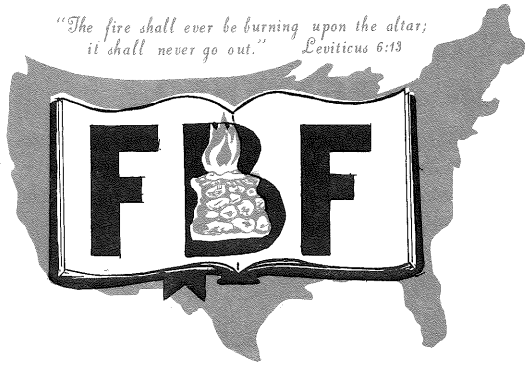


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The International Committee for the Propagation and Defense of Biblical Fundamentalism were unanimous in their feeling that this, the third World Congress of Fundamentalists, should be held on the campus of Bob Jones University. The first Congress met some years ago in Edinburgh; the second Congress was held in the Far East; so it seemed especially appropriate to bring the 1983 Congress to this center of Fundamentalism. This World Congress will draw clear lines defining Biblical Fundamentalism and will deal with the modern attacks upon the authority of the Word of God. In fact, the theme of the Congress is "The Authority of Scripture."

The Congress is not designed solely for full-time pastors and Christian workers but for Christian laymen and youth as well; for all of those who love the Lord and His Word and are willing to be so identified with Him. There will be seminars and activities for teens as well as

a day camp for the children in the Primary through Junior age groups.

Mark your calendars and plan to take your vacation during this week. You and your children may never have another opportunity to hear such preaching again. For more information, contact Betty Jones (803) 242-5100, Ext. 3130 or write to the International Committee for the Propagation and Defense of Biblical Fundamentalism, American Office, Box 34555, Greenville, SC 29614.

RADIO AND TV COMMUNION

*written by Dr. Allen P. Dickerson, Pastor
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I have always been of the conviction that Baptism by immersion of believers and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the local church, but TV and radio preachers seem to be changing that.

Radio and television have been and continue to be effective instruments in communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but we have come to a sad day when radio and TV place themselves in the role of being a substitute for the local church.

Having preached on radio regularly for nearly 27 years, I have always encouraged people who are saved to get into a fundamental, Bible-believing, New Testament church; to join it as the Lord leads, to get involved in its ministries, to pray for it, to promote its interests, to give tithes and offerings in support of it, to stand loyally by the pastor, and to give it priority over other ministries. I believe that the local church is God's institution for this age and there is no substitute for it.

On Friday, April 9th, I was driving home from
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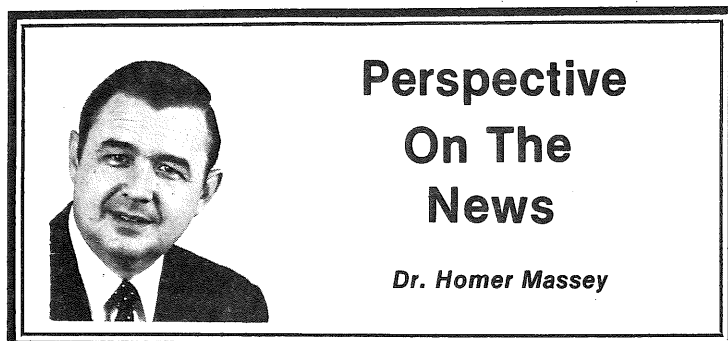
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Perspective On The News

Dr. Homer Massey

Fundamentalist Council Brands Falwell's Philosophy "New Evangelical"

UNION GROVE, Wis. (RNS)—Jerry Falwell, the best-known fundamentalist in America, has been denounced by the fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches.

In a resolution at its annual meeting here, the organization of 13 small denominations adopted a resolution entitled "The Pseudo-Fundamentalism of Jerry Falwell."

It quoted the Baptist preacher as having written in the September issue of his Fundamentalist Journal magazine that "we must stop being so negative and critical of everyone who is trying to reach people with the Gospel," and said that he has accused "those militant fundamentalists who do not agree with him as 'radical fringe.'"

The resolution said that "thus Dr. Falwell does not see the precepts of historical fundamentalism in the battle against apostasy for he does not reprove the unfruitful works of darkness but only wishes to separate from them."

The council declared that it "disavows any fellowship or support for Dr. Falwell and warns our constituency that his claims are hollow, his motives are suspect, and his philosophy is new-evangelical (the end justifies the means)."

For the second year in a row, the council went on record as criticizing the Reader's Digest Bible. A resolution adopted last year denounced the magazine for using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as the basis of its condensation because, the fundamentalist group said, it is "copyrighted by the apostate National Council of Churches."

This year, the fundamentalist group said that "this so-called Bible should have instead been entitled, 'Excerpts from the Holy Bible.'" It noted that 71 Psalms are omitted as well as "many words" spoken by Christ and several "important prophetic passages." The resolution called upon Reader's Digest "to desist from its project or receive the anathema of God."

Other statements passed by the American Council of Christian Churches opposed tuition tax credits for parents of students attending private schools, and criticized several government restrictions on religious freedom.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS AGAIN THREATENED

Two years ago Christian school in Kentucky won a U.S. Supreme Court ruling against required accreditation by the state. Today several unaccredited Christian schools face new challenges from the Kentucky Superintendent of Public Instruction. The question this time is not teachers or curricula, but compulsory attendance laws.

72 Christian schools have been cited by Superintendent Rayment Barber for enforcement by local school officials, with the Nicholas County and Paris city districts having already initiated action. Pastor B.C. Gillespie, of the Bible Baptist Church of Campbellsville, KY, says that turning over attendance records to authorities is no different than surrendering church records. The church's Christian school is "an intricate, inseparable ministry of our church, just as is Sunday School or the youth ministry," states Pastor Gillespie.

One legislator called the new controversy "a very explosive situation," and another has filed a bill which would eliminate the attendance reporting requirement for Christian schools. (Condensed from a January 10 item released by RNS.)

The new difficulties in Kentucky point up an unresolved question which has long divided pastors, educators and lawyers involved in Christian schools. Should the government have any control at all over a school which is an integral part of a local church? Many have felt that the health and safety factors of buildings and grounds are the only areas in which the state has a "compelling interest." Others are willing to accept the requirement of "reports" which usually include number of school days per year, names of administrators, teachers and students, along with attendance reports. Some say that Christian schools must be willing to have a basic "core curriculum" approved as well.

It appears that victories won in various states will again come up for "re-negotiation" as pastors begin to resist previously-accepted regulation. This fundamental question of "compelling interest" begs for a uniform answer and promises to be one of the big issues in the '80's for fundamental Christians.

MISCELLANY

- **1981 GIVING IN MAINLINE DENOMINATIONS EXCEEDED INFLATION RATE**, says a report by the National Council of Churches (Jan. 5, 1983, RNS)
- **MINISTERS OUSTED FROM CHURCH SCHOOL BY POLICE ARE SUING FOR \$66 MILLION.** (Dec. 30, 1982, RNS) This involves the preachers dragged out of the Faith Baptist Church of Louisville, Nebraska last October. Some of them are suing the county sheriff, the State Patrol captain, the county attorney, the state Attorney General, and other officials.
- **CBN FUNDS UP DESPITE RECESSION** is the headline of a Jan. 18, 1983 article in the Norfolk, VA **Ledger-Star**. It says that Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network had an increase in contributions of "25% in 1982, from \$67 million to \$83.5 million." The report also mentioned that the Jimmy Swaggart Evangelistic Association "reported an increase of 33



percent last year over 1981."

- **LIBERALS WILL DESTROY EVANGELISM MANDATE, SBC PRESIDENT WARNS.** (RNS, Dec. 28, 1982) Another example of "conservatives" within the Southern Baptist "crying the blues" over the Liberals within their ranks. Again we remind them if they would simply withdraw funds from the schools and agencies until the liberals are purged they could sing a new song!

Liberty Baptist Abandons Biblical Creationism in Order To Receive Accreditation

RICHMOND, Va. (RNS)—Overriding objections of its advisory committee, the State Board of Education has provisionally approved the biology program at the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty Baptist College, dedicated to teaching the "scientific basis of biblical creationism."

State certification qualifies biology graduates of Mr. Falwell's "miracle school" in Lynchburg, Va., to be hired as teachers in Virginia and 35 other states.

The board voted 7-to-2 to certify the biology program for one year. Board members said their vote was justified on grounds that Liberty Baptist officials said they planned curriculum changes to purge references to creationism. The board said it will closely monitor the school's compliance. "The college may not represent that the certification constitutes approval of its purpose or philosophy," said board chairman Thomas R. Watkins.

Liberty Baptist President A. Pierre Guillermin hailed the vote as a victory for religious fundamentalists. "It's a step in the right direction for academic freedom in the state of Virginia if not the nation," he said. He called the promised changes in the curriculum a reorganization, not alternations in the basic purpose of the school. "We have not really changed our content as to what we teach. We don't plan to give it (creationism) any less emphasis."

The Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has threatened a lawsuit on the issue. "The board has been snookered," asserted ACLU state director Chan Kendrick. "They (Liberty Baptist) have always taught creationism and they always will."

Liberty Baptist officials, in applying for certification, acknowledged that creationism is taught. But they said standard evolution theory was given "equal hearing" and that the school met state requirements to teach the standard science courses.

An advisory committee in May unanimously recommended denying approval of the biology program. This action followed Mr. Falwell's widely publicized televised statement that state approval of the biology program would enable "hundreds of our graduates to go out into the classroom teaching creationism" and teaching why the theory of evolution is "invalid and why it's foolish." A state teacher's visiting committee had earlier voted 8-to-1 to approve the course.

Liberty officials argued that the school sets policy, not Mr. Falwell.

This jelly-spined approach to pressure from the state is a sad testimony to the dual results of adopting a new evangelical philosophy and bowing at the shrine of accreditation. Neither of these have any place in an

institution that professes to be fundamentalist.

CHARISMATICS GET A BOOST FROM CHRISTIANITY TODAY

In the January 7, 1983, issue of *Christianity Today* two items tend to promote charismatic causes. The regular column "Eutychus" is entitled "Charisphobia." It pokes fun at those who don't want to regard charismatics as brethren. It concludes, "*Perhaps when we are fully mature in Christ we will no longer suspect our brethren of being bogeymen but brothers who have found their own way of celebrating Christ. Perhaps then there will be no one who names the name of Christ who is not instantly our brother—and all our phobias will be gone. After all, 'perfect love casts out fear!' "*

We cannot, of course, welcome as brethren anyone who has "*found their own way of celebrating Christ.*" We are not free to find "*our own way;*" we may only follow God's way as found in His Word.

A second item appeared as "News," but nevertheless was a glowing report. It focused on the Assemblies of God in a feature titled, "The Fastest-growing American Denomination." The impressive statistics included the fact that "*six of the ten fastest-growing Sunday Schools in the nation belong to Assemblies.*" It listed well-known names from several walks of life who are members of AG churches.

Church growth rates from 1970-1980 show Assembly of God growth at 70%, while others lagged behind (Church of God, 60%; Jehovah's Witnesses, 45%; Seventh-Day Adventists, 36%; Mormons, 36%; Salvation Army, 28%; Church of Nazarene, 26%, and Southern Baptists at 17%). The figures were from the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*.

This only confirms what many churches committed to fundamental, Bible principles are facing around the country: the growing influence of neo-pentecostalism. The greatest advances in the use of media, music and promotion have been made by charismatic groups. Why some seem to think that Fundamentalism has "arrived" and is on the "verge of a national revival" is strange indeed.

THE MIXTURE AT MOODY'S FOUNDER'S WEEK

The list of speakers at the Annual Founder's Week Conference at Moody Bible Institute reflects anew the school's drift further into New Evangelicalism. **James Robison** is a leading Southern Baptist evangelist. **Luis Palan** is an evangelist who operates from the same philosophical position and with the same methods Billy Graham does. **Warren Wiersbe** recently served a stint as a columnist for *Christianity Today*, the acknowledged New Evangelical periodical. **John Haggai** has deep Southern Baptist roots. **Francis Shaeffer** has for years moved with ease among the New Evangelical leadership.

Other speakers, none of which has ever borne the stigma of fundamentalism, are **David Breese**, **Robert Culbertson**, **David M. Howard**, **Erwin Lutzer**, **Josh McDowell**, **Stephen Olford**, **George Sweeting** and **Chuck**

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Swindoll.

Ecumenical evangelism has been and, rightly, still is, a major "measuring stick" for Fundamentalists. Moody no longer "measures up." Then, to promote Southern Baptist leaders is to promote the apostasy of the convention. Moody is guilty, as is Liberty and anyone else who does the same.

Yale Students Find Jerry Falwell More Moderate Than They Thought

NEW HAVEN, CT (11-12-28)—Moral Majority president Jerry Falwell called here for a compromise on proposed pro-life legislation in order to push through a moderate constitutional amendment that would at least "reduce the carnage" of abortion in this country. Although Mr. Falwell would have preferred to ban all abortions, except when the mother's life is threatened, he said that the necessary congressional votes would be available only if the proposal also permitted abortions for cases of rape and incest.

Mr. Falwell made his remarks at the Yale University Political Union, where he portrayed himself as an arch-defender of civil liberties. He contended repeatedly that he was for a pluralistic society, but one which would permit expression of traditional moral and cultural values. He even asserted that had he been a juror at the much ballyhooed Scopes' "monkey trial" in 1925 he would have voted for the right of John Scopes to teach Darwinist evolution theory in the public school classroom. Outside the hall where he spoke, demonstrators handed out leaflets renouncing "the homophobia, sexism, racism and religious egotism for which Jerry Falwell stands."

Inside the packed hall, Mr. Falwell tried to unravel these popular conceptions of Moral Majority. He dissociated Christian fundamentalism from the various authoritarian religious cults which are often lumped together under the term fundamentalism. Moral Majority, he added, is a strictly political organizations which is 30 percent conservative Protestant, with Jews, Mormons and fundamentalists making up the rest.

Mr. Falwell got a lively reception from his politically-mixed audience at Yale. Certain factions hissed, while others applauded at various points during the talk. Although most of the audience registered varied degrees of opposition to Moral Majority, some students indicated afterward that Mr. Falwell was more moderate in his views than they had thought.

As usual, Jerry Falwell does well in winning friends in strange places. While we could comment on the various statements mentioned, let us concentrate on the one made often wherever he goes: "Moral Majority is a strictly political organization..." Yet when one writes to the Moral Majority to get information about the organization or to receive the Moral Majority Report, the packet sent is anything but "strictly political."

A brochure telling various things about the organization includes several Scriptures references. The Board of Directors is made up of preachers. One of the photos inside carries the caption "A scene from San Francisco's

north beach area depicts the influence of pornography in our society. Future decades promise more of the same unless we fight to change our nation for God." Several booklets sent are entitled, "Penitence: America's Only Hope for Survival;" "Christians: God's Transformers;" "Christians in Government: What the Bible Says;" "Prayer: The Greatest Force for Change," and so on. They are good and true, but not "strictly political." This is the major problem we fundamentalists have with the Moral Majority: it isn't what it says it is. It is an excuse for compromise in doing God's work. Furthermore, it is based on the premise that national revival will come when moral change takes place, when history has shown that just the opposite is what happens. First comes true revival, then moral changes result. And true revival cannot come when God's Word is compromised for the sake of cooperation.

RADIO AND TV COMMUNION

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Pennsylvania, late at night, and was surprised to hear Dr. Vernon McGee on the "Through the Bible" radio broadcast serving Communion to his radio listeners; leading them step by step through the service. There were perhaps thousands of people, religious, but lost, who eagerly joined Dr. McGee in his radio ritual and derived some kind of emotional satisfaction from it, though lost.

Recently Jim Bakker of PTL Club sent out a letter announcing a Communion Service to be televised from his Upper Room in Heritage, USA, on September 17. In his letter, he urged everyone to send for the "PTL Family Communion Kit," containing bread (symbolizing Christ's body) and the fruit of the vine (symbolizing His saving blood). Bakker was very careful to remind the readers to send a special Communion offering to be used for the PTL ministry. He urged— "be as generous as you can. Send your best offering—and God will give you His best."

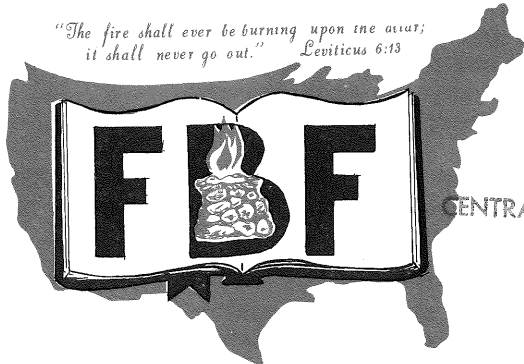
Can these men successfully provide a substitute for the Church? The blessed institution of which Christ Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18)? No, they can not! True, there are some folks who would rather have Communion in front of a TV set or a radio because there are no offering plates passed there, there is not the bother of getting dressed and going to the house of God, there is no responsibility of service, stewardship or sacrifice. But, for the true believer who knows and loves the Word of God, the shallow, frothy substitute will never suffice.

When the death dew lies cold upon the brow of a loved one, when the shadows of heartache have cast themselves over our pathway, when a dear one lies cold in death, when our precious Christian young people led of God wish to enter into the beautiful estate of Christian marriage, when our lost loved ones and fellow employees and neighbors need to be evangelized, when family problems need prayerful counsel, who do folks call upon, the High Priests and Sanhedrin of Radio and TV or the pastor of the local, fundamental church?

Yes, I am still of the conviction the Baptism and the Lord's Supper are local church ordinances, not Radio and TV ordinances.

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The time and place for the annual National Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting has raised some questions. Usually held in June, the meeting this year will be August 1-7, to coincide with the World Congress of Fundamentalists, meeting at Greenville, South Carolina.

Some people have asked if this means the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is 'merging' with the World Congress. The answer is, "No." The World Congress is not a fellowship, as such; it is made up only of a committee that arranges for the world-wide meetings held every few years. Also, the F.B.F. is a Baptist fellowship and the World Congress is made up of fundamental Bible believers from different denominations.

It is sponsored by the International Committee for the Propagation and Defense of Biblical Fundamentalism, calling itself "a worldwide testimony to the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of the Bible, exposing the

unscriptural nature of 'New Evangelicalism,' 'Neo-Orthodoxy,' 'Neo-Pentecostalism,' the modern Charismatic movement, and the cults and false religions which characterize the apostasy of our day." It is drawing true separatists from various denominations around the world.

The theme of the Congress is the "Authority of Scripture." Topics to be dealt with are hard-hitting: Christ's Testimony to the Authority of the Scriptures, The Authority of Scripture Versus the Pope, The Authority and the Mission of the Church, The Authority of Scripture and National Revival, Scriptural Authority Regarding Things to Come, The Authority of Scripture Versus the Confusion of English Translations, The Basis of Scriptural Authority.

Congress publicity reminds us: "This Congress will be a testimony to the fact that there are yet thousands around the world who stand strongly in defense of Scripture and its authority and who are opposed to compromise in any form."

The board felt that we should pool our efforts and support our fundamental brethren in this great meeting. We are encouraging our pastors and youth pastors to bring their families and young people. The registrations are to be sent to: World Congress of Fundamentalists - 1983, Bob Jones University, Box 34555, Greenville, SC 29614.

The board of the F.B.F. will meet as it usually does and resolutions will be drawn up and voted on by F.B.F. participants. The board members decided last June that to hold the annual national meeting at the same time as the

World Congress of Fundamentalists would do the most to promote this timely and important meeting. The F.B.F. national meeting in 1984 will be in June, as usual, and will be held at the Maranatha Baptist College in Watertown, Wisconsin.

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Perspective On The News

Dr. Homer Massey

CRISWELL CRITICAL OF SBC SEMINARY PRESIDENT

The following is from the December 17, 1982 First Baptist Reminder, the paper of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where Dr. W.A. Criswell is pastor. We are often taken to task for "naming names" and examining the contemporary scene. Here we will just let Dr. Criswell do the honors:

"Our Southern Baptist Convention and our Southern Baptist Cooperative Program support six Southern Baptist seminaries. One of them is the Southeastern Baptist Seminary located in North Carolina. The president of that Southeastern Baptist Seminary is Randall Lolley. He prayed a prayer of dedication for the world's largest brewery. The Winston-Salem Journal stated that it was the largest plant under one roof in North Carolina. Before all of those innumerable guests I have been curious about the kind of prayer our Southern Baptist representative would pray at the dedication of a vast brewery. Finally, I have received a copy of our Southern Baptist's intercession in behalf of the brewery industry. Here is Randall Lolley's dedicatory prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank Thee today that Thou has made us so that we can enjoy new beginnings and that Thou has made us so we can participate in dedications and make commitments and enjoy new, fresh relationships. Our hearts tell us that industry is people, so we thank Thee, O Living God, for the persons who have been plunged into the life and fabric, the process of living and deciding and being in our community. We thank Thee for them and their families.

We thank Thee, O God, for the influences that shall be engendered and the relationships that shall be enjoyed because of new friends from this plant and this industry moving into our community. Grant to them all the resources, wisdom and skill that shall be demanded of that industry and give them, O God, Thy Presence and Thy Peace and give us all the fruits, the joys of this day of dedication and the relationships and commitments that shall ensue to us all from it. In the strong Name of our Lord we pray. Amen.

"This man, Lolley, in his heavenly plea for blessings on the brewery reminds me of the story our Lord told in Luke 18:9-14. It concerns a Pharisee who prayed a prayer in such a way that the Lord described it like this in Luke 18:11.

The Pharisee stood and prayed
thus with himself, saying...

"I just wonder whether Lolley's prayer in behalf of the brewery that sustains the drunkards of our nation got any higher than his head, or was heard by anybody but the stockholders who make money out of every can of beer sold

to the boozing public. Remember, one beer contains as much alcohol as one shot of whiskey, and each year 26,000 deaths on our highways are alcohol-related.

"This is just a thought, that's all."

In addition, the Tucker Road Baptist Church [SBC] in Hood River, Oregon commented on Lolley's "prayer" in their weekly paper, Northwest Passage:

"It seems that Mr. Lolley has not only gone against our denomination's position but against our moral and social position as well. It is our belief that Mr. Lolley should be relieved of any and all denominational duties immediately."

It is encouraging to see that there are some Southern Baptist Preachers who will speak out against this kind of irresponsible behavior on the part of those paid by funds through the Cooperative Program of the Convention. While the hope of many who remain in the SBC have been lifted by a recent resurgence in conservative activity, we are reminded that the same sort of outcry against liberalism and wrongdoing was led by J. Frank Norris in Texas as far back as the 1920's. W.B. Riley debated evolutionist biology professors who were supported by Southern Baptists in North Carolina in the 1920's. North Carolina Baptist preachers, after a brief protest, accepted an avowed evolutionist, William Louis Poteat, as president of SBC's Wake Forest College during the 1920's. Off and on over the years there have been periods of protest followed by years of "peaceful co-existence."

Are the conservatives within the Convention content to follow past patterns of simply "protesting," or will they take significant action to correct the apostasy which has been tolerated for so long? Is the SBC really "moving toward the right" as so many of its conservative leaders proclaim? Will they "take over" and "clean house?" Or, will there be a large "split" instead? The days ahead promise to be interesting indeed.

MORE CONCERNING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

NO-SPANKING RULE CLOSSES SCHOOL

MAINE—A Portland (Maine) minister has testified that he voluntarily closed his church's state-licensed nursery school because a welfare agent from the state told him "it is unlawful to spank a child."

"We couldn't go along with that because it's contrary to biblical teaching, so we closed the school," the Rev. Harry Boyle of the Grace Baptist Church said in U.S. District Court. He was testifying in a suit by the Maine Association of Christian Schools against the state.

The state wants to close a group of fundamentalist Christian schools which refuse to furnish information about basic minimum educational requirements. (RNS)

TEACHER CERTIFICATION DISPUTED

SOUTH DAKOTA—The South Dakota House of Representatives has approved a bill to require all teachers to be certified and all schools to conform substantially to state accreditation standards.

The state Senate had previously adopted a weaker measure requiring only that students in unaccredited schools show satisfactory academic progress on annual achievement tests.

If the House measure becomes law, parents of some of the 400 children attending about 30 fundamentalist Christian schools in the state may refuse to send their children to schools meeting the tougher standards, says Lindell Howard, who runs the Faith Bible School in Mitchell. Such an action would open the parents to prosecution under the state's truancy law.

Parents could be given jail sentences of up to one year and fined up to \$1,000 for each day they keep their children out of authorized schools without a valid excuse.

South Dakota law was changed two years ago to legalize schools not meeting state accreditation standards and not using certified teachers, heading off prosecution of parents then sending their children to outlawed Christian schools.

(RNS)

CITY REVOKES CHURCH SCHOOL PERMIT

VIRGINIA—Alexandria City officials have revoked the operating permit for a Christian academy here effective Feb. 21 because the school did not meet the conditions under which it was granted. "We had no choice," said Mayor Charles E. Beatley. "They are in violation of what they agreed to do."

Attorney Richard Gay, representing the sponsoring First Assembly of God Church, admitted that the school had not constructed a wooden fence around its property as it had promised, and that although it had agreed to limit the student body to pre-schoolers through ninth graders, some students are enrolled in grades 10 through 12.

He refused to give an explanation for the school's actions, noting that a trial is set for April on a suit the church has filed in federal court challenging the city's right to set conditions for the operation of church schools. (RNS)

An excellent paper in response to the many new developments around the country concerning church-state conflicts will be published in the next News Bulletin. It is by Dr. Ed Nelson of Denver, Colorado and is entitled "Proper Confrontation." It will be most helpful to us all.

THE HUMANIST'S GOAL

The following is the conclusion of an article written by John Dunphy in the January-February, 1983 edition of The Humanist:

"I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselythers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level—preschool day care or large state university. The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new—the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism, resplendent in its promise of

a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of 'love thy neighbor' will finally be achieved.

"Then, perhaps, we will be able to say with Tom Paine that 'the world is my country, all (hu)mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.' It will undoubtedly be a long, arduous, painful struggle replete with much sorrow and many tears, but humanism will emerge triumphant. It must if the family of humankind is to survive."

No comment needed, except that we'd better get busy!

DRINKING AT THE SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

This from the Southern Baptist Journal of February, 1983:

"One of the sober and reliable Southeastern Seminary students said that his roommate this year ordered four beers when they went out for lunch the first time. The sober student also stated that Dr. Furman Hewitt, a Christian Ethics Professor, made a survey and reported that 40% of their Southeastern students drink alcoholic beverages. However, some of these are not Baptists. The Cooperative Program is supporting this."

GEORGI VINS NOT TO BE IN JERUSALEM CONGRESS

Georgi Vins, exiled Russian Baptist pastor, will not be on the program of the "Jerusalem Congress on the Bible," December 26, 1983 to January 3, 1984 in the Holy Land. When he realized the ecumenical make-up of the program, he immediately cancelled his participation.

Also scheduled to speak were Dr. Jimmy Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, of the charismatic Melodyland School of Theology; Dr. Harold Lindsell, past editor of Christianity Today, as well as Dr. David Seamands, Dr. Anis Shorosh and Dr. Rochunga Pudaite.

Pastor Vins has repeatedly stated his determination to be associated only with those who stand for Bible principles of separation. His actions thus far show that he intends to follow through on the commitment.

SCHULLER TOPS TV RANKINGS

Robert Schuller of Garden Grove, California is the most-watched TV preacher in the U.S., according to the latest figures from Arbitron on syndicated religious programs. In the survey Schuller was said to attract 2,667,000 viewers.

Jimmy Swaggart was a close second with 2,653,000, and last year's most popular program, Oral Roberts was third with 2.4 million viewers. Fourth was Rex Humbard with 1.8 million and in fifth place was Jerry Falwell's Old Time Gospel Hour with 1.4 million viewers.

F.B.F. PRESIDENT RECEIVES HONOR

GREENVILLE, SC...Dr. Rodney L. Bell, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, received the 20th annual Bob Jones University Alumnus of the Year Award at the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association Thursday afternoon, March 31 in the Rodeheaver Auditorium on the university campus in Greenville, SC. About 2,000 alumni attended the presentation made by Dr. Gail Gingerly,

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president of the Association. The meeting is held in conjunction with the university's annual week-long Bible Conference.

Dr. Bell has pastored churches in South Carolina and Virginia for 22 years. His present pastorate has a membership of over 3,000 in a facility valued at nearly three million dollars. Tabernacle Christian School with a student body of 400, Tabernacle Baptist Bible Institute, a radio ministry, and a printing ministry are other facets of the work.

He has served as president of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship of America since 1976. Under his leadership, the Fellowship has flourished with approximately 1,000 pastors registering each year at eight regional meetings. The honoree is widely used in Bible conferences, revivals, and conferences on Fundamentalism throughout the United States and a number of foreign countries.

In recognition of outstanding accomplishments, Christian leadership, devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ, and loyalty to the principles of Bob Jones University, the 1983 Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Rod Bell.

FEEDBACK

Some recent items in the **NEWS BULLETIN** have generated discussion and/or questions.

"ABANDONING" CREATIONISM

One was the news item with the headline, "*Liberty Baptist Abandons Biblical Creationism in Order to Receive Accreditation*," in the last issue. While the item itself was from the *Religious News Service*, the headline was ours. Those who have thought we were "exaggerating," have been directed to the article itself, which is factually correct.

Notice the third paragraph: "Board members [State Board of Education] said their vote was justified on grounds that Liberty Baptist officials said they planned curriculum changes to **purge references to creationism**." [emphasis ours] I don't really think it is stretching the point at all to say "abandon." Now, if that is **not** what LBC is going to do, after telling the state officials they would, we have **another** problem of equal magnitude.

THE NEW KJV

Another item which caused a couple of raised eyebrows was in the November/December **News Bulletin**, headlined "Pat Boone's Bible." My first sentence was "Pat Boone's advertisement for the 'New KJV' is one good reason to avoid it."

Opinions vary, I'm sure, among Fundamentalists about the New King James Version, and some may take exception to my opinion, which is fine. But a few thought I was faulting the New KJV simply because "Pat Boone liked it."

Not at all. My comment was in reference to the fact that Pat Boone was **hired** to advertise the New KJV by the Thomas Nelson Company, who also publishes the Revised Standard Version. The head of Thomas Nelson is a board member in Jerry Falwell's organization. For him to put out a Bible for which he seeks a large market among Fundamentalists, while using a charismatic to promote it, and while publishing alongside it a **perversion** of Scripture, is hypocrisy of the worst sort.

So, "Pat Boone's advertisement for the 'New KJV' is one good reason to avoid it."

PRINCIPLES FOR CHOOSING AND EVALUATING CHURCH MUSIC

Fred G. Zaspel, B.A., M.A.
Pastor, Faith Baptist Church
Anderson, Indiana

Many seem to be confused about the issue of contemporary music. Though sometimes feeling that a particular song or musical style is not the best, it is difficult for some to express or explain exactly *why* it is so because they are not educated in the field of music. Perhaps, then, it would be helpful to evaluate our church music from an approach which is not necessarily *musical* but *practical* and *Scriptural*.

SCRIPTURAL EVALUATION

First, consider the *words* from a *Scriptural* standpoint. The earliest known singing is that of the angels at the creation of the world (Job 38:7). From creation, nothing is said of singing until Exodus 15: the song of Israel praising God for His deliverance. Throughout the Bible, we find many references to singing: David called upon a chorus of 4,000 to "offer praises to the Lord" (I Chron. 23:5; see also II Chron. 7:6, Ps. 30:4; 51:14; 59:16) Is. 5:1; etc.). These are only a few of the many references in the Bible to singing. Look through these verses and you will find that two things stand out concerning the songs: 1) They were filled with praise to the Lord; 2) They were filled with praise for what the Lord *had done*. How drastically different this is from modern religious songs! Modern singing speaks much of *man*—what *he* has done, how *he* feels, how difficult it is for *him* in this world, etc. That is as subjective as a mirror! According to these Biblical examples just cited, Scriptural singing exalts the Lord—Who *He* is and what *He* has done. No wonder Christian singing, called forth by the indwelling Spirit (Eph. 5:18-19), is said to be "unto the Lord"!

PRACTICAL EVALUATION

Next, let's look at the music itself from a *practical* standpoint. Is it reverent? Does it direct your attention toward God or Man? Does it cause you to look to Christ, or the "performer"? It is not a question of whether or not the music gives you an emotional upheaval, but does it put you in a frame of mind fitting for worship? In other words, does the *music* convey the message of the *words*? Is the music *capable* of conveying a spiritual message? or is it music which sounds like that which entertains the world? There is something in much contemporary music which has removed that evident distinction between the world and the Church. This ought not so to be!

Admittedly, much of this will be a subjective, personal evaluation, but your answers to these questions will, to some degree, determine your philosophy of music, and it will help you in evaluating the music you hear. May these principles help you as you choose your favorite songs.

"The true evangelist will never forget to sound the warning notes as well as the wooing notes of the Gospel."
—Dr. James Stewart

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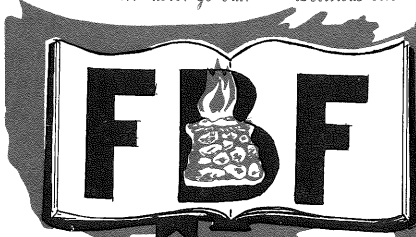
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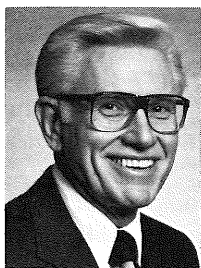
This is our last opportunity to remind you of the third *World Congress of Fundamentalists* meeting at Bob Jones University August 1-7. The annual National Meeting of the *Fundamental Baptist Fellowship* will be held at the same time as a show of support for this important meeting. For further information about the sessions, registration, lodging, etc., write: World Congress of Fundamentalists-1983, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. 29614.

We encourage those who usually attend the FBF National Meeting to make their plans to join us in Greenville. The FBF Board will meet as usual and resolutions will be drawn up and voted on by FBF participants.

The timeliness of this international gathering is noteworthy. It comes shortly after the historic decision by the Supreme Court permitting the IRS to deny tax-exempt status to Bob Jones University because of their religious convictions. This obvious violation of the First Amendment is certain to be discussed in the morning panels which will be held during the World Congress. The topics for these daily sessions are: Evangelism, The Church, The State, Christian Education and The Christian Home.

Afternoon seminars will also touch on this and other important issues: How to Effectively Study and Teach Scripture, Church Finances, The Christian and His Finances, The Church and Litigation, Problems of the Pastor, The Christian Woman in Her Responsibilities and Christian Youth in an

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PROPER CONFRONTATION

by Ed Nelson
Pastor, South Sheridan Baptist Church
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Bible-believing Christians are facing a new and somber challenge. How should we react to constant encounter with government?

While I was a student preparing for the ministry, it never entered my mind that some day, as a preacher, I would be facing the problems that confront us today. Apparently, neither did my teachers, for we were given no instruction about what to do when we come in conflict with the government.

Today fundamental churches in America are having to face an onslaught of governmental confrontation. Preachers have been jailed. Churches are being padlocked. Thousands of Christians have gathered on courthouse and state capitol steps, endeavoring to make government officials aware of their position and concern.

State departments of education are using compulsory education attendance laws as leverage against Christian

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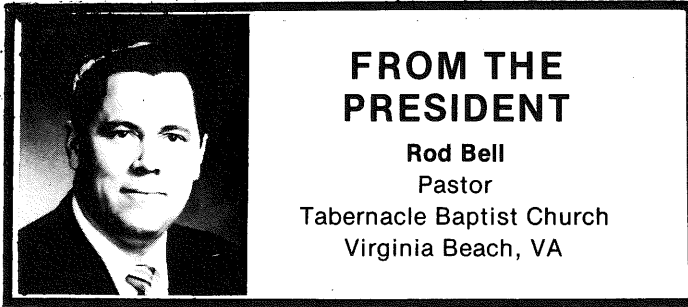
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With apostasy on every hand and compromises being made in the name of Fundamentalism, we must take our stand and let others know just where we place our allegiance. To keep informed about current issues, we invite friends of like-precious faith to 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.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Bell
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"Cult Of The Robe"

Alex D. Toqueville, a French Statesman and author, noted in his appraisal of America; "If I were asked where I would place the American aristocracy, I would reply without hesitation that it is not composed of the rich...but that it occupies the judicial bench and bar."

In a recent issue of the *American Bar Association Journal*, Ivan Koffman, Chief Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, proventy requotes Professor Walter Murphy of Princeton University to support his argument that "Courts power is not temporary. It rests on...the cult of the robe," the concept of the judge as high priest of justice with talents of elucidation of the law, that sacred and mysterious text that is inscrutable even to educated laymen, that forms a sort of institutional charisma which is bestowed on judges with their oath of office." (Note that the phrase "cult of the robe" was used by Professor Walter Murphy and quoted by Judge Ivan Koffman. Webster's Dictionary defines cult as "1) A particular ritual or system of worship, or 2) Devotion to a person, thing, idea, theory or like.")

The black high priest must be stopped. The judicial system has flagrantly and viciously overstepped their bounds and must be put back in their place. Congress is the only body that has the right to legislate law. The Supreme Court Justices usurped the authority and ignored the Constitution and ruled against religious freedom in the Bob Jones Tax Exemption Case. We must do as Thomas Jefferson did in 1774, when he wrote the famous Religious Freedom Act. We must, in America, have another Religious Freedom Act of 1984. We have an oligarchy form of government by an elite few.

The Constitution has been ignored and America can no longer boast of being a Republic ruled by the Constitution. It must realize that it is ruled by a junta of nine secular humanists in black robes.

This sermon was preached by Dr. Rod Bell at Tabernacle Baptist Church on Sunday, May 28, 1983.

"BLACK TUESDAY — MAY 23, 1983" BOB JONES UNIVERSITY TAX CASE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RULING

The ruling could not have been worse. The decision was so broad and its application is limitless. What are some of the ramifications?

1. It brings a new recognition that Tax Exemption is Subsidy.
2. Declaration that Church Schools are educational rather than religious. "If you teach anything other than Bible - you are educational." The Supreme Court ripped education away from our churches, although we have the Great Commission.
3. Promotes "Public Policy" over Congress. Wait until homosexual rights become public policy and churches refuse to let them in their schools. Wait until a church dismisses an employee discovered to be a homosexual, or one is fired because they had an abortion.
4. Defines charity as necessary to public conscience and *cannot* be contrary to federal policy.
5. The Supreme Court acted illegally. Congress makes the laws.
6. The Ruling Established a Religious Standard - What is an approved Religion in the eyes of the government?
7. The Judicial Dept. said *no* law had been broken. Not one person has complained of discrimination at the hands of Bob Jones University. Yet it has lost its tax exemption. The Supreme Court made a law, so it could be broken. They ignored the Constitution's First Amendment.
8. The Russian Constitution guarantees religious freedom. The religion must be regulated by the government. It must be approved by the government, etc.

II Chronicles 36:16

Isaiah 54:13-17

- Therefore, we must
1. Learn the facts.
 2. Organize.
 3. Educate members of Congress.
 4. Respond quickly to legislative alerts.

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Ungodly Age.

The Congress is designed for the entire family with special activities, sessions and opportunities for recreation geared to young people. Pastors will be bring families from their churches all over the nation to join with the separatists from other lands on this historic occasion. Why not write *today* to register?

W. Graham Scroggie On Separation

The church of God needs to remember that fellowship with God necessitates separation from all who fail to fulfill the responsibilities of fellowship in light. We are not only to yield to love; we are to guard its holiness. It is possible to be led astray from the activity of *true* love by yielding to a false charity. At the very center of love is light. That is not true love which sacrifices doctrine and principle. God has never acted in love at the expense of light.

WHY I RESIGNED FROM JACK VAN IMPE MINISTRIES

by Ross Davis

It has been over two years since I resigned my position with Jack Van Impe Ministries. Many questions, even now, cloud the real issue as to why I did resign. At the recent West Coast Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting, Dr. Bell asked me if I would explain the reasons for my decision to leave Jack Van Impe Ministries.

The following is not an expose, but a brief explanation of the events leading up to my resignation.

In April of 1979 a decision was made by Dr. Jack Van Impe to move from city-wide crusades to a full time TV ministry. The reasons for this move were (1) the lack of cooperation in the city-wide meetings and (2) the greater results via the TV ministry. The decision was to be effective in January 1980, with a half hour weekly telecast to cover the entire nation.

At this point in time, my position with Jack Van Impe Ministries was changing from Crusade Consultant to Field Director. My responsibility was to help in the raising of finances for this new direction. Because of my own standards and position, I, along with Rev. Eldon Martens,

inquired as to the concepts of the new weekly telecast. Dr. Van Impe indicated that he would be preaching for approximately 10-12 minutes and Rexella would be singing as well as interviewing special guests. I asked Dr. Van Impe specifically who these special guests would be. He indicated they would consist of experts in fields of science, military leaders, computer specialists, etc. The guest would be interviewed for his expertise in his given field, then Dr. Van Impe would preach a message dealing with the subject and relate it to Bible prophecy.

The special guests were a major concern of mine, but Dr. Van Impe asked me to trust his judgment and assured me that they would not be an embarrassment to Fundamentalism.

I did trust Dr. Van Impe, as did many others; and in June of 1980, at a taping in Detroit, Mr. Sid Roth was the special guest. After the taping I was informed that Mr. Roth was a charismatic who had guest-hosted the PTL Club. Confirmation of this came when Mr. Roth indicated to Rev. Eldon Martens that he indeed was a charismatic. Upon discovering this, I immediately requested a conference with Dr. Van Impe to discuss the matter. On July 9, 1980, approximately eight weeks before the program was to air, Dr. Van Impe told Rev. Eldon Martens and myself that he had not been made aware of Mr. Roth's connections with charismatics until they sat down to make the tape. He also indicated that no reference to the charismatic movement had been made on the tape, thus, he did not think it would be a conflict or problem. I
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JACK VAN IMPE: A LONG WAY FROM EDINBURGH

by Homer Massey

One of the most dramatic turnabouts in the recent history of the fundamentalist movement has been that of Jack Van Impe. As a speaker at the first World Congress of Fundamentalists in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1976, Van Impe attempted to establish his separatist credentials with a strong message on the evangelist and Biblical separation.

Some who attended at Edinburgh doubted the propriety of his participation, however, mainly because of questions about some of his city-wide meetings in America. But it was undoubtedly wise that the organizers gave him a chance, since he made a plea for "giving men a chance" in his message. What he did with his chance is another matter.

THE DETROIT DETOUR

The thrust of his message in Usher Hall (Edinburgh) was thoroughly negated by an address given at Cobo Hall (Detroit) in August of 1977. In simpler terms, he reversed himself. In Scotland, he sharply denounced those who use Christ's appearances in the synagogue as an excuse to compromise, yet used that very argument in Michigan to say that a man shouldn't be criticized for where he speaks.

In Edinburgh Van Impe cried that the word "contend" meant to have "verbal controversy...even a quarrel," but in Detroit he "cried the blues" because separatists were

contending. He spoke of "taking his stand" in Usher Hall; that "This kind of evangelist (militant separatist) is needed today." But in Cobo Hall he said he could "no longer work" under such a system.

Since Detroit, Jack Van Impe has issued a series of newsletter articles and public messages expanding on his retreat from Edinburgh. All one who wishes to substantiate it has to do is listen and read.

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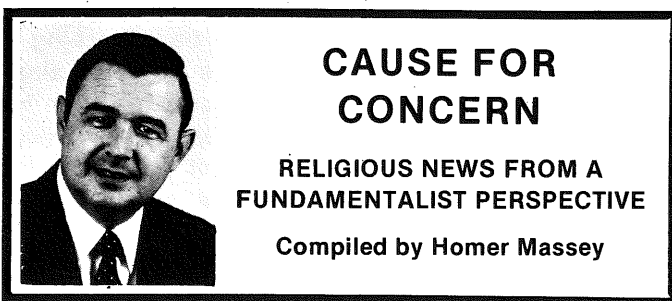
A more recent abandonment of principle by the Van Impes took place in Washington, D.C., at the 1983 Convention of the National Religious Broadcasters. There Jack and Rexella spoke and entertained the ecumenical gathering which included Billy Graham, Jim Bakker, Carl F. H. Henry, Rex Humbard, Oral Roberts, James Robison and others.

Only a short time ago they refused to join such an assembly. The reasons they gave were good then (and now), as shown in this letter in answer to someone who questioned their participation in the NRB 1981 Convention: (Feb. 9, 1981)

"Dear.....Two months ago my media director accepted an invitation for me to speak at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. I knew little about the organization but thought it would provide a great opportunity to proclaim Christ.

"During December and early January Rexella and

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RELIGIOUS NEWS FROM A
FUNDAMENTALIST PERSPECTIVE

Compiled by Homer Massey

EPISCOPALIANS IN ST. LOUIS HOLD A LAS VEGAS NIGHT!

We quote in full the news story as it appeared in a St. Louis area newspaper, "The 5th annual Las Vegas night will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6518 Michigan Ave., starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the parish hall adjoining the church. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door for \$2.50. This will entitle the player to \$2,000 in play money with which to challenge the games of skill available such as blackjack, roulette, poker and bingo. Refreshments will be available including soda, sandwiches and munchies. Beer will also be available for a donation. Proceeds from Las Vegas night will be earmarked for various community activities sponsored by the church." What a shame! This is not a church but a synagogue of Satan!

— Foundation

NBC-TV ATTACKS RELIGIOUS RIGHT

A mini-series based on the book *Celebrity* will be aired by RCA/Hertz/NBC, according to the Coalition for Better Television. Coalition head Don Wildmon said the leading character is a minister who is involved in a gang rape, attempts blackmail, commits murder and attempted murder and specializes in fraud in his religious crusades. He is also a leader in a conservative political movement called "Right Side," and is pro-life, pro-family, pro-church, pro-morality. Wildmon said this decision by RCA/Hertz/NBC represents a continuing practice of religious bigotry by the networks. This again shows how Christians are often accused of bigotry; yet the world unashamedly produces the most slanderous material imaginable against believers.

—Good News Broadcaster

MISSION AGENCY ADOPTS RESOLUTION REGARDING PSEUDO-FUNDAMENTALISM AND SEPARATION

At its 1982 annual meeting, the board of the Baptist World Mission unanimously adopted the following resolution regarding Pseudo-Fundamentalism and Biblical separation.

"Whereas there is a shift away from a Biblical position on separation in the Fundamentalist world today; and whereas this shift is apparent in the willingness of some who call themselves Fundamentalists to work with Modernists and Cultists in political and moral endeavors;

And whereas this shift is further apparent by efforts to

bridge the gap between the Fundamentalists and New Evangelicals as witnessed by the book *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon*, edited by Jerry Falwell;

And whereas this shift is further apparent in the cooperation of those who call themselves Fundamentalists with men who have remained in co-operation with those within the Southern Baptist Convention;

And whereas there is a willingness of those who hold to Biblical inerrancy to remain in apostate denominations and conventions; and whereas there is the cooperation of Fundamentalists with Charismatics and New Evangelicals in school endeavors and the broadcast media;

Wherefore be it resolved that the Board of Baptist World Mission, in Annual meeting, Oct. 27, 1982, recognizing the scriptural command to speak the truth and to speak it in love, reaffirm its commitment to the Biblical commands to separation from apostasy and from brethren who walk contrary to the commands of Scripture."

Baptist World Mission is to be commended for their clear cut stand on this important issue. Dr. Monroe Parker serves as director of this mission agency.

—Don Jasmin

NEW BOOKS ATTACK CHRISTIANS

Two new books, *Holy Terror* and *The New Subversives*, label Christians as fascists, racists, women-and-children haters as well as anti-Semitic, said critic and attorney John W. Whitehead. *The New Subversives* actually calls for laws to control Christians! Whitehead warned, "These books are receiving a wide audience and are laying a base that could lead to a form of Christian persecution never seen before in this country." These books remind us that humanism is no friend of the Christian. Humanists are set on bringing about a "new age" — which doesn't include believers.

—Good News Broadcaster

A "Christian Scientist" Professor At A Southern Baptist College?

Sounds incredible, doesn't it? Yet, it has now come to light that Dr. Richard Maag, a tenured professor of music at Furman University (A Southern Baptist School), is a member of the false cult of "Christian Science" and has been ever since he was hired in 1964. Christian Science denies the reality of sin and tramples underfoot the blood of Christ. It should not be called "Christian" at all! That a Christian Scientist could be on the faculty of any Southern Baptist school only reveals how deeply So. Baptists have been infiltrated by false teachers. So far, the So. Baptist responses to this revelation appears to be divided: (1) Those who demand that Dr. Maag be fired; (2) Those who want to keep this man on the faculty in order to uphold the cherished (but dangerous) principle of "academic freedom"; (3) Those who want to ignore the matter and sweep it under the rug. It's about time that Southern Baptist who really love the Lord face the fact that not only Furman University but other SBC related and/or financed schools are shot through with infidelity and compromised and are turning out "liberals," not fundamental Bible-believing graduates.

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A LAYMAN'S VIEW OF BAPTIST FUNDAMENTALISM '84

by Jerry Huffman

Baptist Fundamentalism '84 is being touted by its promoters as the "event of the century," the "largest gathering of Fundamental Baptists ever." It promises an opportunity to meet Washington dignitaries. President Reagan and 19 preachers have been invited to speak. Youth programs are being planned, and many Christian schools are planning senior trips around this Congress.

The stated goal is to assemble 26,000 independent Baptists into the new Washington Convention Center and "to state our position on the fundamentals of the faith and vital issues of the day." Another goal is "an opportunity for fellowship and preaching among like-minded pastors and lay persons, and a chance to debunk myths about fundamentalist Christianity." Yet another reported purpose is "revival and moral righteousness to prevail in our nation." (At the '82 Sword Conference, Dr. Jerry Falwell said, "America is on the verge of revival." But, where is the evidence?)

Initially there were two Co-chairmen of Baptist Fundamentalism '84, Dr. Jerry Falwell and Dr. John Rawlings, but this has now expanded to five (one from the GARBC, one from the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, one from the World Baptist Fellowship, and two from the BBF). It is difficult to keep abreast of just who comprises the Committees since some from the initial listing have declined to serve, while others are still trying to make up their minds. For example, in the new evangelical fortnightly, "Christianity Today" (9-17-82), one prominent "fundamentalist" leader is said to be "undecided about participation" and "has misgivings about being identified with Falwell's Moral Majority" ("politics"). Yet, no misgivings were mentioned concerning identification with Dr. Falwell's other spiritual aberrations and compromises.

Just who will be represented at Baptist Fundamentalism '84? "All independent Baptist groups" according to "The Fundamentalist," May-June, 1982; "roughly 75% of the various fundamentalist Baptist groups" per the "Christianity Today" report (my bold-facing). Certainly, no true and informed Fundamentalist would have any part in Baptist Fundamentalism '84—since it is a compromise event and one cannot participate without being part of the compromise.

One could hardly evaluate Baptist Fundamentalism '84 apart from the man in whose mind the idea was spawned, Dr. Jerry Falwell. Baptist Fundamentalism '84 then is properly seen as an outgrowth and a first major step in the implementation of Dr. Falwell's proposals set forth in his significant 1981 book, **The Fundamentalist Phenomenon**. In this book, he proposes an alliance with the (New) Evangelicals, asking them to acknowledge and accept his group. No biblical Fundamentalist would do this.

Baptist Fundamentalism '84 can be expected to broaden

Dr. Falwell's "fundamentalist" base and unify his camp of supporters, preparatory to a continuing and complete alliance with the New Evangelicals. Interestingly, the Congress's secondary goal of "raising the movement's stature in the eyes of outsiders" is similar to Dr. Ockenga's desire for "respectability" when New Evangelicalism began. Significantly, already at least two prominent New Evangelical scholars (Pinnock and Marsden) consider Dr. Falwell a fellow New Evangelical brother, already part of the evangelical coalition. If only **he** would not keep calling himself a Fundamentalist while behaving as a New Evangelical!

In order to practice Biblical separation, what distinction are we to make between New Evangelicals, and "Fundamentalists" who fellowship and work with New Evangelicals? We are commanded to withdraw from disorderly brethren, be they so-called Fundamentalists or New Evangelicals. Dr. Falwell has redefined and perverted the term "Fundamentalist" so dramatically, and stripped it of its specificity, that it can now (the way he uses it) encompass New Evangelicals.

The site and election year timing of Baptist Fundamentalism '84 was no doubt calculated to produce a "Moral Majority" political effect. Many laymen have supported Dr. Falwell politically via the Moral Majority, giving him vast political influence; and now, tragically, he is betraying them by using that influence to lead them spiritually astray to New Evangelicalism, while increasing his own political stature.

Baptist Fundamentalism '84 is just another example of the subtle and dangerous fourfold deception which characterizes the Falwell movement: 1) The misuse of the term "Fundamentalist" 2) The political lure—via the Moral Majority—to New Evangelical compromise 3) The deceitful use of past giants of the faith, implying their endorsement 4) Perhaps unintentional, but having five Co-Chairmen from four major independent Baptist constituencies will confuse and give the impression that the entire groups support the Baptist Fundamentalism '84 event, when actually only certain individuals do.

Baptist Fundamentalism '84 should really be called "Baptist FundaGELICalism '84." It will be meeting under an "assumed" name with a "presumed" spokesman for Fundamentalism as its Co-Chairman. In my view, BF '84 represents yet another step in Dr. Jerry Falwell's prostitution of Fundamentalism.

Mr. Huffman is a systems analyst with NASA.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH INCLUSIVISM?

by Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it. If any body of believers had errorists among them, but were resolute to deal with them in the name of the Lord, all might come right; but confederacies founded upon the principle that all may enter, whatever views they hold, are based upon disloyalty to the truth of God. If truth is optional, error is justifiable.

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schools forcing them into submission to state control. State departments of social services harass parents and Christian school administrators who still believe the Bible teaches corporal discipline of children. Parents sit almost helpless as they watch the state try to subjugate parental authority to state control.

The result has been a reaction against the state by the Christians. This has brought the challenge: How should we Christians react when faced with confrontation with government?

Before considering some important guidelines in dealing with government intervention, let's examine a few basic Biblical truths concerning the issues we face.

SOME BASIC TRUTHS**1. GOD HAS GIVEN GOVERNMENT LIMITED AUTHORITY OVER ALL MEN.**

God ordained human government in Genesis 9:6—"Who-so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man."

The note in the Scofield Bible under Genesis 9:6 reads as follows: "The declaration of the Noahic Covenant subjects humanity to a new trust. Its distinctive feature is the institution, for the first time, of human government—the government of man by man. The highest function of government is the judicial taking of life. **All other governmental powers are implied in that.**" (Emphasis ours—Ed.)

The governmental power implied in God's giving human government the right to exercise capital punishment is the power of protection of society. This protection involves many facets of government such as national defense, police protection, and fire protection. It can also include some health and safety protection agencies.

2. GOD HAS GIVEN CHILDREN AS A SPECIAL HERITAGE TO PARENTS FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Psalms 127:3 reads: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward."

The emphasis of Psalm 127 is that the children are placed in the home with parents to direct their lives. This would be in contradistinction to many today who say that children belong to the state. The Bible teaches they belong to God who has given them as a heritage to the parents—not to the state.

Note Psalm 127:1—"Except the Lord build **the house**, they labour in vain that build it."

The children are in a house. Parents are the ones who would be building the house.

Note Psalm 127:4. The children are as arrows in the hand of a youthful man—not the state.

Note Psalm 127:5—"Happy is **the man** that hath his quiver full of them. . . ." The children belong to a parent—not to the state.

Note also Psalm 128:3. Here we see the children around the table of a man. Children belong to the parents—not the

state. Galatians 4:2 gives strong proof that God has given the responsibility of rearing children to the parents. The father is the one who decides the time appointed for the tutor and governors of the children. In the next section under point No. 3 below, this truth of children belonging to the parents is clearly taught.

3. GOD HAS GIVEN PARENTS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

In Proverbs God speaks often about the father instructing the child and giving the child commandments. Also in Proverbs, God speaks of the mother's responsibility to back the father with a law for the child (Proverbs 4:1, 6:20).

Please consider how often in Proverbs Solomon gives instruction to his son by introducing the instruction with "My Son" (Proverbs 1:8, 10, 15: 2:1; 3:1; 5:1; 6:1, 20; 7:1).

In Ephesians 6:4 God clearly and specifically gives the responsibility to the father for training and instructing the children.

Over the past decades American Christians have been careless about their involvement in government. As a result, liberal educators and politicians have enacted legislation that is now being used to harass many Christian schools and actually close some Christian schools, putting preachers and parents in jeopardy. We believe we Christians should be allowed to educate our children without governmental intrusion. However, because boards of education and government attorneys are seeing the matter differently, they are endeavoring to enforce the statutes as binding on churches and Christian schools.

In our great United States of America we have a right to our day in court. We can place our case before the court; and if we lose, we can appeal to a higher court. It is right and proper for us to contest the actions of state officials by going to court. We should use this privilege by having wise and able attorneys to plead our case.

But there is **one thing to remember**: Those in authority over us have been placed there by God.

Romans 13:1—"For there is no power but of God: The powers that be are ordained of God."

Whether it be the sheriff, the police, the judge, the legislator, or the governor, I must respect that individual as having been permitted by God to hold his position. He (she) may not be a God-fearing person and may not appreciate my position as a Bible believer. As a Christian I still must manifest respect for the position held by the official.

Nero was a God-hating and a Christian-hating emperor, but we never find Paul or Peter writing one word against him. Even though these men suffered prison, privation, and persecution because of the Roman Caesar, their letters are silent when it comes to criticism of constituted authorities. Paul used every means at his disposal. He appealed his case

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PROPER CONFRONTATION [continued from page 6]

in Acts 25:11—"I appeal unto Caesar." He went to a higher court. When Caesar placed him in the Mammertine Prison, we find no record of Paul complaining or fighting back.

I have become greatly concerned over actions taken by Christians in recent confrontations with the government. Below are four suggested guidelines for Christians in proper confrontation with government.

GUIDELINES**1. THE BIBLE MUST BE OUR RULE FOR PRACTICE AS WELL AS FAITH.**

We stand on the truth of the Word of God as our basis to do what we do. We face confrontation today because we believe we must educate our children apart from the humanistic education offered in the government schools. We stand solidly on Biblical doctrine and are ready to obey Ephesians 6 when it tells us:

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, **to stand**. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." (Ephesians 6:13-14).

It is right to stand for the truths of the Word of God; but we also must be careful in standing for truth that we practice the principles of the Word of God. In the book of Acts when the apostles were taken into custody, we do not find the Christians demonstrating for their release, but rather we find them praying (Acts 12) or publicly witnessing by preaching the Word of God (Acts 7 and Acts 21:35-22:33). There were times when Paul used special means to avoid the danger of being killed by angry mobs (Acts 9:23-25 and Acts 23:12-35). We will look in vain, however, for examples of organized and orchestrated demonstrations when these men of God were taken into custody.

I can understand that brethren are ready and anxious to stand with a brother who is being harassed and is facing hostile governmental intrusion into his ministry. I want to stand with such a beleaguered brother and have done so repeatedly with men such as Lester Roloff and Everett Sileven. For both of these men, thousands have gathered to stand with them and thereby let government officials know that these men are not alone but have good and Godly men across America joining with them in contending for religious freedom.

I say I have stood with the thousands who have gathered from across America in steadfast support of these men. And I will probably be standing with men like this in the future when a brother is facing the danger of losing his First Amendment religious freedom rights.

But I have been desperately concerned about the way our fundamentalist brethren have acted and reacted at times of such confrontation. While we have stood for truth, we have often been unscriptural in our actions. The Bible warns us to act in the power and under the direction of the Spirit rather than in the energy of the flesh. I have watched as leaders resorted to fleshly tactics to orchestrate a crowd to act and react in an unscriptural manner.

Paul in writing to the Philippians challenged them to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

Believers are commanded in Colossians 3:8—

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

Again the Holy Spirit challenges us in Colossians 4:6—

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

We defeat our goal when we resort to fleshly means to accomplish the holy purpose of standing together for religious freedom. I find it difficult to defend with Scripture a leader's admonition asking a group to kneel, praying loudly in concert when the sheriff comes with a court order to close a building. In such a case the sheriff would be doing just what he had sworn to do. To pray loud prayers to be heard of men is surely in opposition to the Lord's admonition in Matthew 6:6.

At a time when a sheriff must ask people to move out on the basis of a court order, to scream epithets such as "Communist!" or "Hitler!" or "blood on your hands" at the officer cannot be justified by Scripture. To do anything to stir Christians to violent reaction against constituted authority is not directed by Scripture.

Proverbs 25:15 gives good instructions:

"By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bones."

And Proverbs 16:14 tells us what a wise man will do:

"The wrath of a king is as a messenger of death: but a wise man will pacify it."

Proverbs 15:1 is applicable in all situations, and surely in this matter of confrontation:

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

In our confrontation we must maintain a Scriptural attitude before the world.

Guidelines 2, 3 and 4 to appear in next issue.

THE OLD TESTAMENT ON SEPARATION

"Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins."

—Numbers 16:26

SPURGEON ON SEPARATION

At any rate, cost what it may, to separate ourselves from those who separate themselves from the truth of God is not only our liberty, but our duty. I have raised my protest in the only complete way by coming forth, and shall be content to abide alone until the day when the Lord shall judge the secrets of all hearts; but it will not seem to me a strange thing if others are found faithful, and if others judge that for them also there is no path but that which is painfully apart from the beaten path.

WHY I RESIGNED [continued from page 3]

asked Dr. Van Impe to scratch the tape as it would be very harmful to the entire ministry. However, he thought it would cost about \$10,000 to scratch and that was "too much money to throw away by scratching the tape".

After a trip to the West Coast, I returned to talk with Dr. Van Impe on July 22nd. Again, I attempted to let him know my position and how much this would hurt the ministry. I felt as though it had been a good meeting and perhaps that Dr. Van Impe had considered a change regarding the airing of the program. Previously, Dr. Van Impe had always stood strongly against the charismatic movement and during our meeting Dr. Van Impe vowed that no other charismatic would ever again be on the program.

That evening Dr. Van Impe met with Jon Byrd, the media director, who had invited Mr. Roth to be a guest. I believe Jon swayed Dr. Van Impe to air the tape due to financial costs. On July 23rd, Dr. Van Impe called a meeting of all the men on staff and announced his "new position". At the meeting Dr. Van Impe stated that nobody was going to tell him what to do or who he would have on his program.

As a direct result of Dr. Van Impe's decision and his "new position", I did not feel I could remain a part of the Jack Van Impe Ministries. I firmly believe that there is great danger in not separating from the charismatic movement and in not exposing its false teaching. On July 28, 1980, I resigned my position as Field Director for Jack Van Impe Ministries.

A LONG WAY FROM EDINBURGH [cont'd. from page 3]

I made a trip to Israel and Belgium and were totally out of touch with what was occurring at home. When we returned and saw the list of convention speakers, my heart was greatly disturbed. I am a fundamentalist and **my convictions will not allow me to be identified with new evangelicals.** The very truths of separation I have proclaimed for years would totally be violated should I align myself with many of the featured speakers. Therefore I immediately cancelled my participation.

"The lesson has been good for me as **I will never again accept a meeting unless I know beforehand that it honors the convictions God has placed in my heart.** In Christ, Jack Van Impe." (emphasis by HM)

Again, the record speaks for itself. Jack Van Impe has taken a position exactly **opposite** one he previously took.

THE TELEVISION TURNABOUT

Currently, the Van Impes' television series is the best place to observe their "new position." No longer holding city-wide meetings, the "preaching" style gone, he for all the world looks as if he is about to say "something goo-o-od...". Often Rexella's guest of honor on the telecast is someone with decidedly non-fundamentalist beliefs and connections (see the related article by Ross Davis).

We shall miss the old Jack Van Impe—that is, the preacher. Perhaps he never really had the "ribs" or

"backbone" to be a fundamentalist, but at least he preached. The separatist Van Impe, by his own admission and on purpose, has long since gone. Now that the preacher Van Impe has left us too, the story is made that much sadder.

Jack Van Impe is truly a long way from Edinburgh.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN [continued from page 4]**SCHULLER'S 'NEW' THEOLOGY**

Recently, through the generosity of a wealthy friend, Robert Schuller, senior minister of the 10,000-member Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, has succeeded in distributing his new book to most ministers in the U.S.

The book, **Self Esteem: The New Reformation**, is an attempt on Schuller's part to sell the Church in America on his style of churchmanship. It is a distillation of Schuller's thought. But it raises the question about just how Christian his theology is.

He frankly rejects aspects of traditional Protestant theology, stating, "What is desperately needed is a clear and Christ-like understanding of such classical concepts as 1) sin, 2) salvation, and 3) repentance."

Schuller's concept of sin, however, doesn't square with biblical theology. He states, "Classical theology defines sin as 'rebellion against God.' The answer is not incorrect as much as it is shallow and insulting to the human being. Every person deserves to be treated with dignity even if he or she is a 'rebellious sinner.'"

He defines sin as "any human condition or act that robs God of glory by stripping one of his children of their right to divine dignity." Hell, to Schuller, is the loss of pride that naturally follows separation from God. He says, "It would be hell if God ever told me all of the 'diamond ideas' that I have allowed to flow wastefully through my brain."

Throughout the book and Schuller's personal ministry, it is obvious that he forfeits faithfulness to the Word of God for a bland antiscriptural message "the world is waiting to hear." In **Self Esteem: The New Reformation**, Schuller as much as says that he is deviating from classical Christian theology.

— Christian News

Reporter, Wife Anti-Missions

Some time ago Morley Safer presented a report on the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators on CBS Morning News. Safer said the aim of Wycliffe is to "resettle people into areas where they can be controlled and thus converted," building "instant slums" and "instant disillusion."

According to Safer and the CBS report, Wycliffe and other missionaries are doing harm.

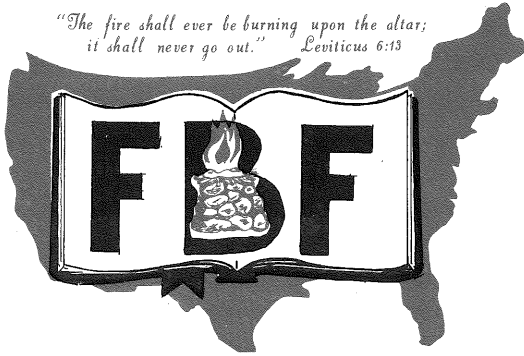
What the public did not know was that Safer's wife, Jane, heads the United States division of Survival International (SI), a London-based international organization fighting Christian missions.

At about the same time Safer was presenting his "unbiased" report, Jane Safer and her U.S. chapter of SI were holding a symposium in Manhattan that focused publicity on their objections to Christian missions.

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it shall never go out." Leviticus 6:13



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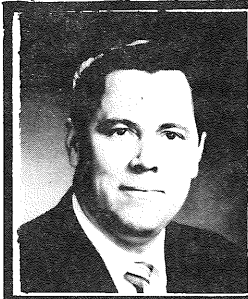
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Bell
Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, VA

Repercussions of the Supreme Court Ruling

Below is from the Washington Times of September 8, 1983. We see the result of the Supreme Court ruling coming to our Church Schools. It is just a matter of time until it comes to all of our Christian Schools in America. We need to be ready and be in an attitude of prayer that God will turn the tide in America and that we will see a great outcry against the Supreme Court decision to murder the First Ammendment and destroy religious freedom in America.

These issues, among others, will be the topics of discussion at our Fundamental Baptist Regional Meetings this fall. We urge all pastors and educators to attend so that we can have the proper instructions for the dark days that lie ahead. (Continued on page 4)

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Wayne VanGelderen, Moderator
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Charles Britt, Moderator
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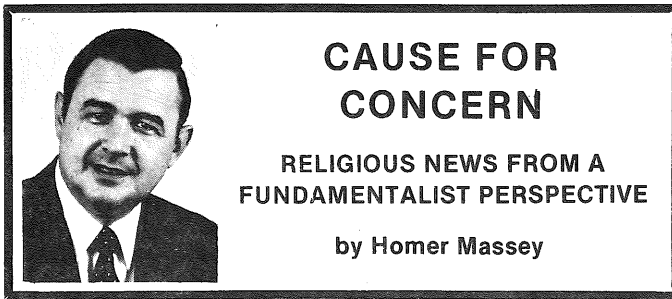
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION UPDATE

The annual Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh June 14-16 provided no real surprises and few substantial victories for the conservative element. Some may disagree with that statement, pointing to the reelection of a conservative president, the appointment of several trustees of conservative persuasion and the selection of several conservative committee chairmen. These successes, however, hardly dent the armor of the solidly entrenched liberalism in the agencies and seminaries of the Convention.

An example of how strong the hold of the liberals is was shown recently in two letters sent to Senator Strom Thurmond, whose Senate Judiciary Committee is looking at President Reagan's proposed school prayer amendment. Samuel T. Currin, newly-elected conservative chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the SBC, wrote Thurmond on June 27 supporting the amendment and sending for the record the 1982 resolution of support for the amendment which was adopted by a 3-1 margin by the SBC.

On July 1 a letter was sent to Senator Thurmond by 12 of the 15 members of the Public Affairs Committee which Currin now chairs, disclaiming any connection with Currin's position and more or less putting him down for writing.

The 12 committee members opposing the prayer amendment were all top executives in the SBC, including heads of the Radio-Television Commission, the Brotherhood Commission, the Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, the Christian Life Commission, the Home Mission Board, the Women's Missionary Union and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

What this indicates is that, while a conservative movement may be under way among pastors and messengers to the convention, the agencies, seminaries and committees are still run by a solid liberal majority. The fact remains that over 80 colleges and seminaries dominated by liberal faculties are turning out hundreds and hundreds of graduates each year. The publishing arm of the SBC continues to crank out tons of literature, much of which is Bible-denying at its worst and ecumenical and soft at its best. The current president shows no

more inclination than his conservative predecessors to courageously "root out" the liberal heart of the SBC bureaucracy. Frankly, the best thing concerned Southern Baptists could do would be to "come out from among them."

SBC INFORMATION SOURCES

For those who need to secure reports, quotes and documentation of compromise and liberalism within the Convention, here are some places to write:

1. **Southern Baptist Journal**, Box 468, Buchanan, GA 30113. Published by a conservative former SBC official who exposes liberalism in the Convention. One-year subscription, \$9.00
2. "Report on the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh," an article by Joe Henderson in **FAITH for the Family**, September 1983. Write **FAITH for the Family**, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 29614.
3. **Southern Baptist Advocate**, P.O. Box 214268, Dallas, TX 75221. Exposes error in the SBC; \$10.00 donation per year.
4. "Scriptural Authority Versus the Southern Baptist Convention," a message delivered August 6, 1983, by Dr. J.B. Williams at the World Congress of Fundamentalists. Write for a Tape Order Form from the World Congress Office, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 29614,

OTHER SOURCES OF VALUABLE INFORMATION

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A. (ABC) "CELEBRATION OR DEVIATION?" by Dennis W. Costella in the **Foundation** magazine, Vol. IV, No. 2. Write to the Fundamental Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 6278, Los Osos, CA 93402.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE WORLD CONGRESS OF FUNDAMENTALISTS, August 1-7, 1983. \$1.00 per copy. Statements on many critical issues confronting Fundamentalists. Write the World Congress Office, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 29614

HAWAII JOINS NEBRASKA IN CLOSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

The Supreme Court for the state of Hawaii has recently upheld the State Department of Education's authority to license private religious schools. The court rejected the contention of the schools that the licensing requirement infringed on the school's religious freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution. In a unanimous decision, the Hawaii Supreme Court stated that the licensing requirement is not only constitutional but that the Department of Education also has the right to close schools that fail to comply with the law. Under Hawaii state law, all private schools are required to provide information to the state on teacher certification, curriculum and physical facilities.

“GOD HAS NO SEXUAL PREFERENCE”

God Has No Sexual Preference is the blasphemous title of “An Open Letter on Homosexuality” written by Nancy Hardesty, Ph.D. Dr. Hardesty claims to be an evangelical and her Open Letter is being circulated by “Evangelicals Concerned” of New York City, a group which says it is “composed of evangelical Christians, gay and straight, devoted to developing a Biblical understanding of and support for lesbians and gay men.” Hardesty’s open letter claims that “all sexuality is good” including homosexuality and lesbianism. It is no surprise when ecumenical liberals call evil good and good evil, but when those who claim to be “evangelical” twist the Scriptures in exactly the same manner, it is heartbreaking and doubly deceptive.

--Foundation

MORE ON GRAHAM’S TRIP TO RUSSIA

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Nobel Prize winner and recipient of the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, has accused Billy Graham of lending “public support to Communist lies by his deplorable statement that he had not noticed the persecution of religion in the U.S.S.R. Before the multitude of those who have perished and who are oppressed today, may God be his judge,” Solzhenitsyn said.

FAITH In the Family

“TONGUES” AND CAMPUS CRUSADE

Campus Crusade has changed its policy regarding “tongues speaking” by staff members. Formerly, speaking in tongues was strictly “off-limits” for Crusade staff members. Now the standard has been modified to permit staff members to speak in tongues privately, providing they do not make an issue of it or seek to influence others on staff. Dr. Bill Bright explains that this new standard is made possible because “both charismatics and evangelicals have matured in their attitude toward this formerly divisive matter.” Although Bright says he has never spoken in tongues personally, it would not be too surprising to find that his increasing fellowship with charismatics would result in even further changes in his own doctrine and practice.

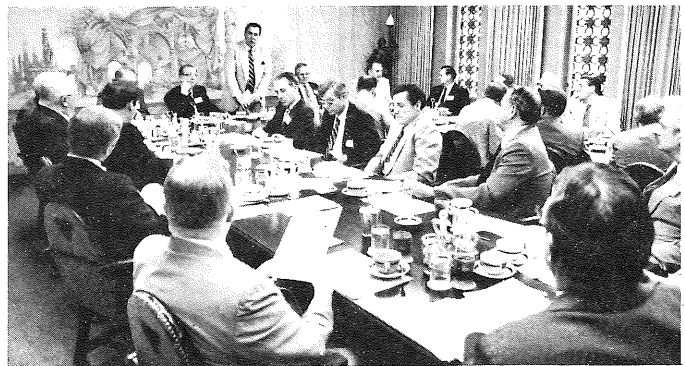
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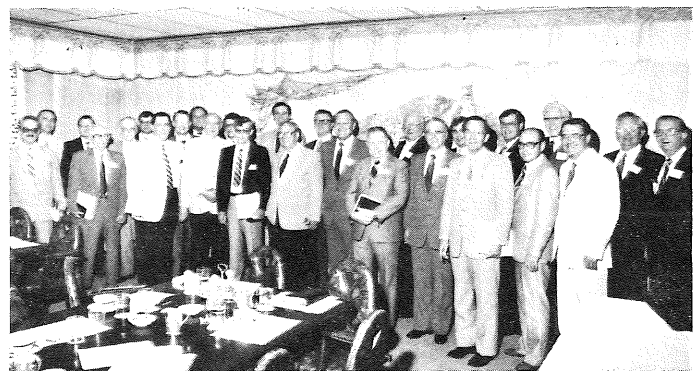
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ings this fall. We urge all pastors and educators to attend so that we can have the proper instructions for the dark days that lie ahead.

We need to be busy "grooming the horses of Emmanuel," instead of "feeding the donkeys of Satan!"

JUSTICE BRENNAN REFUSES BAPTIST SCHOOL'S TAX APPEAL

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan refused yesterday to block a court order revoking a small Mississippi Baptist school's tax exemption unless it proves it has an "active and vigorous" program to recruit black students.

The Reagan administration's refusal to support Clarksdale Baptist Church in its appeal from the July order of U.S. District Judge George L. Hart, Jr. has drawn the ire of several religious school associations.

"This issue really turned our people off on Carter, and Reagan is now pulling the rug out from under himself," said Jack Clayton, Washington representative of the American Association of Christian Schools.

"We have been left out in the cold. The Carter holdovers, kindred attorneys and bureaucrats have a government amongst themselves," said Clayton.

Dr. Paul Kinel, executive director of the Association of Christian Schools International, said he was "very disappointed" with the administration. ASCI is "paying half of Clarksdale's legal expenses.

"But I really doubt that it is that big a political issue in the minds of the general public," said Kinel.

Hart ruled in 1980 that private schools established in Mississippi "at or about the time" of public school desegregation must lose their tax exemptions unless they prove that they prove that they don't discriminate.

Hart suspended his ruling to give Clarksdale time to prove that the ruling violated the school's right to religious freedom. But, after the high court this spring upheld the revocation of Bob Jones University's tax exemption, Hart rejected Clarksdale's plea and ordered his ruling into effect.

Cause for Concern (Continued from page 3, col. 1)

CHURCH AGENCY USING SEX FILM

The Lutheran Social Service (LLS) of Minnesota, which has offered highly acclaimed sexual therapy programs in the state for years, is embroiled in controversy over the use of explicit sex films in helping sex offenders.

Two families who recently participated in the programs complained to a conservative pastor. Rev. David Barnhart of Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls investigated and reported his findings to an adult class in his church. The address was taped, and more than 400 copies have been distributed.

Other Lutheran pastors, aroused by the tape, have decided to withhold contributions to denominational units that support LSS. Barnhart claimed that films depicting all kinds of deviant sexual behavior are shown to families in the program.

However, the president of LSS, James Raun, responded that Barnhart's address was "subjective, inaccurate, skewed and lacking detail." LSS pro-

gram director William Seabloom said the explicit films constitute only 30 minutes of the program and are "a proven and effective educational and therapeutic method when carefully used in an appropriate context."

One pastor from Roseville, Minn., said that concerned pastors are not yet convinced that the sex therapy used by LSS is Christian and valid.

--*Religious News Service*

OHIO CHURCH MUST PAY COMPENSATION

A self-described "independent and fundamentalist" Ohio Baptist congregation failed to convince the U.S. Supreme Court to review lower court rulings that it must pay workers' compensation on its paid employees.

Victory Baptist Temple here argued in papers filed with the high court that making the payments, required under the state Workers Compensation Act, would amount to "sin." The church said that Romans 12:13 gave it a "scriptural mandate to care for and maintain members of the church, particularly its employees, in time of need so that none of its people will be without food, clothing, shelter, or essentials due to accident or illness."

The congregation challenged the law after state officials notified the church it must begin submitting payroll reports and remitting workman's compensation insurance premiums for the church staff and personnel of its day school. Two state courts ruled that the requirements did not infringe church members' right to the free exercise of religion or unconstitutionally entangle state with church.

--*Good News Broadcaster*

BOOK EXPOSES HOMOSEXUAL NETWORK

A recently released book by Catholic priest and Cuban refugee Enrique T. Rueda. *The Homosexual Network*, is sure to stir a hornet's nest. The book covers everything from the movement's ideology to its funding--much of which is provided by the unwitting American taxpayer.

The movement has actually gained little acceptance in the U.S., but it has gained media support and the support of influential people. Television in particular has been quick to adopt the language of the movement and to avoid all terms that smack of disapproval of homosexual activity.

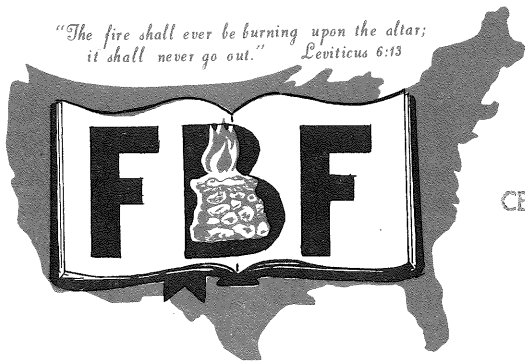
Rueda explains that the media have played down the sobering facts about the high incidence of venereal disease among practicing homosexuals--about 10 times that of the general population.

Most infuriating is that the movement receives federal funding, especially through the CETA program. *The Los Angeles Times* reported one CETA grant to a homosexual center to be \$50,000. Rueda's book shows how a well-organized minority can wield incredible leverage and get the taxpayers to support it without their knowledge.

--*Christian News*

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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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POLITICAL PRESSURE AND FUNDAMENTALISM

by Frank Bumpus

These are hazardous days for Bible-believers in America. We are under attack by many in high places. These attacks are humanistic and atheistic in nature and are being directed at us primarily through political channels.

We have become the increasing target of legislative edicts, judicial abuses, bureaucratic maneuvers and propaganda misrepresentation. Demands that cannot be honored are being made upon churches and their related ministries. Church day schools are especially being singled out. There is a concentrated effort at both state and federal levels to bring Christian education under control of secular humanistic government and its corrupting influence.

TO PLOT OR TO PRAY?

This growing hostility will have a purifying effect upon many, but others will crumble under the pressure. Some have already sought to defend their ministry by enlisting the aid of religious apostates. Persecution will thin our

ranks as it has those of other believers in past centuries. King David felt such pressure, but prayed to the Lord, "Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man." There are two important principles in his remarkable little prayer. First, we are to look to God for help. Second, we are to realize man's help is of little consequence. These principles are important because we are prone to reverse the emphasis and trust in the Lord only after we have exhausted human ingenuity. Our tendency is to rely on our shrewdness. We had rather plot than pray. Perhaps this is the underlying reason some have sought the aid of Roman Catholics, Mormons, Charismatics and others in the defense of the Christian school movement!

Is there ever a circumstance that would justify yoking together with unbelievers? The answer is simple. God said, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Under no condition should religious heretics be allowed to pollute our ministries. Ezra refused to allow the ungodly to infiltrate their number when rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. He said, "... Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Israel." (Ezra 4:3). If our interests do run parallel in certain areas, let both speak out, but let each speak from his own platform.

The talk of creating a secular platform on which to defend religious freedom is double-talk because defense of religious freedom is clearly a religious issue.

THE PANIC BUTTON

Many have a tendency to panic in the face
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Bell
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REPORT ON REGIONAL FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

The Oakland, California, area was the location of the Western Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting, held September 27, 28 and 29. The fellowship met at the Castro Valley Baptist Church, and was hosted by its pastor, Dr. Dennis Walton. Dr. James Singleton is the Western Moderator.

Many new pastors came and there were great crowds for each meeting. It was one of the best meetings that we have had.

The Northeast Regional Meeting was held at the Farmington Avenue Baptist Church, October 3 & 4. Our host pastor was Rev. Gary Jones. God has greatly blessed this man in giving him great leadership ability.

Pastors from all of the New England States were present for the meeting. Dr. James Singleton, Dr. Frank Bumpus and I enjoyed the tremendous hospitality of the church and its pastor. We would like to encourage all of our Northeast Fundamental Baptist Fellowship men to be with us in 1984 on November 5 & 6.

We then moved on to Marquette Manor Baptist Church for the Mid-America Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. Dr. Frank Bumpus is Moderator and Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen was host pastor there. This fine church and pastor are to be commended for the excellent job that they did in coordinating and hosting the fellowship. They went all out to show their love, appreciation and hospitality for the men who stand true across the mid-western states. There were seventeen speakers at this meeting. Many new pastors attended and enjoyed the good spirit among the people.

From Downers Grove, Illinois, we went to the Mid-Atlantic Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. Dr. Allen Dickerson and Maranatha Baptist Church were the host pastor and church. Dr. Dickerson is also the area Moderator.

We saw two new fellowships started in Pennsylvania. Dr. North Miller is now the western Pennsylvania Moderator and there will be a fellowship in his camp in the near future.

We had great meetings in Memphis, Tennessee with Dr. Charles Britt. Dr. Britt is doing a tremendous job in the Mid-South as Moderator there. We see growth and an increased interest among pastors. His people did a superb job in hosting this meeting.

We are certainly looking forward to being with the Rocky Mountain Region, February 27, 28 and 29, 1984.

Dr. Marion Fast is the Moderator and we will be with our host pastor, Dr. Ed Nelson, at the South Sheridan Baptist Church.

Mark your calendars for the meetings each year. Don't forget that we will be meeting at Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, Wisconsin for our National FBF Meeting. It will be held June 12, 13 and 14, 1984. Make plans to attend right away--don't delay--clear your calendar for this great time.

If you wish to be listed in the new Fundamental Baptist Fellowship Directory that is being compiled soon, please contact our Home Office, 717 N. Whitehurst Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464, in writing, to let us know, so that you may be included. If you are currently listed and there are changes that need to be made, please do so. We want to add telephone numbers for all listings, so make sure that we have those.

We are looking forward to having a greater year next year. Continue to pray and support the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship.

SHOULD THE "NEW KING JAMES VERSION" BE THE FUNDAMENTALIST'S BIBLE?

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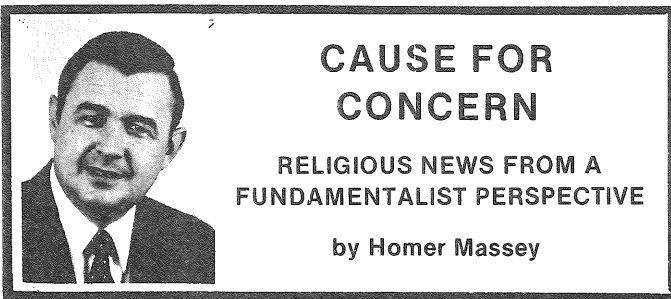
INTRODUCTION

Avowed Fundamentalists have cooperated in producing the *New King James Version* "to apply the best knowledge available--of ancient Hebrew and Greek, seventeenth-century English and contemporary English--to sensitively polish the archaisms and vocabulary of the 1611 [King James] version in order to preserve and enhance its originally intended beauty and content." Although this purpose sounds commendable, is it possible to preserve something by changing it? Fundamentalists, by their very name, are cautious of change, especially in the area of theological propositions, and the Bible is propositional truth. To determine if the *NKJV* should be the Bible of the Fundamentalists, it is necessary to analyze its strengths and weaknesses.

STRENGTHS

One definite strength of the *NKJV* is that of format. The use of subject headings, the italicization of clarification words, the bold-type of verse numbers, the setting off of OT quotations, and the observance of poetic structure all enhance the readability of the Bible. The effort to translate Greek articles according to the Granville Sharpe Rule is commendable, especially in Christological passages (e.g. Titus 2:13, II Peter 1:1), but the translators were not consistent (II Thess. 1:12). Another improvement is the consistent spelling of OT characters named in the NT; Elias is actually Elijah, etc. As a whole, it seems that most Fundamentalists could tolerate these improvements with little debate or objection.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS FROM A
FUNDAMENTALIST PERSPECTIVE

by Homer Massey

PEOPLE IN STRANGE PLACES

D. Brent Sandy, professor of classical languages at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, with an article on archaeology in the Seventh-Day Adventist magazine "Ministry" (September, 1983).

E.V. Hill, who recently endorsed the candidacy of black activist Jesse Jackson for the presidency, is a featured speaker at "Super Conference VII" held at Liberty Baptist College, October 16-20, 1983. Hill is described in the advertisements as one of "America's greatest Fundamentalist pastors." The editor of "Sword of the Lord" called for Hill's removal from the program.

Lloyd M. Perry, prolific writer on pastoral and preaching themes, is a featured speaker at a "Consultation on Preaching and Worship," November 2-6, 1983, at Seventh-Day Adventist Andrews University in Michigan. Perry is director of the Doctor of Ministries program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Bob Dylan, who had been accepted by many as a "born-again" Christian, has again become a Jew. But his "Jewish" beliefs are suspect also, since he believes in reincarnation and that "everyone is born knowing the truth." (Washington Post, 7-21-83)

Malcolm Muggeridge, who has been featured at Billy Graham Conferences and hailed as being "born-again," has become a Roman Catholic. His testimony was far from ever being clear-cut, but that never stopped the new evangelicals from falling all over themselves to "use" him in their meetings. Jerry Falwell defended Muggeridge's "conversion" in a 1978 letter to Jack Van Impe. Now the truth is out.

Larry Flynt, publisher of the notorious "Hustler" pornographic magazine, supposedly was "born again" several years ago. He was interviewed on the Donahue show after having been counseled by the late Ruth Carter Stapleton. Now he says he is an atheist (8-1-83 People magazine), and that he is going to make his magazine even raunchier. Of course he never was born again.

Eldrige Cleaver, who gave his "testimony" in Jerry Falwell's church and on TV, is now a "moonie." He, too, was snatched up by new evangelicals for his promotional value.

Court to Rule on Nativity Scenes

The U.S. Supreme Court announced recently that it will decide if local governments may erect Christmas nativity scenes without violating the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. Two lower federal tribunals, the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for Rhode Island, held earlier that the city of Pawtucket, R.I., violated the constitution's ban on an establishment of religion by erecting a nativity scene as part of its traditional Christmas display.

Other state and federal courts have handled similar challenges by ruling in every case that because Christmas is a cultural as well as religious holiday, no violation of the constitution is present in the practice.

--Good News Broadcaster

Our Children's Heroes

The World Almanac and Book of Facts recently polled 2,000 8th grade students in the U.S. to learn which persons they most admired and would want to be like when they grew up. Those who turned out to be their leading role models were in order, actor Burt Reynolds, comedian Richard Pryor, actor Alan Alda, comedian Steve Martin, actor Robert Redford, and the late comedian John Belushi (who died from drug overdose).

There was not a single name on the list who was not entertainer or a sports figure.

--Christian Inquirer

U.C.C. REAFFIRMS LIBERAL POLICIES

The United Church of Christ held its biennial general synod in June and voted on policy including:

--Endorsing a U.S.-U.S.S.R. nuclear weapons freeze and calling on congress to stop all funding for the MX missile and other first-strike nuclear weapons.

--Expressing opposition to the shifting of public resources from human services to armaments.

--Voting solidarity with the Roman Catholic bishops of the U.S. and commending them for "their courageous effort to prevent nuclear war."

Fundamentalists Picket WCC Gathering

Leading fundamentalists teamed up in an assault against the World Council during the first week of the Vancouver the first week of the Vancouver assembly.

The Rev. Ian Paisley described the WCC as "the great apostasy" and "the anti-Christ" at the first in a series of rallies opposing the council. Mr. Paisley, the Northern Ireland militant and independent Presbyterian minister, who is a member of the British Parliament, was joined on the platform by the Rev. Carl McIntire, president of the fundamentalist International Council of Christian Churches; Bob Jones, president of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., and the Rev. Gordon Hagan, a Vancouver Baptist minister. The fundamentalist team also distributed anti-WCC literature inside the assembly hall.

Mr. Jones charged that Roman Catholicism, which is

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not a member of the WCC, and the Protestants of the WCC are "united together to serve the anti-Christ."

Mr. Hagan called the World Council a "work of Satan" and said "brethren had been murdered by guns" it provided.

Rev. McIntire stated that the WCC "founded by western theologians and financed by Western money, is now under the control of the Soviet and Third World blocs, which have the votes in the general assembly for advancing Soviet policies through religion."

Moderator of the WCC Central Committee, Archbishop Ted Scott, Anglican primate of Canada, claimed the ecumenical agency is healthier than it was in 1975, despite "ever vocal criticism" of it that exists both within and outside member churches.

--RNS

Court Ruling Punishes Innocent Schools, Churches

In a controversial ruling handed down July 22 by U.S. District Judge George L. Hart in the *Green v. Regan* case, church-related schools in Mississippi which do not practice racial discrimination face the loss of their tax-exempt status and their right to receive tax-deductible contributions unless they engage in costly affirmative-action programs, including the active recruitment of minority students and teachers without regard to the schools' primarily religious mission.

Unless reversed on appeal, moreover, the Hart order may well lead to a nationwide review ruling similar to the one Congress blocked the Carter Administration from putting into effect during 1978 and 1979. That ruling would have held thousands of private schools in all parts of the country guilty of racial discrimination unless they proved themselves innocent by meeting burdensome affirmative-action requirements not demanded of others.

In the meantime, Jack Clayton, of the American Association of Christian Schools, which represents 1,100 schools in all parts of the country, said AACS members are "terribly alarmed" by Judge Hart's ruling. He said his organization, which spearheaded support for the Ashbrook and Dornan amendments blocking the proposed Carter regulations five years ago, will again seek a funding-limitation from Congress to block the effect of Judge Hart's order. "It is more important than ever," said Clayton, "for Congress to prevent this unjust punishment of non-discriminatory schools."

--Human Events

ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE

Louisiana recently passed a series of bills completely exempting all Christian and private schools from state regulation

PROPER DEFINITION

The American Council of Christian Churches recently adopted a resolution defining "fundamentalism":

"Like many good words (such as Christian, Catholic,

evangelical, separatist, and Puritan) the word *fundamentalist* is being misused by the secular press, describing fundamentalists as fanatical Muslims, false cults, snake handlers and other weird religions.

"Others such as Jerry Falwell and W.A. Criswell claim the word *fundamentalist*, but are inconsistent with Historic Fundamentalism in their practices and cooperation with organizations and movements that involve men who deny the Bible.

"1. A fundamentalist believes in an inerrant Bible and all of the basic doctrines of historic Christianity which the Bible proclaims, including the virgin birth and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and return to the earth.

"2. A fundamentalist declares all of the Bible and all of its doctrines without apology or compromise.

"3. A fundamentalist obeys the Bible by separating from all religious affiliations which deny or compromise the fundamentals of the Faith.

"4. A fundamentalist exposes and opposes all who remain in affiliation with and support of error. He is a defender of and contender for the Faith."

"Fetal Pain" Statue Sought in Florida

A bill reflecting the growing scientific evidence that unborn children can feel pain, possibly as early as eight weeks, has passed a Florida State Senate Committee.

The second statute of its kind in the country, the bill states that the physician, before performing an abortion, "shall inform the woman...that an analgesic or anesthetic is available to abolish or alleviate pain caused to the fetus by the procedure."

In Florida, ironically, there are current regulations requiring painless methods for killing cats and dogs.

The Senate Health and Rehabilitation Services (HRS) Committee voted 5 to 3 to send the bill sponsored by Sen. (Doctor) William Myers to the full Senate after viewing videotapes of fetus movements. However, without hearing any testimony, the House HRS Committee defeated the House version of the bill sponsored by Rep. Daniel Webster.

The first "fetal pain" statute, passed by the Illinois legislature in 1979, and enjoined by a federal appeals court in 1980, has been remanded to a district court for further factfinding.

Several women have now submitted affidavits in the *Charles v. Carey* case in which the court ruled that giving information about fetal pain to abortion patients was meaningless, stating they would not have had abortions if they had known their child was alive and capable of feeling pain.

This surely should jolt those "on-the-fence" that abortion is murder of a sensitive, feeling human being.

--Christian Inquirer

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in so doing thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

I Timothy 4:16

NEW KING JAMES VERSION *Continued from Page 2* WEAKNESSES

However, the weaknesses of the *NKJV* far outweigh any improvements over the *KJV*; so much so, in fact, that fundamentalists would undermine their namesake by accepting the *NKJV* as their Bible. What are these detrimental weaknesses?

1. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because Ussher's chronology is omitted. While Fundamentalists may differ with the exact years of some of Ussher's dates, the chronological tables of Genesis 5 and 11 demand a literal and consecutive interpretation (at least that is how Jude the Fundamentalist interpreted up to Enoch), giving a 4000-5000 BC creation date. Until Darwin, Fundamentalists upheld a very recent creation.

2. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because certain bodily functions have been given euphemisms to enhance public reading (I Sam. 25:22, 34; I Kings 16:11; 21:21; etc.). However, this often obscures the grammatical and historical message of the original; after all, it is God's Word. It must be remembered, that not all of the Bible is conducive to public reading. If, for instance, the Song of Solomon were made euphemistically acceptable for congregational reading, would the message be the Lord's?

3. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because of the omission of certain archaic words. Some of these are "unicorn," "charger," "carriages," "sod," "trow," "fetched a compass," etc. Yet, do not "archaic" words serve to teach the literary and religious history of the English language. Regardless of Bible translation, the serious Bible student will have to consult the dictionary, Bible or otherwise, for the meaning of some words. Moreover, a final objection must be considered concerning the removal of archaic words; when will the words of the *NKJV* become obsolete, and what will replace it -- the *New, New KJV*?

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CAUSE FOR CONCERN *Continued from Page 4* Christian School Sued

A former teacher at a Christian school is suing the institution for \$200,000 because it dismissed her for marrying a Jewish man.

Rebecca Groner, 28, was asked to resign her position at Baymonte Christian School in California, in August 1982, two months after her marriage to botanist Leonard Groner.

"It had nothing to do with his Jewishness; it had to do with his personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ," said Baymonte Superintendent Louis Mann. "Neither I nor the school have any animosity towards Jews. We are not anti-Semitic in any form."

VIEWS ON LARRY McDONALD'S DEATH

The September 2 St. Louis Post Dispatch reports in a story on the Soviet attack on the South Korean airliner:

"Two ultra-conservatives charged that the attack had been aimed at U.S. Rep. Larry P. McDonald, D.Ga., who took over as chairman of the John Birch Society earlier this year.

"Donald G. Crowell, a chapter leader of the John Birch Society in New London, Mo., said he had no doubt that the Soviet Union shot down the aircraft to kill McDonald.

" 'This is nothing but terrorism in disguise,' Crowell said. 'In order to get Congressman McDonald, the Soviets don't mind killing 200 or 500 others. Congressman McDonald was our government's expert on Soviet terrorism, and they knew it.'

"Phyllis Schlafly, a lawyer in Alton and president of the Eagle Forum, said it was no coincidence that the plane shot down was carrying McDonald.

" 'Larry McDonald was the leading anti-Communist in Congress,' Mrs. Schlafly said. 'It looks like the downing of the plane is a very deliberate thing.'

"She said the United States 'should lodge the strongest kind of protest' short of military retaliation. She also called for an end to the nuclear arms talks, calling them 'a complete waste of time.'

"Crowell said he would suggest that the U.S. government 'stop all aid and trade to the Soviets--every nickel of it. The missile that downed that plane was developed from our own technology.' "

ON THE "CULTURAL MANDATE"

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones, late pastor of Westminster Chapel in London, said in 1980: "I disagree entirely with the 'social and cultural mandate' teaching and its appeal to Genesis 1:28. It seems to me to forget completely the Fall. You can't Christianize the world . . . I believe the Christian people--but not the church--should get involved in politics and in social affairs. The Kingdom task of the church is to save men from the wrath to come by bringing them to Christ . . . The main function of politics, culture and all these things is to restrain evil. They can never do an ultimately positive work. Surely the history of the world demonstrates that."

Dr. G. Archer Weniger, in the February 17, 1981 issue of his *Blu-Print*, commented on this statement: "A number of Cultural Mandate adherents are enthusiastic supporters of the Moral Majority program, because it provides them with a program of action to reach their dreamy objective."

FALWELL ON THE POPE

The *National Catholic Register* for May 9, 1982 featured an interview with Jerry Falwell. A portion of it dealt with Falwell's view of the Pope:

Register: What do you think about the current pontiff, John Paul II?

Falwell: I say about him what I say about Ronald Reagan. I think they are the greatest (men) in my lifetime. I look upon the Pope as a man of great courage; the fight for freedom in Poland is an outgrowth of the Pope's own commitment to freedom. The Pope came to America; the

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WITNESSING TO CATHOLICS

by Evangelist Don Wilson

PART I

"Don't you ask your friends to pray for you?" challenged a Catholic friend when I asked why he prayed to Mary. Naturally, I replied that I do. He insisted that this was all he did when he prayed to Mary. But then he appealed that she is the closest to our Lord and has great influence as His mother, concluding that it was quite intelligent to obtain her intercessory attention.

While this sounds very innocent, no real parallels exist. First, because the friends upon whom I call for prayer are alive on this earth, and Mary is not. Second, because Mary is never pictured with the Father and Son in Heaven, but rather her body awaits resurrection in the grave. Third, because her relationship as Jesus' mother ceases with His physical incarnation. She is not the mother of the eternal-Son of God! Since God is "no respecter of persons," Mary can neither hear nor answer anyone's prayers.

The traditions of Romanism contradict God's Word, and the winning of Catholic people, like all others, required individual repentance. If they are to turn from their evil religion, they must see the evil in their religion. However, the problem this poses is astronomical, since it becomes necessary for the soul-winner to expose the teaching of their church while attempting to win them to the Saviour. Perhaps the reason so many Catholics who respond to a gospel invitation never leave the Catholic church is the "easy believism" methods of some soul-winners. While the soul-winner cannot work repentance in anyone, he is responsible to explode the anti-Christ doctrine while he wisely and compassionately leads the subject to Christ.

As long as the subject believes that his church's teachings supersede those of the Lord, there is no possibility of his salvation though he may respond to a gospel invitation. The apostle confirms this saying: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Whenever "tradition" usurps Revelation there is a conspicuous absence of faith.

This article would blend the positive with the negative so persuasively that the door would not close to the soul-winner, but more importantly, that the power of the gospel and of the Spirit might be enabled to work in convicting the sinner. Persuasion is desirable to convince the subject, but power is absolute in order for his conviction. In this day of superficiality, the soul-winner must pray for the convicting power of God.

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American media tried to put words in his mouth, but he ignored them totally. He addressed abortion here like he does at home; he addressed homosexuality; he addressed the problem of ordination of women. And he didn't cut any corners regardless of whether people agreed with him not. He told it like it was. He could care less what Cronkite thought of him.

Register: Catholics and conservative Protestants share a common reverence for tradition. Why aren't you, Dr. Falwell, a Catholic?

Falwell: I first heard the Gospel of Christ from Dr. Charles E. Fuller. I listened to him through high school and college; my mother would turn him on Sunday mornings, knowing we would not get up to turn it off. When I heard Dr. Fuller preach, it was foreign to me; and I didn't know Catholic from Protestant, just that he was preaching the Gospel. I had no religious background before that. When I decided to accept Christ as my personal Savior, it happened that I made my public decision in the Baptist church of this city; it is for that reason at that time that I became a Baptist. Then I was sent by my pastor to a Baptist Bible college.

Now there are some differences between Roman Catholics and conservative Protestants. But we must first go back to conservative Roman Catholicism because Catholics have the same problem that Protestants have today: They have their Father Drinans and Father Hesburghs, just as we have our Sloane Coffins. Both conservative Catholics and Protestants would accept the inerrancy of Scripture, the deity of Jesus Christ, the new birth experience. But Roman Catholics would give more importance to tradition than we would; they would yield more authority to the Pope than would be accorded to any one person in the Baptist Church; the Catholics believe more than we do in the one, true Church; lastly they look on the Virgin Mary with greater honor than we would.

This is an example of how a preacher's message is "watered-down" when he has to start being "diplomatic" and "careful" about what he says. Of course, if Dr. Falwell had told the truth about the Pope, he wouldn't have gotten the interview printed. So much for "fearlessly proclaiming the truth."

THE PSEUDO-EVALUATIONS OF DOBSON AND HINDSON

by Homer Massey

When one writes a critique or evaluation it is customary to go to the origin of the item discussed and to examine the proposition put forth, the statements made and thus "take it apart." This is the honest and fair approach, one taken by reasonable men. Ed Dobson and Ed Hindson, however, examine a topic quite differently, as evidenced by their "Who Are The Real Pseudo-Fundamentalists?" in the June 1983 issue of the *Fundamentalist Journal*.

Their presentation of "Pseudo-Fundamentalism" bears no resemblance to any statement, paper, resolution or article ever written on the question. It is a "straw man" they set up,

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then shoot down with their own contrived answers. They do themselves and their readers a disservice by (1) failing to quote the originators of the term and by (2) misrepresenting the intended usage of it.

THE USE OF "LABELS"

The article begins with a brief discussion of "ecclesiastical labels," for which Dobson and Hindson express disdain. They curiously keep referring to them as "additives." Since when has "Bible-believing" become an "additive"? Or "pro-life"? Or "anti-pornography"? Or "separatist"? These are not additives; they are the warp and woof of the Bible truth for this age.

It is strange indeed that a magazine that bears one of these "labels" should poke fun at the use of them. Stranger still is the empty, artificial treatment of one of these labels by men who represent themselves as being journalists, but who have not done their homework.

ORIGIN OF "PSEUD-FUNDAMENTALISM"

Some of the labels used in identifying issues and movements have been originated by those to whom the label applies. The prime example is "new evangelicalism" which has been most suitably defined by the originator of the term, Harold J. Ockenga (Introduction to **The Battle for the Bible**, by Harold Lindsell).

The term "pseudo-fundamentalism" was popularized in a pamphlet by the same name written by Bob Jones Jr. In it he acknowledged that the term originated with Rod Bell, president of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. The "label" was first used publicly by Dr. Bell in a Congress on Fundamentalism held the last week of October in 1977, but it had come up earlier that week during a meeting of the resolutions committee. Those of us present recall John McCormick using the term to describe what we were discussing: false fundamentalists.

A definition of the term is inherently simple, but Ed Dobson and Ed Hindson managed to complicate it by "going around the elbow to reach the nose."

FALLACIES OF THE DOBSON/HINDSON DEFINITION

The first fallacy is elementary: They resorted to secondary dictionary definition of "pseudo" in a weak effort to discredit use of the term. A primary definition would be "pretended; sham; false," from the *Reader's Digest Encyclopedic Dictionary*. It is virtually the same in other dictionaries. Dobson and Hindson came up with things such as "not corresponding to reality," then played on those words.

Next, their reference to "Pseudo: A Biblical Perspective" does not even apply. None of us have ever used "pseudo-fundamentalist" to describe "false Christianity." To be sure, there was in Paul's day and is today a false Christianity, but that is not the issue here. In utilizing the term we do not question whether men are saved or not, or whether they are heretics or not. We question whether or not they are *separatists*.

Separation was and is the first distinguishing mark of Fundamentalism. (The second is the exposure of error and compromise). Those not practicing Biblical separation have no right to claim the label "Fundamentalist."

This brings us to the final fallacy of Dobson's and Hindson's evaluation, "Pseudo: A Historical Perspective." Their use of the worn-out argument that fundamentalism is no more than "five fundamentals" is disappointing. Again they misapply the label "pseudo-fundamentalist" to those who reject the five doctrines. When did anyone who denies the Virgin Birth, the substitutionary atonement, the bodily resurrection, the literal return of Christ or the inspiration of the Bible, ever claim to be a fundamentalist? *Never!* How then could one who denies these "five" be a "pseudo (false) fundamentalist"? He could not.

The reason Dobson's and Hindson's logic falls apart is the they have missed the point entirely. Fundamentalism certainly embraces these "five cardinal doctrines" but **one is not a fundamentalist simply because he accepts them**. Many Catholics accept them. Most charismatics will stand by them. Billy Graham believes them. New evangelicals accept them. Some cults teach them. But few if any of these people would want to be known as a "fundamentalist."

THE REAL "HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE" OF THE FIVE FUNDAMENTALS

These five essentials were never intended to define a movement which came to be known as "Fundamentalism." They were rather put forth as an "irreducible minimum" to distinguish between true Christianity and apostate Christianity. To take them to be the only unit of measurement for a Fundamentalist is not historically correct.

What *did* characterize the early Fundamentalists? They were *fighters*. They stood up to the denominational hierarchy and schools when they drifted into liberalism. They protested. They withdrew. They debated the evolutionists and Bible-deniers. They not only believed the "five fundamentals," they also believed that they should "come out from among" and "mark" those who did not.

They were activist *separatists*. They refused to join with the same apostate denominations they had left in order to support Billy Graham's crusades. They refused to "infiltrate" the denominations or to "dialogue" with the liberals. They were adamant in their separation from brethren who consistently compromised the principles of separation found in the Bible. They were willing to bear the stigma of being a Fundamentalist when the new evangelicals and ecumenical evangelists were leaving them and ridiculing them. They rejected the new evangelical philosophy that "the end justifies the means."

"WHAT, THEN, IS A PSEUDO-FUNDAMENTALIST?"

A pseudo-fundamentalist is, simply, a "false fundamentalist." Not just a "false Christian" as Ed Dobson and Ed Hindson worked so hard to misdefine, but rather *one who claims to be a fundamentalist but who rejects the first distinguishing mark of Fundamentalism, which is SEPARATION*.

The smokescreens, straw men and secondary dictionary definitions used by Dobson and Hindson are all too obvious efforts to justify Jerry Falwell and Company's abandonment of separatism. By appearing to discredit those who expose them, they hope to silence them.

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of danger. Asa, king of Judah, made a league with Syria when attacked by the king of Israel and was rebuked by the prophet, "Because thou has relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand." (II Chronicles 16:7) Over and over again, the Israelites offended the Lord by doubting His love and demeaning His power. They rejected the arm of Omnipotence and leaned on the arm of flesh. Isaiah warned, "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help..., but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord." (Isaiah 31:1) It may seem a small thing to turn to the enemies of God for deliverance. It may even seem wise, prudent and sensible, but disobedience is never wise.

THINKING IT THROUGH

A distinction should be made between compromising with the enemies of God and functioning in a secular society. We share common goals with other citizens regardless of their religious affiliation and work together for the common good. We have every right to use the privileges of citizenship to our advantage in our defense. The Apostle Paul appealed to Caesar on the basis of his Roman citizenship and defended himself before magistrates with strong logic and political maneuvering. On one occasion, he wisely took advantage of a standing controversy between Sadducees and Pharisees to create a breach and put them in complete disarray. His defense before Felix was masterful as he courteously entreated the pagan governor and out-duelled the orator Tetullis in a war of words. As citizens, we have every right to seek the assistance of our elected officials regardless of their religious affiliation. They have the responsibility to represent us and it is not an unequal yoke if they stand with us on the basis of their government position.

A CAUTION

All of us need to be cautioned not to seek conflict and to respond to harrassment with Christian patience and courtesy. It is important to speak with the boldness of Peter, "...Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:19 and 20) But we must be reminded of Paul's words, "...not a brawler." (I Timothy 3:3) At this point in the conflict, it may seem exciting to shoot from the hip and to flare up with strong rhetoric, but when the smoke clears, we may find that we have been out-gunned. Court cases and legislation aimed at religious freedom can have a far-reaching effect and touch all other Christian works in this country.

CLOSING RANKS

The threat we face is serious and it will become increasingly important for Bible-believers to cooperate

in defense of liberty. Not all fundamentalists fellowship in the same circles. Our friendships and loyalties are often determined by cultural, geographical, personal preference and other circumstances that have nothing to do with doctrinal purity. This is perfectly acceptable, but a difficulty does arise when one group yields to the temptation of enhancing their position by criticizing and failing to come to the other group's aid in times of need.

When Eldad and Medad prophesied in the camp, Joshua saw it as a threat to Moses and said, "My Lord Moses, forbid them," but Moses replied, "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!" (Numbers 11:26-29) Moses recognized that not everyone the Lord used was in his inner circle. Our Lord Jesus taught His disciples the same important lesson when John complained, "Master, we saw one casting out a devil in their name, and he followed not us: and we forbid him, against us is on our part." (Mark 9:38, 40)

We should not mute the cry of fundamentalism against apostasy, nor dull the sharp cutting edge of God's Word against hypocrisy. We simply must not cut off good brethren. It will become more apparent as the plot thickens that we need each other.

The early Christians had little political influence, but they had power with God. They got together on their knees and enlisted the aid of the Almighty. They prayed, endured and keep on preaching, evangelizing, winning souls, establishing churches, and "turned the world upside down" for Christ. God bless their memory, their example, their faithfulness. May the same mantle of grace endue us in these days of conflict.

**THE PSEUDO-EVALUATIONS
OF DOBSON AND HINDSON**
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"ADDITIVES?"

Two statements in the article are frightening. Dobson and Hindson said, "a pseudo-fundamentalist is not only one who denies the fundamentals, he is also one who adds to the fundamentals." Then, "they are those who have added their personal preferences to the fundamentals..."

Once again, one must question a position that says the only essentials for believers are "five" in number. Surely the "whole counsel of God" is larger than that. Who in his omniscience among men has finally determined that there are only five dogmatic affirmations in the Bible?

Certainly no one should make a "test of fellowship" out of some personal preference which is not Biblically-based, but the fact that some do so is no justification for disobedience. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (I Samuel 15:22) Our Lord Himself said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15) We are responsible to obey the clear Word of God--all of it. This includes the doctrines of separation. To delete obedience to them makes one a "pseudo-fundamentalist."

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SEPARATISTS OF THE PAST

“...be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”

I Corinthians 15:58



ENCOURAGING SEPARATISM
by
Homer Massey

We should learn lessons from history. As Fundamentalists desiring to honor Jesus Christ in service and in obedience, we learn from principles and examples given in the Bible. As believers before us learned from their application of Biblical principles to situations facing them, we in turn can learn much from their experience. We ought to do a better job as separatists because they blazed a trail for us to follow.

In the **FBF News Bulletin** we will be featuring some of these “forerunners” from time to time. Our goal is to encourage separatism in these days by showing that well-known men of God did the same in their day.

SPURGEON: EXAMPLE OF A SEPARATIST
When Charles Haddon Spurgeon rocked the Baptist world in the 1880's by withdrawing from the Baptist Union of Great Britain, he did so with hardly any precedent to go on. He knew the Scriptures, and had a conscience thoroughly trained in them, but had to act almost alone. Nothing exactly like it had occurred in his day to give him an example, making his courageous actions even more noteworthy. As a separatist he provides us a shining example to follow.

HE USED HIS PULPIT
We can learn some lessons from Mr. Spurgeon. First of all, he used his **PULPIT** to proclaim the principles of
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WHAT IS THE DATE OF CHRIST'S BIRTH?

Fred G. Zaspel

This question would be much less difficult to answer if the angels, in their announcement to the shepherds, had pronounced the exact date as an annual celebration. But, of course, they did not, and we are left to research (or, should I say "conjecture"!).

The ancient Church is really no help in this regard, for she, although celebrating Christ's resurrection from her beginning (indeed, every Sunday!), did not begin to recognize Christmas until the mid fourth century. By this time, birth records (if any ever existed) were long gone.

Luke, the inspired historian, helps somewhat by naming Caesar Augustus of Rome (Luke 2:1) and Cyrenius, governor of Syria (Luke 2:2). This, along with the aid of secular history and archaeological findings (ancient Roman records, etc.), allows us to pinpoint almost the very year: about 5 B.C. (We can now determine that Herod who ruled at the time of Christ's birth died in 4 B.C.)

But what about December 25? Well, that guess is as good as any, except for one thing: winter, on the Judean hillsides, tends to be quite cold, wet, and windy--not the most likely weather for shepherds to be "in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8)! I feel safer to guess March or April; shepherds are very likely to be out all night during this time of year--lambing season, with its mild and pleasant climate.

Then why December? More yet, why the twenty-fifth of December?

Frankly, the tradition of celebrating Christmas on December 25 began as a result of the influence of paganism on Christianity. Let me explain. Roman heathen, on December 25, would have great festivities in worship of their sun god. "Christians" began to be part of the fun and games, and the Roman Church, in order to keep from "compromise" with paganism (since when was Rome concerned about that!) established "Christ's Mass to be observed on the same day. Now they could participate in the festivities and still be "Christian." (In fairness, here, I should also point out that some prefer to think that the Church established the Mass for that day as a way to "Christianize" the paganism. Rather than worshipping the sun god, according to this view, they celebrated the birth of the "Sun of Righteousness" [Malachi 4:2]. But is not this compromise with paganism as well?)

With the dwindling of Roman rule, *Natalis Invicti*, the pagan sun festivals, fell into the shadows; the Christmas custom remained. By that time it was solid tradition.

In its beginning, Christmas celebrations, and the motives behind the, may have been less than honor-

able. Does that necessarily make it wrong to celebrate the birth of our Lord? I think not; the fact that our God became flesh (whatever the date) and that in order to die for His people gives me great cause for rejoicing and celebration!

So during this Christmas season, keep your motives pure, your thoughts in the right place and centered in the right Person, and Christmas can be a time of blessing to you and yours. I trust that it will be so.

SHOULD THE "NEW KING JAMES VERSION" BE THE FUNDAMENTALIST'S BIBLE?

*by Thomas Strouse
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PART II

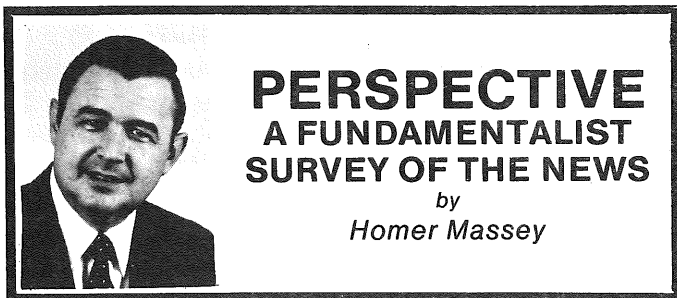
4. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because of the removal of "thee's" and "thou's;" they make a translation "King Jamish." One only needs to read the "Lord's Prayer" in the *NKJV* to be struck by the lack of majestic grandeur and beauty. To be consistent, it would seem that Bible publishers contract to produce hymnals updating the "obsolete" lyrics of classics such as "How Great Thou Art."

5. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because the partial changing of theological words is incomplete and therefore is inadequate. The substitution of "Passover" for "Easter" is felicitous; yet how much confusion abounds, at least for superficial readers, with the retention of ecclesiastical terms such as "church" and "baptism." Yet do Fundamentalists, who Biblically define these terms, want to "throw the translation out with the ecclesiastical bathwater?"

6. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because the *NKJV* abounds with unnecessary changes. For instance, in a popular passage such as John 3:1-21, there are at least 21 word changes. Why change "except" to "unless," "verily, verily," to "most assuredly," "whosoever" to "whoever," "sent not," to "did not send," "doeth" (doing) to "practicing," "wrought," to "done." Some of these changes add nothing to clarify the message, but they were merely made for the sake of change. Genesis 5:2 is an OT example in which the simple Hebrew sentence was not totally preserved in the *NKJV*; the translation "called them Mankind" is not as accurate as "called their name Adam," and it is totally unwarranted.

7. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because the Hebrew Masoretic Text, which Christ essentially endorsed, is questioned by the *NKJV*. Isaiah 9:3 is one example of its departure from the Traditional Text ("not" is omitted). A troublesome comment for Fundamentalists is found in the preface referring to

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The "100 Largest" List

The **Sword of the Lord** for November 4 includes the newest edition of the "100 Largest" list which provided much of the impetus for the growth of large churches over the last 15 years. The list shows that churches other than independent Baptists have grown considerably since **Christian Life** magazine first published the "largest" list 15 years ago.

Independent Baptists had over 50 of the original 100 largest; they had 27 in the latest list. They also had 5 of the top ten this year.

Besides Average Sunday School Attendance, figures were given showing the top 25 churches in Salvation Decisions, Baptism, Average Church Attendance, Church Membership and Income. First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana was the front-runner in every category except "Income," when the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas was first.

Toronto Creation/Evolution Debate Packed Out

(From the Creation Science Association of Canada, Box 34006, Vancouver, B.C. V6J4M1)

The theatre of the Royal Ontario Museum at Toronto, Ontario was packed to capacity on the evening of October 3, 1983 for a creation/evolution debate, in spite of an admission fee of \$2.50 imposed by the museum. Dr. Chris McGowan, Curator of the Department of Vertebrate Paleontology at the museum spoke for evolution and debated Dr. Earl Hallonquist, National Director of the Creation Science Association of Canada.

Dr. McGowan talked about vague generalities and ridiculed creationism, but did not give one reference. Dr. Hallonquist's address on the other hand was full of scientific references which exposed many errors in Dr. McGowan's new book entitled "In the Beginning--A Scientist Shows Why the Creationists are Wrong."

Dr. McGowan was particularly worried over a reference which Dr. Hallonquist quoted on the second law of thermodynamics from a letter in Chemical & Engineering News, July 7, 1980, page 40 which was by Dr. John Ross of Harvard University, and which stated that the "second law applies equally well to open systems." Dr. McGowan had stated in his book that the 2nd law of thermodynamics applies only to closed systems, and therefore was irrelevant to a discussion of evolution. One can understand Dr. McGowan's disconcertment, especially in view of all the

other scientific errors in his book pointed out by Dr. Hallonquist.

After the debate there was a lively question period from the audience. Most of the questions were directed to Dr. McGowan, doubting the validity of his position in view of the scientific superiority of the creationist concept, and the rapidly deteriorating status of evolutionary theory.

Sweden's Prime Minister Greets Pope in Break with Swedish Past

Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme has met with Pope John Paul II in the first encounter in more than 450 years between a Swedish government leader and a pontiff.

The pope and the premier of the overwhelmingly Protestant country talked privately for an hour about international issues including the problems of world hunger, human rights, peace and defense, Vatican sources said.

After a 456-year break in diplomatic relations brought on by the founding of the Lutheran Church in Sweden in the 16th century, the Scandinavian nation decided last year to re-establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican. Swedish Ambassador Gunnar Jungberg presented his credentials to Pope John Paul last March 24.

OPEN LETTER TO DR. JERRY FALWELL

October 7, 1983

Dr. Jerry Falwell
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Dear Jerry,

Needless to say, I, along with almost every Bible Baptist Fellowship preacher I have spoken to, am disturbed over Senator Ted Kennedy speaking at Liberty Baptist College.

I am well aware of the fact we are Independent Baptists and free to do as we please without any outside ecclesiastical interference, but associated by interdependence in a Fellowship for carrying out the great commission and educating our young people. Our names, and the names of our churches, appear in the same directory. Your school is approved by the Fellowship to which we both belong.

Jerry, according to II Thessalonians 3, I am not counting you as an enemy, but admonishing you as a brother. Thousands of young fundamental preachers look to you for leadership; and, my friend, you have led them astray.

From the depths of my heart, Jerry, I plead with you to openly and publicly apologize for this grievous error. The newspaper indicated you were persuaded by one of your advisors. That man owes you an apology.

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To influence those young people, who have been entrusted to you, with a man who is everything opposite to us, is indefensible. The state universities did it in the 60's and the kids burned down the campuses. The Southern Baptist universities did it and look where they are today — large, but tolerating liberalism.

Mr. Kennedy is Roman Catholic, but pro-abortion, pro-homosexual, a divorcee of questionable reputation. He could not receive the nomination for President because of Chappaquiddick, yet you treat him as royalty by offering him private plane service, receiving him to a standing ovation and treating him as a hero.

As I stated before, I say again, you owe every preacher in the B.B.F. and every parent of every student at Liberty Baptist College a public apology. It is not the easiest thing to do but it is the right thing to do.

If you refuse to do that, then do the honorable thing of disassociating with the Baptist Bible Fellowship.

Sincerely Yours,
Roy Thompson

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U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN?

By a simple voice vote on September 22nd, the United States Senate approved an amendment to the State Department authorization bill that would permit spending federal funds for a diplomatic mission to the Vatican. The amendment was proposed by **Senator Richard G. Lugar** of Indiana, who said that he "is proud to count as a co-sponsor of that measure (Senate 1757) along with 20 other senators."

Two of the co-sponsors are **Senators Jesse Helms** of North Carolina and **Bennett Johnston** of Louisiana, both Baptists.

Specifically, the **Lugar** amendment would repeal an 1867 prohibition on the expenditure of federal funds to support an ambassador to the Vatican. **Lugar** indicated that the U.S. maintained consular relations with the Vatican from 1797 to 1848 and had official diplomatic relations from 1848 to 1867, but did not explain that during that era the Papal states controlled central Italy as a political entity with millions of citizens.

The House-passed version of the State Department authorization bill does not contain a Vatican provision, meaning that a House/Senate conference committee will determine the future of the **Lugar** amendment.

Despite the absence of formal diplomatic relations for more than 115 years, six presidents — **Roosevelt, Truman, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan** — have named personal representatives to the Vatican.

Our senators must be reminded that efforts in the past to send an ambassador to the Vatican have not been acceptable to the majority of Americans. It has nothing to do with Catholicism, for the American people would be similarly opposed to sending ambassadors to Mecca, Salt Lake City or Nashville.

REPORT FROM THE CHRISTIAN LAW ASSOCIATION

The battles for our liberties may dramatically increase. One of our attorneys has estimated that over 2,000 churches may face litigation over the Social Security Act Amendments which become effective January 1. Pastors who resist could face up to five years in prison or sale of church assets for satisfaction of the tax.

Over twenty churches in Nebraska are operating Christian schools which have not been approved by the Department of Education. Several of the church schools are in operation despite court orders which have instructed that they cease operation or seek state approval. On October 13, Pastor Robert Gelsthorpe and CLA attorneys were in a hearing in which it was to be determined whether the Pastor was in contempt of the court's order requiring the North Platte Christian School, North Platte, Nebraska, to cease operation. After several hours of testimony, the prosecutor moved that the charge of contempt against the Pastor be dismissed. We thank God for His intervention.

The van owned by Franklin Baptist Church, Franklin, Ohio, continues to be held by the state. It was seized in August for the church's nonpayment of workers' compensation and it may be sold to satisfy the tax.

A court in Great Bend, Kansas, issued a preliminary injunction against the preschool ministry of Heritage Baptist Temple, pastored by Rick Carter. However, the court has allowed the preschool ministry to remain open until the trial since spankings will be administered by the parents.

Pastor and Mrs. Ron Craig of Bible Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota, and another member of that church, were arraigned in October on the criminal charge of violating the compulsory attendance laws by having their children in the unapproved Christian school ministry of that church. Trial date has not been set.

INITIAL VICTORY IN LOUISIANA

An important decision was handed down by the Louisiana Supreme Court October 17 on the question of the constitutionality of the state's Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act. The court ruled that the law, which required the teaching of creation along with evolution in the public schools, is indeed constitutional. This clears the way for a later trial on the First Amendment issues and the scientific material involved.

The lead counsel in the case is Wendell R. Bird of Atlanta, an expert in First Amendment litigation. Other attorneys deputized by the state to defend the Act are Thomas T. Anderson, A. Morgan Brian, Jr. and John W. Whitehead. All of them are Christians. Funds for the expert witnesses and attorneys are provided by the Creation Science Legal Defense Fund which in turn will raise the money by voluntary contributions. The cost is expected to be at least \$500,000.00.

In contrast, the ACLU has the free services of a 300-

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 member New York law firm, and practically unlimited funds.
 They spent nearly \$2 million in Arkansas.

CHARISMATIC CENSORSHIP

Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network recently refused to air The John Ankerberg Show's series on Mormonism. CBN edited out without the permission of plaining what happened. The Ankerberg Show was also removed from prime time in some sections of the U.S.

Ankerberg recently wrote: "The reason I want to sit down with Pat Robertson is because I am afraid of how some of his workers view what we are doing. For example, a pastor called us and told us of his call to Pat Robertson at CBN. Pat Robertson and Tom Rogeberg, the Vice President of Programming for the cable, were not available. He asked them to answer the question of what was going on concerning the Ankerberg program and why the Mormon series did not air. Later that day, a lady on the staff called from CBN to explain. She said, 'The show was replaced because the best way to win people to the Lord is not to criticize other people's belief.' The pastor said she went on to say, 'He (John Ankerberg) talks like they (the Mormons) are a cult.'

"From this it's evident that many Christians still believe that Mormons believe about the same as Christians do. But anyone who has looked into it knows Mormons have a different Jesus, they are polytheists, they have a different plan of salvation, and they're all trying to work toward becoming gods. That is not Christianity. Our goal in the program is to define terms so they will know specifically what the Bible says about salvation."

Liberal Protestants and Roman Catholics and charismatics with their common subjective theology are often hesitant to expose the anti-Christian nature of Mormonism and other cults.

30-CENTURY-OLD ALTAR IS LINKED TO JOSHUA

TEL AVIV, Israel — A stone altar 30 centuries old has been unearthed on a West Bank mountain where the Bible says the prophet Joshua built his altar after leading the children of Israel into the promised land.

Israeli archaeologist Adam Zartal told the Associated Press that sheep bones, ashes and a dark substance that may have been blood from ritual sacrifices were found on the 27-foot by 21-foot stone structure near the peak of the 3,100-foot Mount Ebal, a little more than a mile north of Nablus.

"We have never before found a structure of an altar from the period of the Old Testament," said Zartal, whose discovery was reported in the daily **Haaretz** newspaper and confirmed by Haifa University.

What excites archaeologists about the find made October 21 is the possibility that it was constructed by Joshua, who the Bible says blew down the walls of Jericho with a trumpet. Joshua succeeded Moses as leader of the Israelites.

Zartal said the location fit the description of Old Testament reference to an altar Joshua built on Mount Ebal. And in the book of Deuteronomy, God instructs his people build an altar of stones with chalk markings after the Israelites crossed into the holy land across the Jordan River.

If the altar is proven to be that of Joshua it would lend support to those who argue the literal nature of the Scriptures rather than their allegorical value.

"Mount Ebal is known by all accounts of the settlement of the people of Israel in the ancient land and here we have found archaeological remains that are testimony to the holiness of the site," said Professor Benjamin Mazar, 77, of Hebrew University.

Mazar, who helped Zartal in research on the project financed by the government and Haifa University, is one of Israel's most respected archaeologist.

He said further research was needed to establish the link with Joshua.

"There is no doubt that this is a very significant holy site but it still needs further archaeological and biblical research, Mazar told the AP in a telephone interview."

Both archaeologists said the site dated from the 12th century B.C., based on ceramic pottery found at the scene and subjected to a carbon dating test.

Zartal said the stone structure and two adjacent open courtyards could give insights into the rituals and religious practices of the ancient Israelites. Excavations have been under way for a year on the three-quarter acre site near the mountain peak. It is a restricted area controlled by the Israeli army.

Zartal, a resident of Kibbutz Ein Shemer south of the port city of Haifa, is a doctoral student who has specialized in the wanderings of the Menashe Tribe of Israel.

The tribe is said by the scriptures to have settled in what is now the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967. Three years ago, Zartal uncovered the site of an ancient city named Narbata that dated back 3,000 years to the period of King Solomon.

PHYSICIST LOCATES HEROD'S TOMB

A California physicist believes he has located the tomb of Herod the Great deep within the base of an ancient tower in the Judean hills south of Jerusalem.

If the discovery proves true it would be a major archeological find and the first attributable to sophisticated new equipment which can "see" through earth and stone.

Herod the Great, who lived 73 B.C. to 4 A.D., is known as the ruler who ordered the slaughter of infant boys in Bethlehem in an attempt to thwart the predicted Messiah. He is also known as builder of the Second Temple at Jerusalem and other major works, including the spectacular fortress at Herodium, where he is thought to be buried.

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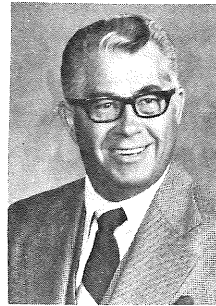
the OT text used: "The Septuagint (Greek) Version of the OT and the Latin Vulgate were consulted." This statement opens the door to respecting penultimate authorities which Christ did not uphold.

8. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because of its objectionable footnotes. The NT was translated from the Greek Received Text of Scrivener, and footnotes are given where the Alexandrian and Majority Texts disagree.. This is objectionable for at least two reasons. First, often the footnotes cite variants which give credence to Arian readings. For instance, "only begotten God" (Jn. 1:18) can be traced back to the tampering of the heretic Valentinus, and therefore this variant should not be given as a possible option. One should ask, if in doubt about this being an Arian reading, a Jehovah's Witness if Christ is the "only begotten God." In John 3:13, no fundamentalist objects to Christ's ubiquity, even during His earthly ministry; why give ear to the Arian's denial by suggesting the omission of "which is in heaven"? No Fundamentalist, knowing the strong textual support for the KJV treatment of Mk. 16: 9-20 and I Tim. 3:16, should suggest the lack of authenticity for these passages to unsuspecting and untrained believers. This leads to a second objection; the editors state "that the use of footnotes would encourage further inquiry by reader." They also recognized that it was "easier for the average reader to delete something he or she felt was not properly a part of the text, than to insert a word or phrase which had been left out by the revisers" (p. 1235). Since when have Fundamentalists regarded the subjectivism of the "average reader" to dictate the content of "thus saith the Lord"? If Fundamentalist leaders allow the practice of that "editor's conviction" in their churches, the Bible will be in subjection to the authority of man's mind. Woe be unto Fundamentalism!

9. The Fundamentalist should reject the *NKJV* because it impedes personal memorization of the Scripture. So many passages are changed that the believer merely memorizes the concept of the passage, and not the propositional truths. Fundamentalists have long rejected the conceptual theory of inspiration, when will we denounce the conceptual theory of memorization necessitated by so many "new" translations?

CAUTION

If the *NKJV* translation committee is committed to the base text of the KJV, but not to the KJV translation, why not produce a new translation from the TR (which they essentially have done), and so name it? The *NKJV* has benefited from the popularity and respect of the KJV while undermining God's Word. Should this be the Fundamentalist's Bible? The answer may be summer up in the Fundamentalist's watchword: "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" (Prov. 22:28).



WITNESSING TO CATHOLICS

by Evangelist Don Wilson

PART II

Perhaps the most basic Catholic belief is that infant baptism does away with original sin. The soul-winner must be thoroughly convicted that "the blood of Jesus Christ (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7), and not the waters of baptism, before he can sympathetically unveil the teaching of John 3 to the subject who believes that Jesus' word in verse 5 for "water" actually means baptism.

The first approach to expose this error should be contextual emphasis. Nicodemus, having heard he must be "born-again," interpreted the Lord's teaching to mean that he should be born a second time physically of his mother. However, Jesus employed specific terms to render such an interpretation impossible. He said: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Now the problem requires a word study from the original language to prove that being born of water is not the same as being baptized. Whenever God refers to baptism, He employs a derivative from the root Greek word, BAPTO, which means simply "to dip under"; however, the word for "water" here is HUDATOS, which means nothing more than water. If we are to believe God rather than men, it is necessary to conclude that God had here no reference to baptism at all.

Verse 6 clarifies in English God's meaning. Jesus declared: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." Since this passage contextually deals with a sinner about salvation and not with a saint about sanctification, and since our Lord Himself here parallels "water" with "flesh," we necessarily conclude that by using the term "water" Jesus referred to the biological function in the body of a human mother before she gives birth, and that the *second birth*, or being "born again," is being born by the Spirit of God with which no human has a part.

At this point the soul-winner shows his subject the great need for personal salvation by trusting in the shed blood of Christ rather than in a sacrament devised by man. A good way to draw this distinction is by the use of John 1:1,14 showing that Christ is Himself the "Word" and then transferring this truth to the teaching of Peter saying: "Being born again, not by corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which

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liveth and abideth forever" (I Peter 1:23).

Closely attached in the sacramental system of Rome is the idea that having been "confirmed," which, according to Rome, makes conscious what happened supernaturally at "baptism," and then participation in "confession" and "penance" makes the communicant ready to receive the "Eucharist" by which his sins are absolved; however, the soul-winner knows that the Catholic idea of confession is foreign to Revelation. Since Scripture teaches that, "*There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*" (I Timothy 2:5), the Catholic priest has neither the right nor the authority, Scripturally, to intercede for men before God; the penance he assigns is also a contradiction since God's Word teaches, "*But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness*" (Roman 4:5). Now the soul-winner should make clear that as sinners there is nothing man can do that would please a sinless God. He should emphasize that word in Isaiah 64:6 that, "*All of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags,*" in God's sight.

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Lambert Dolphin, a geophysicist with SRI International, said that during this summer his seven-member team working at Herodium found a secret chamber in the base of a large, otherwise solid tower. He said he believes this is the long-sought tomb of Herod.

"The very large tower on the top of the mountain, previously thought to be solid, has a chamber in it, and there should be no chamber in it at all. There is no other reason for the chamber," the scientist said.

Dolphin said he believes Herod "was probably trying to conceal his tomb, and the tower was a good place to conceal a chamber.. There is no entrance."

He said the chamber, estimated to be 8 or 10 feet in diameter, is concealed 15 feet within the tower, which is 60 feet in diameter.

The mysterious room in the Herodian tower was located by the use of high technology devices built at SRI, an organization which carries out extensive research for the Department of Defense and other clients.

The instruments used by the SRI team included rock-penetrating radar, sonar devices and electrical seismic resistivity equipment similar to that used by oil and mineral prospectors.

Prof. Ehud Netzer, of Hebrew University, has been digging at Herodium for the past 10 years in search of the tomb where Herod is said to have been buried amid gold and crowns after a funeral procession from Jericho, where he died.

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M. R. DeHAAN ON SEPARATION

"Without fear of successful contradiction we are to say that the greatest need of the Church today is a company of separated saints who will refuse steadfastly to be swayed by the world's program or the visible church's apostasy. No greater blight has ever beset the Church of Jesus Christ than the blight of compromise and conformity to the world and its program. We are a redeemed people, a peculiar people and an holy nation. We are to shine as lights in the world and firmly refuse to bow before the gods of compromise and worldly standards. The line of difference and demarcation between the Church and the world has almost been wiped out, and those few of Christ's followers who dare to be different and refuse to go along with the crowd are so small in number that they are looked upon as odd and peculiar, and even fanatical and narrow-minded.

"It does cost something to be different and separate, but it is the only way which leads to the highest reward. The whole Bible pleads for a life and walk of separation among believer." (*Daniel the Prophet*, pages 38-39)

NEW DATA CALLED 'DEVASTATING' TO THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

New evidence described as "absolutely devastating" to the theory of evolution was reported here at the 1983 National Creation Conference.

Dr. Carl E. Baugh said an archaeological find of human footprints next to dinosaur footprints in the Puluxy River Valley near Glen Rose, Texas, was physical evidence supporting the theory of creation. He said the discovery refutes the claim of evolutionists who say man appeared on Earth some 70 to 140 million years later than the dinosaur.

Barry Setterfield of Australia said another finding refuting evolution has to do with the velocity of light and the age of the universe. Since it has been found that the speed of light diminishes over distance, it can be demonstrated that Earth and the universe are relatively young, about 6,000 years, he said.

Mr. Setterfield said that creation is not a "side issue" for the church to deal with, but "the main issue."

"If there is no creation, there's no Creator and no moral responsibility," he explained. "For that matter, there's no sin. All sorts of evil will be permissible. If you throw out creation, you might as well throw out the whole New Testament.

The Rev. Paul A. Bartz, executive editor of the Bible-Science Newsletter, said one of the purposes of the conference was to equip the church to "give intelligent arguments to (answer) evolutionists."

"There is scientific evidence for creation," he said. "People need more education on creation than Adam and Eve behind a bush."

The conference was held at Northwestern College here with about 275 persons attending.

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Biblical separation:

"I have often prayed that I might be able to say at the last what George Fox could so truly say: 'I am clear, I am clear!' It is my highest ambition to be clear of the blood of all men. I have preached God's truth, so far as I know it, and I have not been ashamed of its peculiarities. That I might not stultify my testimony I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them." (Message entitled "No Compromise," preached on Sunday morning, October 7, 1888 at the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle.)

Notice that Mr. Spurgeon said he had not only separated from those who err, but also **"those who associate with them."** He hadn't heard of the modern-day un-Biblical loophole called "second-degree separation." Also he fulfilled his obligation to **inform his people** about his actions and to give them the Scriptural basis for his separation.

HE USED HIS PAPER

Second, he **used his PAPER** to teach and illustrate separation: In a series of articles in **The Sword and the Trowel** in the late 1880's Mr. Spurgeon dealt with what came to be known as **"The Downgrade Controversy."** He was concerned about the toleration of heresy among the Baptists of his day, particularly within the Baptist Union. Spurgeon pointed to the insidious ways in which heresy creeps into churches, and warned that such was a present danger in England.

He first wrote in general terms, then specifically named the Baptist Union. From March until October of 1887 he wrote several articles dealing with the declension in doctrine, paving the way for the action he knew sooner or later he had to take. To "smoke out" the compromise, he requested that the Union adopt a basic doctrinal statement. When that was rejected Spurgeon withdrew from it, in October of 1887.

The reasons were spelled out in **The Sword and the Trowel:**

"Believers in Christ's atonement are now in declared union with those who make light of it: believers in Holy Scripture are in confederacy with those who deny plenary inspiration: those who hold evangelical doctrine are in open alliance with those who call the fall a fable, who deny the personality of the Holy Ghost, who call justification by faith immoral, and hold that there is another probation after death.... Yes, we have before us the wretched spectacle of professedly orthodox Christians publicly avowing their union with those who deny the faith, and scarcely concealing their contempt for those who cannot be guilty of such gross disloyalty to Christ. To be very plain, we are unable to call these Christian

Unions, they begin to look like Confederacies in Evil....

It is our solemn conviction that where there can be no real spiritual communion there should be no pretence of fellowship. Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin."

By thus using his paper, Mr. Spurgeon was educating a good number of his members, his preaching students and his followers. The pseudo-fundamentalists of our day disdain the use of church papers in exposing error and compromise, but they nonetheless have been effective in alerting God's people and clarifying actions taken which otherwise might be misunderstood. We are in good company with Mr. Spurgeon in this.

HE USED HIS POWER

Finally, we may learn from Mr. Spurgeon that a preacher has **POWER** through his influence and example. He exercised this power by standing firm on his position even though he was misrepresented and scolded by many preachers. Even through the infamous events surrounding the "censure" of him at the City Temple meeting of the Union (January 18, 1888), he stood like a beacon in the midst of a stormy sea. His brother seconded the motion against him. Many former "friends" rejoiced that he was "put in his place."

But through his power to influence men and provide for them an example, many others began to see that he was right. His church stood by him. He reorganized the fellowship of graduates of his college — called the Pastor's College Conference — with a stronger "new basis." 430 out of 496 approved the new plan and stood with God's man.

Mr. Spurgeon didn't let up, either. In March of 1888 the London Baptist Association, which he helped found and had served as president, refused to adopt an orthodox statement of belief. Spurgeon resigned. "I hear you are in hot water again," said a friend. "Oh, no," he answered, "it is the other fellows who are in the hot water. I am the stoker, the man who makes the water boil."

STOKERS NEEDED

The water is beginning to boil now, as preachers see that what we of the "lunatic fringe" have been warning of for several years now, is true after all. Compromise is beginning to bear fruit and leaders who have been silent are finally speaking out. Some are even taking definite action to separate from Jerry Falwell, the latter-day ecumenical evangelist.

We encourage every Fundamental preacher to **use his pulpit, to use his paper** and to **exercise his power** to influence God's people to separate from error and compromise. *"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." (Ezekiel 33:7)*