with the modernist, their disgust for the doctrine of separation and their desire for a more neutral position makes this very clear. Dr. Falwell has a great desire for Fundamentalists to become more respectable and to be accepted by the intelligentsia and the establishment. The book appeals for love and unity among the evangelicals and has harsh words and derogatory remarks for those who earnestly contend for the faith. It is a delusion to appeal to the softness on the one hand and to shun the reproach of true Fundamentalism on the other, yet retain the same title.

He makes an effort to rewrite and redefine true Fundamentalism. This book is lacking in three areas. It is lacking in spiritual discernment, in scriptural foundation and in knowledge of ecclesiastical separation. It makes the same appeal that Dr. Billy Graham is making and has made through his ecumenical evangelism. It is in this manner that he deluded many good folk who were uninformed. Billy Graham diluted the truth by ecumenical evangelism. Bill Gothard is diluting the truth with his Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars. The charismatics are diluting the truth by extra-biblical "revelations" and by speaking in tongues. Dr. Falwell is diluting the truth by preaching a morality that is not the result of regeneration, when in America what we must have is regeneration. It is not possible to have a reformation without regeneration. This is the biblical principle. How can any coalition be moral when it is scripturally wrong?

Militant Fundamentalism is not going to get larger. We won't be in the mainstream. We are always in the minority and will be despised and maligned. Think it not strange when men speak evil of you. The lines of separation must be clearly drawn. The wall of separation is being broken down and we must clean away the rubbish and rebuild the wall. The agenda of the eighties is not to reject the label of the 'lunatic fringe' and get together with the evangelicals. It is for the Fundamentalist to clean away the rubbish and rebuild the walls of true biblical separation. The clarion call is... "Who is on the Lord's side?"

by Dr. Rod Bell, President of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship



(During Dr. Weniger's illness information for this column gathered by Homer Massey at the F.B.F. home office.)

It was revealing to learn that some of the American hostages held in Iran had strong feelings of resentment against the visiting clergy who conducted worship services for them during their captivity. One hostage said he was dismayed to find the participating clergy more interested in supporting the Iranian revolution than in caring for the hostages themselves. While this is tragic, it is not surprising. The clergy, including Dr. William Howard (president of the National Council of Churches), were carefully selected by the Iranian revolutionaries. They were well-acquainted with the clergy's radical philosophies. It is time for people in the free world to realize that liberal clergymen and church organizations are not defending freedom--they are undermining it! These liberal religious leaders and organizations are not opposing communism, socialism, guerrillas and terrorists--they are aiding and abetting them!

Graham Honored by Communists... Billy Graham is rapidly gaining favor with the top leaders of the communist world. Dr. Graham received an honorary degree from the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, Poland, on January 6, 1981. At this time, Mr. Tadeusz Dusik, Deputy Director of the State Office of Religious Affairs (a communist), said, "This distinction is a symbol of our great respect and warmth for you." When Dr. Graham visited Hungary to receive another honorary degree on January 9, 1981, Imre Miklos, Secretary of State for Church Affairs (Communist Party) and Bishop Bartha (apostate red puppet WCC leader) co-hosted his visit and praised him warmly. Dr. Graham, who once clearly identified communism as a system "of the Devil," has so changed his views and his message that communist regimes now realize that he can be used to promote their false concepts of "peace" and "human concerns." It follows the same pattern in which ecumenical leaders have been so used in the past. Following these "honors" by the communists and ecumenists, Dr. Graham visited the Pope in Rome. En route home, he took part in a public discussion in Cambridge, England, with the retired Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Michael Ramsey. In Decision magazine for May, 1981, Ramsey was called, "one of England's great theologians and one of Billy Graham's friends." In truth, Ramsey is an outstanding apostate!

Salvation Army Withdraws from WCC... The Salvation Army has withdrawn its membership in the World Council of Churches. The denomination, which operates in 86 countries, put its membership in suspension in 1978 after a couple of its workers were killed by guerrilla activity in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia). The WCC helped provide funds for the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front. The Salvation Army said it withdrew last month because it felt the WCC is guided "by politics rather than the gospel," but stressed that it intended to maintain "fraternal status" with the ecumenical body.

A Most Inclusive Group... A new action group for dialogue and cooperation was recently formed in Missouri. It is called "The Missouri Christian Leadership Forum." One of its leaders referred to it as "potentially more inclusive than anything that currently exists." And what denominations does this new group represent? American Baptist Churches, USA; United Methodist Church; Missouri Baptist Convention; United Presbyterian Church in the USA; Presbyterian Church in the USA; Christian Church (Disciples); Re-organized Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon); Lutheran Church of America; United Church of Christ; Protestant Episcopal Church; and Missouri's four Roman Catholic dioceses. If this mixture can be called "Christian," then the term "Christian" has truly lost its meaning.

-Foundation

According to Dr. Martin Marty in the December 16 Christian Century, Albert Schweitzer and Martin Luther King Jr. should be regarded as great Christian saints. Schweitzer did not believe in actual existence of a personal God. Even the Christian Century acknowledged that Schweitzer did not believe in the Holy Trinity.

Martin Luther King Jr. did not affirm such Christian doctrines as original sin, and the virgin birth and physical resurrection of Christ. Liberals maintain that a person can be a great Christian saint even if he does not believe in the virgin birth and physical resurrection of Christ.

Fuller Rejects Inerrancy... Fuller Theological Seminary does not believe in the full, verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible. Several years ago, they changed their doctrinal statement so that liberal professors in the Seminary could sign it without violating their conscience. So, it is not surprising to learn that a Fuller Seminary Professor, Jack Rogers, was co-director of a special conference on "Interpreting an Authoritative Scripture" held last June in Toronto. This conference was a clever attempt to make it appear that Biblical inerrancy is a matter of interpretation rather than an established fact. Fuller Seminary is probably the most deceptive and dangerous school in the world because the talented administration, faculty and staff have successfully hidden their promotion of serious error by a beautifully crafted veneer of professed evangelicalism. Fuller's message and position today are not those of its founder, Dr. Charles E. Fuller, even though his name is still being used to obtain financial support.

Biola Defends Jazz... Biola now defends and justifies jazz music. An official statement from Biola College Music Department on the use of jazz music, approved by the Biola administration, is being sent to Biola friends and supporters who are rightfully disturbed over this situation. The official statement follows the usual new evangelical philosophy of defending worldly things on the basis that they are contemporary. The statement says, in part:

"...to a great degree, contemporary jazz has become 'classical.' It is also true that traditional jazz has to a great extent left its original association with the brothels of New Orleans, social dance, drinking, and other social practices which have represented 'worldly values.' Jazz, in effect, must be considered 'classical' in the broad sense of the term. It is entirely possible for college students to rehearse and perform jazz purely as another style of concert music."

The remainder of the statement is a pitiful attempt to retain the support of true believers who have been shocked by Biola's attitude toward worldliness. Compromise bears bitter fruit and Biola has been following the path of compromise for many years.

Live Aborted Babies Are Called Daily Event by Philadelphia Inquirer... A nine-page expose of late abortions was published recently by the Philadelphia Inquirer. The expose relates a collection of horror tales. Dr. Willard Cates, Atlanta Center for Disease Control, stated that medical personnel cover up the live births, "The tendency is not to report," he said, "because there are only negative incentives." One story related: "A woman's scream broke the night quiet and brought two OB nurses rushing to Rm. 4456 of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The patient, admitted for an abortion, and injected 30 hours earlier with a salt solution was 'supposed to' have delivered a dead fetus, instead something had gone wrong. Under the covers was a live, 2½ pound baby boy, crying and moving his arms and legs. The second nurse gathered the squirming infant in loose bedcovers and deposited the baby in the Maternity Ward's Dirty Utility Room, a large closet where bed pans are emptied and dirty linens stored. Nurses and a resident doctor gathered and gaped. The patient's physician, Dr. C. J. LaBeny, was called awakening him. His orders: 'Just watch it for a few minutes, it will probably die.'" --Dallas Right To Life News, 8-81.

Hargis Toothpicks... A recent mailing from Billy James Hargis reveals that he, like so many others, has resorted to gimmicks in an effort to raise funds. He claims God spoke to his heart and told him to send his friends a special letter and a toothpick to illustrate the fact that while one toothpick can be easily broken, many toothpicks put together provide great strength. The key phrase is "where there is unity, there is strength." Of course, people are asked to return "this toothpick, symbolic of power" with a special gift and pledge. Hargis' moral, spiritual and theological compromises have borne sad and bitter fruit.—Foundation

Court Rules for Religious Freedom... Washington (RNS) 12-8-81 Students at state universities and colleges have a constitutional right, based on freedom of speech and association, to worship on campus, says the nation's highest court.

In a decisive 8-1 ruling, the high court struck down a policy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City banning student worship and religious

teaching in campus buildings or on campus property.

The policy, adopted by university trustees in 1972 and implemented in 1977, was challenged in federal court by Cornerstone, a non-denominational group of evangelical Christian students. Cornerstone members claimed that their rights of free exercise of religion and free speech were violated by the policy.

Although a federal district court upheld the university, the Eighth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower panel, setting the stage for university officials to ask the nation's high court to decide the issue.

Speaking for the eight-member majority, Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. declared that the ban violated the students' First Amendment rights of free speech and association.

He emphasized, however, that the court had decided to sidestep what many observers believed to be the central constitutional issue in the case—whether the students' free exercise of religion had been abridged.

By basing its decision on what Justice Powell called "narrow" grounds, the court avoided deciding whether the students' free-exercise right outweighed the state's interest in avoiding an establishment of religion.

Fuller Seminary "Promotes Spirituality" . . . Fuller Theological Seminary's effort to promote "spirituality" on campus was the subject of a very revealing article by John Dart in the Los Angeles Times of January 3, 1981. Fuller's administration and faculty, concerned about spiritual growth (or lack of it) among their students, have launched a new spiritual development program which, Dart says, "draws significantly on Catholic insights and practices." We quote:

"A key meeting took place a few years ago at St. Andrews Priory in Valermo between six Fuller representatives and six priests and monks. Since then, Catholic approaches have been adopted in retreats, courses and in a new three-year spiritual development program at the 1,300-student campus."

The article further revealed that Paul F. Ford, a Catholic doctoral candidate at Fuller, "helped shape the spiritual development programs" and that he assists in teaching a course called "New Testament Spirituality." IT IS ECUMENICAL COMPROMISE -- NOT NEW TESTAMENT SPIRITUALITY -- THAT IS BEING TAUGHT AT FULLER SEMINARY!

Dallas Seminary Compromise... Where does Dallas Theological Seminary stand in the theological spectrum of our day? Will students attending DTS be strengthened in the position of Biblical separation or be encouraged in the spirit of compromise? These questions are answered in the Fall 1981 issue of the DTS publication, Kindred Spirit, which lists the speaking appointments of Dallas faculty members. Several churches and organizations that are well-known for their compromised position are listed. We refer to the following: (1) the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., (2) the joint EFMA-IFMA meeting in Kansas City (3) the Urbana Missions Conference (4) the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Dallas, Texas (5) and two different meetings sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ (Campus Crusade for Christ is the very epitome of new evangelical compromise). The personal influence of faculty members of their students is very strong. Therefore, it will be the exception instead of the rule for Dallas grads to begin their public ministries as true fundamentalists and separatists. We cannot recommend Dallas Theological Seminary to prospective students or to those who are seeking a school they can financially support. --M.H. Reynolds

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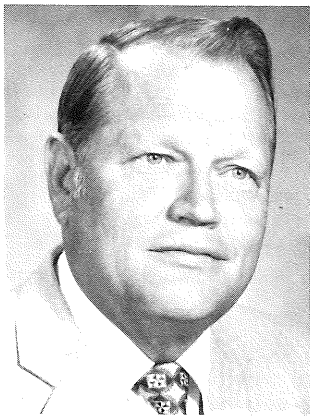
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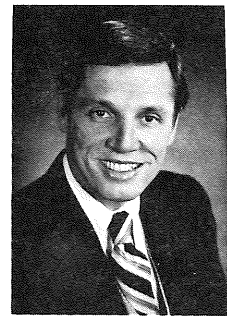


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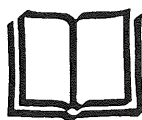


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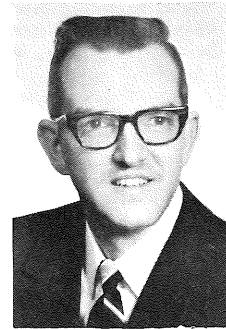


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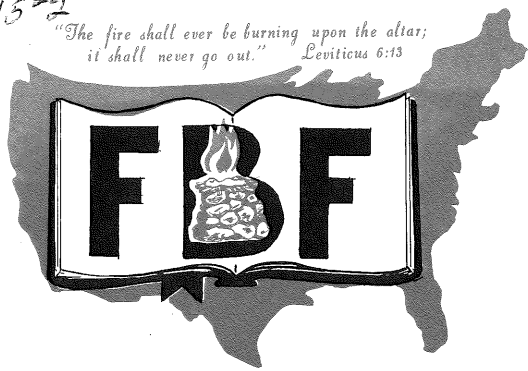


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NATIONAL MEETING -- TEMPE ARIZONA -- JUNE 15, 16, 17



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This year's preparations for the annual meeting are in their final stages and it appears that our "62nd" will be one of the best attended meetings that we have had in several years. Naturally, you would think that the largest number of attendants would come from the West due to the location of the meeting; however, I have noted as much, if not more, interest being generated from the East and this excites me. The lineup of speakers for our meeting cannot be "out preached" and they are coming with burdened hearts to "do Battle in the trenches" as well as "mix the mortar and Build." I believe that 1982 will be a year of decision for many of God's men. I am praying that through good, old-fashioned "Heaven is sweet and Hell is hot" preaching these decisions will be made easier. Pastors of churches all across this great nation report that they are finding it harder and harder to "Build" because of the fury of the "Battle." The "Battle that Satan is waging is a most methodical and well-planned scenario, a part of which is to be the continuous multi-pronged attack with never a respite for God's man to refit and refurbish.

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Catholic Bishop Speaks to Baptist Congregation

The following news item appeared on Monday, April 5, 1982, in the Norfolk, Virginia LEDGER-STAR:

"Chesapeake-- Roman Catholic Bishop Walter F. Sullivan told some 120 Baptists Sunday that all Christians are "called to stand in solidarity with suffering humanity."

Sullivan, who heads the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, was invited to Elizabeth River Baptist Church for Sunday evening services by the church's pastor, the Rev. Thomas J. Roper III, who said he wanted "to prove that all Baptists are not bigots."

"I was shocked when I read a statement from the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church (Rodney Bell) calling the Catholic church the 'mother of harlots' because I really thought bigotry had died down," Roper said.

Bell made the remarks in a sermon last August during a dispute over the sale of the Crusader religious comic book series, which many Catholics believe is anti-Catholic.

Roper said he was upset when "it became apparent that bigotry was alive, festering and sore right in my own neighborhood."

Sullivan, who joined the congregation in singing old-fashioned syncretized versions of "Amazing Grace" and "Love Lifted Me," said he would like to make more ecumenical appearances. "This is not the first time I've spoken from a Protestant pulpit, but it's the first time I've preached in a Baptist church since I've been bishop," he said.

Sullivan's presence drew more than 120 persons -- about double the normal attendance for Sunday night -- to the small Baptist church on Sparrow Road.

His message was simple: "In unity we should all go out and minister in the name of Christ.

He cautioned the Baptists against "making a religion of the cross." "The cross was a scandal, a disaster for Jesus," he said. "The cross tells us that suffering is part of the mode of being for god." The Resurrection, he added, is "still unfinished reality, not just a promise of life in eternity. "The Resurrection is a promise that the world will be better," he concluded. "It is a radical hope for the transformation of our world."

(This is another example of the growing ecumenical spirit of these last days. Not only was the event itself a tragedy, but the mutilation of Bible doctrine involved was even worse.)

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Baptists and Unitarians... Many American Baptists mistakenly believe that their denomination is becoming more evangelical. Facts indicate otherwise. The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (an American Baptist school), is part of the Chicago Cluster of Theological Schools which boasts in their advertising that they represent "evangelicals, Catholics and liberal Protestants." But this Chicago Cluster goes even further. One of the affiliated schools is Meadville-Lombard Theological School, a part of the Unitarian-Universalist Association. Unitarians deny the Deity of Christ. The Bible teaches that those who deny the Deity of Christ have the spirit of antichrist. It also teaches that anyone who fellowships with those who deny the Deity or bids them "God speed" is a partaker of their evil deeds. I John 4:1-3, II John 7-11. We have yet to hear any evangelical in the American Baptist Churches raise a voice of protest regarding this alliance.

American Baptists Clearly Ecumenical... Some of our friends have sought to convince us that the American Baptist Churches are becoming more evangelical and less ecumenical. We must disagree. The facts indicate that the opposite is true. In the December issue of The American Baptist, the official voice of the ABC, "The prayers of Walter Rauschenbusch were featured--this, in spite of the fact that Rauschenbusch was a socialist and theological liberal who greatly furthered the cause of political and religious radicalism in the early days of the ecumenical movement. Rosemary Radford Reuther was also announced in this issue as one of the major speakers at the forthcoming American Baptist Biennial Convention this summer. Rosemary Reuther is a Roman Catholic, a proponent of the women's liberation movement, a "rabid ecumenist" and a false teacher whose language often sounds more like it belongs in the gutter than in the church. The ABC plays an active role in the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches and the Baptist World Alliance -- all clearly ecumenical organizations. AMERICAN BAPTISTS WHO LOVE THE LORD AND HIS WORD SHOULD "COME OUT AND BE SEPARATE."

Dr. Schuller Makes Urgent Appeal... Has Dr. Robert Schuller's "Positive Thinking--Possibility Thinking" philosophy failed him? On Jan. 26, 1981, Dr. Schuller addressed an urgent appeal for funds to his constituency. So serious is the financial pressure, he said that even while he was smiling on TV, he was hurting "down deep." Of course, public acknowledgement of Dr. Schuller's serious financial need is an embarrassment to one whose unscriptural philosophies have been foisted upon so many. The remarkable growth of Schuller's ministry and multi-million dollar structures have been accepted by many as a validation of his psychological doctrine of "possibility thinking." But, if Dr. Schuller's anti-Biblical philosophies really "work," he would not be making such desperate appeals for funds. The truth is that Dr. Schuller is a showman -- a financier and psychologist--not a true minister of Jesus Christ and of the Word of God. HE SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED OR FOLLOWED!
-Foundation

"Fundamental Church Becomes Multidivisional Conglomerate"... This is the way the Los Angeles Times "Religion Notes" column for Feb. 14, 1981, reported the transformation which has taken place at Scott Memorial Baptist Church in El Cajon, California, where Dr. Tim LeHaye has ministered for the past 25 years. LeHaye recently resigned his pastorate to give full time to "Moral Majority." FROM A "CHURCH" TO A CONGLOMERATE" -- how tragically descriptive!

Sacramento, Calif.; Gov. Jerry Brown has appointed California's first avowedly lesbian judge, an action also believed to be unprecedented nationwide. Brown appointed two others to the San Francisco Municipal Court bench. Two homosexual men had previously been appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court bench.

The "cancer" is spreading and is becoming more dignified because of folks like Gov. Brown that simply don't care what God has to say about this filthy perversion.
-The Exhorter

TAMPERING WITH THE TERMS

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Are the words of the English language losing all their meaning? In these days of widespread confusion, we find it increasingly necessary to explain what is meant by certain terms we use. Since words are vehicles for conveying messages, if not defined, they can be used to deceive, lead astray, and confuse. The recent political misuse of the Bible term "born again" is one case in point. Also, the Communists have long been adept at using word manipulation and twisting of terms to their advantage in spreading their propaganda. For example, they use the word "peace" to refer to the destruction and opposite of peace. In Third World countries, Catholics and the World Council of Churches use the term "liberation theology" to present Marxism under the cloak of Christianity. Salvation to them means the "liberation" brought by the Communists, which in reality turns out to be enslavement--the direct opposite of liberation. The prophet Isaiah pronounced a woe upon those who thus call "evil good, and good evil" (5:20).

Such "doublespeak" as described by Orwell in the novel "1984" is coming into increased usage in our day in the religious realm. Cardinal doctrinal terms are invested with new meanings so that doubts and denials can be veiled. The problem and danger is not that theologians are using other words to say the same thing, but they are using the same words to say something different. The double-talk and linguistic deception however, are not only tragic but evil, since the changed meanings of the terms are not apparent and readily discerned. This perversion of scriptural terminology undoubtedly had its origin with the Author of Confusion, Satan himself, the master "masquerader" (2 Corinth. 11:13-15).

The neo-orthodox are notorious for changing the meanings of scriptural terminology to allow liberal preachers and professors to give lip service to confessions of faith and infiltrate evangelical denominations. These dishonest deceivers disguise their unbelief by using the slogans of the faith but with different meanings. Their terminology is from our vocabulary but their definitions are not from our dictionary. Since they do not attach orthodox meanings to orthodox terms, they are in reality pseudo-orthodox. And the doctrine is more dangerous because the denial is more subtle. They subscribe to statements of faith of orthodox institutions yet teach their unorthodox "higher criticism" and other destructive heresies and mislead the uninformed. They believe that the Bible is inspired in "spots" and that they are inspired to "spot the spots"--the ultimate in presumption!

Paul exhorted the Ephesians (5:6), "Let no man deceive you with vain (void of truth, full of error) words." He warned the church of Galatia (1:6-9) of those who would pervert scriptural terminology and preach "another" gospel, which is not another." Those bringing this false, or pseudo, "gospel" were to be accursed. He confessed a fear that the minds of those in the church of Corinth (II Cor. 11:3-4) would be corrupted (in similar fashion as the serpent had subtly beguiled Eve) to accept "another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel." Jesus likewise warned that false prophet wolves would come with the trappings and terminology of the true, "in sheep's clothing." Peter said that false teachers would "through covetousness...with feigned words make merchandise of you" (II Pet. 2:3). God's Word thus promised that Satan's "ministers of righteousness" would tamper with the terms.

Until recent years, fundamentalism has for the most part escaped (except for news media misuse) the deceptive terminology problem. It was

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clearly understood by all that fundamentalism was a rigidly fixed position of unwavering allegiance and adherence to scriptural teaching that allowed no liberty to compromise or deviate from scriptural commands. Evangelicalism then came along with a wavering, neutral, middle-of-the-road position which really was not a tenaciously held belief but the absence of one. It had the flexibility to accommodate and adapt -- a luxury fundamentalism could ill afford. Those fundamental schools taken over by liberals usually went through this new evangelical phase prior to becoming liberal.

The decade of the seventies, however, saw the Adversary launch a subtle and divisive attack against fundamentalism from within by twisting and misapplying the term itself. This attack evolved into a "pseudo-fundamentalism" which virtually abandoned the Bible doctrine of ecclesiastical separation. For example, even though Southern Baptist seminaries and agencies were so thoroughly apostate, the pseudo-fundamentalists persisted in fellowshipping and working with "conservative" SBC supporters of these liberal institutions and with other new evangelicals. Some even worked ecumenically with cultists and liberals in religious-political, moral, and social action endeavors. This became a doubly deadly menace when they also insisted on retaining the term fundamentalist. The contention then further intensified when true fundamentalists, for the sake of truth, exposed and rebuked these unscriptural compromises.

Compromisers are understandably perturbed or convicted by those who would point out their sin. Even when done in a right spirit, as it ever should be, the exposure itself causes offense to disobedient brethren. Hence, pseudo-fundamentalism poses a special problem for true fundamentalists. Ignoring it, however, as some propose, is not the answer, even though long-standing friendships make separation painful. The fact must be faced that pseudo-fundamentalists are "to be blamed" (Gal. 2:11) for working with Southern Baptists and new evangelicals; for disregarding scriptural commands of ecclesiastical separation; and, for seeking to modify and thus undermine the meaning of the term fundamentalist and redefine the militancy out of it. Historic fundamentalists therefore consider the exposure and warning of the danger of this weakness to be crucially vital especially since pseudo-fundamentalism represents the first eschelon of compromise and defection from the scriptural position. They are justifiably alarmed at the threat it poses since deception is greatest and most dangerous at the deviation point closest to the true fundamental position--i.e., the closer to the truth without being the truth, the less apparent the difference is to the uninformed. So, an ever-present peril of our day is that many fundamentalists will fall for the pseudo-fundamentalist claims of "we are fundamentalists" just as the new evangelicals fell for the neo-orthodox claims. The fundamentalist facade of pseudo-fundamentalism only makes it more deceptive and dangerous.

WORSHIP JESUS

(Reprint of a Radio Program entitled "Christmas" Commentary by Ronald Reagan)

All the traditions associated with Christmas were observed as usual in the past holiday season, including the chorus of complaints that "commercialization" is robbing the day of its true meaning. I'll have to confess I can't join that chorus. Somehow the ads offering helpful gift suggestions when we are all filled with the spirit of giving; the decorations on the streets, in the stores; the familiar carols--all add to the Christmas spirit for me and don't really strike me as crass. I am disturbed, however, about something I read over the holidays which could really rob Christmas of its meaning for millions of us who see it as more than just the birthday of a great and good teacher. I realize there are those who, by religious belief, consider Jesus a very human prophet whose teachings about love for one another and treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves are sound patterns for living; that He is to be respected but not worshipped.

But for many of us He is much more. He is the promised Messiah, the Son of God come to earth to offer salvation for all mankind. It was disturbing therefore to read that in many Christian seminaries there is an increasing tendency to minimize His divinity, to reject the miracle of His birth and regard Him as merely human.

Meaning no disrespect to the religious convictions of others, I still can't help wondering how we can explain away what to me is the greatest miracle of all and which is recorded in history. No one denies there was such a man, that He lived and that He was put to death by crucifixion.

Where then, you may ask, is the miracle I spoke of? Well, consider this and let your imagination translate the story into our own time--possibly to your own home town. A young man whose father is a carpenter grows up working in his father's shop. One day he puts down his tools and walks out of his father's shop. He starts preaching on street corners and in the nearby country side, walking from place to place preaching all the while, even though he is not an ordained minister. He never gets farther

than an area perhaps 100 miles wide at the most.

He does this for three years. Then he is arrested, tried and convicted. There is no court of appeal so he is executed at age 33 along with two common thieves. Those in charge of his execution roll dice to see who gets his clothing--the only possessions he has. His family cannot afford a burial place so he is interred in a borrowed tomb.

End of story? No, this uneducated, propertyless young man who preached on street corners for only three years and who left no written word has for 2000 years, had a greater effect on the world than all the rulers, Kings and emperors; all the conquerors, generals and admirals; all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who ever lived--all of them put together.

How do we explain that --unless He really was what He said He was.
-THE CHRISTIAN NEWS, December 18, 1978

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- U.S. District Judge William Overton, Little Rock, Ark., overturned the Arkansas law requiring a "balanced" classroom presentation of the theories of evolution and "creation science." In rejecting the state law, Judge Overton wrote in a sharply defined 38-page opinion that "creation science has no scientific merit or educational value." He continued: "Since creation science is not science, the conclusion is inescapable that the only real effort of Act 590 is the advancement of religion. It is simply and purely an effort to introduce the Biblical version of creation into the public school's curricula." The judge declared that "since this would violate the Constitution's guarantees of separation of church and state, the act therefore must be barred from execution."
-RNS

Arkansas Ruling on Creation Science... (Statement by Carl McIntire) ... The decision of Judge William Overton against the teaching of what is called Creation Science reveals how far the humanistic, secularistic concepts have penetrated the judicial mind of the country. He engaged in a massive form of censorship as it concerns free speech in the world of education. Suppose the Creation Science which he rejects is taught in the Book of Genesis, what difference does that make? No longer is the school to be free and open in the area of speech and communication of ideas and free study.

Though the defenders of the Arkansas statute failed to stand up to this issue, it literally sought to separate God from their Creation Science. The judge refused to permit them to do so. There are indeed only two views possible concerning creation: one, that of chance, which is evolution; and the other, that of purpose, which involves the mind of God.

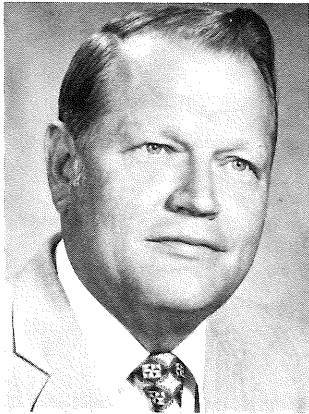
This decision now carries the Madalyn Murray decision ruling out prayer and Bible reading to its ultimate end that God has to be ruled out. Anything therefore that might relate to God can have no place in public education! This decision is to be welcomed because it reveals how far the country has actually gone in interpreting separation of Church and State to mean separation of God from the State. The separation of Church and State protected by the free exercise of religion meant only that the State could not restrict religion and that all religions had to be on the same par before the State. This view has now been expanded in the opposite direction. It means that "In God We Trust" has to come off our money, the Senate's chaplain and the chaplains of the Armed Services have to be dismissed, and prayer at all inaugural services of the governor and the president will have to be ended because they are being made to God or some god.

The atheism inherent in the teaching of evolution, in fact in much of the scientific world, now may move forward without any challenge or even a possible dialogue, which they supposedly approve.

The course is clear for the Christian. The future now belongs to the Christian schools of the land, and these schools must be careful not to accept any form of tax support. Only in this way can the long arm of the bureaucrats be restrained. In New Jersey the State has sought to get at Shelton College not on tax basis but on licensing basis. So far as the Christians who fear God are concerned the public school system is at an end. The adjustments that will take place and which must take place will give us a generation of young people who can in their studies retain the notion that God is truth and that He is all and in all. The Scriptural declaration, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord," can only be fulfilled by Christian schools.

The Arkansas judge became an expert on science instead of an expert on the Constitution. His view of science obviously differs from other views of science, but he made his the law.

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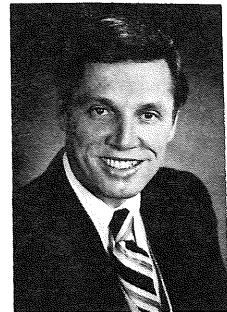


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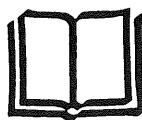


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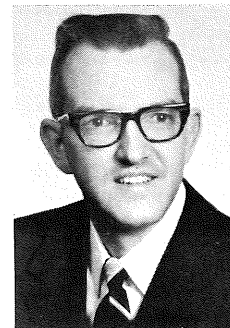


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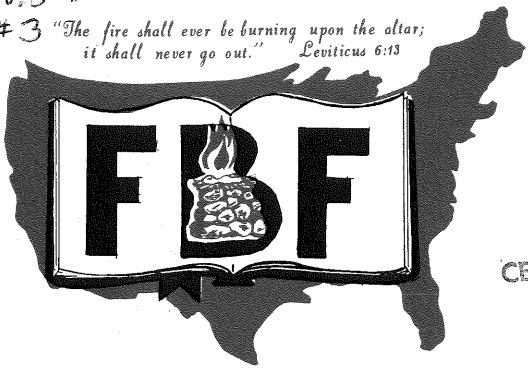
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Lobbying for Billy Graham's Mantel!



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Who will be Billy Graham's successor? "The Billy Graham Era is drawing to a close and there is no one who can replace him."

The Bible Baptist Tribune headline this month is "Baptist Fundamentalism 1984." If everything goes as planned, Dr. Jerry Falwell and Dr. John Rawlings and the leaders of the Bible Baptist Fellowship and others plan "Baptist Fundamentalism 1984" in April of 1984. The purpose is "to reaffirm the Baptist doctrines of Fundamental Baptists." However, according to Dr. Falwell's "Agenda for the 80's," in his "Fundamentalist Phenomenon," he states, "In general, the evangelical movement has been faithful to the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. We appeal to our evangelical brethren to stand with us for the truth of the gospel in this hour when America needs us most." (Falwell, p.222). It makes one question the purpose of "Baptist Fundamentalism 1984" -- is it to reaffirm or to redefine?

Dr. Falwell continues his appeal to the New Evangelicals in his book, "We have much in common, only the radicals with us 'to the left' and 'to the right' divide us. I say that it is time that we denied the 'lunatic fringe' of our movement and worked for a greater conservative crusade to turn America back to God." (Falwell, p.222). "The time has come for Fundamentalists and Evangelicals to return our nation to its spiritual and moral roots." (Falwell, p.187). Having "put down" divisive Fundamentalists and "played up" the New Evangelicals, the stage is set for promoting a compromise position between God and Baal. Some leading

Fundamentalists have called Dr. Falwell's appeal "the impossible dream." ("New Evangelicalism Restated," Dr. E. Robert Jordan, News Bulletin, Nov./Dec., 1981; "The Mating Call of Jerry Falwell," Dr. Charles Britt, News Bulletin, Jan./Feb., 1982; "The Marriage Vows of Jerry Falwell," Dr. Rod Bell, News Bulletin, Jan./Feb., 1982.)

There are many things wrong with Dr. Falwell's proposal to unite New Evangelicals and Fundamentalists. However, it is blatant disobedience to the Word of God on the doctrine of ecclesiastical separation. How can two walk together except they agree? The New Evangelical's position is "infiltrate" and the Fundamentalist's position is "separate." One says "go in and dialogue" and the other says "come out and separate." In his new book, Dr. Falwell proposes and makes the mating call to unite the two together in an unholy matrimony. The vehicles which Dr. Falwell uses to unite the two are: 1) redefining fundamentalism. He is doing this by sacrificing the doctrine of ecclesiastical separation. 2) the Moral Majority -- which is promoting reformation rather than revival in our country.

According to the Roman Catholic Register, Feb. 6, 1982 Supplement, "The Church in the '80's," Friar Virgil C. Blum, SJ, President of the Catholic League of Religious and Civil Right said, "Lacking a political organ that voices their moral concerns many Catholics have joined up with the Moral Majority." "It has been reported," cites Friar Kenneth Baker, SJ, editor of the "Homiletics and Pastoral Review," "that over 30% of the contributions to the Moral Majority comes from Catholics." "The fact that the Moral Majority is politically effective is not disputed. Two recently-elected senators, Jeremiah Denton of Alabama and Don Nichols of Oklahoma (both Catholics) have publicly attributed their victories to the support of the Moral Majority" (Catholic Register, 2/6/82).

In the 97th Congress, there are 137 Roman Catholics. Is it any wonder that Dr. Falwell made the statement in Virginia Beach recently, "Most pulpits in America are silent on the subject of abortion except the Catholics"? Dr. Billy Graham said, "When I hear the pope plead, 'come to Christ,' 'come to Christ,' he sound like me when I invite people at the end of my services to come forward and make a decision for Christ" (NEWSWEEK, 4/26/82, p.89). I read recently in a London paper that

Dr. Billy Graham said the Pope's visit to England would be a great opportunity for him to preach the gospel. "Many believe that Dr. Graham is drawing to a close and many are quietly lobbying for the mantle of leadership once it falls from Billy's shoulders. The most conspicuous would-be heir is the Rev. Jerry Falwell, the fundamental fire-brand and leader of the Moral Majority. Earlier this year, Falwell flew in his private jet to Washington for a secret meeting with the

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JEWISH-BAPTIST DIALOGUE -- Baptist and Jewish clergymen met in Fort Worth, Texas, in January for a Baptist-Jewish institute designed to promote greater understanding of each other's religion and roles in American society.

The three-day institute was sponsored by the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

According to Theodore Freedman, ADL's national program director and one of the participants, the institute dealt with "our common roots and religious diversity." The institute grew out of contacts made during the past year between Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the ADL, and other league officials. (NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP))

New Evangelical Leader makes Startling Admission about Trends within Movement Concerning Biblical Inerrancy -- In an article in Charisma magazine, March, 1982, p. 46 Howard Earl quotes Dr. Harold Lindsell, a leading new-evangelical scholar as stating in his book "The Battle for the Bible" the following observation:

"More recently, among those who call themselves evangelicals, there has been a marked departure from the viewpoint held by them for so long. More & more organizations and individuals historically committed to an infallible Scripture have been embracing and propagating the view that the Bible has errors in it. This movement AWAY FROM the historic standpoint has been MOST NOTICEABLE among those often LABELED NEO-EVANGELICALS."

Dr. Lindsell's observations are correct and it is tragic that he does not seem to understand that the ONLY answer to such defection is by the maintenance of an unwavering stand on Biblical separation. (Rev. 18:4)
--Fundamental Information Service

'Keep Christianity Secret' -- Using religious slogans in real estate advertising is against the law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) told a realtor here.

Paul Lotz, owner and president of the Lotz Realty Co., has been using Christian slogans in his realty advertisements to inform the community of his religious beliefs. But HUD told Lotz the religious language he employs is discriminatory toward "minority religions" and violates the Fair Housing Act. HUD ordered the slogans removed.

The firm places the words "Jesus is Coming" within the stylized fish symbol of Christianity in some ads. HUD objected to the symbol, and Lotz offered to include a disclaimer stating that they do not discriminate on the basis of religion. HUD rejected the disclaimer as well. A complaint against the firm was lodged by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith in Richmond, VA. Lotz subsequently filed suits against HUD.

Said Lotz's attorney, "The biggest issue in this case is whether a businessman can say whether he's a Christian in the realty business." In his trial last month, Lotz attempted to prove that the Fair Housing Act violates the First Amendment. He has asked the federal court for an injunction against the ADL complaint. (NORFOLK, VA (RT))

The Southern Baptist Liberal Pastor, Dr. Kenneth Chaffin is the Dean of the Schools of Evangelism, conducted with each Billy Graham crusade. Dr. Chaffin rejects the doctrine of inerrancy of Scripture, amount other vital doctrines of the Faith. He is one of the leading forces of the SBC.

Southern Baptists Pick Scholar to Head Their Oldest Seminary -- Dr. Roy Lee Honeycutt, 55, Biblical scholar, professor since 1976, and dean of its school of theology, has been chosen as eighth president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He succeeds Dr. Duke K. McCall who resigned in 1981 after 30 years to devote more time to his duties as president of the Baptist World Alliance. McCall will remain at

the seminary in the new post of chancellor. The seminary has been under fire by SBC conservatives who accuse some faculty members of holding liberal views. "The election of Dr. Honeycutt is a part of what's going on," McCall said. "The seminary has deliberately turned in a time of Biblical controversy-- with all the new emphasis on conservatism that characterizes politics and economics as well as religion--to a conservative scholar as president of the seminary."

--EVANGELICAL NEWSLETTER 3/5/82

Is Dr. Roy Lee Honeycutt a True Conservative? In the above paragraph we find Dr. McCall calling Honeycutt "a conservative scholar." We hesitate not at all to disagree with McCall on that statement. If Honeycutt was a conservative in theology it is doubtful that he would be at Southern at all, much less ascending to the presidency with the blessing of Dr. McCall. In 1970 Broadman Press published one of the most liberal and blasphemous books we have ever read that was written by Baptist authors. "Is the Bible A Human Book?" was written by fifteen Baptist leaders and it is nothing more or less than an all out attack on the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. Dr. Honeycutt, at that time at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, wrote chapter 6 in that blasphemous book. On page 67 Honeycutt says, "...the literature in Genesis 1 and following is literature that uses a conceptual form of reference conditioned by an ancient culture (the world view of the Old Testament, plus other culturally conditioned literature of both historical and prophetic books)." This makes Genesis much less than a Divinely-inspired record given by God to Moses. How can any man who takes this view be considered a conservative? We should not forget that Dr. McCall resigned after being pressured about his drinking habits on a trip to China.

The Curse of Gambling -- "Pulpit Helps" reports the following: Las Vegas netted \$1,423,623,102 from its gambling business last year. However, other numbers were up too. There were 34,257 serious crimes last year, including 92 murders, giving Las Vegas the nation's highest per capita crime rate. There are 10,000 prostitutes active in the city, a number equal, according to the Census Bureau figures, to one out of every nine women in the area between the ages of 15 and 39. The state has the highest alcoholism rate in the country, and a suicide rate more than double the national average. An estimated 65% of all jobs in the state are due at least indirectly to the gambling industry.

Going eastward to Atlantic City, NJ, once known as the world's playground we see what gambling has done there. The Atlantic City Press recently carried the following front page article by the superintendent of Atlantic City schools as he spoke to a luncheon of the Kiwanis: "Let no one in this room doubt what my feelings are in regards to casinos and their effect on our schools. The problems are traumatic. We now have to deal with issues that did not exist three years ago (before the casinos came): kids gamble, their parents gamble, drugs, venereal disease and employment problems."

Separation of Church and State: What Did The Constitutional Fathers Intend? Robert L. Cord ("Understanding the First Amendment," National Review, January 22) defends a narrow interpretation: "separation of Church and State as a constitutional concept forbids only the preferential treatment of any one religion, religious sect, or religious tradition and prohibits the establishment of a national or state religion."

The Supreme Court has since 1947 operated on the premise that "the First Amendment has erected a wall between Church and State" which is "high and impregnable." Cord sees that broad interpretation as in error: "A careful, and not an extremely selective, search of American primary

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historical documents indicates, beyond a reasonable doubt, that in fact no 'high and impregnable' wall between Church and State was historically erected by the First Amendment...the First Congress, which wrote what became the First Amendment, also continued certain religious practices in our national life." For example, on the day after voting (37-14) to recommend what is now the First Amendment, the first House of Representatives "proposed a resolution asking President George Washington to issue a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation...the members of the First Congress established the congressional chaplain system...Their recorded actions in the First Congress show conclusively that they saw no incongruity between the First Amendment and some federally funded religious activities."

Cord, professor of political science at Northeastern University (Boston), argues that the Court's precedent-setting case (the Everson case of 1947) may have been based on a faulty assumption ("that the Establishment Clause erected a 'high and impregnable' wall between Church and State"); if so, then further cases built on that decision are "logically questionable."
--EVANGELICAL NEWSLETTER



The Charismatic Movement: "By and Large It Has Been A Positive Force..." - Billy Graham -- In the 7/17/81 issue of Christianity Today, Billy Graham was asked, "Q. How do you assess the impact of the charismatic movement? A. As I said, it has made a great impact on virtually all denominations. It also has brought together in a new way many Christians from various backgrounds and persuasions. Of course, there have been extremists in some places who have given it a bad name. I am encouraged to see many charismatic leaders stressing the need for deeper Bible study and balanced Biblical doctrine. By and large it has been a positive force in the lives of many people." Thus once again Mr. Graham straddles the fence and puts his approval on a movement that is heretical and corrupt. This is not unusual for Graham has done the same thing for the World Council, the National Council, the New Evangelicals, and the Roman Catholics.

New-Evangelical Theologian Gives Accurate Analysis of Mainline Liberal Theological Education, But Fails to Offer Proper Remedy: In an article that appeared in the 2-5-82 issue of Christianity Today, pp. 32-33, Dr. Clark Pinnock, a leading new-evangelical theologian gives an accurate appraisal of the trends within mainline theological seminaries.

Pinnock refers to an article that appeared in the Spring 1981 issue of Theological Education (publication of Assoc. of Theol. schools) by Edward Farley who acknowledges that mainline theological education "is trapped in a cul-de-sac because the basis on which it used to rest has been shattered."

According to Farley, the traditional seminary curriculum had rested on "belief in the infallible authority of the Bible" with a "common understanding about the content of the Christian message" and "content of revelation," thus giving "focus, coherence and direction." Now, however, traditional mainline theological education no longer has any of these elements because "its basis in authority of the Bible has been shattered."

Without any "sure knowledge of divine revelation" the faculties of mainline denominational seminaries are more like individual musicians each "playing his own cadenza, often at odds with his neighbor" rather than united members of a faculty playing together in an orchestra.

The result is that in these seminaries one no longer studies theology but a "multiplicity of subjects and methods that do not hang together" and a "miscellany of courses, unintegrated with one another and often at odds." Correctly summarizing Farley's report, Pinnock states that the "future of the churches saddled with theological education like this would not seem to be bright."

Pinnock's solution, however, appears to be sadly lacking. He declares that the answer lies in the great New Evangelical seminaries such as "Fuller, Gordon-Conwell, Trinity, Westminster, Dallas" and others which he claims retain strong confidence in the authority of the Bible. Fuller Seminary has already departed from belief in verbal inerrancy and others listed no longer adhere to Biblical separation, all promoting ecumenical evangelism. --FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION SERVICE

An Approved School of the B.B.F.? The California Graduate School of Theology under the presidency of Dr. Holland B. London and the leadership of Dr. W. S. McBirney, has just announced courses for 1981-82. The faculty of this school, which has extension classes in charismatic churches, includes the following BBF leaders: Dr. Bruce Melton, Dr. Elmer Towns, Dr. Harold Rawlings and Dr. Charles Billington, plus Dr. Paul Smith of Toronto, Dr. Harold L. Fickett of Northridge, Dr. Jacob Bellig of Castro Valley and a number of charismatic leaders. Dr. Jerry Falwell, is listed as a member of the Executive Committee. Since a

number of BBF leaders have served on the faculty of this institution, is the Christian world justified in thinking that this is an approved school of the Baptist Bible Fellowship?

Computer Says Genesis Written by One Person. Israeli scientists fed the 20,000 words of Genesis into a computer and came up with the conclusion that it was written by one person, which of course is contrary to modern theology that says 5 or more persons were involved. This will no doubt hearten some timid souls who can't believe God but who will believe anything that modern science comes up with. We need neither computers nor scientists to confirm anything in the Scriptures; Christ's Word is good enough for us. Incidentally, the fallibility of modern science is clearly evident in another study by the same team which said that the books of Isaiah and Judges both were written by several authors.

-THE CORNERSTONE CHALLENGE

The Oklahoma Children's Center, a state Child-care facility in Taft, Oklahoma, which houses 85 deprived and non-delinquent youngsters, "farmed out" young girls as prostitutes and allowed other youths to grow marijuana and escape at will, according to a Gannett News Service report. The report also said that the state Human Services Department knew about the drug and sex problems, but took little action. -FAITH FOR THE FAMILY

"THE SPLIT-UP EVANGELICALS" is the title of the religion story in the April 26 Newsweek. Commenting on Billy Graham, Newsweek says in part: "Graham, from his global and increasingly ecumenical perspective, sees elements of evangelicalism in a variety of religious settings -- including, surprisingly, the Vatican. "When I hear the Pope plead, 'Come to Christ, come to Christ,' Graham says, "he sounds like me when I invite people at the end of my services to come forward and make a decision for Christ. "

"In most scholarly circles Biblical inerrancy is dismissed as a theory that may actually make it more difficult to understand the Bible. 'Today the theory is largely a sociological password,' says evangelical historian Grant Wacker, 'something fundamentalist flash to find out who's on their side and who is not.' Billy Graham, for one, clearly is not. 'I believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative word of God,' Graham says, 'but I don't use the word 'inerrant' because it's become a brittle, divisive word.' As Graham sees it, 'the issue of the '80s is going to be hermeneutics, or how to interpret Scripture properly and apply it to personal and social life.'

"Historically, the question of interpreting the Gospel has always been the central problem of faith. And the answers, as evangelicals are freshly discovering, are rarely carved in stone. 'I have certainly changed,' Graham now acknowledges, and his example has enabled many other former fundamentalists to follow suit.

"Will that lead to some sort of new evangelical consensus? Not necessarily, Jim Wallis, editor of SoJourners, a radical evangelical monthly based in Washington. Talk of an evangelical consensus is misleading, Wallis believes--and unnecessary. What evangelicals need most, Wallis asserts, is 'Biblical living, not Biblical talking.'" (New Evangelical philosophy inevitably leads to a change in one's view of Biblical inerrancy. This has been proved again and again over the last 30 years.)



Inside Look at Billy Graham's Visit to Moscow Churches May 9 -- In the April 26, 1982 issue of the Christian News, Paul Voronaeff gives a detailed picture of the Soviet "registered" churches in Moscow where Billy Graham will speak on Sunday, May 9. Entitled, "The Wolves in Sheep's Clothing," the article is valuable in that it is written by a man who was born in Russia and studied at the University of Moscow. His father was head of the Evangelical Church of Russia until he was arrested and sent to Siberia, where he is presumed to have died. His mother spent 14 years in a communist prison.

Mr. Voronaeff effectively destroys the myth that there is any religious freedom in Russia and says that Graham's visit only serves as propaganda for the atheistic Communist regime. The Christian News is available for \$15.00 per year; the address is Box 168, New Haven, MO 63068.

Some Conservatives are Complaining that a Few of the Leaders at the "Congress on the Bible" Last Month in San Diego do not Accept What the Bible Says about a Six Day Creation. The April 9 Christianity Today reported: "During a press conference held by three scholars at the congress, it was clear that none of them would be pinned down to the young earth view, which has been pressed in court suits in California and Arkansas, and thus popularized in the press. The three participants in the press conference were Kenneth Kantzer, editor of Christianity Today, J. I. Packer of Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, and philosopher Francis Schaeffer. All three said that a young earth view of creation (and thus a denial of the geological ages of the earth's development) was not required for a belief in inerrancy.

Fundamentalist Spokesman Requests Urgent Prayer: In The Revivalist, January, 1982, p.2, Dr. Ian Paisley stated: "The refusal of the US State Department to grant me a visa to enter the country to rebut I.R.A. propaganda is closely linked with British foreign policy. The officials of the State Department who met members of the World Congress of Fundamentalists led by Dr. Bob Jones to protest this action discovered that the foreign policy of the Reagan Administration was a united Ireland and were given the impression that the British Government would be taking an initiative soon on Northern Ireland."

Paisley believes that "1982 is the year when the British Government has planned the sell-out of Ulster" and thus that "it is essential that Ulster prepares itself for the great battle that is ahead." According to Dr. Paisley, "Without Divine intervention all is lost" and thus "the urgency of prayer cannot be over-emphasized."

RESULTS OF LIBERAL VIEW OF BIBLE

"Josif Ton, a Romanian Baptist minister who was kicked out of his Communist country last year for his vigorous efforts to spread the faith, recounted his own spiritual journey during a speech. He said he became a Christian early in life and held fast to his faith despite the Marxist indoctrination he received in school. He learned English as a means of furthering his theological knowledge, because there wasn't much theology available in his language. The first English theology book he read, however, cast him into despair, because it undermined the reliability of the Bible. He said he did not know then that there was a difference between liberal and conservative scholarship, and the result was that he abandoned the faith.

"My faith wasn't killed by Marxism and communism," he declared. "My faith was killed by liberal theologians." It was only after a long while that he climbed back to his former beliefs, he said, and then he made perhaps the strongest statement of the entire conference: "Liberal theologians who undermine the faith of their nation in the Bible work for a Communist takeover of their land."

"Many of the scholars who participated in ICBI believe that the doctrine of inerrancy is essential to any reversal of the trend away from orthodox Christianity, a trend already well advanced in mainline seminaries. James Montgomery Boice, chairman of ICBI, said he doubts that liberal scholars are paying much attention to the organization, however. His views were underscored by a conference participant from a liberal denomination, James Glynn, an American Lutheran pastor from Arlington Heights, Illinois. Glynn said his pastoral colleagues would be amazed to learn he bothered to attend the congress, because none of them take inerrancy seriously. He does, however, and the Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, which he pastors, has grown from 100 to 300 in the three years he has been there. Glynn credits the growth to his serious preaching of the gospel. He himself accepts the Bible's authority, but he managed to get passing grades in the liberal Lutheran seminary he attended in Saint Paul, Minnesota, by saying to himself, 'I need to learn this stuff, but I don't buy it.' Glynn said that during his entire seminary education he never had a single course that considered evangelical theology seriously. His liberal professors did not grapple intellectually with conservative scholarship, only emotionally, and rejected it out of hand, Glynn said."
--CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Can Evangelicals Rule God Out of Morality? We might be on dangerous grounds in promoting the idea that there is an acceptable morality that can be adopted with reasonable religious assurance, that utterly ignores God, the Bible, revealed theology, and sound doctrine. God says, "Be ye holy for I the Lord your God am holy." The character of God is the basis of all acceptable godly behaviour. The Moral Majority has adopted the same view as expressed above, that while we cannot agree on the morality of the Scriptures, we can agree on a "common decency." It might be that more sober thought should be given to this before we join the new moral ecumenism. Dr. Falwell is alleged to have said that the Moral Majority has been organized in all 50 states except Utah, and it is not necessary there since the Mormons have already organized the state.

This Raises A Very Grave Question. Every evangelist, pastor and Christian leader must ask: What am I building up through my influence, by my energies, and with my finances? Many lives are being spent in building up what ought to be torn down. Read Gal. 2:18: "For if I build again the things which I once destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." Paul says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." II Cor. 10:4-5. Since the Southern Baptist Convention is gone irretrievably into the apostasy, with every single seminary rejecting the inerrancy of the Bible, does an evangelist have any Biblical right to add numbers to this apostasy? A missionary in the Far East said, "It is always wrong to add numbers to an apostasy." By accepting this position and continuing in his professional course in the SBC, does Dr. Appelman forfeit all right to minister to Fundamental churches?

Southern Baptists' Big Church in L.A... Dr. Jess Moody finally succeeded in leading the huge Van Nuys First Baptist Church into the Southern Baptist Convention and so becomes the "big wheel" in the upcoming SBC meeting in Los Angeles next year. The RNS dispatch for 10-23-80: "Van Nuys First Baptist Church, an 8,000 member independent congregation, will establish links next year with its pastor's former denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention...By contributing to the Southern Baptist's Cooperative Program, the Van Nuys church will be eligible to send representatives to the denomination's annual state and national meetings." At one bold stroke Dr. Moody not only becomes the largest host church to the upcoming SBC in L.A., but the largest SBC in California. This will put Dr. Moody in line for the presidency of the SBC a post his ego has desired for a long time. This church is the largest single contributor to the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society--something like \$100,000 per year. Dr. Moody split the church with several hundred withdrawing to form another church, now under the leadership of former pastor Dr. Harold Fickett.

Can Morality Be Divorced from the Faith? Christian Herald for January, 1981 had an article "Crusader for Decency" an interview with Donald Wildmon, founder of National Federation for Decency. Question: "Do you try to pick only Christians to do the monitoring (on TV)? No. We do evaluate Christian values of television, and that involves primarily Christians as monitors. But in our regular monitoring, we use Jews, and also people who aren't involved with any religion. Mormons also help us."

Mormons Play A Big Part in the Battle...Question: "A lot of people would say that the Mormons aren't a branch of the Christian church. One of the programs you had rated highly in past was the 'Galactica' series, and these programs are put out by Mormons. Some critics have argued they contain strong elements of Mormon theology, such as the idea that men can become gods. I'm wondering if this Mormon connection bothers you?"

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closet thing in evangelical circles to an official 'search committee.' A dozen of evangelicalism's most prominent interpreters--including the theologian Carl Henry, philosopher Francis Shaffer, Christianity Today editor Kenneth Kantzer and several evangelical college presidents--quizzed Falwell on his views and promised to meet with him again" (NEWSWEEK, 4/26/82).

The proposed "Baptist Fundamentalism 1984" will not be the only meet-Dr. Falwell has had lately in Washington, D.C. The Bible Baptist Tribune's National Meeting of Independent Fundamentalist Baptists will be held in Washington, D.C. on April 11-13, 1984 according to the Tribune. "This meeting will no doubt become a pivotal point in the religious life of our nation."

The agenda for the '80s "Fundamentalist Phenomenon" described in Falwell's new book is working according to plan. True Fundamentalists must expose and warn uninformed God-fearing, Bible-loving people concerning this satanic conspiracy. Dr. Falwell will end up exactly where Dr. Graham ended up, in cooperation with evil. He wants the churches of Jesus Christ to get together and be involved socially and politically with Mormons, Jews, Catholics--believers and unbelievers. Dr. Falwell likens himself to Billy Graham in his new book by quoting, with approval, modernists, liberals, and New Evangelicals. He criticizes those in fundamentalism who have fought the battles and held the line on ecclesiastical separation and calls them "lunatics." This is an insult to the great warriors of the faith who have gone on to meet their reward. He proclaims himself as successor of true fundamentalism.

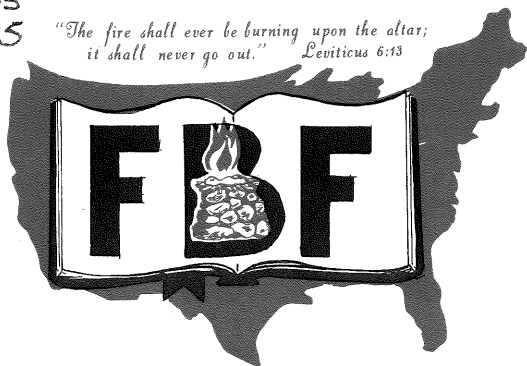
Dr. Falwell and Dr. Graham use the same language in describing fundamentalists. They say we don't love, we don't cooperate, we are separatist, we will not do wrong in order for a chance to do right and that we believe when revival comes, it will be because God's people get right with God and pray--not because God's people get registered to vote and get together with the world in a great social reformation.

Dr. Falwell in "Baptist Fundamentalism 1984" may influence the search committee for Billy's Successor, but it will not impress God. God will not be impressed with his compromise. Those who have a sane sense of direction will be watching this meeting from a great distance. The lunatic, in the Scripture, was last seen clothed and in his right mind sitting at the feet of Jesus. God help us to have the mind of Christ and learn what the Saviour has to say about the great doctrine of ecclesiastical separation and help us to pray that Dr. Falwell is not leading the good men in the Bible Baptist Fellowship and other good fellowships down the primrose path to his well-planned scheme of ecumenical reformation in the name of Scriptural revival. Dr. Falwell's motives and intentions may be pure as a mother's love, but his actions are definitely wrong.

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"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." Leviticus 6:13



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A TRIBUTE AND A CHALLENGE

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by Dr. Homer Massey



Christian Statesman. Defender of the Faith. Preacher of the Word. Baptist Pastor. Soldier of the Cross, Educator of Young Preachers. Loving husband and father. Biblical Separatist. Unselfish Servant. Fundamentalist.

On Monday, September 6, 1982, Dr. G. Archer Weniger went to be with his Lord. On Friday, September 10, 1982 his body was buried. He will be remembered for many things—some more than others, depending on with whom one speaks—and, indeed, he accomplished more than most people in his 67 years. He completed 40 years as pastor of Foothill Baptist Church in the San Francisco area on July 4, 1982. He was closely associated with the San Francisco Baptist Theological Seminary from its inception over 24 years ago, serving as Chairman of the Board and later its President. He was co-founder of the Lucerne Christian Conference Center. The weekly paper, **The Blu-Print**, which Dr. Weniger sent out for 40 years, has been a great influence in the lives of hundreds of preachers, evangelists, educators and missionaries, and a thorn in the side of many a liberal, new-evangelical, and compromiser.

Those are only the things immediately thought of, however, when

one remembers G. Archer Weniger. To many, there are memories not so bathed in the light of public attention. Undoubtedly there are scores of relatively young preachers and budding separatists who have letters or notes written by Dr. Weniger, encouraging them, congratulating them, nudging them to undertake some project or to step out a bit more into the fray. Hardly a **Blu-Print** went out without at least one note promoting some preacher, praising someone's effort, pushing someone's paper or book. While many were looking out mainly for their own program or project, it seemed to please Dr. Weniger to recognize and promote others. An example is the Fundamentalists Hall of Fame which he began and nurtured. His unselfish love for the brethren was an example for all Fundamentalists.

But the heritage he left us is greater than the sum total of all these parts. He represented an era in the history of Fundamentalism that stretches back to the great battles within the denominations. He was able to discern and document the changing moods and trends within contemporary theology in such a way as to challenge many true fundamentalists to speak out against infidelity and compromise. He was so persistent in exposing error and inconsistency that he sometimes irritated his fellow fundamentalists. It may be that, after an appropriate period of respect, some will begin to suggest that "now maybe we can have a little rest from the 'hatchet-work' of the past" May it not be so.

Changes in methods or formats may well be considered, but Fundamentalism cannot survive without the constant light of militant exposure, shining on and pointing up apostasy and those willing to tolerate it. Guy Archer Weniger faithfully carried that torch. May God help us to see that it is lifted even higher and burns even brighter.

MANTEL OR MANTLE — WHICH?

It has been brought to our attention by many of you that we made a typographical error in the article "Lobbying for Billy Graham's Mantel!" (May, June, July, 1982). According to Webster a **mantel** is "the facing of stone, marble, etc. about a fireplace"; whereas, a **mantle** is "a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape: sometimes used figuratively, in allusion to royal robes of state, as a symbol of authority or responsibility." Yes, we failed to catch our error, BUT, is Billy Graham's position one of authority, power, and responsibility (mantle) or is it an inanimate piece that does nothing but catch dust (mantel)? You decide!

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DR. G. ARCHER WENIGER

(Some of the last contributions Dr. Weniger made to the F. B. F. Research Section, sent to us this summer.)

WILL FALWELL BE GRAHAM'S SUCCESSOR?

1. **An Unbelievable Article** was published in *Newsweek* for April 26, 1982 - three full pages devoted to the evangelicals. It confirms what militant Fundamentalists have been saying about Dr. Jerry Falwell for years. Many evangelicals are concerned about who will succeed Billy Graham as the undoubted leader of New Evangelicals. Many good men are on the Falwell bandwagon: Truman Dolar, Wendell Zimmerman, John Rawlings, and a host of BBF leaders.

2. **"The Most Conspicuous Would-be Heir** is the Rev. Jerry Falwell, the fundamentalist firebrand and leader of the Moral Majority. Earlier this year, Falwell flew in his private jet to Washington for a secret meeting with the closest thing in evangelical circles to an official search committee. A dozen of evangelicalism's most prominent interpreters - including theologian Carl Henry, philosopher Francis Schaeffer, Christianity Today's editor Kenneth Kantzer and several evangelical college presidents quizzed Falwell on his views and promised to meet with him again." *Newsweek* - 4-26-82.

3. **The Inside Scramble in Evangelicalism...** 'In the house that Billy built,' (David) McKenna says, 'there's a terrific scramble going on for influence and leadership.' No one understands this better than Jerry Falwell, and no one has tried harder to influence the tie of succession. As a first step, Falwell last year published a book called **The Fundamentalist Phenomenon**, a lengthy apologia for fundamentalist Christianity - and his own claim for leadership.'

4. **Falwell Can Step into Graham's Shoes...** 'As Falwell's adherents see it, their man is perfectly positioned to step into Graham's shoes...' Jerry is the only man to come along to appeal to both groups. There is no question that he is the leader of conservative Christians in America today.'

5. **Dr. Falwell is on the Move Right Now...** 'To bolster that claim, Falwell has lately been edging cautiously toward evangelicalism's moderate center. He has begun distancing himself from what he calls fundamentalism's 'lunatic fringe' - notably the virulently anti-Catholic Bob Jones, Jr. - and modified his rhetoric on a number of public issues... And he is preparing a new book whose title - 'Finding Inner Peace and Strength' is right out of the positive-thinking tradition of Norman Vincent Peale and Billy Graham. Says Calvin College Prof. Richard Mouw: 'I think we are witnessing the civilizing of Jerry Falwell.' ' (Not long ago Falwell was on the platform of a wedding with Dr. Peale, with whom he is on the warmest terms.)

6. **...Staying Inside The Apostate Church...** 'That's where the stability now lies,' says David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary. 'That's where the evangelical spirit is more cooperative, less competitive, where you find the effective ministries!' If Hubbard's view is correct, then the evangelical future would seem to belong to those who no longer relish their separation from other Christian believers. Among them are pastors like Presbyterian Robert Henderson, who believes that evangelicals are called to be "agents of renewal within the one holy, catholic and apostolic church". A generation ago, not even Billy Graham would have dared imagine such a vision of Christian unity." In this Satan-inspired movement toward the one world apostate church—involving sympathetic fundamentalists—it will be interesting to see where good men like Dr. Greg Dixon, Dr. A. V. Henderson, W.E. Dowell, Herbert Fitzpatrick, Curtis Hutson, and Charles Billington will finally end up.

FALWELL, CHARISMATICS AND FATCATS.

1. **Coming Directly from Dallas** via the *Oakland Tribune* for April 24, 1982, is the news of rich and powerful evangelical leaders, oil men, and charismatic meeting at the estates of Clint Murchison, Jr. and Bunker Hunt, as well as at the Adolphus hotel.

2. **Guests and Speakers included these:** PTL's Jim Bakker, Evangelist Jim Robison, "Tongues" leader Pat Robertson, Holly Coors of Denver Brewing Co., Graham's brother-in-law, Clayton Bell, Bill Bright of Campus Crusade, and Dr. E. V. Hill, black clergyman from L.A.

3. **Dr. Jerry Falwell is Quoted** in connection with these meetings: "It's an exciting new day for Bible-believing Christians... This meeting is to get our people informed on the problems of poverty and how to tackle them... this meeting represents the growing concern among conservatives to accept their social responsibility."

4. **Falwell Gives Further Explanation...** "Falwell explained that the Dallas meeting was called to outline the program and to discuss what can be done so that similar efforts can be started in inner-city areas across the country. 'The plan is to get churches, private industry and individuals involved in financing and in providing their talents on a volunteer basis,' said Falwell." It is regrettable that the leaders of the BBF group have bought Falwell and are following his phony fundamentalism.

JERRY FALWELL IMPROVES HIS IMAGE WITH SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

1. **Jerry Falwell's Southern Baptist Convention** address was given recently in Atlanta. It is amazing that good men in the BBF, such as Zimmerman, Henderson, Dolar, etc. continue to support Falwell as he continues to support SBC apostasy. RNS for April 2, 1982 states: "Southern Baptists Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter were honored by the Southern Baptist Convention for applying Christian standards in their marriage and family life." Unitarian Walter Mondale was also a speaker at the SBC meeting, saying "My faith has motivated my fight for a humane nation and world. I am not a secular humanist. It is because I am a Christian that I believe in serving humanity."

2. **Jerry Falwell Joins Rank SBC Liberals...** on the same platform of the SBC in Atlanta. The RNS dispatch stated, "Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell, pastor of the Independent Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., and former Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Allen, who now heads the denomination's radio-television commission, contrasted their approaches to strengthening families in separate addresses." Jimmy Allen criticized Christian schools and endorsed the public schools, while Dr. Falwell was on the same platform.

3. **Falwell Has Leading SBC Pastor** as main speaker for his upcoming Christian Counseling Institute, May 24-28, 1982, according to *Christianity Today* for March 5, 1982. He is Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor of one of the largest churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Stanley is not a separatist nor a Fundamentalist, and neither is Dr. Jerry Falwell. This is New Evangelical deceit in operation.

MORE FALWELL DOWNWARD DEVELOPMENTS.

1. **Get Your Copy In Quantity...** Good Fundamentalists literature is not available in the average "Christian" bookstore. They have practically been captured by the charismatic movement. One book you should have is brand new and gives the evaluation of Dr. Jerry Falwell's latest book - **The Fundamentalist Phenomenon**. With about 13 different writers, the book is entitled: **The Fundamentalist Phenomenon or Fundamentalists Betrayal**. The compiler and publisher is Dr. James Singleton, 2150 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, Arizona, 85282. (602) 838-5430. The price is \$2.95 postpaid.

2. **Falwell Shares Platform with Liberals...** The *Atlanta Journal* for March 20, 1982 gave nearly a whole page highlighting a convention the following week featuring Jimmy Allen, a leading liberal of the Southern Baptist Convention, plus Walter Mondale, a Unitarian, and Wayne Oates a SBC seminary teacher at SBC Seminary in Louisville. "Former Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Allen and Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell may be worlds apart politically, but when it comes to the importance of preserving and strengthening the family, the gap between the two ministers narrows. On Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., they will appear on the same program at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission Conference at Dunfey Atlanta hotel, but no one expects them to square off with another." - The three-day seminar will feature former Vice President Walter Mondale, Claude Pepper, TV's Captain Kangaroo, David Mace, Joyce Landorf and James Dobson. This commission, whose modernist chairman is Foy Valentine, is the most liberal and leftwing group of the SBC.

3. **NAE Elects Falwell to NRB Position...** The *Reformation Reader* for August/September 1981 had this news item on Page 12: "Dr. Jerry Falwell boasts publicly that he is a Fundamentalist, and attacks those who discredit this claim. Increasingly, we have seen Dr. Falwell compromise in areas where true Fundamentalists have always stood strong. One such recent instance is the election of Dr. Falwell to the board of the National Religious Broadcasters, which is an arm of the neo-evangelical National Association of Evangelicals. No true Fundamentalist would take a position on the board of an arm of the NAE. It is vain for Dr. Falwell to try to persuade us that he is a 'good, old-fashioned Fundamentalist' when his actions fail to prove it." This periodical is published within the sphere of influence of Dr. Carl McIntire.

4. **Falwell Teams Up With New Evangelicalists** according to the

ACSI Regional News for October 1981. Dr. Jerry Falwell is listed along with Dr. Charles Swindoll of Fullerton at a Sacramento convention sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International, a solid New Evangelicalist group which is opposed by the American Association of Christian Schools, a Fundamentalist group. No Fundamentalist would be found speaking for the ACSI.

5. **Jerry Falwell Main Speaker at N.A.E....The Christian Century** of February 25, 1981 devoted two pages of editorial analysis of the recent N.A.E. meeting of New Evangelicals at the Sheraton-Washington Hotel in D.C. "Senator Mark Hatfield, probably the one person in high elective office who has spoken out longer and more consistently about his evangelical faith than anyone else, was greeted with stony silence, while his colleague Jesse Helms received a warm round of applause. Even more indicative of the convention's thrust was the main speaker, the Reverend Dr. (horis causa) Jerry Falwell, who tickled his audience's ears with reassuring words that 'God isn't finished with America yet. We still have a place in his plan for the world'." - No self-respecting Fundamentalist would be found dead as the main speaker of the N.A.E. platform at this late date in the apostasy. He brands himself as a phony by being on this platform.

FALWELL'S DELUSION RESPECTING HUMAN SOCIETY.

1. In his book "**The Fundamentalist Phenomenon**", by Dr. Jerry Falwell, he departs from the historical position of Fundamentalists for the New Evangelical conviction that we can change human society which is fast plunging to the judgment of God. He states: "We are excited about Fundamentalism and its resurgent impact upon American society." He states: "...Denominational tags, personalities and personal preference were set aside for the cause of rebuilding a morally sound American society". P. 144. He writes further: "Another area of strong contrast between the extreme Evangelicals and the extreme Fundamentalists is that of the social implications of the Gospel and the involvement of Christians in society". Again Dr. Falwell said "For the first time in my lifetime we have the opportunity to see spiritual revival and political renewal in the United States". P. 185.

2 **Falwell is Committed to Pluralism...**He stated: "We are committed to pluralism. The membership of Moral Majority, Inc. is so totally pluralistic that the acceptability of any candidate could never be based upon one's religious affiliations." P. 191. The Mormons and Catholics, who are welcome in the Moral Majority are extremely anxious to elect all of their number to elective office at all levels. He states: "While liberal theologians have been talking and theorizing about world hunger, we have been raising millions of dollars to feed starving people." P. 208.

3. **Falwell Sounds Like Dr. Graham...**compare the above with...the liberal **Christian Century** for September 27, 1967, which headlined the story "Two Cheers For Billy". Dr. Graham in a message to the WCC Central Committee meeting on Crete: "There is no doubt that the social gospel has directed its energies toward the release of many of the problems of suffering humanity. I am for it. I believe it is biblical." Dr. Falwell is skating on thin ice, and many of professing Fundamentalists who are following him will be shocked when his bandwagon goes through the ice.

JERRY FALWELL AND CATHOLIC AFFAIRS

1. **Evangelicals and Catholic Superstition...**One of Jerry Falwell's professors, Gary R. Habermas, along with Kenneth E. Stevenson, have authored a controversial book **On The Shroud of Turin** (\$12.95, Servant Publications, Box 8617, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48107). This book supports one of the most abominable superstitions ever fabricated among the many of Rome. The ad in **Charisma**, Jan. 1982 states: "They reach an awesome conclusion. The shroud, they say, is almost certainly authentic. Through its revelation about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it helps build faith in an unbelieving age."

2. **Falwell's High Praise For the Pope...**When the **National Catholic Register** asked Jerry Falwell: "What do you think about the current pontiff, John Paul II?", the leader of the Moral Majority answered: "I say about him what I say about Ronald Reagan. I think they are the greatest (men) of my lifetime. I look upon the Pope as a man of great courage; the fight for freedom in Poland is an outstanding growth of the Pope's own commitment to freedom". (**National Catholic Register**, May 9, 1982; reprinted in **Christian News** of May 10, 1982. P. 11).

FUNDAMENTALISTS EVALUATE JERRY FALWELL.

1. **A Review of Falwell's latest book** is made by Dr. Bob Jones in **Faith For The Family** magazine, January 1982, (\$4 year, BJU Press, Greenville, SC., 29614) entitled "The Impossible Dream". In his book, Dr. Falwell proposes that the Fundamentalists disown their lunatic fringe and unite with New Evangelicalists without their lunatic fringe.

Dr. Bob Jones: "There can be no walking together by those who are headed in different directions. If a Biblical Fundamentalist were to respond to Falwell's challenge—and no true Fundamentalist will—Fundamentalism will cease to exist. Let us not forget, therefore, that however sincere he may be, Dr. Falwell's scheme is based upon unsound premises, which must be refuted." P.13.

2.**Dr. McIntire Is A Noted Fundamentalist**, standing as he has for a half century. In his **Christian Beacon**, for December 10, 1981, he had an article which treats Dr. Falwell very fairly. A couple of paragraphs on Page 3. "Mr. Falwell has put himself in such a position that many of the Fundamentalists over the nation also are very cautious about their relation to his activities. His most recent embarrassing development was when he came out in favor of the ERA Amendment, if it could be so phrased to eliminate the homosexual and the placing of women in the front line trenches of military engagements. This went all over the country, and then one of his own lieutenants in Washington had to speak up and say that he goofed."

3. **The Weakness Of Falwell's Position...**"He was strong, ready to testify against Judge O'Conner. He was listed among the opposition witnesses; but the day before he was to appear, he backed away and did not see the issue through to the end. His main difficulty with Fundamentalism is generally the fact that he places his Moral Majority upon such a broad base that he goes beyond the Ten Commandments. Many do not believe that he should have incorporated the Moral Majority. He thus sacrificed the position that belongs to every Fundamentalist, to be free to do whatever he may be led to do in the political arena as a Christian without having to be incorporated...Mr. Falwell is in trouble because of his platform in which he has included and incorporated even the humanistic basis of morality...He calls for a pluralistic country. Falwell has been too much influenced by the New Evangelicals, and he is going the way of Evangelist Billy Graham, whom he has endorsed...He has been all mixed up on ecumenism. He has openly said that to him ecumenism is all born again people." P. 3-5. So said Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Churches.

WENDELL ZIMMERMAN LAUDS JERRY FALWELL.

1. **Dr. Zimmerman is editor of the Baptist Bible Tribute (BBF).** In the issue of Sept. 25, 1981, he reviews Falwell's new book **The Fundamentalist Phenomenon**. He stated editorially: "The real phenomenon is not the fundamentalist, but the impact of Jerry Falwell's ministry. To really know the impact of Jerry Falwell on America would be impossible. Never has a minister of the Gospel had such a powerful influence on the life of a great nation...I am thankful beyond expression that a smiling, unafraid, fighting fundamentalist has shoved the liberals to the comic section on the back page...Jerry Falwell has been ridiculed and maligned, but he has gained more respectability and recognition for Fundamentalism than I have witnessed in nearly fifty years. Jerry Falwell has awakened fundamentalism to the possibilities and potentialities it possesses. Because of the faithful ministry of this young man, fundamentalism has seen the sun rise on a new day."

2. **He is Proud That Falwell Is Their Product...**"As a member and one of the founders of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, I am proud that Jerry Falwell is our product....I thank God for the ministry of Jerry Falwell. I wish that the BBF could produce a thousand just like him. He has fired the imagination of a generation of preachers as no other human has. May God bless him, and may his tribe increase. This is a poor effort to put in writing the impact of this tremendous ministry". Dr. Zimmerman knows that the militant Fundamentalist leader of this nation has rejected Falwell's profession as a fundamentalist. He has been branded as a pseudo-fundamentalist, which is "one who professes to be a fundamentalist for ulterior reasons, but whose practice is that of a New Evangelicalist."

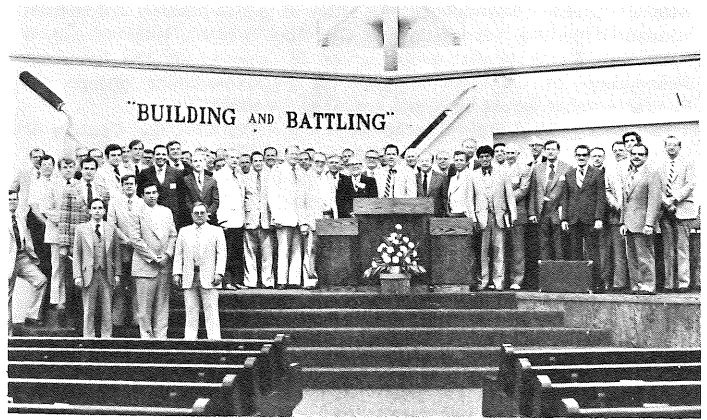
JERRY FALWELL'S MORAL MAJORITY

1. **The Moral Majority Legal Confusion...**Dallas (RNS, 1-2-81) - "Mr. Falwell's basic ministry is as pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg. Moral Majority, and its sister, Moral Majority Foundation, are separate organizations founded by Mr. Falwell to engage in political and education action. Both are operated under the direction of Dr. Ron Godwin. Dr. Godwin explained that Moral Majority allows for political action, and is not tax-exempt, while the foundation is limited to educational information and is tax deductible."

2. **Moral Majority Plans For The Future** ... (Dallas - RNS, 1-2-81) - "Attempting to broaden the base of organization and foster an interfaith understanding of its goals, Moral Majority leaders have been meeting with black and Jewish leaders in small groups across the country, including one held this month in Houston. 'We are not endorsing candidates or publishing hit lists of candidates to target for defeat,' said Dr. Godwin. 'We are quietly working to strengthen our state affiliates.'"



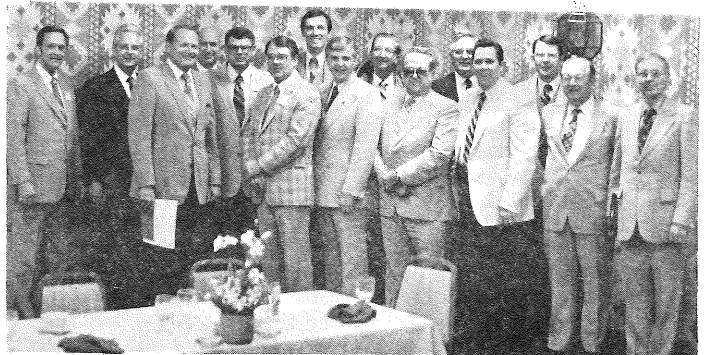
Dr. Bell moderates "Open Forum" with FBF panelists.



Some of the preachers in attendance at the national meeting.



Guest speakers at 62nd national meeting.



FBF Executive Board members.

Schedule of Regional Meetings

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WESTERN REGION
November 2 - 4
Manor Baptist Church
1845 Lewelling Blvd.
San Leandro, CA 94577
Dr. W. Glen Roades,
Host Pastor & Moderator

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

February 28 - March 2, 1983
South Sheridan Baptist Church
Box 275
Denver, CO 80201
Dr. Ed Nelson, Host Pastor
and Moderator

MID-AMERICA REGION

October 11 - 13
Grace Baptist Church
5801 River Road
Muncie, IN 47304
Dr. Collins Glenn,
Host Pastor and Moderator

MID-SOUTH REGION

November 9 - 11
Thrifhaven Baptist Church
3925 Chelsea Avenue
Memphis, TN 38108
Dr. Charles Britt, Host Pastor
and Moderator

NORTHEAST REGION

October 4 - 5
Farmington Avenue Baptist Church
155 Mountain Road
West Hartford, CT 06100
Rev. Gary Jones, Host Pastor and
Moderator

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

October 18 - 19
Maranatha Baptist Church
P.O. Box 344
Elkton, MD 21921
Dr. Allen Dickerson,
Host Pastor & Moderator

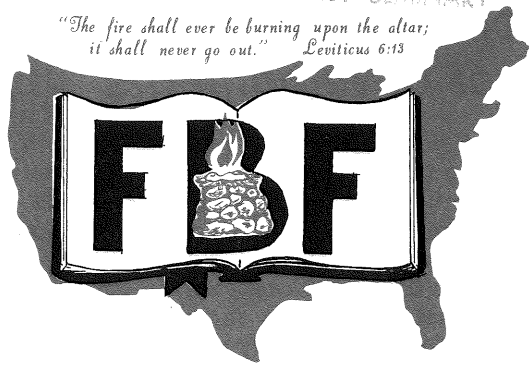
Make plans to attend!

The 63rd National Meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship will be held in conjunction with the 1983 World Congress, August 1 - 7, at Bob Jones University. For further information contact H.C. Cofty, National Coordinator at 1-804-420-5476.

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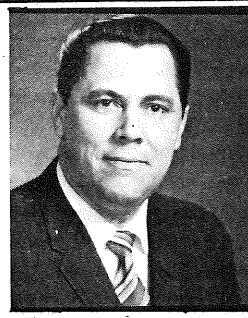
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NATIONAL F.B.F. GOES TO GREENVILLE, S.C. AUGUST 1-7, 1983



DR. ROD BELL
President

Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

This year has been the greatest that I have experienced since I've become president of the F.B.F. We have been preaching in all of the regional meetings. Our first regional meeting was in West Hartford, Connecticut, with Gary Jones at the Farmington Avenue Baptist Church. Preachers came in from all over the north east. The preaching was good and the interest was great. We organized the north east into semi-monthly fellowship meetings to be held in 6 different churches. Gary Jones is doing a tremendous job in leading the north east F.B.F. into a solid group.

Then we came to the mid-Atlantic Fellowship in Elkton, Maryland with Dr. Allen Dickerson at the Maranatha Baptist Church. The crowds were good and many preachers came to this fellowship. Dr. Dickerson is in the process of organizing monthly fellowship meetings in this region. Any preacher that is interested in next year's meeting in the mid-Atlantic should contact

Dr. Allen Dickerson. We always enjoy being in this great church with his fine people.

The mid-America Fellowship was held in Muncie, Indiana with Dr. Collins Glenn. Frank Bumpus is the moderator. Dr. Glenn was a great host with a great church. Preachers came from all over the mid-America for warm fellowship and great preaching.

There was a tremendous discussion on church building and evangelism. We had wonderful times of blessing in this meeting. Next year the mid-American Fellowship will be held in Dr. Wayne VanGelderens church, Marquette Manor Baptist Church, Downers Grove, Illinois. Those interested in coming should contact either Dr. VanGelderens or Dr. Frank Bumpus.

We then flew to California and preached a week in the San Francisco-Oakland area with Dr. Glen Rhoades in the Manor Baptist Church. Dr. James Singleton, from Tempe, Arizona is the moderator and has done much work in organizing the western region. He said that this was one of the best meetings we have had in the west. All preachers in the west who are interested in the meeting for next year should contact Dr. Singleton for

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CORRECTION: Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting

An error was made in the last issue of the NEWS BULLETIN as to the location of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING. It will be held at:

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
833 Fifteenth Avenue
Longmont, Colorado 80501
Dr. Marion E. Fast, Host Pastor
Dr. Ed. Nelson, Moderator
Dates for this meeting are
February 28 - March 2, 1983

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With apostasy on every hand and compromises being made in the name of Fundamentalism, we must take our stand and let others know just where we place our allegiance. To keep informed about current issues, we invite friends of like-precious faith to subscribe to the F.B.F. NEWS BULLETIN for \$5 a year. We urge that committed Fundamentalists give solid and sustained financial backing to support this ministry and expand its work. Write to: Fundamental Baptist Fellowship of America, 717 N. Whitehurst Landing Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464.

information and watch the F.B.F. News Bulletin.

The mid-South Fellowship meeting was in Memphis, Tennessee with Dr. Charles Britt. He was a tremendous host with a fine church. He is the moderator of the mid-South. The preaching was great and the crowds were good.

We will be going to the Rocky Mountain region of the F.B.F. with Dr. Ed Nelson at the Faith Baptist Church, Dr. Marion Fast is the pastor. We are looking forward to having a great meeting in the Rocky Mountain area at this great church.

After the Rocky Mountain regional meeting we will have concluded the regional meetings for the year. We are looking forward to the National meeting at the World Congress in Greenville, South Carolina August 1-7. We have encouraged all of our Fundamentalist Baptist brethren to come to this great World Congress and unite with these men from all over the world. For information write:

World Congress of Fundamentalists - 1983
Box 34555
Greenville, South Carolina 29614
Telephone (803) 242-5100 Ext. 3130

Perspective On The News

Dr. Homer Massey

IN COMING MONTHS

Ever seeking to provide a better and more informative BULLETIN, in the next few months we hope to initiate several changes. Among them will be an expansion to either a larger layout or more pages and the inclusion of several new features.

In addition to the present column by the president, the usual research section will be shortened and renamed "Cause for Concern." A "Fundamentalist Perspective," will feature timely articles written by various members of the FBF.

"Fundamentalist Heritage" will turn the spotlight on some of the heroes of the faith who have gone on to Glory. A column made up of 2 or 3 book reviews each month is planned for on down the road, as well as one which will feature "News Around the FBF."

No one questions the need of a paper such as the FBF News Bulletin. It is needed more and more as issues become more complicated and compromise becomes more prevalent. In order to expand and improve, however, two things must happen: (1) **More Financial support** is needed from pastors around the various regions of the FBF and (2) **more input** is needed from pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators, etc. in the form of **articles, book reviews, sermons and articles from past fundamentalists, and miscellaneous items** which may be of interest.

PLEASE PRAY about regular contributions to the FBF (or increasing support) and helping with material to be used. The FBF can have an outstanding new periodical if everyone helps.

Nebraska Christian School Developments

LOUISVILLE, NB—Faith Baptist Church currently has no padlock and chain on its door and Pastor Everett Sileven is not in jail. But the five-year-old situation in Louisville, Nebraska is by no means settled. Cass County Judge Raymond Case has suspended his order that closed the church pending action by the Nebraska legislature.

Events of the last few weeks further cloud the atmosphere surrounding this normally quiet little town. Pastor Sileven had been in jail since September 3, when he was arrested for the second time this year on contempt charges resulting from his operating an unaccredited church school. The church building was also padlocked for the second time this year, closing it except for regular Wednesday night and Sunday services.

Nearly a hundred preachers from around the country gathered in mid-October to protest the arrest of Sileven. The protesters, led by Moral Majority Board Member Greg Dixon from Indianapolis, were bodily removed from the church by police. Shortly thereafter the judge declared a "moratorium" until the legislature could act.

Questions persist as to the effect the outside protesters have had on the future of Faith Baptist's church school. Several observers believe that Sileven, on advice from Moral Majority-dominated supporters, has stubbornly refused any cooperation with authorities toward a settlement. Many townspeople resent the outsiders' exploitation of the situation for the benefit of national religious television programs.

The Omaha **World-Herald** reports that state legislators, who have previously refused to exempt church schools from licensure, are also annoyed with the protesting group's tactics. While in Louisville, the group organized a telephone campaign, calling state senators on behalf of Pastor Sileven. Buy many of the calls were made after midnight, which angered the legislators. Pastor Carl Godwin of Lincoln, chairman of Nebraskans for Religious Freedom, acknowledged that the out-of-town preachers may have set back the Faith Baptist cause.

Differences over methods notwithstanding, we must continue to pray for our brethren in Nebraska. There are several church schools refusing state accreditation who face the same difficulties as Faith Baptist. Pray that the legislature will give the some relief when they meet after January 1.

Criswell Upset About Liberal Takeover of S.B.C. Schools

DALLAS, TX (RNS)—The Rev. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the world's largest Southern Baptist church, says "infidels" who deny the truth of the Bible are beginning to take over Baptist universities and other institutions in the South.

Dr. Criswell, pastor of the 21,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, mentioned no names in his attack on Baptist leaders who criticize the biblical inerrancy movement while saying nothing about the

growing secular influence in Baptist institutions.

"I don't understand why our denominational leaders seek to cut down in every way those who defend the infallibility and the inerrancy and inspiration of the Bible, and at the same time liberals are taking away our institutions one by one and they say nothing about it," declared Dr. Criswell, who led the denomination from 1968 to 1970.

He said he was "perplexed about the loss of our great Baptist institutions," and cited as examples the University of Richmond, Va., which he said "has ceased to be a Baptist school," and Wake Forest University in North Carolina, which he said "has dissociated itself from South Baptists."

"Little by little we are beginning to lose our Baptist institutions in the South, through the denial of the word of God," he said. Baptist leaders are silent about such losses, he said, "but let a man stand up for the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible and the whole denominational world cuts him down."

Dr. Criswell, whose books include "Why I Preach that the Bible is Literally True," said that Baptist institutions in the South are following a trend set long ago by universities in the Northeast which were founded as Christian seminaries but have become secular. "Harvard, Yale, Columbia have all been lost to the faith," he said. "Now they are secular institutions — infidel institutions."

Dr. Criswell's remarks were delivered during two sermons he preached on his 39th anniversary as pastor of First Baptist. "These things have been on my heart and mind for months and months," he said.

Dr. Criswell is a bit late in his concern. The liberals and Bible-deniers have been taking over the schools and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention for more years than he's been pastoring. He did nothing about it when he was president and has helped finance it through the Cooperative Program for years. The only way it could be stopped would be for pastors like Criswell to withdraw all their support to the schools until the liberals are removed from their positions. Don't hold your breath while waiting for it though!

Process Theology Goes Public

A best-selling book, **When Bad Things Happen to Good People**, has caused increased interest in questions about the goodness and omnipotence of God. Written by a Jewish rabbi, Harold S. Kushner, the book deals with the "problem of evil" and the lack of response from God to it. He wrote the book after his 14-year-old son died of progeria, the "rapid-aging" disease. "I can worship a God who hates suffering but cannot eliminate it more easily than I can worship a God who chooses to make children suffer and die," he wrote.

Lately several newspaper articles have appeared around the country dealing with book's similarity to process theology, which disputes the idea that God has total control over life and matter. Process theology says for instance, that God did not create the universe out of nothing but rather created order out of chaos. God therefore shares power with elements of the world, trying to lure them toward ever greater complexity through the eons. As an empathetic force, God suffers when humans

suffer and exults when humans find joy.

Tragedies, mass murders, gross injustice, all cause many people to wonder aloud, "How could God permit this to happen?" The apparent silence of God during the Holocaust, when 6 million Jews died under Nazi rule, has been held partially responsible for the rise of this attempt to explain God's place in the presence of evil.

Fundamental, Bible-believing preachers have a great responsibility to proclaim the attributes of God as taught in the Scriptures. Process theology does not come from a solitary, literal acceptance of the Bible as a basis for dealing with these perplexing questions. In fact, there is no guarantee that all questions will be fully answered this side of eternity. What the Bible does clearly teach is that God is all-powerful [Gen. 18:14; Matt. 19:26], righteous and just [Psalm 116:5]; Ezra 9:15; Jeremiah 12:1]. God's Word also teaches that man must accept responsibility for much that happens on the earth [Romans 12:1] and that Satan is the originator of sin and evil [John 8:44].

Knowing that most people who will raise these questions are not saved, we can take these occasions as opportunities to point them to the Saviour.

Planned Parenthood Dangerous Threat To Morality

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Phyllis Schlafly, the scourge of the Equal Rights Amendment and a leading foe of abortion, is celebrating Planned Parenthood's National Family Sexuality Education Week — in her own way.

Mrs. Schlafly's Eagle Forum marked the week-long Oct. 5-11 observance by distributing thousands of leaflets alerting teenagers to the dangers of genital herpes, which afflicts some 20 million Americans. The pamphlet declares that the best way to avoid contracting the venereal disease is to remain chaste until marriage.

"Most sex education programs fail to mention the short-term and long-term consequences of herpes," she said, and if they do, "they fail to tell that it is incurable."

She blamed groups like Planned Parenthood for widespread ignorance among teen-agers of the disease's consequences and urged youngsters who suspect they may have herpes not to "consult with the clinics or counselors who falsely told you that sex is okay just so long as you use contraceptives. They lied to you." Instead, teen-agers were urged to "consult with your parents. They love you," and a family doctor.

"Your risk of getting genital herpes is very high because 20 million Americans already have it, and the epidemic is spreading at the rate of 500,000 new cases every year," the pamphlet says. Many herpes sufferers will not admit early in a relationship that they have the disease, it continues, so the only way to be safe is not to "associate with companions who believe in and practice 'sexual liberation'."

"There is only one way to be sure you never get herpes...avoid sexual relations. Remain a virgin until you marry, marry a virgin, and remain faithful to each other."

Distribution is planned "in junior and senior high schools all over the country so that teen-agers can be

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Planned Parenthood Threat

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warned before they make one mistake they may have to live with for the rest of their lives," a Schlafly spokeswoman said.

In an article in the September 3, 1982, issue of Christianity Today, Planned Parenthood is exposed as an organization using tax money to promote immorality under the guise of "reproductive freedom" and "non-judgmental 'Knowledge' of all types of sexual behavior." This group is "invited into classrooms through the nation by means of curricula, pamphlets, guest speakers, films and teacher training programs." We must call for the elimination of tax funds for this pro-abortion, pro-permissiveness organization, and warn our church people about its effect on our communities.

Brother Roloff Goes Home

NORMANGEE, Texas (RNS)—Evangelist Lester Roloff, the fundamentalist minister who won a long battle with Texas authorities over the licensing of his homes for teen-agers last year, was killed when a small plane he was piloting crashed in a cow pasture near here Nov. 2.

Killed along with the 68-year-old preacher were Elaine Wingert, 30, a staff member of his Jubilee Home, and three residents of the home, Susan Lynn Smith, 28, Cheryl Palmer, 24, and Enola Slade, 25.

Ten years ago Mr. Roloff operated three Texas facilities — the Anchor Home for Boys, the Lighthouse Home for Boys, and the Rebekah Home for Girls. They house 180 girls and 100 boys.

Texas authorities began investigating the homes in 1973 when they received reports that the residents were being beaten and not fed properly. Mr. Roloff acknowledged that the girls at the Rebekah home were whipped for misbehaving, but didn't see anything wrong with that. "My old daddy spanked me, and some of these girls have to be spanked, too," he said.

When Texas authorities pressed the preacher to have his homes meet state licensing standards, he fought vigorously. He lost a final appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1978, and in June 1979 state troopers moved in to shut the Rebekah home. But Mr. Roloff and thousands of fundamentalist supporters from around the country formed a barrier outside the home. He declared that "there will be snowballs 50 feet high in hell before I ever take a license."

Although he was jailed twice, Mr. Roloff continued to fight the state standards. He finally won last year when he removed the facilities from his evangelistic organization and placed them under the aegis of his independent People's Church in Corpus Christi. A state court then ruled that the homes were part of the church and could operate without a license.

Mr. Roloff was flying a single-engine Cessna 210 when the crash occurred between Houston and Dallas. He was flying to Kansas City, Mo., to preach at a service at Calvary Baptist Church in Roosterville, Mo. He leaves his wife, Marie, and two daughters.

God knows best, but it won't be the same without Brother Roloff. We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and the staff of the church and homes.

Dr. Bob Jones, speaking in Chesapeake, Virginia on November 13 commented that God may have taken Brother Roloff off the scene in light of the election of Governor White in Texas, an avowed foe of Roloff's unlicensed ministries. "God always takes his servants out before he pours out His judgment," Dr. Jones said, "and He may be ready to judge Texas."

Pat Boone's Bible

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (RNS)—Entertainer Pat Boone, who frequently aids Christian evangelizing projects, has recently endorsed both the Reader's Digest Bible and the New King James Version but says his greatest enthusiasm is for yet another about to be published.

Mr. Boone even had a hand in a few word changes in "The Simple English Bible," which he said is limited to a 3,000-word vocabulary.

When he was asked to recommend it, Mr. Boone said he could not unless some passages were worded differently.

A key change for Mr. Boone, who as neo-Pentecostal Christian believes in speaking in tongues, was in 1 Corinthians 14. Instead of "foreign" or "other" languages to describe the phenomenon known technically as glossolalia, Mr. Boone suggested "inspired language" to describe the utterances.

Mr. Boone, who studied New Testament Greek in his school days, eventually won the agreement of principal translator Stanley Morris, whose Nashville-based International Bible Co. is publishing "The Simple English Bible."

A television commercial showing Mr. Boone, his mother, a daughter and two grandchildren will be seen, starting in October, promoting the Bible, he said.

In connection with the publishing this fall of the Reader's Digest Bible, the company quoted Mr. Boone praising it as "eminently readable" for people who have been daunted by the Bible's sheer length. "I would like to put my name on the list for one of the first copies," he said.

In advertisements in religious magazines for the New King James Version, published by Thomas Nelson, Mr. Boone says he had been fluctuating between the Living Bible, the New International Version, the New American Standard and the old King James Version. "now I really don't have to do that," he concluded.

The triple endorsement is not necessarily contradictory because each work is aimed at different readers, but Mr. Boone told an interviewer, almost apologetically, "Obviously, I'm a person who likes a lot of Bibles."

Pat Boone's advertisement for the "New KJV" is one good reason to avoid it. But his "enthusiasm" for "The Simple English Bible" isn't really needed to warn us against this newest mutilation of God's Word. In the same vein as the Reader's Digest "Condensed Bible," the "Simple" Bible is no Bible at all. If the loose treatment of the text as in the case of "inspired language" is any indication of the rest of the "principal translator's" work we must reject it outright. While the publishers make more money the public becomes more confused as to what constitutes God's Word.