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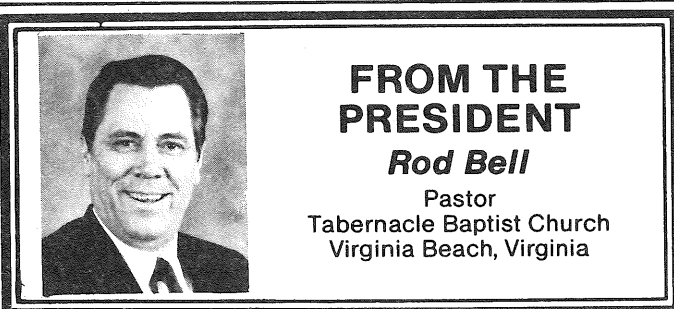


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New Full-Time Executive Director — Rev. H. C. Cofty **1985 Directory Being Compiled • Pillsbury to Host National Meeting**



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Bell

Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

In this issue you will find various listings covering the following: **Regional Meetings**, speakers for the **National Meeting** in June, and dates and places where our **Executive Director** will be during the next few months.

I would like to encourage you to take advantage of these meetings which are near you. You will be encouraged and challenged by the fellowship and preaching and your presence will be an encouragement to other preachers.

Plan especially to attend the **National Meeting**. Our host this year will be the folks of Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, Minnesota. The dates are June 11 -13, and the list of speakers is outstanding: *Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm*, chancellor of Maranatha Baptist Bible College; *Dr. R. V. Clearwaters*, retired pastor of Fourth Baptist Church in Minneapolis; *Dr. Bob Jones*, chancellor of Bob Jones University; *Dr. Monroe Parker*, long-time evangelist and Bible conference speaker;

Dr. Clinton Branine, president of Indiana Baptist College; *Dr. Frank Bumpus*, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Illinois; and others. These men are giants in the history of Biblical separation, and each one has been greatly used of God in the training of preachers, evangelists and missionaries over the last fifty years. We hope to see you at Owatonna!

Then let me encourage you to support the ministry of Brother Chuck Cofty, our executive director. He has been in full-time service since September 1, 1984. We purchased a large motor home and he and his wife are spending two and a half months in each region meeting pastors and helping them become better acquainted with the FBF. In between the regional meetings he is available to preach and encourage preachers in various types of meetings. We are excited about Chuck's ability to preach and organize and have received many positive comments about him and the ministry of the FBF. If you would like to have him speak at your church, contact him at the FBF headquarters in Virginia Beach at 804-420-5476. If you are not yet supporting him financially, there is still a need—so ask the Lord how you can help. May God bless you in the coming months.

DIRECTORY BEING COMPILED

The home office of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship receives many requests for a list of churches and pastors in America. The last directory printed has become obsolete and we are in the process of printing a new edition. Many times our church members move to other areas and want to go to

churches who identify with the FBF. We want to be able to recommend good churches to folks and an updated directory will provide this information. If you wish to be listed in the FBF directory, please read the doctrinal statement, sign the form at the bottom and return it to the home office. **Please return this form even if you have signed a doctrinal statement within the last year.** ALL LISTINGS in the directory will be made from these returned forms.

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Reasons for being identified with the F.B.F. and listed in the new directory — because of our:

- A. **POSITION**—Baptist, historical fundamentalism, separated.
- B. **POSTURE**—evangelistic and militant.
- C. **PREACHING**—emphasizing the need for preaching in our churches.
- D. **PUBLICATIONS**—The bi-monthly *News Bulletin*, information.
- E. **PLANTING CHURCHES**—local, national and international.
- F. **PROMOTING FELLOWSHIP**—The F.B.F. is not an association or convention, it is a group of pastors, missionaries, evangelists, etc. bound together in the bond of the common faith.
- G. **PURPOSE**—To have a national voice for biblical fundamentalism, and earnestly content for the faith! It is a militant, biblical Baptist fellowship. It is to be:

1. **Inspirational**—Emphasizing preaching (expounding the Scripture), exposing errors, and evangelizing the lost, stirring soul-winning fires, battling and building.
2. **Informational**—Distribution of literature to inform everyone of issues, both religiously and politically. A bi-monthly *News Bulletin* packed with current information on the religious scene today, trends, issues. Radio, etc.
3. **Instructional**—Taking definite steps to raise up a standard against apostasy and compromise, (new-evangelicalism, pseudo-fundamentalism, the charismatic movement as well as modernism and liberalism) and starting Baptist churches, and by being informed with the political arena.
4. **Individual**—Fellowship of individuals (not churches). It is NOT a convention or association.

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Manifesto on Biblical Separation

WHEREAS, the Word of the living God of Heaven, has a clear-ringing call to the believer in our Lord Jesus to walk in separation from a satanic world system which is basically antagonistic to God, to the Word of God, and to the born-again people of God; and which fashions, habits, purposes and tastes, and

WHEREAS, this call to separation is taught in the Word of God as a doctrine, consistently pictured and commanded in Old and New Testaments alike and is no more open to choice than the doctrines of the deity of Christ, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection, Heaven, Hell, salvation by faith, the imminent return, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Word of God contains a significant body of truth found in both the Old and New Testaments, which calls for complete severance from apostasy, unbelief, heresy, false religions, and all forms of inclusivism, or compromise therewith, and since the Word of God is clear that there can be no compatibility between righteousness and unrighteousness, between truth and error, between Christ and demonism, between faith and infidelity, between true worship and heathen idolatry, between the holy and the profane, between the clean and unclean, between those who serve God and those who serve Him not, and since evangelicals today are making common cause with the enemies of the Word of God, in willful violation of the Scriptures and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to be committed to the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:28) and ignore this large body of truth in the Scriptures, where this doctrine is taught, illustrated and commanded, and

WHEREAS, the Word of God clearly calls for the maintenance of the purity of the local church, free from the tares of unbelief, the leaven of false doctrine, and an unbiblical ecclesiasticism, along with any pattern of division and immorality, unmixed with compromising inter-church affiliations, believing that it is better to be divided by truth than to be united by error, and

WHEREAS, the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches together with all of the affiliated ecclesiastical bodies, along with the Southern Baptist Convention, have all gone into the apostasy irretrievably, beyond the point of redemption or reform, and since the acceptance of the principle of the inclusivist church characterized the ecumenical movement, the

charismatic renewal, ecumenical evangelism, evangelism in-depth crusades on foreign fields, neo-orthodoxy and New Evangelicalism, and since the real scandal of Christendom is not in its divisions and diversity, but in its apostasy, treachery and deceit, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that as we face the decade of the 80's, we declare to the world that we are separatists in spirit, action and objective, and that we solemnly promise God and His people that we will disassociate ourselves formally and forthrightly, by decisive action, from any alliance with any and all groups even remotely connected with the apostasy or a compromise position, and that we will affiliate exclusively with a fellowship of churches and individuals who are unmixed with liberals and liberalism in any form, and from those who are content to walk in fellowship with unbelief and inclusivism. In the words of an obedient servant of the Lord, we pledge that we will "not support men in authority, who, though they themselves Bible-believers, are tolerant of others in positions of trust and authority who do not so believe." We repudiate the concept of "second degree separation," which we believe is a convenient excuse to exercise tolerance toward believers who are tolerant of unbelievers in common religious endeavor. We hold that there must be no financial support, connection, recognition, or fellowship with those who are openly disobedient to the imperative command of God to walk in separation from believers who are involved in a ministry of disobedience; further be it

RESOLVED, that, while we must allow for differences in interpretation among separatists concerning areas not essential to the fundamentals of the faith (Calvinism-Arminianism, church government, etc.), we cannot carry this liberty into areas involving disobedience of clear commands of Scripture; further be it

RESOLVED, that we proclaim to the world, religious or otherwise, that we will in the best way we know how, and in the spirit of Christ, to

1. Avoid being identified in any way, directly or indirectly, with doctrinal infidelity or in any way compromise with infidelity in our affiliations, relationships, associations, and in obedience to the Scriptures "touch not the unclean thing."
2. Avoid any course of action, that will assist or promote, directly or indirectly, infidelity or unscriptural compromise, and be known as those characterized by love and loyalty to Christ and His Word.
3. Avoid building up a local church, mission society, association of churches, educational institution, conference center, or any other para-church organization, whose connections and direction make it evident that it will ultimately merge into the ecumenical movement and thus become a part of the church of the anti-Christ.
4. Renew our efforts to militantly expose unbelief, compromise and theological infection by preaching, writing, example, and prayerful action, and endeavor to stand by God's grace as a champion for the truth, rather than finding fellowship with and making common cause with the enemies of biblical truth.
5. Provide exemplary leadership toward a scriptural stand on the part of other preachers, evangelists, missionaries, educators, and other Christian leaders which will strengthen them to take a more positive stand in defense of the truth of an inerrant Bible, urging them to accept and subject themselves to the authority of the Word of God.
6. Endeavor to strengthen any group, fellowship, and association which represents the true unity of the Spirit, which gladly accepts the authority of the Bible as the Word of God, always showing a humble attitude while deepening our convictions that truth is not relative, but fixed and is represented in the Word of God itself.
7. Put our own house in order by walking in the paths of righteousness in these hours of the apostasy, so that we would be prepared on a moment's notice to step into the presence of the Saviour at His coming, standing unashamed in His presence in relation to obedience to these important Scriptures dealing with the biblical doctrine of separation. "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our Great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13

Manifesto on Evangelism and Soul-Winning

WHEREAS, Christ's commission to the church to evangelize the lost and to establish believers is clearly given to us in each of the Four Gospels as well as in the first chapter of Acts, and

WHEREAS, the command to win souls is an oft-repeated command in the Word of God, and that converts so won to Christ might be identified with a fundamental New Testament church, and

WHEREAS, God holds local churches responsible to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, Paul commanded Timothy as a young preacher to do the work of an evangelist and to lead the church he pastored to be an evangelistic and soul-winning church, and

WHEREAS, God has promised to give power by the Holy Spirit to those obedient individuals and to those obedient churches who give themselves to the ministry of witnessing to and winning those who are lost, and

WHEREAS, local churches, in order to follow the New Testament pattern, must be strongly evangelistic in their thrust and ministry, taking a positive stand for scriptural evangelism and soul-winning and trusting the Holy Spirit to use scriptural methods in preaching the Word to bring the lost to Christ; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that we place evangelism and soul-winning at the forefront of our church program. We believe that each church must challenge its members to work consistently and actively to win lost souls to Christ; further be it

RESOLVED, that we dedicate ourselves and our church ministries to the work of evangelism. We will seek God's power through His Holy Spirit so that we can go forth to lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ; further be it

RESOLVED, that we will encourage our churches to teach and preach the truth of and the necessity of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God's people need God's power through the Holy Spirit to win the lost and to train them for holy living and soul-winning; further be it

RESOLVED, that since we believe the above statements concerning evangelism, soul-winning, and the power of God, we want it understood that we believe God's commands never conflict. We will follow the directions of the Scriptures in carrying out the Great Commission, the scriptural mandate for evangelism. However, soul-winning must be carried out within the confines of the clear direction of scriptural demands concerning separation. We cannot expect God's blessing on evangelism and soul-winning programs that compromise the principles of the Word of God and that disobey scriptural commands for obedience and separation; be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage all of our churches to obey the scriptural mandate to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Therefore, we believe that the message of salvation through the blood of Christ must be given to every man, that Christ died for the whole world, and that salvation is to "whosoever that believeth." Therefore, we reject the teaching of an atonement so limited that only a select group can receive it. We believe we should give a witness of the saving grace of Christ to everyone.



Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe that the Bible is God's Word, that it was written by men divinely inspired, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

3. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, miraculous in His birth, sinless in His life, making atonement for the sins of the world by His death. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, His perpetual intercession for His people and His personal, visible return to the world according to His promise.
4. We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from God to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and comfort those who believe in Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that all men, by nature and by choice, are sinners but that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life;" we believe therefore that those who accept Christ as Lord and Saviour will rejoice forever in God's presence and those who refuse to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour will be forever separated from God.
6. We believe that a Baptist church is a congregation of believers baptized by immersion in water associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel, said church being understood to be the citadel and propagator of the divine and eternal grace; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by His Word; that its officers of ordination are pastors or elders whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; we believe the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission: first, to make individual disciples; second, to build up the church; third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order; we hold that the local church has the absolute right of self government, free from the interference of and hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.
7. We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore church and state must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other.
8. We believe in our Lord's return—a personal, visible, imminent, pretribulation rapture, and subsequent millennial enthronement, in fulfillment of His promise.

I am in agreement with the Manifesto on Biblical Separation, the Manifesto on Evangelism and Soul-Winning, and the Doctrinal Statement of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship and desire to be identified with it and listed in the directory for 1985-86.

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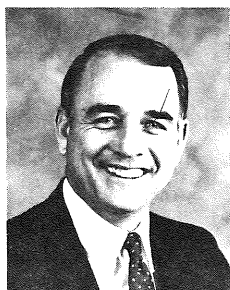
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REV. H. C. COFTY

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MID-ATLANTIC
March 1 - April 30

Dr. Allen P. Dickerson
(301) 398-3764

SOUTHEAST
May 1 - June 5

Rev. Walter Kirk
(704) 542-9990

National FBF Meeting
June 11 - 13

Pillsbury Baptist Bible College
Owatonna, Minnesota

MID-SOUTH
July 3 - August 21

Dr. Charles Britt
(901) 386-8960

NORTHEAST
September 1 - October 27

Rev. Gary Jones
(203) 521-8380

WESTERN

November 6 - December 18

Dr. James Singleton
(602) 838-5430

REGIONAL MEETINGS — 1985

SOUTHEAST REGION — May 13 - 15

Charlotte, North Carolina
South Charlotte Baptist Church
Rev. Walter Kirk, Moderator & Host Pastor

MID-AMERICA REGION — October 7 - 9

Chicago, Illinois
Oak Forst Baptist Church
Rev. Bill Schroeder, Host Pastor
Dr. Frank Bumpus, Moderator

NORTHEAST REGION — October 7 - 8

West Hartford, Connecticut
Farmington Avenue Baptist Church
Rev. Gary Jones, Moderator & Host Pastor

MID-ATLANTIC REGION — October 21 - 22

Elkton, Maryland
Maranatha Baptist Church
Dr. Allen Dickerson, Moderator & Host Pastor

WEST COAST REGION — October 21 - 23

San Francisco, California
Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. Ron Allen, Host Pastor
Dr. James Singleton, Moderator

MID-SOUTH REGION — November 5 - 7

Huntsville, Alabama
Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. Greg McLaughlin, Host Pastor
Dr. Charles Britt, Moderator

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Hosted by:
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June 11 - 13

SPEAKERS' SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. **Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm**
"His Resurrection"
8:00 p.m. **Dr. Bob Jones**
"His Crucifixion"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Prayer Time
10:30 a.m. **Dr. Clinton Branine**
"His Virgin Birth"
11:30 a.m. **Dr. R. V. Clearwaters**
"His Deity"
12:30 p.m. Lunch
—FREE TIME—
7:00 p.m. **Dr. Monroe Parker**
"His Kingship"
8:00 p.m. **Dr. Rod Bell**
"His Person"

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

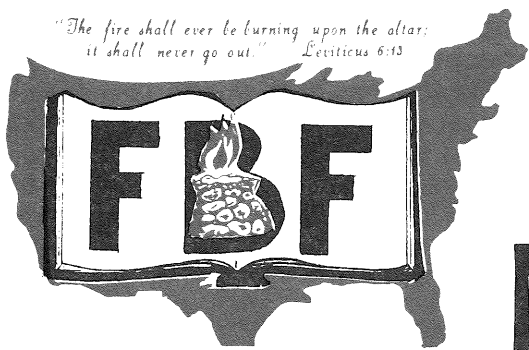
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10:30 a.m. **Dr. Gregory Mutsch**
"His Word"
11:30 a.m. **Dr. Frank Bumpus**
"His Work"
12:30 p.m. Lunch
—FREE TIME—
7:00 p.m. **Dr. James Singleton**
"His Judgment"
8:00 p.m. **Rev. H. C. Cofty**
"His Message"

Brochures with complete details will be mailed out within the next two weeks. You won't want to miss these **three tremendous days**.

If you are interested in having a booth, please contact Dr. Gregory Mutsch, coordinator, at (507) 451-2710.

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REACHING THE INNER CITY

National Meeting at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College • June 11 -13



REACHING THE UNREACHABLE

by
DR. RONALD L. ALLEN
Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church
San Francisco, California

How do you reach people with the gospel when you cannot get beyond the iron gate in front of their house?

How can you build churches in a city where property sells at a premium with houses selling for \$100,000 upward, and rent is at least half of your monthly income?

What methods do you use to reach over 200,000 business people who don't know Christ and who spend the majority of their time working and getting to and from work?

Where do you begin in a city of 750,000 people, where white middle class America is a minority and cultists, sodomites, lesbians, liberals, foreigners and unbelievers

are a majority?

These are some of the questions I have been asking myself since God led my family and me to the Calvary Baptist Church of San Francisco, California. The "city by the bay" is a city filled with sin-sick people who need the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. I praise God for calling me to preach the gospel in the midst of sin and despair. True, the problems here are unique, but the opportunities are greater than one can imagine.

Since moving to San Francisco four and a half years ago, God has accomplished many exciting things. Contrary to what many Christians east of the Sierras may think, there are many godly and sincere believers in our city. There may be more open opposition to the gospel here than in most places of our nation, but there is also a genuine interest in the "good news" that Jesus saves. The problem is getting this good news to the people. How do you reach a city like San Francisco with the gospel? For that matter, how do you reach any inner city with the gospel of Christ?

After getting acquainted with our mission field for the first three and a half years, God has opened some unique opportunities for the propagation of the gospel. Some of the methods we are using, and plan to use, go against the status quo of fundamentalism, but then, we are not a city of the status quo. God is blessing what we are doing and we are seeing many achievements for His honor and glory. I would like to share a few things we have found successful in reaching our inner city for Christ.

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***Reaching the Unreachable*, continued**

1. Build up the saints. Most of my ministry for the first four years has been directed at strengthening the church by enabling Christians to grow. When I arrived in the city my goal was to build a church of a thousand or more. We own some choice corner property and the vision of a large church seemed realistic and God-approved. However, two years later God changed my vision. Consequently, we renovated our old auditorium and have taken our first steps to establish more churches in our city. In fact, we are praying that God will give us several new, independent, separatist, fundamental, Bible-preaching, Baptist churches in the next ten years.

2. Develop an army of preachers. To build churches you need preachers, but unfortunately, not too many preachers want to come to San Francisco. This led us to develop our own preachers. After four short years God has given us sixteen preacher boys, ages 10-25, who have a burden to preach the Word of God in San Francisco. As our vision grows I am confident God will give us more preachers to meet the needs of our Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. Eight of these young men are preparing for the ministry at this very moment. Upon their graduation from Christian schools we are praying that God will bring them home where they will find a secular job, get their seminary training at San Francisco Baptist Theological Seminary, and work in the church nights and weekends to help build the ministry of our church. Once each man has brought a nucleus of believers into the church, those believers will be given back to him to start a church in an area conducive for church growth. As the "mother" church we will make a down payment on a building and turn the work over to the pastor and his new congregation. The pastor will be under full support of his people and will be able to spend his time building the church.

3. Start a Servant Training Program (STP). This ministry is one of the most exciting ministries I have been involved in for many years. God gave me the idea for this program a year ago. Because many of our college students go back east for their formal training, we discovered that many of them never return to the west coast. I felt they needed an incentive. As a result STP was born to provide the incentive to bring our young people back home to reach their cities and towns for Christ. Last summer was our pilot year. Eighteen young people, all called to full-time service, participated in an intense program of church service and practical training. Each one worked forty hours a week at a secular job, and then worked 20-25 hours a week for the church. Each student donated 50 hours to the church and was then paid \$250 for each additional 50 hours spent in the work of the ministry. Four young people earned \$1000 scholarships, and ten others received \$750 scholarships. More importantly, they received practical experience and training that money could never buy. The majority of these same young people now have a burden to return to San Francisco to reach their city for Christ.

4. Reach people where they are. Many Christians want to reach people in "sterile" situations that lend to easy conversation about spiritual things. To reach the inner city, you must reach people where they are. It is not too pleasant at times, but it is effective. I cannot relate detailed plans about reaching our city with the gospel, but I would like to share a few of our burdens with you in hopes that you might be challenged to reach your city for Christ.

- a. Build aggressive, soul-winning Baptist churches like ours in San Francisco today, each one would have over 70,000 prospects.
- b. Train men and women who are burdened to reach lost sinners where they live. This means learning to reach sodomites, lesbians, "hookers," dope addicts, drunkards, derelicts, juveniles, runaways, street people, rockers, punk rockers, gangs and gang leaders, immigrants and foreigners. We also need those who have a burden to evangelize the business community, politicians, socialites and the up and outers, and college students. Some of our preacher boys have a burden for specific groups and have already begun the training needed to reach those groups. Our STP ministry will allow them to put into practice the things they are learning.
- c. Have a variety of soul-winning techniques. Door to door soul-winning is not an effective approach in the inner city of San Francisco. No, I'm not a heretic, I'm expressing a realistic situation we face in our city. Iron gates keep us out of many homes in most sections of the inner city. We do have door to door visitation, but we have also instituted neighborhood evangelism, telephone evangelism, new resident list, prospects from the membership, follow-up on visitors, street witnessing, children's and youth work, and tract distribution. No doubt God will show us more ways of reaching the lost as we seek His Will.
- d. Reach the community. Next fall we hope to begin a ministry of reaching neighborhoods with a video bus ministry. Our assistant pastor will use video, ventriloquism, puppets, flannel-graph, chalk talks, and Bible studies to reach children and adults in their own neighborhoods. His approach will also be used for release time classes (religious training allowed students in public schools), juvenile homes, hospitals, prisons, school assemblies, fairs, malls, and street work. These programs will let our city police department know of our ability and interest to help juveniles in trouble with the law and show our city politicians where we stand concerning the Word of God.
- e. Share and care ministry. Our goal is to have several adult Bible studies in several areas of our city. These meetings will be strong on evangelism and Bible study and provide a ministry of caring for those in need. When those needs are met the people will know how much we care. We want them to know that Jesus Christ loves them and cares about their spiritual needs.
- f. Teach and train our deacons. How many times have preachers heard or have been guilty of making critical remarks about the deacons of the church? Critical remarks about these servants should always be constructive. After several years in the ministry, I have discovered that few churches take the time to teach and train their deacons to be men used of God. All of us must be accountable to someone in order to do a successful work for God. How can we criticize our deacons if we have failed to train and teach them about accountability? How can we criticize them about their failures to do their job if we have not taught them to do the work of God. Men who qualify as deacons don't necessarily know what is expected of them. We must train our men to perform their duties to the glory of God and in accord with the direction of the church's ministry. I praise God for the good deacons He has given our church. We are enjoying many learning experiences together. Deacons are men of God who should be taught and trained accordingly.

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**PERSPECTIVE
A FUNDAMENTALIST
SURVEY OF THE NEWS**
by
Homer Massey
RESEARCH SECRETARY

LATEST ON "THE COALITION"

Interesting labels were used in setting apart various socio-religious groupings in the March 1 issue of the Evangelical Newsletter. They capped off a report of the periodical's 12th annual "Evangelical Leaders" poll, which dealt with the question "Fundamentalists/evangelicals—who are we?"

One recurring conclusion was that "evangelicals and fundamentalists differ in many respects, but not in the basics." "The differences are essentially cosmetic," says Donald Drayton. Jamie Buckingham says, "we're dealing with semantics and culture."

*Norman Geisler "doesn't see rigidity in today's fundamentalism at all. Jerry Falwell, he says, has given the term 'new meaning and vigor,' " Geisler adds, "There is now an unofficial coalition of moderate 'fundamentalists' of the Falwell variety and conservative evangelicals." Of course there is. Jerry Falwell asked for it in his book *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon* and we should not be surprised to see it.*

Richard Lovelace gives "six labels for our socio-religious indexing: Fundamentalist (Bob Jones); Neo-Fundamentalist (Jerry Falwell); Confessional Orthodox or Paleo-Evangelical for 'evangelicals moving back in a fundamentalist direction' (Harold Lindsell, Francis Schaeffer); Evangelical Left (Sojourners); and Post-modern Orthodox for 'post-Barthian conservatives shifting to align themselves with evangelicals.' "

Finally, the article quotes Leighton Ford's response to the poll: "Wouldn't it be nice if we got to the place where we could just say 'Christian' or 'follower of Jesus' and mean everything that 'evangelical' or 'fundamentalist' should mean?"

*So, the move to bring the fundamentalist and the new evangelical together seems to be on target. And the architect is Jerry Falwell who, in *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon*, asked the new evangelicals to "accept us as Bible-believing brethren who love the same Christ you love. Let us work to reach the world for Christ. We conservative Fundamentalists and Evangelicals can be used of God to bring about a great revival of true Christianity in America and in the world in our lifetime." (p. 223)*

CHRISTIANITY TODAY INSTITUTE

To fill what many call "the vacuum in Christian leadership" Christianity Today is establishing "a think tank called the Christianity Today Institute." Publisher Harold L. Myra in the March 1 issue said that it will

address many of today's most pressing theological and ethical issues.

Kenneth S. Kantzer (former editor of CT) has been appointed dean, and current CT editor V. Gilbert Beers is executive director.

Myra states that "in November they led a two-day meeting with carefully selected scholars on the subject 'The Christian As A Citizen.' Present were Myron Augsburger, Vernon Grounds, Nathan Hatch, Carl F. H. Henry, David McKenna, Steven Monsma, and J. I. Packer. Guests—who interacted in lively fashion— included Charles Colson, Jerry Falwell and James Wallis."

CULT HONORED

It appears that the cult Mormonism has come of age. This year, despite a very weak schedule, Brigham Young University was declared the number one football team in the nation after an undefeated season. This winter, the first congressman to fly in space is scheduled to be Senator Jake Garn, a Mormon from Utah. Both are very heady accomplishments, and just examples of the type of recognition Mormons are presently receiving. This cult, which was at one time quite anti-American, has now become not only patriotic, but fully accepted into the main stream of political America.

While I do not suggest discrimination based on belief, I am concerned when Bible Christians follow the world with an open door policy. Despite the Mormon's claim of following Jesus Christ, they follow a different Jesus Christ than the one described in the Bible, one created by their founder Joseph Smith and the church since its inception. They are a cult in the true sense of the word, with their system of works for salvation.

Why then does Baylor University in Waco, Texas, continue to employ a Mormon professor to teach in a Baptist school? Has this Southern Baptist school traveled so far down the road toward Modernism they no longer stand for the historic faith? No wonder the lost are confused.

What about Fuller Seminary in Southern California? Last year, Mormon Bishop and BYU faculty member Allen Bergin delivered a series of lectures at this Christian school. Bergin was to speak on "Religious Variables in Psychotherapy," according to the note in the seminary catalog. The catalog further states that the lectures were to pertain to "theoretical research and professional issues related to the relationship of psychology and the Christian faith...." Bergin's theme was "entirely on how to integrate the Christian faith with psychotherapeutic methods."

John Smith, of the *Utah Evangel*, asks a reasonable question. "How can one who believes that all Christian churches are apostate, and who participates in secret, occultish temple rituals in his personal quest for exaltation to godhood, be especially qualified to speak of Biblical Christianity... What could he contribute to Fuller?"

—The Biblical Evangelist

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WILL YOU BELIEVE SCHULLER—OR GOD?

DR. SCHULLER SEEKS TO MAKE A DANGEROUS DISTINCTION BETWEEN JESUS CHRIST, THE LIVING WORD, AND THE BIBLE, THE WRITTEN WORD. He writes, "Shall we be satisfied with the traditional and predictable Protestant position? The sacred Scriptures are our infallible rule for faith and practice. And we have insisted that in and through the Bible, God's eternal truth is communicated."

"But, can anything be above the Scriptures? **Yes, the Eternal Word transcends the written Word.** Christ is the Word made flesh. Christ is the Lord over the Scriptures; the Scriptures are not Lord over Christ."

"The inspiration of sacred Scriptures has been under attack and has understandably produced a reaction that would have us believe that the most crucial issue facing Christendom is Biblical inerrancy. Serious as this may be it must not detract us from a higher, holier, healthier issue: the Lordship of Jesus Christ" (page 45).

Of course Jesus Christ is Lord over the Scriptures. He is Lord above all and over all. **But Jesus Christ, the Living Word, will NEVER contradict the Bible, His Written Word.** It is through the written Word that we come to know Jesus Christ, the Living Word. God says He has magnified His Word above all His name (Psalm 138:5). Dr. Schuller and other neo-orthodox deceivers are not acknowledging the Lordship of Christ over the Scriptures or over their own lives and ministries. Their attempts to separate Christ from the Scriptures are required in order to make room for their own unscriptural ideas and philosophies. **Dr. Schuller and those who follow his false teachings stand condemned by the Word of the Lord.** "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is **NO light in them.**" Isaiah 8:20.

—Foundation

HUMANISTS "BECOME" EVANGELISTIC

Free Inquiry, the official publication of the Humanists in the United States, reports that humanists are now actively joining the "proselytizing" efforts of Fundamentalists on college campuses. Two new organizations, The Free Thought Association and Atheists United, have been formed to carry out this activity. According to Gordon Stein, spokesman for the Free Thought Association, they will focus their efforts on students who have recently left home and are raising questions concerning such subjects as the existence of God, creationism, and the accuracy of fundamentalist teaching. Stein states, "The Free Thought Association serves as an alternative to the simplistic life choices presented to college students by the fundamentalists. It offers reason instead of faith, facts instead of wishes, and thought instead of belief. Perhaps those are some of the very things that students went to college to learn." The Free Thought Association is now active in nine college campuses in California.

—Balance

IN THE SPIRIT OF II JOHN 10, 11

Here's how one should comply with II John 10, 11,

which states, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Charles Stanley, **president of the Southern Baptist Convention, led his church recently to double its giving to the Cooperative Program of the SBC. Stanley, a conservative, pastors the First Baptist Church of Atlanta. He has been one of the leading forces in attempts to wrest the Convention from apostate denominational bosses. He acknowledges the rampant liberalism throughout their colleges and seminaries and the liberal bias of their publishing ventures.**

One would assume that he has read and studied II John 10 and 11, but would have to wonder at his rationale for giving money to those institutions that have denied the faith. Is that not worse than "bidding God speed"?

A "WESTERN LOOK" AT JERRY FALWELL

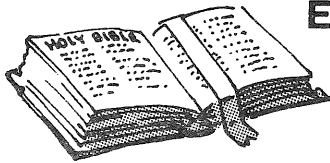
L. Duane Brown, recently installed as president of Denver Baptist Bible College & Seminary, has released a paper entitled Latest Position. It is particularly well-done and is a welcome addition to the many expressions of concern about Dr. Falwell's direction. Here it is in its entirety:

"What an amazing insight this, December 1984 issue of *Fundamentalist Journal* reveals on Dr. Jerry Falwell, Liberty Baptist College, and those who share his view! Since Dr. Falwell states, '... we [as Fundamentalists] should not flee from criticism, but rather welcome it' (page 10), I shall oblige with the spirit of love and with a genuine respect for his abilities and obvious influence.

"Should we as Fundamentalists turn to **apostates** for their 'perspectives on Fundamentalism' in order to 'rethink our attitudes and methods and, above all, reaffirm our commitment to the truth' (page 10)? Now, who are these critics to whom Dr. Falwell turns for help? They are a Jewish rabbi, a liberal Roman Catholic cardinal, a modernist protestant, and the 'high-priest' of compromising new-evangelicalism! These are not just critics, but opponents and enemies, yes, three are even reprobates who **deny** the very truth we treasure and defend. Dr. Falwell wants to learn from these??? He says, 'We must listen to our critics. ... we must be aware of their concerns ... we must listen to the concerns of others....' In the next article of this issue, Edward Dobson, the senior editor states, 'I share the regret of Dr. Henry. It is too bad we cannot find it within ourselves [as Fundamentalists] to discover that unity between Evangelicals [i.e. New-Evangelicals] and Fundamentalists while we are here on the earth. May God help us do it!' (page 13). Why do not Jerry and his writers use the term New-Evangelical in their works?

"Dr. Marty's criticisms only insult Fundamentalists! I rather like my 'fanaticism' over Biblical Inerrancy and my assertion that the Bible is our full authority and, yes, I will hold to my Fundamentalist view—**without apology**—of pre-tribulational, pre-millennial return of Christ. Further, I do not accept Dr. Marty and other modernists as "other Christians." Cardinal Bernardin may try to equate the Roman Catholic gospel with the Bible's, but I don't! It is 'another gospel' which Paul calls anathema (Gal. 1:8). The Cardinal's criticism of our 'literalist approach to interpreting the Bible' happens to be the reason the reformers broke with the harlot mother church in the first place! As to the Jewish friend, Fundamentalists have been the truest supporters of the Jew, not because of our support of modern Israel, nor our repudiation of anti-Semitism, but because we try to win them to Christ!

"Look at some of the other revealing articles in this periodical. A scholarly new-evangelical, Dr. Harold O. J. Brown, states why he
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ENCOURAGING SEPARATISM

by
Homer Massey

RETROSPECTION

Harold John Ockenga
1905-1985

by Homer Massey

Harold John Ockenga died of cancer February 8 at his home in Hamilton, MA, at age 79. Dr. Ockenga pastored Boston's historic Park Street Church for 33 years and helped found the National Association of Evangelicals, Fuller Seminary and *Christianity Today* magazine. He served on the board of the Billy Graham Association from its start, and served as president of the NAE, Fuller, and the World Evangelical Fellowship. He was most recently president of Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Seminary.

For students of the separatist movement, however, Dr. Ockenga is best remembered as the founder of New Evangelicalism. In the foreword to *The Battle for the Bible*, by Harold Lindsell, Ockenga told of its beginning: "Neo-evangelicalism was born in 1948 in connection with a convocation address which I gave in the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena. While reaffirming the theological view of fundamentalism, this address repudiated its ecclesiology and its social theory. The ringing call for a repudiation of separatism and the summons to social involvement received a hearty response from many evangelicals."

He further defined the movement: "Neo-evangelicalism differed from modernism in its acceptance of the supernatural and its emphasis on the fundamental doctrines of Scripture. It differed from neo-orthodoxy in its emphasis upon the written Word as inerrant, over against the Word of God which was above and different from the Scripture, but was manifested in Scripture. It differed from fundamentalism in its repudiation of separatism and its determination to engage itself in the theological dialogue of the day. It had a new emphasis upon the application of the gospel to the sociological, political and economic areas of life.

"Neo-evangelical emphasized the restatement of Christian theology in accordance with the need of the times; the re-engagement in the theological debate, the recapture of denominational leadership, and the re-examination of theological problems such as the antiquity of man, the universality of the Flood, God's method of creation, and others."

There is an anomaly here. Dr. Ockenga retained aspects of his ministry to the end which might be said to be "of the old school." He believed strongly in the power of preaching. He didn't care much for counseling ministries. He was a strong authoritative pastor who felt it was his responsibility to raise the money he ought to decide how it should be spent.

Earlier in his ministry he preached and wrote strong separatist messages and commentaries. He left Princeton because of liberalism. He left his denomination because of liberalism.

Yet, somewhere along the way he made a crucial decision with regard to separatism that, because of his strong leadership qualities, helped propel the compromise movement ahead much faster than it might have gone otherwise.

Undoubtedly he thought he was taking a course which would benefit the cause of Christ. Some of the reasoning of the New Evangelical crowd is convincing and often appealing. But it is just that: **reasoning**. It supposes that the end justifies the means. But God doesn't work that way. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

We must learn that God is more interested in holiness than in results, and that principle is more important than success. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (I Samuel 15:22).

Let us sympathize with the family in their loss. According to his testimony Harold John Ockenga trusted the shed blood of Christ of Calvary for his soul's salvation. Praise the Lord! We can be glad for souls won to Christ and people encouraged to live for God in his ministry. It is regrettable, however, that he could not see what compromise really is and where it finally leads. May God help us to be willing to simply follow God's plan and leave the results to Him.

The Heritage of the F.B.F.

The F.B.F. grew out of the long battle to keep liberalism out of the Northern Baptist Convention (now American Baptist Churches), which failed. "In 1921, the Convention met at DeMoines. . . Fundamentalists met before the regular Convention, calling themselves the Fundamentalist Fellowship." (*A History of Fundamentalism in America*, by G.W. Dollar, P. 154)

"Fundamentalist gatherings took on several names and these should be mentioned. One was the Fundamentalist Fellowship and another was the National Federation of Fundamentalists of Northern Baptists. Later, in the 1940's, the name most often used was the Conservative Baptist Fellowship, for many had stayed within the Convention, organizing on the inside their own mission boards, and their fellowship was the natural descendant of the old Fundamentalist Fellowship. When the leaders of the Conservative Baptist movement became New Evangelicals or New Evangelical sympathizers, then the old line Fundamentalists (by this time dubbed the 'hard-core') continued the witness of the old Fundamentalists Fellowship and renamed their group in 1965 The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship." (*A History of Fundamentalism*, p. 155)

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regrets the label of Fundamentalism. The associate editor and professor of theological studies, Dr. Daniel R. Mitchell, in his article actually calls Karl Barth and the Neo-orthodox theologians 'right' in their view of liberalism and 'there is no question that it [Barth's view] represented a vital breakthrough in addressing distorted ideas about God and man based on the mechanistic model of the universe' (page 25). Another major article is 'Polarization: Man's Penchant, God's Prerogative' by Dr. David Wells. Wells is one of the most vocal, active new-evangelicals from Conwell Seminary who may well replace Carl Henry as 'high-priest.' Just to print such an article by a leading new-evangelical is surprising and shocking. Wells' plea is for unity to be the goal for all of us. He accuses Fundamentalists of taking over 'God's place as polarizer' (page 65). Two other articles are by men from Scripture Press and Wycliffe Bible Translators, neither organization known for Fundamentalism, which bring confusion on what the editors believe Fundamentalism really is.

"Wherever Dr. Falwell is taking his brand of Fundamentalism, I want to get off and walk in the path where Bob Ketcham, and other early leaders of our separatist movement have gone. Do you want to go along with Jerry or with me? We are not on the same path."

HOW JAMES ROBISON WENT CHARISMATIC

The January *Southern Baptist Advocate* features an analysis of Milton Green's healing ministry. Quoting from SBC evangelist James Robison's interview with *Charisma* magazine, it describes Green's encounter with Robison in June 1982 which changed both of their ministries: "Robison testifies that prior to meeting Green, he was plagued with torment, impure thoughts, violent anger and an insatiable gluttonous appetite. He was also contemplating suicide. Green called Robison 'The most demonized person I have ever met.' During their private meeting in a Selma, AL motel room, Green took authority over the forces of evil, rebuked Satan, touched Robison on the shoulder and said 'It's all over, son. It's all over.' Three days later Robison says he experience a total release from the powers of darkness."

—Calvary Contender

ROCK LYRICS UNDERSTOOD

The January, 1985, issue of the NFD Journal (National Federation for Decency, headed by Don Wildmon) has a lengthy section on the ungodly lyrics of rock music and the prevailing styles and techniques of leading rock groups. The article began with a warning that the lyrics quoted are filthy: "Many of you will be offended," it said, "We hope you will not be offended at us for printing the words. But we wanted you to know what our children and youth are facing every day. Our youth are being victimized and we thought you ought to know."

The first part of the article described in detail the debauched performances of the newest rock idol Prince.

Then excerpts from a book entitled Why Knock Rock? by Steve and Dan Peters were given. Honestly, friends, I don't care to repeat them here because I don't want the ladies in the layout department to have to deal with them. Yet these lyrics are commonplace in the world of rock music. The radio stations and the video cassettes and the TV rock programs are easily accessible to children and young people, not to speak of the availability of records and tapes.

Later in the NFD Journal article, Al Menconi of Cardiff,

California is quoted. He is a researcher of rock music and his descriptions of some of the more popular rock groups was enlightening.

One excerpt in this part of the article is worthy of repeating. It is not filthy, but is perhaps even more disturbing because of the suggestion it makes.

"'Murder By Numbers' is a song hit from the album Synchronicity by The Police. Some of the lyrics are as follows: Once that you've decided on a killing/First you make a stone of your heart/And if you find that your hands are still willing/Then you can turn a murder into art/There really isn't any need for bloodshed/You just do it with a little more finesse/If you can slip a tablet into someone's coffee/Then it avoids an awful lot of mess/It's murder by numbers one two three/It's as easy to learn as your ABC/Now if you have a taste for this experience/And you're flushed with your very first success/Then you must try a twosome or a threesome/And you'll find your conscience bothers you much less/Because murder is like anything you take to/It's a habit-forming need for more and more/You can bump off every member of your family/And anybody else you find a bore."

Included in the article was a short note about a teen suicide that was tied to a rock song:

"Melissa wrote a suicide note in lipstick on her bedroom mirror. Her parents acknowledged that she hated school, had been depressed and had recently begun therapy. Melissa loved music, her mother said. But the mother was shocked by the depressing, gruesome words of the hard-rock lyrics Melissa listened to. The album on the family stereo when Melissa died was Aerosmith's album title **Rocks**. Songs on the album include one called "Sick as a Dog." Parents, listen to the music to which your children are listening."

I know we have so many things to take up our time, all of them necessary, but we must make parents aware of the poison being fed to our young people today. May God give us the strength to give proper attention to this national, no worldwide tragedy.

THE MODERN LITTLE RED HEN

Once upon a time, there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her neighbors and said, "If we plant this wheat, we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?"

"Not I," said the cow.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Not I," said the pig.

"Not I," said the goose.

"Then I will," said the little red hen. And she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap my wheat?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Out of my classification," said the pig.

"I'd lose my seniority," said the cow.

"I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the goose.

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"Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did.

At last it came time to bake the bread.

"Who will help me bake the bread?" asked the little red hen.

"That would be overtime for me," said the cow.

"I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the duck.

"I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the pig.

"If I'm to be the only helper, that's discrimination," said the goose.

"Then I will," said the little red hen. She baked five loaves and held them up for her neighbors to see.

They wanted some and, in fact, demanded a share. But the little red hen said, "No, I can eat the five loaves."

"Excess profits!" cried the cow.

"Capitalist leech!" screamed the duck.

"I demand equal rights!" yelled the goose.

And the pig just grunted. And they painted "unfair" picket signs and marched around and round the little red hen, shouting obscenities.

When the government agent came, he said to the little red hen, "You must not be greedy."

"But I earned the bread," said the little red hen.

"Exactly," said the agent. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. But under our modern government regulations, the productive workers must divide their product with the idle."

And they lived happily ever after, including the little red hen, who smiled and clucked, "I am grateful. I am grateful."

But her neighbors wondered why she never again baked any more bread.

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SHOULD CHRISTIAN LEADERS PRAISE THE POPE

Pope John Paul II is the most traveled, and possibly the most popular pope in history. But as a religious leader who sees himself as "a world's pastor," he bears closer scrutiny. Apart from the many unscriptural doctrines and horrid practices of the Roman Catholic Church which he leads, we need to briefly ponder some of his specific actions as pope.

He sent a crucifix to a dying hunger striker and IRA Catholic terrorist in North Ireland in 1981. He has supported the murderous PLO and met with their leader (Arafat) in 1982. As a socialist he has a history of collaborating with communist regimes, and calls for taking from the rich nations and giving to the poor Third World (whose poverty was caused in great part by Catholicism and communism). Two years ago, he became the first pope to choose a cardinal from the Soviet Union. He last year encouraged people to refuse military service and praised conscientious objectors. He is the first pope to speak out against capital punishment. He has called for dialogue with non-Christian religions. He visited WCC headquarters last year and said the way to unity must be through recognition of the papacy. His motto is reported to be "Mary, I am all yours," and he last year dedicated the whole earth to Mary. He claims to be the vicar of Christ, thus usurping the role of the Holy Spirit.

We now ask: Does Pope John Paul II merit praise as a

great moral and religious leader, or is he a false prophet? Is he for Christ or AntiChrist: Undiscerning New Evangelical leaders who praise the pope, dangerously deceive multitudes of their followers.

—Calvary Contender

Reaching the Unreachable, continued

g. Establish a Discipleship Ministry. One of the greatest weaknesses of today's Baptist churches is discipleship. This is more than follow-up, this is making disciples out of God's people. Our goal is to get Christians living for Christ in every phase of life with the goal to train other Christians to disciple other Christians. We want to develop people who can handle God's Word well enough to win the lost, counsel the saints, and strengthen their homes. Our prayer is that God will burden these same people to reach people where they live in the inner city.

5. Keep our eyes and heart open for a greater vision.

As I look around my city I see the need for a Baptist Rescue Mission, a home for runaways, a counseling center for troubled youth and adults, greater soul-winning efforts and much more. The more we mature in our faith the more we will be able to see ways to preach the gospel and reach the inner city for Christ. Our strength is in the Lord. We wait upon the Lord to lead us through the next door of opportunity. The cities are filled to overflowing, yet, few are going to the city to tell the lost of the good news that Jesus saves. Let's attempt to reach the inner cities now, before Jesus returns. The next time you think of San Francisco, think about your brothers and sisters in Christ who are trying to reach this city for the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God will use us to win hundreds of souls from sin to salvation. We need your help, encouragement and prayers. Let us all pray that God will reveal many exciting ways to reach our cities and towns with the gospel.

THE SOUL WINNER'S PRAYER

Oh, give me, Lord, Thy love for souls

For lost and wond'ring sheep.

That I may see the multitudes

And weep as Thou didst weep.

Help me to see the tragic plight

Of souls far off in sin;

Help me to love, to pray, and go

To bring the wand'ring in.

From off the altar of Thy heart

Take Thou some flaming coals,

Then touch my life and give me, Lord

A heart that's hot for souls.

O Fire of Love, O Flame Divine

Make Thy abode in me;

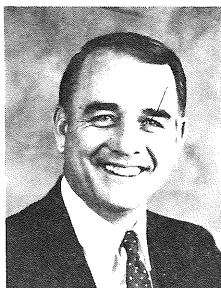
Burn in my heart, burn evermore,

Till I burn out for Thee.

—Eugene M. Harrison

*Slow me down, Lawd, I's agoin' too fast,
I can't see my brother when he's walkin' past
I miss a lot o' good things day by day,
I don't know a blessin' when it comes my way.
Slow me down, Lawd, I'S AGOIN' TOO FAST!*

—Old Spiritual



REV. H. C. COFTY

Executive Director
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Itinerary for JULY

- July 7 Thrifhaven Baptist Church, Charles Britt, pastor
Memphis, TN — 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- July 10 Grace Baptist Temple, John Lemmon, pastor
Memphis, TN — 7:30 p.m.
- July 14 Central Baptist Church, Terry Pergl, pastor
Memphis, TN — 6:00 p.m.
- July 17 Calvary Baptist Church, Tom Lancaster, pastor
Memphis, TN — 7:00 p.m.
- July 21 Willow Park Bapt. Church, Kenneth Vincent, pastor
Memphis, TN — 6:00 p.m.
- July 24 Winston Drive Bapt. Church, Eddie Champion, pastor
Memphis, TN — 7:00 p.m.
- July 28 Tenn. Ridge Bapt. Church, Charles Martin, pastor
Tennessee Ridge, TN
- July 31 Calvary Baptist Church, Bob Bradberry, pastor
Cookeville, TN

August itinerary will appear in the next issue.

REGIONAL MEETINGS — 1985

SOUTHEAST REGION — May 13 - 15

Charlotte, North Carolina
South Charlotte Baptist Church
Rev. Walter Kirk, Moderator & Host Pastor

MID-AMERICA REGION — October 7 - 9

Chicago, Illinois
Oak Forst Baptist Church
Rev. Bill Schroeder, Host Pastor
Dr. Frank Bumpus, Moderator

NORTHEAST REGION — October 7 - 8

West Hartford, Connecticut
Farmington Avenue Baptist Church
Rev. Gary Jones, Moderator & Host Pastor

MID-ATLANTIC REGION — October 21 - 22

Elkton, Maryland
Maranatha Baptist Church
Dr. Allen Dickerson, Moderator & Host Pastor

WEST COAST REGION — October 21 - 23

San Francisco, California
Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. Ron Allen, Host Pastor
Dr. James Singleton, Moderator

MID-SOUTH REGION — November 5 - 7

Huntsville, Alabama
Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. Greg McLaughlin, Host Pastor
Dr. Charles Britt, Moderator

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7:00 p.m. **Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm**
"His Resurrection"
8:00 p.m. **Dr. Bob Jones**
"His Crucifixion"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Prayer Time
10:30 a.m. **Dr. Clinton Branine**
"His Virgin Birth"
11:30 a.m. **Dr. R. V. Clearwaters**
"His Deity"
12:30 p.m. Lunch
—FREE TIME—
7:00 p.m. **Dr. Monroe Parker**
"His Kingship"
8:00 p.m. **Dr. Rod Bell**
"His Person"

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Prayer Time
10:30 a.m. **Dr. Gregory Mutsch**
"His Word"
11:30 a.m. **Dr. Frank Bumpus**
"His Work"
12:30 p.m. Lunch
—FREE TIME—
7:00 p.m. **Dr. James Singleton**
"His Judgment"
8:00 p.m. **Rev. H. C. Cofty**
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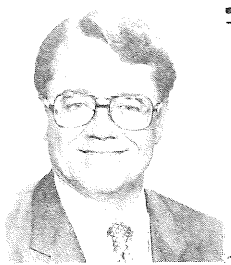
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Schaumburg, Illinois

Pilgrimage to MacArthurland

"Go west young man" was a call to adventure in the early days of this country. Since then, there have been many enticements luring men westward. Now something new has occurred; fundamentalists in increasing numbers have been winging their way to the west coast. Their destination, MacArthurland. There they have been courted, inspired, instructed and in varying degrees, indoctrinated by John MacArthur, Jr. and staff. This is a very interesting development especially in light of Dr. Jerry Falwell's proposal that fundamentalists and new evangelicals lay aside their differences. It seems that Falwell's suggestion is already taking place.

I confess that I am a little nervous about the whole

thing. In fact, I keep waking up at night from this re-occurring nightmare. In my dream, a great crowd converged upon a city located in a merry place called MacArthurland. The city had many open gates facing every direction and over each gate the name Panorama View. As I pondered upon the meaning of the gates and the name of the city, it was explained that both represented the lack of confinement enjoyed by its inhabitants. To their mind, a narrowness of view leading to restrictions was a thing to be abhorred. In the dream, a leather-lunged old fundamentalist stood up and sounded a discordant note. He insisted that the immigrants of Panorama View take off their green-tinted glasses and view MacArthurland in the light of Scriptural separation. A great howl of protest erupted and the old gentleman was berated with cries of legalist! legalist! So great was the outcry that I was abruptly awakened. Strange dream? Not really!

At the risk of being cast as an old, moss-backed fundamentalist, I checked MacArthur's credentials. In 1959, he abruptly left the student body of a Christian university known for its fundamental stance. Approximately one year later, his father resigned from the Cooperating

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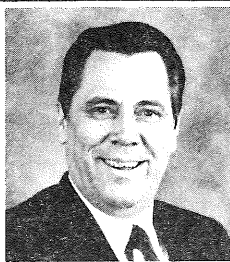
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TOLERANCE. . . There are many pleas made these day for "tolerance." But often "tolerance" is not the right word for that which is demanded. What is meant is "compromise." Tolerance and compromise are not the same thing. **This is tolerance:** To grant to another the same rights which I claim for myself. **This is compromise:** To sacrifice heartfelt conviction in order that someone else may be pleased, or in order to avoid a breach of peace.

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 \$7.50 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

Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The National Meeting of the FBF, held at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, was a tremendous success. We especially appreciated the many new preachers and friends who came and enjoyed the meeting.

We want to thank Dr. Rammel and his assistant, Dr. Mutsch, for going above and beyond the call of duty as hosts. It was an extremely well-organized meeting.

We also thank the Lord for the labors of our Executive Director, Chuck Cofty, and for his tireless schedule to make the meeting such a success. The success of any organization must take great sacrifice on the part of those involved. The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship has seen success because of unselfish men who get behind this organization and *push* and *pray* and *give*. We would like to thank our men for their support and promised continued support.

The position of the Fellowship needs to be re-emphasized. The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is not an association of churches or a convention. It is individuals who are pastors, missionaries, and evangelists who are independent, Bible-believing Baptists who have rallied around our position on the great Baptist distinctives, ecclesiastical separation, and evangelism that is standing as the cutting edge for the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship of America.

It will never be a sounding board for any individual school or board, preacher, or religious organization of any kind. We have many good churches, schools, and missionary societies which have representation in the Fellowship. It is our desire to keep the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship a strong voice for fundamental Baptists and the cause of Christ in America.

Our next National Meeting will be held in Greenville, South Carolina, in conjunction with the 1986 World Congress at Bob Jones University.

THREE GREAT SIGHTS TO SEE!

- I. THE EXPIRING ONE
Jeremiah 1:12
- II. THE EXALTED ONE
Matt. 26:64; Heb. 2:9
- III. THE EXPECTED ONE
Matt. 21:11; Matt. 24:30;
Rev. 1:7

PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD ECCLESIASTICAL COMPROMISE

1. Try them — I John 4:1
2. Mark them — Romans 16:17
3. Rebuke them — Titus 1:13
4. Have no fellowship — Ephesians 5:11
5. Withdraw thyself — II Thess. 3:16
6. Receive them not — II John 10, 11
7. Have no company with them — II Thess. 3:14
8. Reject them — Titus 3:10
9. Be ye separated — II Cor. 6:17

FUNDAMENTALISTS MUST PRINT

The printed page is ever so powerful a weapon in "earnestly contending for the faith once delivered" and I am persuaded that each of us should be vitally interested and involved in its preservation and circulation. Consider thoughtfully the following quotes:

"Give me 26 lead soldiers and I'll conquer the world. The pen is mightier than the sword." —Ben Franklin

"There are only two powers in the world—the sword and the pen; and, in the end, the former is always conquered by the latter." —Napoleon

"We must throw the printer's inkpot at the devil!"

—Martin Luther

John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, which has turned multitudes to righteousness, was converted through the reading of a tract dropped by another with a prayer that some "bad man" might pick it up.

—portion of a letter from
Douglas A. McClain, President
Fundamental Baptist Preachers Fellowship
Ontario Canada

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

CBS BUYS INTO PLAYBOY CHANNEL—It probably won't be reported on the CBS Evening News. CBS, which was already distributing Playboy's porno video cassettes, recently bought 50% of Cablevision's Rainbow Programming Service. Rainbow is the company which distributes the porno Playboy Channel. CBS now not only makes money from the distribution of Playboy's porno video cassettes, but also makes money from the porno Playboy Channel. Evidently, CBS considers pornography a pretty lucrative market and has decided to slowly and quietly buy into the business.

—NFD Journal

FALWELL REPUDIATES CONCEPT OF "CHRISTIAN AMERICA."—Evangelist Jerry Falwell told a rabbinical gathering in Miami Beach that it was "wrong" of conservative Christians to suggest that the United States is a Christian nation. He also said his support for the State of Israel is not based on a belief that the country is necessary for the second coming of Christ. The controversial fundamentalist preacher shared the platform with Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of international relations of the American Jewish Committee, at a session of the 85th annual meeting of the Rabbinical Assembly, the national organization of Conservative rabbis. Rabbi Tanenbaum said many Jews were "deeply troubled" last year, when some

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**PERSPECTIVE
A FUNDAMENTALIST
SURVEY OF THE NEWS**
by
Homer Massey
RESEARCH SECRETARY

FOREGLEAMS OF ONE-WORLD CHURCH?

"Three Springs, One River?" is the title of a recent article by Richard Lovelace in Charisma magazine. The title alludes to what Dr. Lovelace describes as a growing togetherness among Catholics, Pentecostals and Evangelicals. He cites several examples of this, such as Robert Cooley, the new president of Gordon-Conwell Seminary being from the Assemblies of God and Russell Spittler, the dean of Fuller Seminary also being a pentecostal. Not only does Lovelace make these observations, he seems to encourage such ecumenical activity. All these groups, he says (including Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican) have much to contribute to the bringing together of a "united church which is truly catholic, evangelical and pentecostal."

Richard Lovelace is a professor of church history at Gordon-Conwell Seminary.

On the one hand those who watch developments in Europe know that Anglican and Roman Catholic relations are closer. On the other hand, we are witnessing more and more tolerance of the charismatic movement by new evangelicalism. After all, the fastest-growing churches over the last ten years have been the Assemblies of God.

We have come to expect that of the new evangelicals, but would hope for more discernment from those in the fundamentalist camp. Yet, in spite of warnings from several directions, we have seen this toleration grow in the last 10-15 years. We began by seeing Doug Oldham, the Gaithers, and other charismatics perform and appear on Jerry Falwell's TV program. Then came Accelerated Christian Education's move into the charismatic schools (because "they are really winning souls," said Donald Howard). All along we have had the growing adoption of the style and substance of charismatic music.

Now we have groups such as the Moral Majority and the Coalition for Religious Freedom, and other excuses for compromise, which bring together not only "fundamentalists" and charismatics, but also the Romanists and some cultists, such as Sun Myung Moon.

Yes, Professor Lovelace is correct in his assessment that all this is helping move things toward a "united church," but this is not God's church he speaks of, but a false movement. Warnings against this have been part of Biblical preaching down through the years, yet for the sake of expediency now many believers are being sucked into this perversity. God help us to be discerning in our efforts to keep the church doors open. I'd rather see them closed than have any part in Satan's plan! (HM)

WHEATON COLLEGE IS BADLY AILING

Wheaton College has been called "the Harvard of evangelical schools." Franky Schaeffer's Christian Activist (3/85) had an interesting article entitled "Why Wheaton College Should

Be Put Out Of It's Misery." He took issue with their stand, or lack thereof, on abortion. He showed where "eighteen Wheaton professors and three Wheaton administrators" endorsed and urged students to vote for the Mondale-Ferraro pro-abortion ticket last Fall. He featured a letter from a former Wheaton student who mentioned "liberalism" and said he now has found Oklahoma State University to be more conservative than Wheaton. We note from our files that in recent years Wheaton has: taken their Men's Glee Club to sing at a Catholic mass, scheduled a Catholic University prof as commencement speaker, featured an ecumenical address by a WCC leader, had a Catholic ethicist as speaker, and had at least one "noisy" rock concert. This is but one of many once-Fundamentalist schools that now seems to be "down the New Evangelical drain." Schaeffer says, "It might be an idea to pull the plug on Wheaton College and put it out of it's misery."
—Calvary Contender

HIS PRAYING WAS "ILLEGAL"

SACRAMENTO, CA—A high school coach, fired for praying with his undefeated girls' basketball team, defended his action, saying it helped to unify his multi-ethnic squad.

"It seemed to me like it really brought us together," he told United Press International. "I would ask the Lord to keep us safe, protect us from injury, help us be thankful, and to do our best.

"The girls never said they disagreed. In one game, when we weren't doing so well and I was philosophizing about it, one girl said, 'We didn't pray before the game.' So we had prayer about it. She's not a Christian."

But in late January, Principal Robert Bone of John F. Kennedy High School said that however helpful prayer might have been, he had to fire Jim Arnold, a 24-year-old Southern Baptist minister, because it has no legal place on a public school basketball court.

Bone said that Arnold once took a practice break and "instead of having a team meeting he wanted them to pray that the girls not be tempted by drugs or sex or any kind of immorality."

Could you ever imagine that a teacher who sought to promote excellence as well as to discourage girls from engaging in immoral behavior, drugs and sex would be fired, while children in the public school are being indoctrinated with values clarification, sex-education and every stripe of anti-God, anti-parent ideology?

There is a case presently pending in the Supreme Court in which homosexual teachers are fighting for the right to openly promote their Godless lifestyle to students in the public schools under the guise of free speech. Where is free speech for those who believe in God?

The hour is late, Christian. Are you praying?

—Christian Inquirer

DOES "FREEDOM OF SPEECH" MEAN THIS?

Contrast the preceding item with the following from the Concerned Women for America:

What would you do if there were a female sex education teacher (who was also the girls' swim coach) in your local public school who did any of the following things?

- The teacher had the girls' swimming team swim in the nude in

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the school gym—on one occasion a male was present.

- She required members of the girls' swim team to practice without their bathing suits if they arrived late to class.
- The teacher encouraged the kind of relationship with the girls on her team where they bought her adult-oriented, sexually-deviant gifts.
- She frequently used foul language in class, for example on the first day of class, she told the students, "You all look like s***"
- In a co-ed sex education class, she required boys and girls to hold hands and repeat slang expressions for sex acts.
- In a mixed class, the teacher directed the students to use slang terms for women's breasts.
- She compelled girls to sit on her lap and kiss her.
- She read pornographic books on masturbation to her co-ed sex education class.
- The teacher described in detail physical positions for homosexual acts.
- She told students that homosexuality is preferred to heterosexuality because homosexuals spend more time with each other when having sex.
- The teacher required the students to play "charades" and act out slang expressions for sex.
- She advocated in class the legalization of prostitution.
- She told students that sex outside of marriage was acceptable as long as they used contraceptives.
- She told students that abortion was appropriate and was only another form of contraception.
- She divided a co-ed class and assigned one side the responsibility of debating for homosexuality and the other side debating against it, regardless of the students' personal beliefs. The teacher had just finished a section where she had emphasized the merits of homosexuality.
- She encouraged students to come to her with all their problems and told them that they could come to her house if they wanted to get drunk.

If you had a public school teacher like this in your area, you would be outraged. I am confident that you would take whatever steps of action you could to try to put a stop to this kind of influence upon your children and the children of your city.

The parents were outraged when these things came to light!

Pastors and other Christian leaders helped to rally the people in support of the parents. Together they began to circulate a petition to ask the school board to conduct an investigation and to remove the teacher from her position.

Hundreds of citizens signed the petition—mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, interested citizens, neighbors—people just like you and me.

Based on the advice of the school district lawyer, the school board refused to take any action against the tenured teacher by a unanimous vote.

By no stretch of the imagination did the framers of our Constitution and Bill of Rights have in mind government schools having to permit (and pay for) this kind of rot, and then turn around and forbid prayer and other voluntary religious activity. (HM)

The Newest Threat to Christian Liberty "Welfare Police" Proposed in Ohio Legislation

Rev. Alan Grover of the Buckeye Christian School Association of Ohio reports in his March and April "The Ram's Horn"

that the welfare departments seem to have a serious problem—the welfare "clients" do not like the caseworkers. It seems that the "clients," in some counties, have been attacking the caseworkers, and to compound that offense, some sheriffs will neither protect the caseworkers or arrest the people who break the welfare laws. An Ohio State Representative John Thompson has "brilliantly" solved their problem. He has introduced a bill that will create what Rev. Grover has aptly named "welfare police." His bill, HB116, states it would "permit county departments of human services to employ security personnel, and to give these security personnel certain police powers." You will notice that the department to receive this "power" will be the Department of Human Services. This is the same agency of government in every state that is primarily manned with the humanistic, social-reformer types that believe they can do a better job with your family than you.

Well, you say, we have enough police already, and anyway, who would pass an obviously threatening bill like that? The Ohio House of Representatives by a lopsided vote of 66 in favor to 30 opposed—that's who!

You need to be aware, because this is the sort of move that could happen in your state overnight. Are you ready to combat it? Ohio's bill will now be introduced into the Senate where Rev. Grover is trying to mount a campaign of education for the Senators as to the dangers of "bureaucratic police." The law enforcement authorities in Ohio are just as alarmed as everyone should be. The bill got this far before the law officials were able to mount a protest. They will now join in opposition because they can see the obvious—such a "welfare police" would not be answerable to regularly constituted legal procedures, but would be reporting to "administrative hearings" which by their very makeup are assuredly biased by the agency.

In alerting the churches and Christians in Ohio, Rev. Grover lists some of the objections to the Ohio bill: "1. It would put full police powers into the hands of the same agency that 'interprets' the statutes of child abuse and child neglect; 2. The agency involved holds a radical interpretation of these statutes which violates our religious beliefs about child rearing; 3. We believe the passage of this bill would remove the 'separation of powers' currently found in these statutes, thus encouraging welfare agents to implement their philosophy of child rearing at the expense of our religious beliefs; 4. The welfare agencies already possess a disturbing amount of power, which has occasioned untold grief in the state; 5. Abuses of police power would be much more difficult to correct in hired employees of a welfare agency than in elected sheriffs; 6. The welfare agencies already prohibit paddling in foster homes; we are concerned lest they seek to use police powers to prohibit legitimate paddling in other homes also."

If you can envision such a move in your state, and you should, you would do well to write to Rev. Alan Grover at BCSA, 3180 West Elm, Lima, Ohio, 45805, and ask for both March and April issued of "The Ram's Horn."

—CLD & EF Advance

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Perspective continued**GRAHAM WINS "MYTHICAL" RELIGIOUS PRIZE:
FALWELL ALSO RECEIVES NOMINATION:
REASON SHOULD BE NOTED**

The *Evangelical Newsletter* asked an array of New Evangelical leaders to make nominations for a "Mythical" evangelical peace prize for 1984. Evangelist Billy Graham won the Mythical Award in a landslide.

Dr. Jerry Falwell was among those nominated, along with Bishop Tutu (the real recipient of the Nobel "Peace" award), Mark Hatfield, Luis Palau, and others. Falwell was nominated by Ben Armstrong, the executive director of the National Religious Broadcasters, who gave as his reason that Falwell was the "only one with guts to bring together warring factions—protestants, Roman Catholics, and Jews, including Mormons IN ONE GROUP."

Since this poll was conducted by a religious organization, with religious leaders acting as nominators and other religious leaders as nominees, it is difficult to swallow the line that the "Moral Majority" is strictly a "political" organization.

—Fundamental Information Service

**Planned Parenthood Seeking Continued
Government Funding**

WASHINGTON—Judie Brown, president of the American Life Lobby, has reviewed the Multi-Country Study of Teenage Pregnancies prepared by the Alana Guttmacher Institute and found the report to be "biased to support a pre-established finding and flawed by assumptions, oversights, and mistakes in methodology."

The report encourages government funding which will allegedly reduce teenage pregnancies. However, Brown noted that as a "special affiliate" of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the Institute has a vested interest in continuing the flow of taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood, a corporation that is already the largest recipient of funds under Title X.

A copy of the critical review prepared for American Life Lobby is available through their office by writing P.O. Box 490, Stafford, Virginia, 22554, requesting "Exposed: Guttmacher Institute Sex Study Flawed."

**Homosexual Rights Legislation
Pending Before U. S. Congress**

Pending in Congress is H.R. 230, titled "Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1985." The stated purpose is "to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation, and for other purposes." To be sure there is no misunderstanding of the intent, Section 8 states: "As used in the amendments made by this Act, the term 'affectional or sexual orientation' means male or female homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bisexuality by orientation or practice, by and between consenting adults."

According to the Pro-Family Forum newsletter, this is the latest effort to put a governmental stamp of approval on homosexuality. Under the bill, no person could be questioned about "sexual orientation." Employers would be forced to hire without question—regardless of consequences to business, customers, or other employees. It is unnecessary to elaborate on AIDS and other incurable diseases, the news-

letter notes.

Writing in the *Baltimore Sun*, Annette Keilson asked: "What implications would this have for people such as hospital workers, those handling food in restaurants and schools, doctors, dentists, nurses, and teachers? What about government institutions, and organizations such as scouts, churches, etc.? What protection will there be for paramedics, police, morticians, and other health care professionals? Do you want these people caring for you and your family?"

To express your views on this, write your congressman (House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515) and your two U.S. Senators (U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510).

**HIGH COURT RULES RELIGIOUS GROUP
MUST PAY MINIMUM WAGE TO STAFF**

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that religious non-profit organizations engaged in commercial activities must pay federal minimum wages to workers. The decision was handed down against the Tony and Susan Alamo Foundation, with headquarters in Arkansas, a purported evangelical organization that runs several dozen commercial businesses in four states. The organization has been accused of distributing "virulently anti-Catholic propaganda across the United States." Justice Byron R. White said that there was no reason to fear that "ordinary volunteerism" would be affected by the ruling.

—RNS

**SOVIETS AID CELEBRATION PLANS
FOR 1000 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY**

The Soviet government is deeply involved in preparing for the millennium. No, not the one you're thinking of. In 1988, the Russian Orthodox Church will celebrate 1000 years of Christianity in that country. For starters, the government is turning over to the Moscow Patriarchate the former St. Daniel Monastery, said to be the oldest cloister in Russia. After restoration, the monastery will become the spiritual and administrative center of the Russian Orthodox Church and one of the main locations of the millennium observance. After 60 years of secular use, the 13th-century monastery already has monks living in it. The millennium commemorates the baptism of Vladimir I, Grand Duke of Kiev.

—RNS

This is obviously great propaganda for the USSR. Perhaps they can get Billy Graham back to be the keynote speaker! (Sorry, I just couldn't pass it up. HM)

PAUL TILlich:**SBC Professor's Favorite Theologian**

Articles in two independent Southern Baptist periodicals revealed that Dr. John P. Newport, vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost at Southwestern Seminary has declared publicly that Paul

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Tillich was his favorite theologian. Newport has written a book entitled Paul Tillich, published by Word.

Ronald Nash of Western Kentucky University wrote a review of the book for the Southern Baptist Advocate's May issue. In it he pointed out that "Paul Tillich rejected every essential belief of historic Christianity. Tillich rejected the doctrine of the Trinity and also the deity of Christ. He rejected the Incarnation, the New Testament doctrine of the atonement, and the bodily resurrection of Christ." He further states "as if his theological beliefs were not bad enough, Tillich's lifestyle was morally reprehensible. According to several published biographies including one by his second wife, both Tillich and his wives engaged in numerous adulterous affairs."

In the latest issue of the Southern Baptist Journal, editor Bill Powell had more regarding these biographies of Paul Tillich:

"Tillich's lifestyle and view of personal ethics in the PAUL TILLICH book starts at p. 197. 'Tillich, ...took his vows of chastity in his Wingolf fraternity days.' p. 197. Tillich's, '...first wife broke the marriage vows and had a child by Tillich's friend, Richard Wegener, while Tillich was away at war. p. 197. 'Some note was made of Tillich's relationship with women during his New York days.' p. 197.

"Two books on Tillich *From Time to Time* by his wife Hannah and *Paulus* by Rollo May were published in 1973. The latter discusses 'Tillich's lifestyle, especially his sexual life' and resulted in a 'Tillich as Person' discussion. This development lead to a re-examination of Tillich's writing on personal ethics.

"The first book which discussed Tillich's sexual life and struggles in some detail was 'From Time to Time.' Hannah's book is primarily a book about her own life, including descriptions of her bi-sexuality and her liaisons both before and after marriage. p 198.

"In the course of her impressionistic book Hannah gives a bittersweet account of various episodes in Tillich's life. She describes Tillich in a negative way as a husband and family man. According to Hannah, from the very first periods of their relationship he had liaisons with other women, including an *affair on their wedding night*. She tells of his affair with a secretary and of love letters sent and received and mementos received from various women. Some of these indictments are explicit. In the thinly veiled construction of the mythical narrative between the old man and the old woman in her book, she says many things about Tillich which she could not easily say directly. p. 198.

"Hannah's book also reveals her own deficiencies and personal sexual deviations. In fact, there is the suggestion that she had more experiences and fewer inhibitions in the sexual realm than Tillich at the time they met. She reports having had lovers until the later years of her life, with some of her extra-marital relationships lasting over considerable periods of time." p. 198.

"Tillich became involved with a number of women. For

May, Tillich was trying to live out a delayed adolescence and to seek his lost mother. He also had very strong sexual drives and 'attracted women like flies.' p. 199.

"For many years Tillich was involved in and even sustained by relationships with numerous women. He stated that he could not write a book without having a woman in mind to write it for. p. 199.

"Hannah leaves the impression that Tillich was seeking to seduce as many women as possible. p. 200.

"The Paucks quote Tillich as saying that his friendships with women, especially since he was a theologian, presented a particular agony as well as a keen pleasure. He feared the world would hold a candle to his shame. p. 201. Tillich justified his sexual behavior in the name of the 'infinite possibilities of life which provide vital fulfillment.' p. 201.

"Tillich not only needed friends and students but women friends in particular. His lasting friendships were with women who were intellectually stimulating, interesting, unusual, open to him, and with whom he felt comfortable himself. His letters and conversations encouraged his women friends. He urged them to remain open, even as he was, to the infinite experiences of life. Tillich maintains that this desire for affectional relations with beautiful and intelligent women was motivated more by my 'agape' love than 'eros' love. One of Tillich's women friends said that Tillich had 'enough eros for all.' p. 202.

While there are some good men in some at the SBC schools, evidence continues to be uncovered showing the liberal leanings of faculty members and leaders such as Dr. Newport. His influence is multiplied by the students he sends out, which is duplicated many times over throughout the convention. Conservative, vocal leadership at the top is not enough to stem this tide.

Moreover, every dollar sent to seminaries and universities through the convention program violates clear Scripture, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:11) (HM).

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

DR. ALLEN P. DICKERSON celebrated his 31st year as the pastor of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Elkton, Maryland. Pastor Dickerson says, "I pray that God will give me at least two more decades to pastor this church...Praise God for His blessings!"

DR. ED NELSON, has pastored the South Sheridan Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado for 25 years. "I prayed and believed God led me here...I plan to remain as pastor for several more years as God permits," as written in a letter by Pastor Nelson to a friend.

It is our privilege to congratulate these men for their faithful service to the Glory of God!

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figures of the "religious New Right" had begun to talk about "Christianizing America." He said this cost President Reagan some potential support in the Jewish community. "When you say you need to restore America to being a Christian nation, to return to the conditions of our origins, that kind of mythologizing is nothing more than the revision of American history," Rabbi Tanenbaum said. In response, Mr. Falwell told the conservative rabbis that he and other figures in the Reagan camp "were wrong and we are sorry. What more can I say?" The leader of the Moral Majority and preacher on the Old Time Gospel Hour program said his commitment to the State of Israel is "not based on the Jewish gathering in the State of Israel to set the stage for the Second Coming (of Christ)." He declared that "as I interpret the Scriptures, there is no such necessity, nor requirement, for Jewish occupation of Israel before we experience the second advent of our Messiah. Later in the telephone interview with Religious News Service, Rabbi Tanenbaum said Mr. Falwell's remarks represented "a new hermeneutic on classic premillennial doctrine," which has traditionally looked upon the return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel as an event preceding the Second Coming. "I think that our people were absolutely stunned to hear him say that," Rabbi Tanenbaum said of Mr. Falwell's disclaimer. Regarding the fundamentalist preacher's apology for remarks on "Christianizing America," Rabbi Tanenbaum told reporters after the meeting that he believed it to be "sincere." He said the way had been "cleared for a genuine dialogue between conservative evangelical Christians and the Jewish community. —*The Baptist Challenge*

BILLY GRAHAM COMPROMISES AGAIN—Evangelist Billy Graham has often spoken at national meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which he is a member. But he's avoiding this year's gathering in Dallas in June, because he doesn't want to become involved in the denomination's theological controversy. In a telephone interview with Helen Parmley, of the Dallas Morning News, Mr. Graham said of Southern Baptists, "I believe one of the tricks of the Devil is to get them divided so they will neglect their marvelous evangelism program, Bold Mission Thrust." Mr. Graham said he didn't want to get involved in the Biblical-inerrancy controversy because "I am an evangelist and I must appeal to as wide a range of people as possible. I believe in the Holy, inspired Word of God, but I have friends on both sides."

—*Copied***CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECOGNIZES POPE AS**

HEAD—The Church of England General Synod on February 14, 1985, overwhelmingly accepted a report on unity which recognizes the Pope as head of an eventually reunited Anglican and Roman Catholic Church. The synod agreed that the final report of the first Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission offered "a sufficient basis for taking the next concrete steps towards the reconciliation of our churches." The commission spent some ten years looking at Anglican and Roman Catholic understandings of the Eucharist, ministry and authority. Its report sees the Pope as the Universal Primate of an

eventually reunited church.

*Capital Voice***NEBRASKA GETS NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL—**

Governor Bob Kerrey gave opponents of state controlled private education cause for rejoicing when he recently appointed Omaha attorney Robert Spire to the office of State Attorney General. Spire was appointed to complete the term of Paul Douglass, an avid prosecutor of unlicensed Christian schools who was recently convicted in federal court on three counts of perjury. He was subsequently disbarred, and he resigned as attorney general. Spire is widely credited with bringing about a resolution to the Nebraska Christian school issue last spring when a Kerry-appointed committee which he headed recommended that church-run schools be allowed to function without state approval and accreditation. Everett Sileven, pastor of Faith Baptist Church and one of those who felt the brunt of the prosecution by Douglass, says he recommended Bob Spire and one other man in a letter to the Governor. He added that he did not know exactly what caused the Governor to appoint Spire, but that "God certainly sways the mind of the king."

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WHY WE NEED CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS—Quote from Dr. C. M. Pierce, Harvard University, speaking to 1,000 teachers during a 1973 Childhood Education International Association seminar:

"Every child in America entering school at the age of five is insane, because he comes to school with certain allegiances toward our founding fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being, toward the sovereignty of this nation as a separate entity...It's up to you as teachers to make all of these sick children well, by creating the international children of the future."

—*Copied***ARCHBISHOP ROACH FINED FOR DRUNK DRIVING—**

Archbishop John R. Roach has pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge and has been sentenced to serve 38 more hours in jail and pay a \$445 fine. He was ordered to complete outpatient treatment for alcohol abuse. Judge Linn Slattengren sentenced the head of the archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis after the archbishop had entered a guilty plea in Chicago County District Court in Center City, Minnesota.

—*Copied***CONSIDER THIS:**

*Perhaps
the most valuable result
of all education
is the ability to
make yourself do the thing
you have to do,
when it ought to be done,
whether you like it or not.*

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Board of that same institution during the battle over ecumenical evangelism. Both rejected the separatist position and moved firmly into the new evangelical camp with its leading spokesman, Dr. Billy Graham. The fact is John MacArthur, Jr., and his father repudiated fundamentalism in the midst of the battle and went over to the enemy.

You can tell a preacher's sympathies by the colleges he promotes. He has confirmed his position by the institutions, mission programs, and associations maintained through the years. Two of the schools he has encouraged his young people to attend are Wheaton College and Biola College, hardly fundamental institutions. He has allowed his church people to come under the influence of new evangelical Talbot Seminar by hosting their extension courses. His mission program has included such organizations as Campus Crusade, Youth for Christ, The Navigators and the Orient Crusades. When questioned about the reason for recently dropping support for Campus Crusade, a staff member indicated that the issue was not separation from evil, but rather Campus Crusade's lack of a local church emphasis. He also stated that pastor and staff considered themselves evangelicals, not fundamentalists.

MacArthur has now emerged as a very successful radio Bible teacher and pastors what is apparently a well-organized and large church. We are thankful for the truth he teaches, but regret the subtle influence he is having upon fundamentalism. It is not surprising that those who come under his influence often become critical of the separatist position. It is disheartening when young preachers return from MacArthurland singing a familiar refrain heard when new evangelicalism emerged back in the late 1950's. The words are a little different, of course, but the message is the same, *"I am weary of fundamentalists and their legalism. There is not love. I am following MacArthur because he preaches the Bible and is not always talking about standards."* Neither has the chorus changed much, *"We have become too separated. Let us build loving bridges of communication."*

A word of caution to those fundamentalists who are enamored with MacArthur. It is acceptable to skim the cream from a person's mind when there is something to learn; but we must be careful to keep our principles straight. Someone said, *"It is acceptable to ride the devil as long as he is going in your direction."* This may be true, but remember he is a slick old devil and can veer off on a side road and before you know it, take you in the wrong direction. New evangelicals are not straight on the doctrine of separation. They have a mind set away from separation toward accommodation and tend to veer further and further away from truth.

Fundamentalists are not perfect. We have blind spots

like everyone else and have to work at being balanced in our attitude and ministries; however, of one thing I am sure, fundamentalists are true to the Word of God. Whenever I become a little irritated with some of the shortcomings in our circle, I just think about the alternative.



REV. H. C. COFTY
Executive Director
Fundamental Baptist Fellowship

ITINERARY FOR AUGUST**AUGUST 4**

Calvary Baptist Church, Huntsville

Pastor Greg McLaughlin

Sunday School, morning and evening service

AUGUST 7

Shiloh Baptist Church, Huntsville

Pastor Terry Kendrick

Wednesday evening service

AUGUST 11

Trianna Village Baptist Church, Huntsville

Pastor Terry Nedelka

Sunday School and morning service

AUGUST 11

Berachah Baptist Church, Huntsville

Pastor Robert Orr

Evening service

—1985 REGIONAL MEETINGS—**NORTHEAST REGION —October 7-8**

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Rev. Gary Jones, Moderator & Host Pastor

MID-AMERICA REGION—October 7-9

Chicago, Illinois

Oak Forest Baptist Church

Rev. Bill Schroeder, Host Pastor

Dr. Frank Bumpus, Moderator

MID-ATLANTIC REGION —October 21-22

Elkton, Maryland

Maranatha Baptist Church

Dr. Allen Dickerson, Moderator & Host Pastor

WEST COAST REGION—October 21-23

San Francisco, California

Calvary Baptist Church

Rev. Ron Allen, Host Pastor

Dr. James Singleton, Moderator

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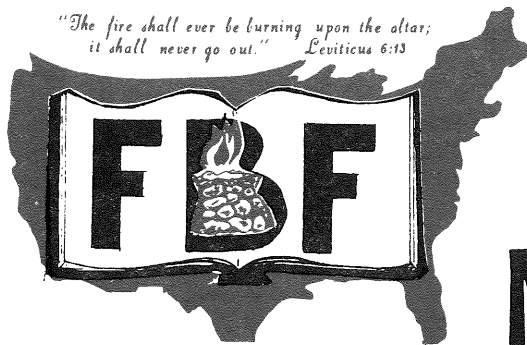
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"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar;
it shall never go out." Leviticus 6:13



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Bell

Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is combining its effort in all of our regions to go to the World Congress which will be held at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, August 4-9, 1986. The Board voted unanimously to have our National Meeting in conjunction with the World Congress.

We are looking forward to participating in this worldwide event. The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship will also be holding a two-day pre-fellowship meeting of its own and would like to invite all of its regions and delegates to this meeting that will be held in Greenville. The location will be announced later. I invite all who are

involved in the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship to mark your calendars and make plans now. We have a year to plan and I would encourage churches to put their pastors and wives in their budgets to send them to Greenville for these five days. This is a once in a life time experience. If you want your pastor to be encouraged, challenged, and strengthened, then spend some money and send him to the World Congress.

We have seen the World Congresses grow since 1976, and I believe this is going to be one of the greatest. Let me encourage all the Fundamental Baptists in America to start making your plans early. For more information write to Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 29614. Let us start promoting our National Meeting for next year and have the greatest attendance that we have ever.

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F. 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 \$7.50 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.



**PERSPECTIVE
A FUNDAMENTALIST
SURVEY OF THE NEWS**
by
Homer Massey
RESEARCH SECRETARY

CURIOUS ADVERTISING

Often the advertisements in conservative Christian periodicals reveal much about the commitment (or lack of commitment) to truth on the part of the publishers. Two recent examples show what I mean.

The February 1985 issue of the *FUNDAMENTAL JOURNAL* carried a full-page advertisement for the book "What's on Your Mind" by charismatic author Merlin Carothers. Carothers was one of the early successes of Logos, which rose to the top as a charismatic publishing house.

Then there's the *MOODY MONTHLY*, which has recently carried several full-page ads for "Dragon Raid," a "Christian Fantasy Role Playing Game" which is patterned after the controversial and dangerous "Dungeons and Dragons" game.

The advertisement claims that the game will "help your sons and daughters grow strong in Christ," and that it is "an innovative discipleship tool." Yet there are too many similarities to the occultish "Dungeons and Dragons" and too many elements contrary to true Biblical Christian living.

The Heritage Education and Review Organization of Tarrattsville, Maryland, has published a list of 13 similarities to D & D. Their address is P.O. Box 202, Tarrattsville, MD 21084.

Briefly, some of the objectionable elements of "Dragon Raid" are the use of dice, which makes the individual's strength or ability to win Christian battles by chance; the use of magical items and weapons, healing potions, sin enchantments, all elements of witchcraft, and the glamorization of death (killing, blood and gore are involved). "Runes" in D & D is an occult language. In "Dragon Raid," Word Runes are scripture verses. The word "rune" is "an aphroism, poem, or saying with mystical meaning or for use in casting a spell." (Random House Dictionary)

I realize that some leading conservative Christians have endorsed "Dragon Raid," and that it has an appeal to the more sophisticated crowd, but the dangers should not be ignored. Parents should not buy it or allow their youngsters to play it. (HM)

FALWELL AND FULLER SEMINARY

Those who know would not expect cooperation between Jerry Falwell's *FUNDAMENTAL JOURNAL* and the ecumenical Fuller Theological Seminary. Yet the July-August, 1985 FJ includes several pages written by Denny Miller,

Fuller Seminary's Coordinator of Editorial and Media Relations.

The article was about Charles E. Fuller, the founder of radio's "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour," but contained some promotion for the seminary, which ran without any comment or disclaimer from FJ.

"Charlie's dream," the article states, "was to establish the 'Cal Tech' of the Evangelical world, and his dream became reality in the founding of Fuller Theological Seminary. In September, 1964, a School of Psychology and in 1965, a School of World Missions were added to the School of Theology. By the 1983-84 academic year, enrollment had grown to 2,775 students, making Fuller the world's largest Evangelical, multi-denominational seminary."

Of course, Fuller Seminary has long since departed from the gospel its founder preached and has followed a path of compromise and toleration, openly promoting dialogue with liberalism and neo-orthodoxy. David Hubbard, president of Fuller, is a New Evangelical of the left-wing variety who often speaks at liberal schools and seminars and who has liberals to speak at the seminary.

Fuller is committed to the New-Evangelical philosophy of dialogue with liberals, infiltration of apostate denominations and ecumenical evangelism. Teachers advocate various shades of theological belief as well as women's lib, acceptance of homosexuality, and of theistic evolution. Hubbard boasts that Fuller is a microcosm of the ecumenical movement, with students from United Presbyterian, American Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Catholic, and charismatic backgrounds.

This is what is disturbing about the *FUNDAMENTAL JOURNAL*. It constantly presents non-fundamentalist personalities and institutions without any comment whatsoever. A true Fundamentalist gives a certain sound (I Cor. 14:8) on the trumpet, rather than one of confusion and disarray. The *FUNDAMENTAL JOURNAL* again proves it is misnamed. (HM)

COURTROOM UPDATE

Several recent court decisions, some final, have a varying impact on our continuing struggle for religious liberty. Some, such as the Supreme Court decision affecting state laws guaranteeing a worker a day off for worship, aren't necessarily vital to our effort, but may show a negative trend in the high court regarding state-church issues.

In the "clergy malpractice" suit against John MacArthur in California, the parents of a young man who committed suicide after receiving counseling from MacArthur's staff sued MacArthur and his church. The case was thrown out of court in 1981, reinstated last year, and tried again in Superior Court. On May 16, the judge dismissed the suit half-way through the trial. The parents will undoubtedly appeal.

The now famous CREATIONISM trial in Louisiana has ended in federal district court in New Orleans with the

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COURTROOM UPDATE, continued
judge ruling that the state law is unconstitutional. The law required that creationism be taught in public schools whenever the theory of evolution is taught.

Another Supreme Court decision involved the use of public school teachers in special programs in private church schools with the Court deciding that such co-operation was unconstitutional.

The Alabama law permitting silent prayer was struck down, continuing a string of defeats for proponents of school prayer.

Abortion will continue to be in the spotlight since the Supreme Court will hear arguments concerning laws in Illinois and Pennsylvania which restrict abortions. Many view this case to be an important test of the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973.

In a decision recently in an insurance law suit in San Francisco an unborn child has been ruled a legal "person."

The case involved a child born in 1975 with birth defects that the child's parents blamed on the drug Coumadin, which the mother took early in her pregnancy. A federal appeals court has upheld a ruling that an insurance policy covered the settlement. The court determined that the fetus was a person for legal purposes at the time of the surgery.

This type of ruling has been made in other states, increasing the credibility of the anti-abortion position. (HM)

FILTHY ROCK & ROLL GETS MORE SCRUTINY

In two national columns recently the immoral, ungodly lyrics of today's popular music have come under fire. While their goal may be just to "clean up" rock music, instead of getting rid of it, the public attention will help us as Christian leaders make parents aware of what their children listen to.

The first is an article by Kandy Stroud, in the May 6, 1985 issue of NEWSWEEK; the second is by nationally-syndicated columnist William Raspberry, from the June 25, 1985 Norfolk VIRGINIAN-PILOT.

STOP PORNOGRAPHIC ROCK

by Kandy Stroud

My 15-year-old daughter unwittingly alerted me to the increasingly explicit nature of rock music. "You've got to hear this, Mom!" she insisted one afternoon, fast-forwarding Prince's "Purple Rain" to the song "Darling Nikki." "But don't listen to the words," she added, an instant tip-off to pay attention. The beat was hard and pulsating, the music burlesque in feeling, as Prince, who has sold more than 9 million copies of "Purple Rain," began:

*I knew a girl named Nikki
 I guess u could say she was a sex fiend
 I met her in a hotel lobby
 masturbating with a magazine*

Unabashedly sexual lyrics like these, augmented by orgasmic moans and howls, compose the musical diet millions of children are now being fed at concerts, on albums, on radio, and MTV. Rock stations may play Sheena Easton's latest hit, "Sugar Walls," as many as a dozen times a day. "I hate this song," my 13-year-old, rock-crazed son muttered on the way from school one day as he inadvertently tuned in Easton's lewd and crude song about genital arousal.

My own Mr. Cool was visibly embarrassed. Embarrassed? I almost drove off the road.

I confess to being something of a rock freak. I may be a singer of sacred music, but I've collected rock since its birth in the '50s. I've danced to it and now I do aerobics to it; I love the beat and the sound. But as both parent and musician I am concerned about the number of hit tunes that can only be called porn rock, and about the tasteless, graphic and gratuitous sexuality saturating the airwaves and filtering into our homes.

Which is not to say rock took an erotic turn overnight. Elvis Presley was bumping and grinding his way through "Heartbreak Hotel" 30 years ago. "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," by the Rolling Stones, was no innocent ditty. But innuendo has given way to the overt. And vulgar lurics supported by uncomfortably provocative sound effects result in musical pornography.

"Feels so good inside," squeals Madonna on her triple-platinum album, "Like a Virgin." Rock's latest "it" girl hardly touts virginal innocence, as one can gather from her gyrations and undulations on Friday-night video shows.

"Relax when you want to come," the English group Frankie Goes To Hollywood wails on "Relax," now the fourth-best-selling record in British history, a lofty position that being banned by the BBC did much to ensure. On the album "Defenders of the Faith," the group Judas Priest sings "Eat Me Alive," which deals with a girl being forced to commit oral sex at gunpoint. In "Ten Seconds to Love," Motley Crue croons about intercourse on an elevator. In concert, W.A.S.P.'s lead singer, Blackie Lawless, has appeared onstage wearing a codpiece with a buzz-saw blade between his thighs. During "The Torture Never Stops," Lawless pretends to pummel a woman dressed in a G-string and black hood, and, as fake blood cascades from the hood, he attacks her with the blade.

Aristotle said music has the power to form character. The Bach B-Minor Mass can be a link with the eternal. But while music can ennoble and inspire, it can also degrade. Some drug programs forbid teen-age patients to attend rock concerts or even to sport the T-shirts of rock groups. Some schools where smoking and drinking are prohibited have added rock music to the list of taboos. "At the very least," says Father James Connor, the pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C., "rock is turning sex into something casual. It's as if society is encouraging its youngsters to get sexually involved."

Dr. Joseph Novello, director of a drug program in Washington, says one of the questions he asks his teen-age patients is what kind of music they listen to. Whether it's satanic, sexual or drug-oriented—it tells him something about the child's state of mind. In like manner, he says, parents have an obligation to be aware of their children's musical tastes and "if you take exception to the words, don't allow them to listen."

Surprisingly, the majority of parents I've spoken to have expressed partial or total ignorance of the music their children are dancing to, doing homework to, or falling asleep to. Most claim they don't listen to rock or can't understand the words if they do. They also admit that they don't want to add another item to the laundry list of things they already monitor — movies, books, magazines, parties, friends, homework.

DOLLARS: Legislative action may be needed, or better yet, a measure of self-restraint. If distillers can voluntarily keep their products off the public airwaves, then the record industry can also curb porn-rock — or at the very least, make sure that kids under 17 are not allowed into sexually explicit concerts.

And what about the musicians themselves? If 46 pop superstars can raise millions of dollars for African famine relief with their hit "We Are the World," why can't musicians also ensure that America's own youth will be fed a diet of rock music that is not only good to dance to but healthy for their hearts and minds and souls as well?

(A free-lance journalist, Stroud sings with Washington's Choral Arts Society.)

FILTHY ROCK & ROLL, Continued FILTH IN OUR MUSIC

by William Raspberry

A group of Washington women, including the wives of some of the city's most powerful men, may be about to do something for our children what we couldn't — or wouldn't — do for them ourselves. They are about to clean up their air.

The polluters these women have in mind are not the smokestack industry but the record industry. Like us, they are sick of the filth that passes for lyrics on some of the most popular records, tapes and videos. Unlike us, they are prepared to move: have moved, in fact.

Mrs. Albert Gore Jr. (he's the Tennessee senator) and Mrs. James A. Baker III (he's the Treasury secretary) are no blue-nose record smashers. They are mothers who are distressed that their children are being exposed to filth, violence, sado-masochism and explicit sex whenever they switch on their favorite radio station or watch televised videos. They aren't demanding censorship; they want a choice.

As a very minimum, they want the record industry to label their products after the style of the movie industry, so that at least they and their children know what they are buying. As it is now, you can't always tell.

Tipper Gore, mother of four, found out the hard way, when her 11-year-old daughter came home with Prince's "Purple Rain." "She bought it because she liked 'Let's Go Crazy,' but then I heard the words to 'Darling Nikki,' with its lyrics about a girl masturbating with a magazine, and I started paying attention.

"Then I happened to talk with Susan Baker, whom I had met through an international club we both belong to, and I found out she was going through the same thing with her children." They formed the Parents Music Resource Center (655 15th St. N.W., Washington 20005) and managed to swing enough clout to get Stan Gortikov, president of the Recording Industry Association of America to come down from New York to meet with them. They also persuaded Edward Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, to ask 45 recording companies to supply written lyrics for their albums so that broadcasters can know what they are playing.

That may help, though surely the deejays must be aware that "Bitch, Be My Slave" is not exactly what parents want their pre-teens to listen to.

"The children really don't have a choice," Tipper Gore says. "They flip through the record bin and they see a cover with a nude woman gagged and chained to a motorcycle, or another one simulating masturbation with a light bulb. There's one record — platinum yet — with a song called 'Eat Me Alive' that is about oral sex at gunpoint. Some of it I can't bring myself to talk about. It's simply gone too far, and it has to be stopped. At least we have a right to know what's on an album so we can exercise some control."

Much of the filth and depravity is, if the youngsters are to be believed, purely gratuitous. They say it is the melody and the beat that are the principle attractions, and that they would still choose many of the same records if the lyrics were far milder.

As things stand, the children have no realistic choice. It's impossible to listen to most of the rock stations, or watch the televised videos, without being exposed to kinky sex, torture and even killing.

Some of it, no doubt, is calculated to shock. But because we adults, in our pseudosophistication refuse to acknowledge shock, the effect is to legitimize and popularize things that ought to have us screaming bloody murder.

Now, thanks to a handful of Washington women, maybe we'll take our heads out of the sand and start screaming.

ON DISCIPLINE

Several years ago, an Amish man caught his sons in the local tavern drinking beer. The disapproving father promptly disciplined his boys. "I'll take the horse home," he told them.

"You boys bring the buggy." One of the most difficult things for me to understand as a child was when my father told me he spanked me because he loved me. Now, as a father, I understand. Maybe a board in the hand is worth two courses in child psychology!

No parent can love a child as God desires without practicing stern discipline. My father was a stern disciplinarian. He provided the discipline and I provided the stern, OUCH! A child left to his own devices will become a terror to others. When will we learn? How many children do you know who were left to do as they pleased who grew up to be productive and responsible human beings? They are the exceptions and not the rule.

God's love for His children is similar to a father's love for his sons. God does reprove and chasten us because He cares. He knows what will happen to our lives if we are left to our own imaginations. We will become spiritual delinquents. Maybe we ought not get so bent out of shape the next time an elder loves us enough to gently discipline us.

I regret that there are so many children in the land today who are left without proper parental guidance. They would give almost anything to have a mother or father who cared enough to say, "Be in by eleven!" Children with parents who do not care know they are not loved as they should be. Rejoice that we have a heavenly father who cares enough to give us sound advice and good rules by which to live.

—Pulpit Helps

GOOD IDEAS

New Secretary of Education, William Bennett, is calling for public schools not only to return to the three R's, but the three C's — content, character, and choice.

Teachers must know both how to teach and what to teach (content). Skills are important, says Bennett, "But knowledge is at least as important."

Character comes if schools are run in a disciplined manner. A school must have character if it is to transfer that character to students. You cannot teach morality without being committed to morality yourself. And you cannot be committed to morality yourself without holding that some things are right and some things are wrong.

Dr. Bennett also believes parents need to have the choice over their child's school environment — an environment that affirms and extends their own principles. Parents need to find schools where their own values will not be lost.

Bennett also believes "that voluntary prayer in school should not be prohibited as it is today. I am recommending that when a group of students want to gather to pray before class, it may not be prohibited from doing so."

—The Summit Journal

COALITIONS FOR COMPROMISE

Outgrowths of the philosophy of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority include The American Coalition for Traditional Values, and the Coalition for Religious Freedom.

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COALITIONS, Continued

Listed on the letterhead of the ACTV as board members are Tim LaHaye, president, NRB head Ben Armstrong, New Evangelical E.V. Hill, charismatics Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Bakker, Ken Copeland, and John Gimenez, along with Jerry Falwell and Jack Van Impe.

Baptist Bible Fellowship leaders are prominent on the list of board members for the CRF, which has held rallies to gather support for imprisoned cultist Sun Myung Moon. The president is Indianapolis pastor, Greg Dixon, along with other BBF pastors Herbert Fitzpatrick of Maryland and Harold Rawlings of Ohio. Also listed are Tim LaHaye, Ben Armstrong, E.V. Hill, several southern Baptists including James Robison, charismatic Rex Humbard, and Rabbi David Ben-Ami.

However sincerely these men believe in their respective causes, those who are independent Baptist have joined together with New Evangelicals, charismatics, cultists and worse, in violation of the Biblical principles of separation.

CBN LEADER AT HOLLYWOOD

Charismatic leader, Pat Robertson, was guest speaker at Hollywood Presbyterian Church on February 24th. This church, which is a member of both the NCC and WCC is pastored by Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie who claims to be an evangelical and is one of the leading exponents of sensitivity training presented in the guise of Christian teaching. Evangelicals, ecumenists and charismatics are increasingly found in fellowships and relationships which the Scriptures forbid. It is very dangerous to disobey the command of God to separate from false teachers and disobedient brethren no matter how many well-known leaders disobey His commands.

—FOUNDATION

SOUTHEASTERN AFFIRMS ORDAINED WOMEN

Wake Forest, NC—In response to controversy over Home Mission Board financial support for an ordained woman pastor, the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has adopted unanimously a statement of affirmation of her ministry.

Debra Griffis-Woodberry, a 1977 graduate of the seminary, was called recently as pastor by the Broadneck Baptist Mission, Annapolis, Md. Under the arrangement of her employment, a portion of her salary will be paid by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

After approving her salary supplement, the Home Mission Board was criticized for its support of an ordained woman. The criticism follows an adoption of a resolution at the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention which discouraged churches from ordaining women.

In the faculty statement, Mrs. Griffis-Woodberry, who earned two degrees at Southeastern, was cited as having "distinguished herself as a scholar, as a minister-in-training, and as a Christian person in her preparation here." The statement also said "she has served with competence on our instructional staff," and had done "excellent work" in two Raleigh, N.C., congregations.

"Given this significant history," the statement continued, "we affirm the Home Mission Board's recent approval of her for church pastoral assistance." Further, the faculty said, "she lives out in her pastoral work qualities of ministry we value highly," among which were "committed to the lordship of Jesus Christ," "able preaching," and "evangelistic concern."

—Southern Baptist Journal

CULT LEADER DIES

Victor Paul Wierwille, founder of The Way International, died May 20 near New Knoxville, Ohio. He was 68. The Way International grew out of a radio broadcast Wierwille began as a pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the 1940s. But Wierwille began to veer from evangelical theology, challenging the doctrine of the Trinity and the deity of Christ. The group now has a college and two "divinity schools," but no membership figures. Yet officials estimate that over 100,000 have enrolled in its "Power for Abundant Living" study courses.

—Evangelical Newsletter

THE TWO CHRISTS

by Robert McKay

While the Book of Mormon is Mormonism's distinctive book, it does not teach LDS doctrine. In the areas of baptism for the dead, plurality of gods, and a total apostasy, the Book of Mormon contradicts the teachings of the LDS church. In fact, it could almost be called a Christian book. However, in one important area the Book of Mormon is most definitely not Christian — it teaches "Another Jesus" (II Cor. 11:4).

A tremendous difference is found in the events surrounding Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. According to the Bible, at Christ's death there was an earthquake, accompanied by the rending of the veil in the temple. No further damage was done. When He rose from the dead there was another earthquake, but there was no damage, injury, or loss of life. Indeed, one passage notes that "the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection" (Matt. 27:52-53a).

The Jesus portrayed in the Book of Mormon is a complete contrast. The Book of Mormon states that 16 separate cities were destroyed by the upheavals accompanying the Christ's crucifixion. Some cities were burned, others sank into the sea, and others were buried. After all this destruction had taken place, a voice was heard, taking credit for the disaster. Finally the voice declared, "I am Jesus Christ the Son of God" (3 Nephi 9:15). The Biblical Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem (Matt. 23:37). The Biblical Jesus refused to defend Himself, even though He could have called upon thousands of angels (Matt. 26:53). The Biblical Jesus allowed Himself to be mocked, spat upon, beaten, whipped, and finally nailed to a cross, praying that those who treated Him thus might be forgiven (Luke 23:34). The Jesus of the Book of Mormon, on the other hand, destroyed almost 20 cities and killed all their inhabitants. The Book of Mormon says that it was "our mothers and our fair daughters, and our children" who died, while those who deserved God's wrath were spared (3 Nephi 3:25).

The Jesus of the Bible and the Jesus of the Book of Mormon cannot be the same. One came to save life, the other killed

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uncounted thousands. Even one Mormon leader has admitted that "many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus than is worshipped by the Mormons" (Ensign, May 77, pg. 26).

Even if in every other area Mormonism were absolutely correct, being wrong about Jesus would make it a false religion. Worshipping a false Jesus cannot result in salvation. A false Christ has no power to save. The Jesus of the Book of Mormon is not the Jesus of the Bible, and therefore is a false Christ.

TEEN SEX REQUIRES ONLY 'CARING'

Sexual innuendo, sacrilege and illicit sex for teens continue to be the trademarks of NBC's **GIMME A BREAK**. On the December 1 episode of the Norman Lear Embassy production, two subplots intertwined, one with a message concerning extra-marital sex and one with approval of sex for high school teens.

First, Nell's friend Addie begs Nell to go with her on a weekend ski trip. The two women are to meet Dr. Ferguson (Addie's dentist) and a doctor friend of his for the weekend.

Having planned a quiet weekend at home alone, Nell is adamant in her refusal. Addie tries everything she can think of to persuade Nell to go, explaining that the doctor (of course) has money, and that he is even single! Apparently that is not to be assumed, but must be explained in Nell's circle of friends.

Nell remains firm until Addie says, "I hear he's got a great body!"

Immediately Nell bursts out singing, "Dashing through the snow," and begins packing. (This is the same Nell who from time to time adopts prayer and pious platitudes, consistently distorting them to achieve her own selfish ends. For example, she teaches the young boy in the Komisky family for whom she keeps house that it is acceptable to lie when it gets what he wants. She is also frequent party to deceptions perpetrated by the three teenage daughters against their father.)

In this episode Nell wears her usual symbol of the Christian faith—a cross—when she goes to meet her blind date Romeo for a weekend "ski" adventure.

What Nell discovers, however, is that Julie, one of the Komisky teenagers, is at the ski lodge with her boyfriend for the weekend. Nell is enraged—not that Julie is there with Jonathan, but that Julie lied to her, telling her she was going skiing with a girlfriend.

During their confrontation, Nell strikes Julie with a harsh, hard blow across the face. The two apologize to each other and Nell concludes that she will pack and go home because she knows Julie will make the right decision.

"If you were going to do it, you should do it for the right reasons. You should do it because you care about him."

Evidently pre-marital sex has no moral consequence except that a high school girl be sure she cares about the boy she has sex with. This teaching is more and more in evidence on television's "family" sitcoms.

—NFD Journal

Note: Nell Carter is one of many entertainers who piously advertise for "The Book". (HM)

7-ELEVEN LARGEST DISTRIBUTOR OF PENTHOUSE MAGAZINE

7-Eleven, in addition to being the largest distributor of Playboy, is also the largest distributor of Penthouse in the country.

Mr. Erwin Billman, vice president of Penthouse, gave sworn testimony in Georgia district court about the Penthouse 7-Eleven connection. He was asked on the witness stand if 7-Eleven is the most important outlet to Penthouse nationally. Mr. Billman responded, "Yes, it is."

U.S. District Court Judge Marvin Shoob ruled that Penthouse magazine "contains patently offensive depictions of sexual conduct and predominantly appeals to prurient interest."

In each obscenity ruling where Penthouse has been convicted, Penthouse has decided not to appeal to the Supreme Court. Some think that Penthouse is deathly afraid of having the Supreme Court review whether or not Penthouse publishes a legally obscene magazine.

And of course, it would create problems for 7-Eleven to be the leading distributor of a legally obscene magazine.

—NFD Journal

NRB OFFICIALLY NEW-EVANGELICAL

MANY PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE THAT THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS (NRB) ORGANIZATION IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE NAE AND SHARES ITS SAME BASIC POLICIES. With the rapid growth of radio and TV ministries headed by evangelicals and charismatics, the NRB CONVENTIONS AND PROGRAMS ACTUALLY OVERSHADOW THOSE OF THE NAE ITSELF. It is now the NRB conventions that draw the crowds and the press coverage. When the President of the USA speaks, it is to the NRB rather than the NAE conventions. It was at this year's NRB convention that a "debate" took place between Dr. Jerry Falwell and Senator Edward Kennedy. The NRB magazine candidly called it a "duet" rather than a "debate." Amazing compromises such as this have become so commonplace that they are blissfully ignored by most Christians and accepted as a matter of course.

—Foundation

LIBERAL CONFUSION

"There is a curious irony in liberal Christianity. As liberal spokesmen find it less and less possible to speak with authority on subjects Christianity has historically spoken about with authority, they find it easier and easier to speak dogmatically on subjects where the church has no special competence. Typically, a liberal clergyman will not know exactly what he thinks about Jesus, the Bible, or adultery, but does know exactly what he thinks about the politics of El Salvador or the Equal Rights Amendment, and he expresses himself forthrightly. Such dogmatism stems directly from the liberal's loss of a sense of the supernatural and of eternity. He has become a secularist in the literal sense of one who lives for this world only. Liberalism now assumes that the chief purpose of religion is to create a better world, because

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it is fairly certain that there is no world beyond this one. The model for a better world is taken over, more or less totally and without change, from various secular groups." James Hitchcock, *What Is Secular Humanism*, p. 131
—Quoted in *Summit Journal*

MEDIA ATTITUDE TOWARD CHRISTIANS

The Rutherford Institute successfully defended Associated Press reporter Gary Moes of Helena, Montana. Moes was covering activities of the Montana legislature and the State Supreme Court when an interview with him came out in the **Montana Christian** newspaper. Moes was demoted because his superior felt he could appear to have a "conflict of interests," his Christian views might influence his writing.

After the Rutherford Institute filed a grievance with the local AP bureau, AP investigated and found "no wrong doing" on Moes part and reinstated him.

This anti-Christian bias among many in the secular media is apparently increasing. In an address to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish rights organization, Michael Novak said that the most recent U.S. elections "revealed more bigotry against evangelicals...without anybody leaping to their defense...code words without the existence of evidence and a string of associations are techniques used to engender fear and elicit hatred and contempt" of Christians.

Is any other religion reported in a like manner by the media? Nope, their bias is reserved for Christians only.

—NFD Journal

ORAL ROBERTS SAYS,

"GOD HAS COMMANDED ME TO BUILD A GREAT NEW HEALING CENTER."

Reports of the "new" plan Roberts claims God gave him for another very expensive project were set forth in the February-March 1985 issue of **Abundant Life** magazine. An artist's drawing of this new extravaganza shows it will contain the following: Restaurant, Bookstore and Gift Shop, Entertainment Center, Miracle Drama Center, Walk Through The Bible, TV Center, Journey Into Faith, Seed-Faith Center, Charismatic Center, Marriage and Family Counseling Center and Partners Gallery. Described as "Seven Acres Under One Roof—climate controlled for year-round comfort—with every square foot built for the glory of God...and for your healing." Roberts is seeking to finance this huge project by asking Christians to give \$480 each to cover the cost of 10 square feet of the buildings. For several years, Oral Roberts has played down "healing," but now once again he is making it the focal point of his ministry. One day, he and other charismatic leaders will have to give an account for the way in which they have drained the purses of gullible Christians in order to finance their extravagant dreams.

—Foundation

ON CAPITALISM VERSUS SOCIALISM

"Suppose that Latin America had developed industries and manufacturing before the United States did. Clearly, the resources were available. Latin America is rich in oil, tin, bauxite, and many other important minerals. Its farmlands and tropical gardens are luxuriant. Why, then, didn't Latin America become the richer of the two continents of the New

World? The answer appears to lie in the quite different nature of the Latin American political system, economic system, and moral-cultural system. The last is probably decisive. Latin America might have been economically active, progressive, and independent. Indeed, Latin America had the advantage of remaining outside World Wars I & II. It might long ago have placed the United States in its economic shadow. It might yet do so, if it were to organize itself to use its own great wealth in an appropriate way. Yet its Catholic bishops do not blame the Catholic Church, the systems of political economy they long supported, or the past values and choices of its peoples. They blame the United States.

Michael Novak, *Ibid.*, p. 275

"Traditional Catholic ignorance about modern economics may, in fact, have more to do with poverty of Latin America than any other single factor."

Michael Novak, *Ibid.*, p.276

"'We are the victims,' the (Latin American Catholic) bishops say. They accept no responsibility for three centuries of hostility to trade, commerce, and industry. They seem to imagine that loans and aid should be tendered them independently of economic laws, and that international markets should operate without economic sanctions."

Michael Novak, *Ibid.*, p.279

"About ten years ago a student group at Cambridge published a pamphlet on the subject of the moral obligation of the West to the Third World. The following was its key passage: 'We took the rubber from Malaya, the tea from India, raw materials from all over the world and gave almost nothing in return.' This is as nearly the opposite of the truth as one can find. The British took the rubber from Malaya and the tea from India. There were no rubber trees in Malaya or anywhere in Asia (as suggested by their botanical name, *Hevea brasiliensis*) until about 100 years ago, when the British took the first rubber seeds there out of the Amazon jungle. From these sprang the huge rubber industry—now very largely Asian-owned. Tea plants were brought to India by the British somewhat earlier; their origin is shown in the name *Camilla sinensis*, as well as in the phrase 'all the tea in China.' "

P.T. Bauer, *Equality, the Third World, and Economic Division*, p. 67, 68

"Western churches and charities are on the same bandstand (blaming the U.S. and the West for Latin America's poverty). Professor Ronald J. Sider is a prominent American churchman. In an article entitled 'How We Oppress the Poor' in **Christianity Today** (16 July 1976), an influential Evangelical magazine, he wrote about the 'strangle-hold which the developed West has kept on the economic throats of the Third World' and then went on to say, 'It would be wrong to suggest that 210 Americans bear sole responsibility for all the hunger and injustice in today's world. All the rich developed countries are directly involved...we are participants in a system that dooms even more people to agony and death than the slave system did.' These are evident fantasies. Famines hold countries largely isolated from the West. So far from condemning Third World people to death, Western contacts have been behind the large increase in life expectations in the Third World, so often deplored as the population explosion by the same critics."

P.T. Bauer *Ibid.*, p. 68
(Dr. P.T. Bauer is professor of economics at the London School of Economics, University of London.)

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"As the (U.S. Catholic) bishops develop this proposition (Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy), however, one is struck by the emphasis they place on what they themselves call the 'communitarian' character of the Christian vision of economic life. To be human, they write, is to hear 'the call to community'; they tell us that 'the goods of this earth are common property'; they cite Clement of Alexandria on the 'communality of possessions'; they refer to 'commune solidarity' and the 'fullness of community.' And they counterpose all the stress on communitarianism to something they deplore, the 'selfish appropriation and exploitation' of the goods and resources of the world.

"Now, the bishops are careful to say that they are not against private property as such, and one may surmise that they are also not necessarily against capitalism—though, very curiously, they avoid using the word throughout the document. Yet from the beginning a suggestion has been planted that there is something basically wrong with our economic arrangements—since, obviously, they are not communitarian."

*Peter L. Bergen, Boston University Professor
COMMENTARY, Feb. 1985, p.31, 32
(Excerpts from the Summit Journal)*

"JERRY FALWELL APOLOGIZES TO CONSERVATIVE RABBIS"

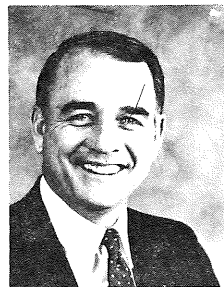
This headline prefaced an article in **The Jewish Advocate** for March 21, 1985. We quote, "The Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, last night apologized for calling for the CHRISTIANIZATION OF AMERICA. 'We are wrong and we are sorry,' Falwell told more than 1,200 conservative rabbis attending the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly. What more can I say?" The article went on to say, "Falwell's apology appeared sincere and the way has been cleared for the genuine dialogue between conservative evangelical Christians and the Jewish community." Falwell's compromises with a great variety of groups clearly disqualify his claim to be a fundamentalist. Are not true believers commanded to preach the gospel to every creature? Should we not desire and work for the conversion of all men who reject Christ, including Jews? To promote a program of dialogue with any false religious system inevitably results in blunting the sharp edge of the Word of God and blurring the blessed truth of the Gospel. Proclamation, not dialogue is the Bible-prescribed order for every believer.

—Foundation

SOVIET OFFICIAL VISITS WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HEADQUARTERS

Ecumenical Press Service for January 16-25, 1985 reported that the Vice-Chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs of the USSR, H.E. Peter V. Makartsev, met with WCC executives and addressed the general staff at the WCC headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland on December 7, 1984. The USSR Council for Religious Affairs controls the activities of all religions which are permitted to operate behind the Iron Curtain and the EPS report revealed clearly that this Soviet Official was promoting the myth of religious freedom under communism. Following his visit to the WCC, he also visited leaders of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Conference of European Churches. Soviet deception is never more dangerous than when it wears the cloak of religion.

True Christianity and Communism are incompatible. Those who are deceived into thinking otherwise are in for a very rude awakening—perhaps soon.
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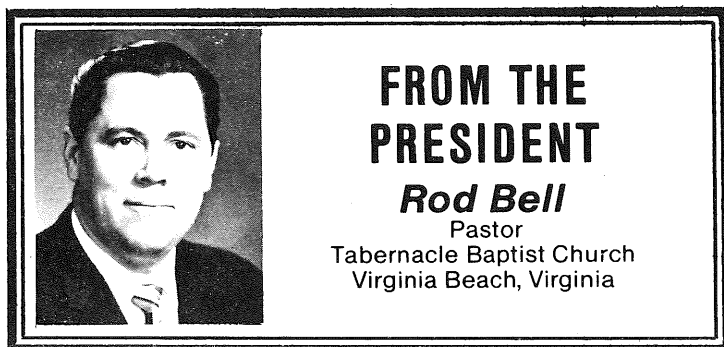
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National FBF Meeting — August 1-3, 1986 **Hampton Park Baptist Church, Greenville, SC, To Host**



The 1986 National Meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship will be held at Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville, SC, August 1-3. The church is located on Route 12, State Park Road. We appreciate this fine church and pastor hosting this meeting.

I would like to encourage all of the Fundamental Baptists to be with us during this meeting at Brother Dave Yearick's church—especially all the preachers in the southeast. Services are scheduled for Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday afternoon.

If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact Rev. Chuck Coffy at the FBF home office, 717 N. Whitehurst Landing Road, Virginia Beach 23464 or call 804-420-5476.



IN SEARCH OF UNITY

by Edward Dobson
(reviewed by James E. Singleton)

This book is a sequel to *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon*, edited by Jerry Falwell with Ed Dobson and Ed Hindson, published in 1981. Since Dobson is associate pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church, vice president for student affairs at Liberty Baptist College, senior editor of "Fundamentalist Journal," and in his acknowledgements says that "no one person has done more to influence my life and thinking than has he (Falwell)," we can assume that the views expressed are those of Falwell.

The point made is that we are not looking at the proposals of a relatively obscure associate pastor of a church or vice president of a college, but at the pronouncements of a man who has emerged as a nationally recognized religious leader in this latter end of the twentieth century.

The proposal made in both books is dangerously subtle and the most serious threat to the cause of true biblical fundamentalism which has yet appeared and, if implemented, would destroy the true cause and mission of fundamentalism.

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Phenomenon and **Unity** both discuss the rise of liberalism in the latter part of the nineteenth century and the first part of the twentieth century. They then show the fundamentalist reaction to a movement which Machen in **Christianity and Liberalism** conclusively proved is not a variant of biblical Christianity, but a false gospel, as different from Christianity as is Hinduism or Buddhism. The authors obviously believe this division between fundamentalists and liberals was necessary.

The fuzziness of their thinking and the weakness of their arguments begin to manifest themselves, however, as they move into the division between fundamentalism and new evangelicalism. Falwell and Dobson see no problem with the new evangelicals themselves. Rather, it is the "extremes" in the movements that are to be rejected. In **Phenomenon**, Falwell refers to these extremists as the "lunatic fringe" and identifies them as the "young" or "worldly" evangelicals (a term coined by Richard Quebedeaux) on the left, and as hyper-fundamentalists (who believe in extreme separatism and practice a rather narrow exclusivism) on the right.

Although regretting his name identification of this "lunatic fringe" in an issue of the "Fundamentalist Journal," Dobson still contends that the church has its extremists who refuse any relationship to the main body of Christ.

Note very carefully: Falwell and Co. see little difference between fundamentalists and new evangelicals; rather, they see the "radicals" as dividing the two movements. The only impediment to the two groups working together are the extremists. In neither book have the authors answered the basic questions:

1. What produced the young and worldly evangelicals whom the authors correctly say have completed the circle to liberalism?

Both authors fail to comprehend that it was the "mood" of new evangelicalism, affirming penetration rather than separation from liberalism, that produced the young evangelicals. In his foreword to Lindsell's **The Battle for the Bible**, the weeping of the late Harold Ockenga can almost be heard as he attempts to disassociate his new evangelicalism from the young evangelicals, but at the same time steadfastly refusing to acknowledge that these radicals were spawned by the soft and compromising posture of the new evangelicals.

2. Was the movement known as new evangelicalism necessary in order to correct the excesses of fundamentalism?

No honest person would deny that in the heat of the fundamentalist-liberal controversy there was some unnecessary name calling, personality conflicts, prima donnas, and empire building. But rather than correcting

these and practicing biblical separation, the new evangelicals threw the baby out with the bath water, rejecting fundamentalism and advocating staying in the denominations and changing them as opposed to separation from all liberal and compromising situations. History shows that when this is done that the infiltrators wind up being infiltrated and the penetrators penetrated by the very movements they wish to change. The success of the new evangelicals in returning colleges, mission boards, and denominations to a more biblical stance by their methodology of infiltration leaves something to be desired.

3. Do the authors approve or disapprove of the cooperative and ecumenical evangelism of Billy Graham?

The first book reviews historically the rise of Graham and ecumenical evangelism and quotes Charles Woodbridge, Noel Smith, John Rice, and Williams Ashbrook concerning Graham, but fails to positionize itself on the issue. The second book takes the same approach. Is Graham's methodology right or wrong? Should fundamentalists cooperate with a Graham crusade if held in their area? Were Fundamentalists right in rejecting Graham's evangelism? By mentioning the issue and quoting others while not taking a position, the authors obviously seek to enlist the sympathies of fundamentalists while at the same time not alienating the new evangelicals. Hardly an honest approach!

4. When throughout the late 1950's and 1960's, "The Sword of the Lord" carried numerous perceptive articles by men such as Monroe Parker, Ernest Pickering, Archer Weniger, Robert Lightner, and Rice himself delineating the weaknesses of the new evangelicals, of whom did they write?

Falwell and Dobson willingly or deliberately fail to see that these men were not attacking the "lunatic fringe" of new evangelicalism, but new evangelicalism itself.

5. Do Falwell and Dobson share the growing acceptance in new evangelicalism of the charismatic movement and Roman Catholicism?

Commenting on Falwell's **Phenomenon**, Carl Henry (a major voice in the new evangelical movement) gave three differences between new evangelicals and fundamentalists: (1) a fundamentalist preference for confrontation over penetration; (2) fundamentalist opposition to Graham's ecumenical evangelism; and (3) the fundamentalist rejection of the theological validity of the charismatic movement. If there is little essential difference between the fundamentalists and evangelicals as Falwell and Dobson contend, are the authors willing to concede that Ockenga was correct in 1948 when at the convocation of Fuller Seminary he called for infiltration of liberalism rather than separation from unbelief? Are they now ready to accept the inclusivism of the new evangelicals as exemplified in Graham's ecumenical evangelism? Are they prepared to accept

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the charismatic movement as valid New Testament Christianity rather than as a catalytic agent for the one-world church of the antichrist? The fundamentalist world anxiously awaits answers to these questions.

Until Falwell began to espouse his views, the most deadly enemy to biblical Christianity was new evangelicalism (not the fringes as Falwell and Dobson postulate), but the movement itself.

But Falwell's position is more dangerous. The new evangelical digressed from fundamentalism by **definition**. Graham declared that "God has bypassed fundamentalism" and divested himself of the name, preferring to be called first a "constructionist" and later an "evangelical." Falwell, however, digresses from fundamentalism by **definition**, retaining the name but divesting the movement of its historic content.

If leaders in the Baptist Bible Fellowship, General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and other independent Baptist bodies fail to see the hook in Falwell's bait of a unity between fundamentalists and evangelicals in order to save the nation and evangelize the world, the result will be the destruction of true fundamentalism as a force for God in the religious life of the nation. Speaking the truth in love and true biblical unity are worthy objects of consideration for true believers in Christ, but the path advocated by Dobson and Falwell will lead only to further confusion and compromise.

Falwell is not the true heir of the fundamentalist-liberal controversy as he would have us believe, but rather, his "fundamentalist phenomenon" is a "fundamentalist betrayal," and Dobson's "call to unity" is a summons to the destruction of a position painstakingly hammered out by true fundamentalists in the twentieth century.

*Copies of **The Fundamentalist Phenomenon** may be obtained by writing Dr. James Singleton, Pastor, Tri-City Baptist Church, 2150 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85282.*



NEWS & VIEWS

Anti-Fundamentalist Movement May Portend Future Smears and Attacks on Bible Believers

WASHINGTON (RNS)-Just a few weeks after its leader appeared on a national TV talk show, a new organization for exfundamentalist Christians has generated more than 3,000 calls and letters from people who say they have suffered emotionally from their religious experiences.

The group, Fundamentalists Anonymous, also says it has set up 150 local support groups around the country.

Richard Yao, founder of Fundamentalists Anonymous, said the response shows that fundamentalist church involvement is a major threat to the "mental health" of millions of people. He called on the medical profession to investigate the alleged psychological damage and pay more attention to

the needs of ex-fundamentalists.

Opening up a large briefcase which he said was filled with letters from ex-fundamentalists, Yao, a former Wall Street lawyer, reported the responses at a news conference held in a Lutheran church here.

Joining him were Lorie Hausman and Grace Mellon, both of New York, who recounted experiences in what they described as the coercive and cult-like atmosphere of fundamentalist churches. Lillian Mudgett, of the Tampa Bay area in Florida, related similar experiences through a telephone hook-up at the news conference.

John Steinbruck, a prominent clergyman and pastor of Luther Place church, where the news session was held, said he supported the work of Fundamentalists Anonymous. He described himself as a former Baptist fundamentalist who grew up in an "unhealthy" religious environment.

"The word is out. The best kept secret in America must be exposed: fundamentalism could be a serious mental health hazard to millions," said Yao, a 29 year old native of the Philippines who attended a Baptist mission school.

The responses to the group, 98 percent of which have been "very supportive and emotional," have poured in mostly since Yao appeared on the Phil Donahue talk show on May 7. He called on others who have left the fold to realize "there is life after fundamentalism" and to come and tell their stories.

Yao said his group does not "recruit happy fundamentalists," and respects "the right of people to embrace fundamentalism." But he asked whether the First Amendment protects "the systematic tampering of minds and psyches of millions in the name of God and religion."

In response to questions at the news conference, the speakers denied that the statements by the group amount to defamation of fundamentalists. We're just giving support to people who have come out," said Mellon, 27.

Reared by fundamentalist parents in Connecticut, Mellon said her appearance at the news conference marked the first time she had "come out" to tell her story, and that it will certainly "shock and embarrass" her family and friends. She felt she had to speak out in order to let other ex-fundamentalists know they are "not alone" in suffering emotional trauma.

According to Yao, many coming out of fundamentalism suffer from "withdrawal" symptoms which are "incredibly similar" to the feelings of those who have left religious cults. Among these symptoms are "fear that evil will happen to them," loneliness, depression, distrust of people, and "occasional lapses into the fundamentalist consciousness," he said.

Fundamentalism may be worse than cults, Yao added, because it "is one of the most powerful and influential movements in America."

Hausman, 31, who was born into a Brooklyn Jewish family, said she converted to fundamentalism when she went to San Francisco in 1978. Her church community prohibited contact with the outside world, she said. When her mother was dying in 1979, she said, church leaders warned her that if her mother did not convert "she would be doomed to hell for eternity. I found this very hard to live with and was filled with guilt that I had not converted her to the Lord."

After returning to the West Coast, she married a church leader "who was a fanatic and went around saving people while I earned the money" for their household and baby. Finally, she said, "I woke up to reality and left my husband

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and the church for good." While she still believes in God, she said she is "learning to depend on myself rather than God or another being."

Recalling persistent threats by the mother that her son would die if she left the fold, Mudgett, a writer who is of Pentecostal background, said, "She asked me never to invite her back to my home. Up until the day she died, she never visited me again."

Mellon, a nurse, said she did not make her first friendship with an "unsaved" person until the age of 22, at Columbia University. Because of the fundamentalist doctrine of separatism, she said, she viewed all non-fundamentalists with "mistrust and fear." After periods of anguish and "thoughts of suicide," she said she has since moved "from a view of life based on faith to one based on facts."

The threat to mental health comes not only from the extreme fundamentalist sects but also from the more moderate streams represented by sidely-known television preachers such as Jerry Falwell, Yao asserted in response to a question.

Yao, who attended Yale Divinity School before leaving fundamentalism and said he still considers himself a Christian, said Fundamentalist Anonymous has established 150 support groups, of a least 10 people, in more than 40 states.

"We have obviously hit a raw nerve out there," he said. "Obviously, this is just the tip of the iceberg."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *As usual, the liberal selects a few extreme cases and equates them with the whole. When liberal, socialist Jim Jones, the half crazed demagogue, led nearly a thousand people to commit suicide a few years ago, no responsible person said he was typical of the "liberal movement." But let one extreme so-called (by the media) "fundamentalist" who does not believe in doctors or who advocates some radical super-separatist philosophy make a wild statement or pursue a bizarre course, and a loud chorus of voices claims that such is typical "fundamentalist" behavior.*

—Baptist Bible Tribune

Educators: B.A. Degree Losing Value

Washington—College curriculum has been so watered down that "almost anything goes" and the bachelor's degree has lost its intrinsic value, a panel of prominent educators said Sunday. "The curriculum has given way to a marketplace philosophy: It is a supermarket where students are shoppers and professors are merchants of learning. Fads and fashions...enter where wisdom and experience should prevail," the Association of American Colleges said.

The panel urged colleges to adopt "a minimum required curriculum of nine basic intellectual, aesthetic and philosophic experiences." It described the nine basic skills as:

1. The ability to think abstractly and perform critical analysis. Too often, universities tolerate intellectual sloth, the panel said.
2. Literacy in writing, reading, speaking and listening.
3. Understanding numerical data.
4. Historical consciousness.

5. Being "intellectually at ease with science."
6. Values, or "the capacity to make informed and responsible moral choices."
7. Appreciation of the arts.
8. International and multicultural experiences.
9. Study in depth. The senior thesis, a yearlong essay or similar projects give students "the joy of mastery" and the realization that "they cannot know everything."

The AAC report said an "uneasy" public wants to know why colleges have "turned loose on the elementary and secondary schools thousands of graduates unqualified to teach," and why accreditation agencies have "been unsuccessful in arresting the debasement of baccalaureate education."

—Atlanta Constitution, 2/11/85

The NEA: Ruining Education in America

Education in America has gotten dramatically worse during the last two decades. And since the National Education Association (NEA) has largely been in charge of education during this period, the conclusion is inevitable: *The NEA is ruining our schools.*

The state of American public education was described by the 1983 report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education. It states: ***The educational foundations of our society are being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation and as a people!***

Among the evidence cited by the Commission:

1. Some 23 million Americans are functionally illiterate. Among minority youth this figure is 40 percent.
2. High school students score lower today on standardized tests than 26 years ago when Sputnik was launched. In particular, Scholastic Achievement Test scores declined every single year from 1963 to 1980.
3. American students, compared on 19 subjects with

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Dr. Charles Britt, Moderator

students from other industrialized nations, did not score first or second in a single instance. In fact, Americans scored last seven times!

4. Remedial math courses in U.S. colleges increased 72 percent between 1975 and 1980. Only one in three students can solve multiple-step math problems.
5. Many students enter college today without the ability to construct a grammatically correct English sentence. Only 20 percent can write a persuasive essay.
6. Scientific skills are equally lacking. Science achievement scores have plummeted in this country, reaching new lows in 1969, 1973, 1977, and 1983.

There are other alarming symptoms in our schools:

Rising drug and alcohol consumption;
A declining religiosity;
Lack of manners and discipline; and
Classroom vandalism.

These symptoms point to a moral-intellectual problem in America that is perhaps without precedent in 20th century history.

Largely responsible for this near anarchy in education is the NEA, an organization formed in 1857 for benign professional purposes, but which during the 1960's turned into a militant, leftist union. "These days," writes columnist James J. Kilpatrick, "the NEA functions as a trade union, pure and simple, as bellicose and demanding as the miners, the teamsters and the long-shoremen. In the whole field of public employee unionism, few outfits are as militant."

NEA officials openly admit that for them, political activism comes first. As current NEA President Mary Futrell puts it: ***When we were nice and polite, we didn't get anywhere. There's no alternative to political action. Instruction and professional development have been on the back burner for us, compared to political action.*** The politics of the NEA play such an obsessive role in the union today that virtually no room remains for education. Current NEA goals, for example, include:

1. Legalization of marijuana;
2. Abortion on demand;
3. Homosexual and lesbian "rights"
4. The Equal Rights Amendment;
5. Opposition to right-to-work laws;
6. A nuclear "freeze";
7. Lower defense spending;
8. Ending aid to El Salvador; and
9. Dropping opposition to Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinistas.

Obviously, many of NEA's political goals have absolutely nothing to do with education. Indeed, the union's support for certain political ends- such as the legalization of marijuana, for instance- would only complicate existing problems with public education.

The way to save education is to return control of schools to the parents and local communities, where it belongs. Schools should teach materials selected by

parents, not by national unions trying to influence social change. Parents should decide the direction of the schools that educate their kids. Parents should not feel bashful about asserting their legitimate right with respect to their children's education. After all, it is their children who are being educated, and they are the ones who are paying for the schools. Let us immediately set to work returning control of education to parents and local school districts, so we can stem the tide of mediocrity and illiteracy that is plaguing our schools.

Sally Reed in CERF Alert 7/1985

Martin Luther King-Marxist

At a certain point in his life and "ministry" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began to realize that his civil rights movement was helping middle-class blacks, but not "the masses" of blacks and poor whites. He then went from being an "integrationist" who tried to reform the system to a "revolutionary."

This analysis was being given by the Rev. James H. Cone, the acknowledged pioneer of "black theology," to a group of 100 black church leaders meeting in Washington, late September 1984.

An interesting quote from his address runs, "We preach the gospel but we don't teach it," meaning, of course, the gospel of social justice.

The occasion was the annual meeting of "Partners in Ecumenism" which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches (the U.S. body of the W.C.C.); both Catholic and Protestant black leaders were in attendance.

Cone is a professor of systematic theology at the prestigious but liberal Union Theological Seminary in New York.

When interviewed Cone revealed that, privately, *Martin Luther King claimed to be a Marxist*. "If white people knew what King was about they would have never named a holiday for him," he said.

—Ref. R.N.S. Sept. 28, 1984

Pope Wants Vatican Moved To Jerusalem

Pope John Paul II is by no means the first pope to have this desire or plan. Many have wanted the "Holy See" to be there but also to internationalize Jerusalem. While the Jews have control it is harder for negotiations to succeed for the transplant of the Vatican.

The "Southern Cross", a Roman Catholic publication, stated: "To be faithful to their origins, and the mysterious ways of God, Christians (i.e. Catholics) feel that Jerusalem is uniquely their spiritual home." Also, "The Pope has asked the world to create a statute or special constitution for Jerusalem."

Henry Kissinger featured by conferring with Pope Paul VI in 1974 and was thoroughly briefed. He was then U.S. Secretary of State. He went on to propose that Jerusalem become an international city with the control of Holy Places and the religious administration given to the Pope.

Paul VI declared that it was his duty, on the eve of the opening of the Holy Year of 1975, to recall Jerusalem as the Holy city of the Christian world (i.e. R.C. world).

Prophetic Significance?

In the Scripture we read of a future time when the world ruler (the Man of Sin) will guarantee the safety

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Prophetic Significance, *continued*

and security of Israel but will break the treaty at the mid-point of the Great Tribulation. He will set himself up as Deity in Jerusalem and the False Prophet will direct worship to him.

Many of us believe that the Man of Sin is still to be revealed and that the Pope will be his false prophet. Is the transfer of the Vatican part of the setting of the stage?

—*The Inner Witness*

The Pope's Marxist Leanings

The editor of a Zionist magazine suggests that the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in 1982 was staged by the Soviet secret service (KGB) to camouflage the Pope's Marxist leanings (NY Times-Christian News 7-8-85). He said that despite verbal disclaimers, the Pope has consistently promoted Marxist ideology by his attacks on capitalism and his calls for the redistribution of the world's wealth. The July 15 CN reports that a Vatican-sponsored conference of scientists has criticized President Reagan's Star Wars space defense plan. The Pope, prodded by Russian president Gromyko, plans to publish a critical document drawn up by the scientists.

—*Calvary Contender*

LaHaye Shares Platform With Priest & Rabbi

The annual convention of the National Right to Life Committee (Washington, June 20-22) brought together an unusual mix of speakers (RNS/Christian News, 7-1-85). Mother Teresa, the Catholic nun from India, "spoke immediately after a prayer breakfast that featured the Rev. Tim LaHaye..." The breakfast "opened with prayer led by a Catholic priest and closed with a rabbi's prayer." LaHaye told the religiously diverse gathering that "we have been fighting each other for decades" but should now turn their attention to common concerns. "If you had told me ten years ago that I would be on a platform with a Catholic priest and a rabbi, I would have said you were crazy." LaHaye told RNS afterwards. "But the real enemy is not Catholics and Jews, but secularists" who have no religion, he said. But if Christ-rejecting religious Jews of Jesus' day were "of the devil" (Jn. 8:44), then those of our day are also. All three of these groups are indeed "real enemies" of the gospel of Christ. The god of Catholicism, Judaism, and secularism is not the Triune God of the Bible and thus does not exist. G. Campbell Morgan in his book, "The Heart and Holiness of God," said (P.41): "I have been asked if I would not go to some meeting at which representatives of other religions were to speak—Mohammedan and Jewish. No. I will respect the Mohammedan and I will respect the Jewish rabbi, but I cannot stand on a religious platform with them. They are joined to false representations of God."

—*Calvary Contender*

Dr. Paul Smith's "Open Pulpit"

Various churches today are trying new "open" and "loving" ways to deal with false cults. They invite a cult

representative to brief the congregation on the cultic teachings. They reason that it is better to hear directly from the bona fide rep. of the cults. Dr. Paul Smith, pastor of Canada's largest New Evangelical church, the People's Church in Toronto, has experimented with this method (*The Discerner*, 7-9-85). His father, Oswald J. Smith, founded this "faith-promise missions" church. During the past decade, Smith has opened his pulpit to cultists, charismatics, new evangelicals, a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic priest, and an Unitarian. In December 1980, he "paid respects" to the memory of Beatle John Lennon "and the gospel sermon he may not have known he was preaching" (*Blu-Print*). A Christian forum should never be provided for "doctrines of demons" (I Tim. 4:1) and "damnable heresies" (II Pet. 2:1).

—*Calvary Contender*

What do The Moonies (Unification Church) Teach?

Let me share with you just a few statements out of the Unification Church book titled, **Outline Of The Principle**.

1. His (Moon's) knowledge came by direct revelation from God, not from schools. (pg 18)
2. God has lead people of other nations by establishing religions suited to their particular time and environment in order to prepare them to receive the Messiah in the future. (pg. 25)
3. Speaking of creation, "We can understand that these days were not actual twenty-four hour days." (pg. 32)
4. This is the result of Eve's committing the sin of fornication with the angel—clearly indicating that fallen man is the offering of Satan. (pg. 55)
5. Christians have traditionally believed that death on the cross was predestined as the original plan of God. No it was not! (pg. 79)
6. Man since WWII has become aware of the need for an international cooperation and world government. (pg. 102)
7. Some try to identify Jesus with God...(pg. 142)
8. There must not only be a true Father (Jesus), but also a True Mother. The Holy Spirit is the one who works as the True Mother. (pg. 144)
9. Jesus himself substantially subrogated Satan by following the model course that God had already shown through Jacob and Moses. In the same manner, any person can make Satan submit by following the course of Jesus.(pg. 205)
10. The Messiah came but the Foundation for the Messiah crumbled, leaving no place for Jesus to stand as the Messiah. Actually the Messiah can only appear where there is a foundation free from Satan's invasion. (pg. 239)
11. Because of the crucifixion mankind lost the physical body of the Savior and thus lost its physical object of faith and could not receive physical sal-

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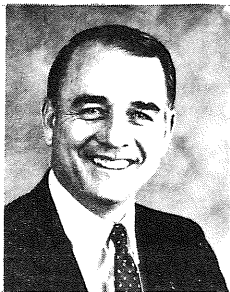
vation. (pg. 248)

12. Then in the year 1930, the precise year the Messiah was born?(pg. 305)

13. Then, what country does this refer to? The nation of the East is Korea. (pg. 307)

To follow this confused, muddled, twisted system of teaching, a person must be surely blinded by Satan, the god of this age. God is not the author of confusion. Sun Moon is a "blind leader of the blind." The Bible says of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be confounded."

—Allen P. Dickerson

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Should Christian Leaders Praise the Pope

Pope John Paul II is the most traveled, and possibly the most popular, pope in history. But as a religious leader who sees himself as "a world's pastor," he bears closer scrutiny. Apart from the many unscriptural doctrines and horrid practices of the Roman Catholic Church which he leads, we need to briefly ponder some of his specific actions as pope.

He sent a crucifix to a dying hunger striker and IRA Catholic terrorist in North Ireland in 1981. He has supported the murderous PLO and met with their leader (Arafat) in 1982. As a socialist he has a history of collaborating with communist regimes, and calls for taking from the rich nations and giving to the poor Third World (whose poverty was caused in great part by Catholicism and communism). Two years ago, he became the first pope to choose a Cardinal from the Soviet Union. He last year encouraged people to refuse military service and praised conscientious objectors. He is the first pope to speak out against capital punishment. He has called for dialogue with non-Christian religions. He visited WCC headquarters last year and said the way to unity must be through recognition of the papacy. His motto is reported to be "Mary, I am all yours," and he last year dedicated the whole earth to Mary. He claims to be the vicar of Christ, thus usurping the role of the Holy Spirit.

We now ask: Does Pope John Paul II merit praise as a great moral and religious leader, or is he a false prophet? Is he for Christ or AntiChrist: Undiscerning New Evangelical leaders who praise the pope, dangerously deceive multitudes of their followers.

*Copied- Calvary Contender***Graham's Communist Countries' Visits Cause Problems**

Dr. Billy Graham is "preaching" this month in Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox churches in Communist Romania. Paul Harvey (9-9-85) said Graham was not allowed to seek converts, so he asked the crowds to pray for the conversion of the unsaved. We hope he doesn't return from this trip saying, as he did from Russia in 1982, that he saw no evidence of religious persecution. Utah tourist Regina Sipple was recently strip-searched, imprisoned, and expelled from Russia for having Scripture portions in her luggage. While detained at her Moscow airport hotel, she said: "Billy Graham said there was freedom of religion here so I didn't see why I couldn't bring these things." The 9/85 Moody Monthly account omitted her "Billy Graham" statement.

A Catholic Showplace?

Many Roman Catholics for over a decade have been very active in the battle against abortion in the U.S.. Ironically however, according to the Christian Inquirer, Italy (the pope's backyard) has the dubious distinction

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of having the second highest abortion rate in Europe! (Italy's Premier Craxi is a socialist).

Dr. Falwell was Right About South Africa

Dr. Jerry Falwell recently returned from a 5-day visit to South Africa with a sensible assessment of the situation down there. He said the Communists with WCC-Financing are using apartheid to take over South Africa and that most blacks there are opposed to disinvestment. He sure got into hot water with liberals when he rightly said that Bishop Tutu was a phony "if he purports to speak for all of the blacks of South Africa. "However, he later apologized to Tutu and declared him "a servant of God" and said he doesn't believe Tutu is "a phony as a Christian," but thinks he is "a good man" (USA Today, 8-23-85). He went on in the interview to say that the liberal "pro-homo rights" mayor of NY, Ed Koch, "is a fine mayor." The 9-2-85 Time featured Falwell's picture on its front cover, and carried two articles (10 pages) relating to him and to "fundamentalist" politics and religion.

Is Bishop Tutu a Phony or Servant of God?

Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu, the South African 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, was recently termed a "phony" by Dr. Jerry Falwell. Since Tutu is the darling of the liberals, this aroused their ire considerably! Falwell later wired an apology to Tutu (Time, 9-2-85), and USA Today for 8/23 quoted Falwell as saying: "I don't believe he is a phony as a Christian or a servant of God. I think he is a good man. Tutu has publicly embraced the communist-controlled African National Congress which, with its Soviet-backed terrorists, calls for the violent overthrow of the South African gov't (Christian News, 11-5-84). He was quoted in Nov. 1984 as saying most blacks would welcome the Russians as saviours because anything was better than apartheid. The 8-22-85 Christian Beacon says Tutu backs imprisoned communist Nelson Mandela for president of Azania, the new name for a Red South Africa. It says the anti-apartheid struggle led by Tutu is a weapon to destroy South Africa's capitalist gov't and turn it over to communism and put it in the Soviet bloc. Dr. McIntire (CB, 8-29-85) says Tutu represents the WCC and has been a proponent of Marxist Liberation Theology over the years. So, we can hardly call Tutu a good man or Christian or servant of God, and yet "phony" seems too mild! Pastor Norman Pyle (CVN) puts it this way: "Tutu is a phony as are all liberal churchmen who pretend to speak for a Christ they know not."

CT Editor Calls Pope Successor of ST. Peter

Dr. Kenneth Kantzer in a 9/6 Christianity Today editorial heaped lavish praise on Pope John Paul II, saying he helped formulate a "new face of Catholicism." He said this pope's goal is to forge a united and renewed church "that can stand up to a militant atheistic commu-

nism or to an equally materialistic and hedonistic Western society." Kantzer then said "that is the kind of church God has called the successor of Saint Peter to build."

When Journalists Were Asked Their Views on Social Issues, About 90% Were Pro-Abortion. *U.S. News & World Report*



*Message on the T-Shirt of a Two-Year-Old in a Shopping Center: **Planned Parenthood Survivor.***

Alcohol—What They Said

Shakespeare said, "Alcohol is a poison men take into the mouth to steal away the brain."

Gladstone said strong drink was "more destructive than war, pestilence and famine."

Sir Wilfred Lawson said it was "the devil in solution."

Cardinal Manning said it was a "public, permanent agency of degradation."

Abraham Lincoln said it was "a cancer in human society, eating out its vitals and threatening its destruction."

Robert Hall said it was "distilled damnation."

Lord Chesterfield said it was "an artist in human slaughter."

Ruskin said it was "the most criminal and artistic method of assassination ever invented by the bravos of any age or nation."

General Pershing said "drunkenness has killed more men than all of history's wars."

General Robert E. Lee said, "My experience through life has convinced me that abstinence from spiritous liquors is the best safeguard to morals and health."

President Taft said, "He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement."

Robert G. Ingersol said: "I believe that alcohol demoralizes those who make it, those who sell it, and those who drink it. I believe that from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, death and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against this liquid crime."

All you have to do is to think of the wrecks upon either bank of this stream of death—of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the distress, of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the men of genius it has wrecked; of the millions who have struggled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing. And when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the prisons and of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the stuff called alcohol."

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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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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rod Bell

Pastor
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The 1986 National Fundamental Baptist Fellowship Meeting will be held in Greenville, South Carolina, at Hampton Park Baptist Church, August 1-3. We are looking forward to having some of God's choicest servants to bring the messages. Then we want to invite our fellowship to stay over for the World Congress that will start at Bob Jones University, Monday, August 4. This is one of the greatest events in fundamentalism.

Chuck Cofty, who is our executive director, is also working in conjunction with the World Congress to help coordinate and organize this world-wide meeting. He will still be traveling for the Fundamental Baptist

Fellowship, but the World Congress will pick up his salary for several months. This will be a great help and we deeply appreciate the committee for doing this. It is a unified effort of all fundamentalists across the nation and around the world. Brother Cofty's support is coming in slowly, but it is coming. So this will be a tremendous help. I appreciate you who have been faithful. By August, all of his support should be in and things running smoothly. Continue to pray for his added support.

We are looking forward to one of the greatest years that the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship has ever had!

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?
or
ROSES AND NEW EVANGELICALS
by FRED MORITZ, Executive Director
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"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet."

Shakespeare stated the truth that things have certain characteristics regardless of the name by which they are called. This is as true in the spiritual realm as it is in the natural realm.

Many months ago we reviewed *The Fundamental Phenomenon* by Jerry Falwell. We
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stated at that time that Falwell evidenced a desire to bring fundamentalism and new evangelicalism together. At that time we pointed out the tendency of Falwell: "...to brand Biblical separatists as 'lunatic fringe,' ignore the Bible's teaching on separation, and go to work with disobedient Christians who twenty-five years ago repudiated the Bible's teaching on this subject."

The issue that we warned of then is set in bold relief in the June 1985 issue of *The Fundamentalist Journal*. This is the monthly publication of which Jerry Falwell is the publisher.

The first article of note is written by Edward Dobson, who is editor in chief of *The Fundamentalist Journal*. It is entitled, "I Am Proud to be a Fundamentalist." In it he makes the following statement: "I am a fundamentalist by choice. Someone suggested to me the other day that because of all the negative press on the term *fundamentalist*, we ought to drop it as descriptive of who we are. *Never!* While others may misinterpret the term, it has a distinct advantage over other labels, clearly stating what we believe—and those with whom we disagree are not standing in line to adopt it." He concludes the article by saying "Even within fundamentalism there is great diversity. The various subgroups have been identified by labels as diverse as moderate, hyper historic, Biblical, pseudo. However, we are all essentially fundamentalists. The language in some fundamentalist publications makes it hard to imagine that the authors are writing about fellow Christians. While we may disagree with others, we are obligated to love all who love our same Christ. Remember, there are really only two sides—on which side are you?"

Dobson clearly wants to position Falwell, himself, and *The Fundamentalist Journal* as fundamentalists. I appreciate his admonition to Christian charity.

The fact, however, is that though Dobson wants to be known as a fundamentalist, he really positions himself as a New Evangelical.

"The Making of a Revivalist" appears on page 39 of the same issue of the *Journal*. It is written by A. Leonard Tuggy, overseas secretary for Asia of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. It is the story of Roger Baldeman of the Philippines and of the CBFMS work there.

Baptist World Mission was founded as a fundamentalist voice against the new evangelicalism of the Conservative Baptist mission agencies. I was a student at Pillsbury College from 1959-1963. I watched as Dr. Monroe Parker, Dr. R. V. Clearwaters, Dr. Earle Matteson, Dr. Ernest Pickering, and others led the battle within the Conservative Baptist movement. The issues were the lack of a clear position on the pre-millennial rapture, and cooperation with modernists (ecumenical evan-

gelism and the inclusive policy). When these men spoke they did it objectively, factually, kindly, and dispassionately. *They spoke the truth in love.* (Eph. 4:15).

Of the men presently on the BWM Board or in the administration, Drs. Monroe Parker, Chester McCullough, Clinton Branine, Warren Dafoe, Robert Lehn, Ortiz Weniger, Wayne VanGelder, Ed Nelson, Myron Cedarholm, David Cummins, Gordon Edgington, Harry Love, Ralph Martin, Earle Matteson, Clarke Poorman, Wesley Potter, Mitchell Seidler, Harris Stuermer, Arno Weniger, Jr., and this writer were involved in the CB movement. Everyone of us led churches or institutions out of the movement or left the movement. If you wonder about the new evangelicalism of the Conservative Baptist movement, just ask one of these men.

So the *Fundamentalist Journal* claims to be fundamentalist, but promotes new evangelicalism.

In the very same issue of *The Journal* is an interview with Doug Miller, a TEAM missionary in Irian Jaya. It tells the thrilling story of the conversion of thousands of tribesmen to Christ.

TEAM was one of the first missionary agencies to capitulate to new evangelicalism. Rev. Myron Philippi and Dr. Jim Norton are BWM missionaries who served years with TEAM. They paid the price to separate from a New Evangelical agency and to align themselves with an agency which is unashamedly fundamentalist and separatist.

So again *The Journal* wishes to preserve the name fundamentalist, but it promotes new evangelicalism.

The conclusion is obvious. A rose, by any other name would smell as sweet. And a New Evangelical, by any other name (even that of a fundamentalist), is still a New Evangelical.

To disagree with a man is not to hate him and should not produce unkindness toward him. I do, in Dobson's word "... love all who love our same Christ." But love is not the only command of Scripture to me in this instance. I am to *speak the truth* (Eph. 4:15). That does not give me the right to be unkind, nor unloving. With William Lloyd Garrison "... I will be as harsh as truth, and as uncompromising as justice." Yet, I must speak the truth *in love*.

It is obvious that the issue of new evangelicalism as it relates to Dr. Falwell will not confine itself to the U.S. It will affect you on the field.

Let us be faithful to our Lord. Let us know the power of His Spirit, win souls, baptize them, train them, and build churches. Let us maintain a clear, Scriptural, separatist testimony at the same time.





PERSPECTIVE A FUNDAMENTALIST SURVEY OF THE NEWS

by
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SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY FEATURES FEMINIST SPEAKER

The Page Lectures at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary were delivered the first week in October by Rosemary Radford Ruether, a feminist Catholic who teaches at a liberal Baptist seminary. If that surprises some, they are no more surprised than Ms. Ruether herself at her invitation. She said she knew that "although Southeastern is described as a 'moderate' institution by Baptist standards, it is more conservative" than most schools she visits.

According to an article in the October 3 issue of the **Raleigh News and Observer**, Ruether is an author of 14 books and is a professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. That she would have something for the good Baptists at Wake Forest, NC, stretches the imagination and speaks volumes about the administration at Southeastern. In the July/August **News Bulletin** we reported that the seminary recently adopted a statement of affirmation of the ordination of a woman pastor. Not so long ago the seminary's president prayed a dedicatory prayer at the opening of "the world's largest brewery" in North Carolina.

What did she say to the seminarians? The article said, "delivered from the thicket of theological terminology, (her) message was an appeal for social, political, and economic justice." A combination of humanist and socialist language permeated her presentation at chapel or smaller forums. "I'm talking about a more just society that allows some people to have a lot of wealth and power while others are on the edge of very desperate circumstances," she said.

Ruether also complained about the way theology "is used to oppress people." This is done, for example, by "the use of exclusively male language in prayers and in images describing God." She said that "the present language for God justifies white, ruling class, male domination."

She pictured Jerry Falwell as representing "a new marriage of political conservatism and religious literalism that sees that particular kind of religiosity as a tool for reconsolidating the power of white folk," and as a "nouveau riche group anxious to justify their power."

Naturally her position is that "women need to claim the right to preach, teach, and minister. . . ."

These wild-eyed, anti-scriptural statements were sponsored by lots of good Baptists who faithfully give their money to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention. This includes Charles Stanley, the current "fundamentalist" president, who doubled his church's annual contribution to the Program after his election. (HM)

FILM ON MORMONS

The much-used film "The God Makers," exposing unscriptural Mormon beliefs and practices, is available from John L. Smith, Utah Missions, Inc., Box 348, Marlow, OK 73055. Rental is \$88.50, and video tapes are for sale at \$175.00 each; VHS and Beta available.

DR. VAN IMPE JOINS NEW EVANGELICAL COALITION

Dr. Jack Van Impe was scheduled to attend the Coalition on Revival (COR) congress in Dallas July 22-25 according to the 7/22/85 *Christian News*. Dr. Jay Grimstead is the executive director of COR. The COR steering committee of 100 Christian leaders is loaded with New Evangelicals, including some Southern Baptists and charismatics, and has at least one or two liberal denom preachers. Self-acclaimed fundamentalist Dr. Jack Van Impe is listed, along with Bill Bright, E.V. Hill, Bob Mumford, John Perkins, and Luis Palau. Regrettably, Van Impe's New Evangelical actions continue to speak louder than his fundamentalist words. His 11/12/84 *Perhaps Today* had an article by Fuller Seminary prof Lewis Smedes which used the M.L. King "free at last" quote. Smedes was the first prominent "evangelical" theologian to allow for continued homosexual practice among Christians according to the 11/4/83 *Sword of the Lord*.

NEW EVANGELICALISM AT ITS BEST

The National Association of Evangelicals held its 43rd Convention in March and according to the *Christian Inquirer* "the NAE took pains to put a clear distance between themselves and Christians to both the left and the right of them." According to the article, Dr. Billy Melvin said if evangelicals are giving a dim light it is because of their own failure to heed the authority of Scripture by appealing to human experience. One example was a debate whether a woman should be called a "helpmate" or a "partner." But a scholar of Greek said that "partner" was truer to the original text and in the end "partner" won on a vote of 63-43. There's the new evangelical way to solve a problem... get a scholar and then have a vote. God will just have to go along with the majority. The whole thing is based upon compromise and an effort to please everyone. If you can't please everyone, at least see that you keep in the good graces of the majority.

—Cornerstone Challenge

Dungeons and Dragons Implicated in Deaths

A 16-year-old Wisconsin boy has been convicted of first degree murder. He suffered a severe personality disorder which psychiatrists and friends attributed in part to the game *Dungeons and Dragons*. The boy was obsessed with the fantasy role-playing game.

A defense attorney planned to call two psychiatrists

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who said the boy had a mental disease at the time of the murder and the *Dungeons and Dragons* was a factor.

The game *Dungeons and Dragons* also reportedly helped prompt a crime spree that left four dead and four wounded in northwest Kansas a few months ago.

One of the suspects gave the game credit for having a lot to do with the murders. The 27-year-old suspect said *Dungeons and Dragons* is "not just a board game. It's a lot deeper than that. I've got five friends that are locked up for the same thing (murder) right now because of the game."

A murdered convenience store clerk, a few months ago, was still another victim of the game *Dungeons and Dragons*. The 26-year-old woman was found murdered in the store where she worked only a few blocks from her home in a small Alabama town. It was the first murder in 25 years in the town of a few hundred people.

Two 17-year-olds and a 14-year-old were held in the case. Friends of the three boys said the bond that tied the trio together was *Dungeons and Dragons*. Friends had urged them to burn the game, which involved violent imaginary plots.

A classmate said of one of the boys, that he "lived *Dungeons and Dragons*." The boy's obsession with the game led investigators to consider its link to the murder.

—NFD Journal

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

A National Church Growth Pastors and Leadership Conference was held in Washington, D.C., May 14-17, 1985, on the theme—**Discipling All Peoples**. But we must ask the question, "What kind of disciples will be produced when the 'disciplers' represent such a wide variety of views?" Speakers announced for the conference included Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho (charismatic leader from Korea); Dr. Richard Lovelace (Professor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary); Father Ray Kempt (Director of Worship and Parish Life of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.); Rev. John W. Howe (Episcopalian rector); Dr. Ralph Winter (U.S. Center for World Missions); and Dr. Richard Halverson (Chairman of the Board of World Vision). A compromising panel of speakers like this can only mislead those who sit at their feet. God never approves mixing truth with error for any reason and certainly not to produce this kind of "Church Growth."

—Foundation

Family Therapist Blames TV Producers for Children's Problems

"Today's children are being robbed of the most important intellectual and emotional growth period of their lives," according to Dr. Peter Mollo, a New York family therapist.

Mollo blames advertisers and film and television producers for what he calls "sex-ploitation." He says media executives have decreed that children should look and

act like provocative adults. The message is conveyed through explicit sex on television and in films and magazines.

Mollo says there is no redeeming social value for a young girl to imitate the latest sex symbols or take off her clothes, or for a boy to try to perfect a macho image, when they should be out playing baseball.

These things interfere with the natural order of psychological development, says the family therapist.

He charges parents to change the picture by placing "appropriate limits on their children's freedom."

—NFD Journal

FUNDAMENTALISTS AND REV. MOON

Sun Myung Moon was released from federal prison last month and transferred to a halfway house. On hand to greet him were 13 Coalition for Religious Freedom ministers (*Christian News*, 7/15/85). Dr. Don Sills is president of CRF and Drs. LaHaye, Sileven, and SCLC's Joseph Lowery are on the executive committee. Dr. Greg Dixon resigned as president of CRF in April charging that it allowed its publication to be used as a pulpit for a sermon from Moon. Early this year, Moon's Unification Church (UC) mailed video tapes and books to 300,000 ministers. UC President Mose Durst says "this has been the most active year in the whole of our history, and at no time have we received so much support."

—Calvary Contender

AACS SCHOOLS GAIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Two AACS member schools were recently named among sixty-five outstanding Exemplary Private Schools from all across the country. Arlington Baptist School of Baltimore, Maryland, and Dade Christian School, Hialeah, Florida, are the two Christian schools recognized for this high honor. Both schools, along with the others recognized, passed through a rigorous examination program that included an on-site visit by a team of leading educators. In both cases, the two Christian schools named were given very high recommendations and commendation from the project examiners.

This recognition of two outstanding Christian schools is a significant benefit to the entire Christian school movement. The schools will receive formal recognition in the ceremony early this fall in Washington, D.C. Plans at this time include a reception which will include a personal appearance by President Reagan. Our association can be justly proud of these two fine schools and the entire movement they represent.

Our special congratulations go to Robert Reverski and his fine staff at Arlington Baptist and to James Virtue and his outstanding staff at Dade Christian. AACS member schools would do well to learn from these fine institutions. One of the significant characteristics evidenced by both of these schools is the commitment to continual improvement and growth within the total school program.

Next year there may be another Recognition Project

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which will afford more schools the privilege of gaining this national honor. If another Project becomes a reality, AACS schools will be appraised early next fall how to make application.

—AACS Newsletter

NCC & AMERICAN BAPTISTS

Compromise was at the heart of the American Baptist Churches' general board action which postponed for four years any action as to the relationship of the ABC to the National and World Councils of Churches. The official ABC press release stated, "The action at the board's December 2-4, 1984, meeting will enable the denomination to monitor changes projected for both councils and intensify dialog and ecumenical relationships within ABC churches. It as approved by 152 positive votes. There were 22 negative votes and 5 abstentions." The full statement makes it clear that ABC liberals won another significant battle by this action which will provide them with four more years to brainwash the uninformed while allowing the minority who oppose the NCC-WCC membership to become weary of the battle. American Baptists who love the Lord would obey His Word now and come out.

—Foundation

DEMAND BY ATHEISTS

Atheists should be invited to deliver opening remarks to Congress just as members of various religious groups are invited to deliver invocations, according to a lawsuit filed by the Council for Democratic and Secular Humanism. The suit, Kurtz v. Regan, ask that non-theists be given the same treatment as theistic religious faiths. "Those who do not believe in a deity have suffered and continue to suffer from discrimination and persecution," said Paul Kurtz, a philosophy professor at State University of New York at Buffalo. Kurtz said that his offers to deliver humanist invocations for Congress have been repeatedly turned down.

—Keeping Tab

Decline in Crime

Serious crimes in the United States climbed by two percent by 1984, the third consecutive year of improvement, and arrests for drunken driving were up substantially, the FBI says.

The Bureau's Uniform Crime Reporting survey for 1984 also showed that some 18,700 murders were committed, down three percent from 1983. Overall crime, including all categories of violent and non-violent offenses, was down three percent.

The National Crime Index rate of 5,031 offenses per 100,000 people was fifteen percent lower than 1980.

There were 1.2 million arrests for drunken driving last year, perhaps reflecting a heightened public consciousness on that issue.

As a whole, violent crime rose one percent in 1984, but

murder and robbery showed decreases of three percent and four percent respectively.

—Chattanooga News-Free Press, 7/29-85

"LOS ANGELES BAPTIST COLLEGE" IS NOW "MASTER'S COLLEGE"

This is a name change which is more significant than many people would realize at first glance. L.A. Baptist College was founded by separatists and has been a GARB approved school for many years. Now it has drifted from its founding position to the place where it has changed its name and chosen a new president, Dr. John MacArthur, who has never been known as a "separatist" and whose ministry has followed a broader path. It is sad to see the leaven of compromise at work within educational institutions and denominations who seem to have forgotten why they came into existence in the first place. Liberalism and compromise were rampant in the 30's and 40's and that's why separatist schools and denominations came into being. Liberalism and compromise are even worse and more deceptive today. Where are the leaders who will tell their own people the truth and teach them to come out and be separate?

—Foundation

CHANGING MORALS

Princeton, N.J. —For the first time in the almost two decades the topic has been studied, a majority of U.S. adults considers premarital sex acceptable. In the latest Gallup Poll, 52% say premarital sex is not wrong while 39% say it is wrong.

—Houston Post

JESSE JACKSON

"Rev. Jesse Jackson is the man who toasted Fidel Castro and the memory of Che Guevara, two totalitarians, one of them a sadist to boot. Jesse Jackson has become what we used to call a fellow traveler. Whatever foreign line Moscow takes, Jesse Jackson is now taking. His toleration of rank anti-Semitism in his entourage is a matter of record. His endorsement of totalitarian trends here and abroad is documented. Why is he always at center stage?

"Because he is black. And because, being black, he has a large following, which following backs him as slavishly as white racists once backed Sen. Bilbo and Cotton Ed Smith. But as long as he moves about with the immunity that now protects him from the kind of ostracism he has so diligently earned, then one can say with meaning: There is true condescension in America for the black, and that condescension is strongest among the elite. Jesse Jackson couldn't be elected squad leader by American hardhats. But the media elite, they patronize him. They figure he's just being a little uppity, and what do you expect?"

—William F. Buckley, quoted in Summit Journal

MORE ON FULLER

The charismatic magazine **Charisma** recognizes the ecumenical stance of Fuller Theological Seminary and its growing accord with "The Pentecostal and Charismatic Presence." In an article in the April, 1985 issue, **Charisma**

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says, "Fuller Seminary made a bold move by embracing 'Mr. Pentecost,' Dr. David Du Plessis, by creating the DU PLESSIS CENTER." Fuller Seminary has long since forfeited its right to receive help from Bible believers. It has become a school dangerous to the cause of Christ.

—Foundation

NCC NEWS

"PARTNERS IN ECUMENISM" describes an intensified effort on the part of the NCC to "reach out" and to build relationships with the Roman Catholic Church and conservative evangelicals. As previously reported, the NCC envisions and is planning for "A Gathering of Christians" which will seek to bring together these and other groups in a continuing effort to move toward "One Visible Church." At Chicago, in pursuit of this goal, Roman Catholic Cardinal Joseph Bernardin brought greetings and spoke of his deep commitment "to promoting greater unity among all the Christian churches." Dr. Brouwer reported that "Conversations have picked up with new enthusiasm between the NCC, conservative evangelical churches, and the Roman Catholic Church," and that the proposed "Gathering of Christians" will "try to bridge all these communities."

The Ecumenical Agenda of the National Council sets forth six major areas of concern and provides "theological affirmations and guidelines for action" on the following issues: Christian unity, peace with justice, stewardship of nature, ecumenical learning, ecumenical spirituality, and cultural renewal. Space limitations prevent a detailed analysis of significant statements from the **Ecumenical Agenda** but the following excerpts clearly reveal that the NCC may be changing its face but not its heart.

—Foundation

Dayton Christian School Wins Battle with Civil Rights Panel

Dayton (RT)—The 6th Circuit Court has reversed a lower court's decision which said that Dayton Christian School acted wrongly in denying one of its teachers the right to return to her teaching post soon after her child was born.

The lower court had viewed itself as upholding Ohio's civil rights act, enacted in 1959, which makes it unlawful for "any" employee to discriminate in the tenure of employment by reason of sex. The law, thus interpreted, could apply to church-run institutions, including churches themselves.

In upholding the state's civil rights legislation, the lower court's ruling prompted the Ohio Civil Rights Commission to concentrated actions against the school in what syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick described as an assault that "violated the First Amendment in wholesale fashion."

In response to the complaint of Linda Hoskinson, the teacher in question, the Civil Rights Commission demanded from the school "employment applications, employee handbooks and rules and regulations; written policies on disciplinary actions, employee pregnancies, employee evaluations, performance standards and grievance procedures."

In addition, it demanded printed materials on "job descrip-

tions, detailed information regarding all employees who were discharged and suspended, minutes of specific board meetings, and complete files for 14 employees."

The commission demanded reinstatement of the teacher, with back pay, and a public apology to her.

With the 6th Circuit Court's reversal in June, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission will have to stay out of the Dayton Christian School's business.

The situation developed six years ago when Mrs. Hoskinson informed the school principal that she was pregnant. Afterwards the principal wrote her that the school believes that mothers should stay home with their preschool children. The school, on this basis, would not rehire her for the ensuing year.

The school also believes in what it calls "the biblical chain of command," which means that anyone connected with it must accede to the spiritual authority vested in its leaders.

Hoskinson, perturbed over not being allowed to return the following year, in the view of the school's authorities, went outside the biblical chain of command when she consulted a lawyer about bringing legal action against the school on the grounds of sex discrimination.

The school fired her outright for this action.

She then took her grievance to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, which promptly brought action against the school and made its demands concerning policies and employees.

Dayton Christian School then petitioned for an injunction against the Civil Rights Commission and the matter hung in limbo for a number of years. But in January a year ago, the district court dismissed the school's injunction petition. This was appealed and the 6th Circuit Court reversed.

Fighting on behalf of the school was Harrisburg attorney William B. Ball, long known for his defense of religious freedom on the grounds of the First Amendment protections.

Teachers at the school, for instance, are required to be born-again Christians. Before they can be hired they must sign a "statement of faith" common to many fundamentalist and evangelical institutions. That statement of faith includes the declaration that "I believe the Bible to be the inspired and the only authoritative Word of God."

Another requirement is that teachers understand that any deviation from the expected "exemplary" way of Christian living "may be grounds for dismissal." Each teacher is required to infuse Christian teaching into "every aspect of their life."

Sixth Circuit Court Judge Leroy J. Contie Jr. ruled in Dayton that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission's actions against the school were a gross violation of the religious freedom provisions of the First Amendment.

The judge argued that school children were being denied their right freely to exercise their religion and that the state's multifaceted intrusion into the school's business was excessive entanglement by Ohio with the affairs of a religious organization.

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Perspective continued**NORTH PLATTE BAPTIST CHURCH OFFERED
REDUCED SETTLEMENT BY NEBRASKA JUDGE****Rev. Gelsthorpe Denied Dismissal
Granted by Other Judges**

In July, 1985, Judge John P. Murphy, District Judge of Lincoln County, Nebraska, rendered a decision on the fines of some \$40,000 levied against Rev. Bob Gelsthorpe and the North Platte Baptist Church for contempt of court directive to cease operating a Christian school. That contempt action had taken place prior to the new law enacted by the Nebraska Unicameral legislature. However, several other church schools were operating and under charges at that time as well. All other actions against Christian schools were either dismissed or charges were dropped by the other judges in the state. They were faced with obviously the same decision that Judge Murphy faced, but chose to take a more reasonable and rational attitude—that the law had been changed, therefore why not accept the intent of the legislature that the old law was no longer the wish of the government in these cases.

In all fairness to Judge Murphy, we don't believe his decision to pursue the fine settlement was a personal vendetta against the Christian schools, but was his choice of obeying the letter of the law regardless of any other judge's determinations. We believe he was wrong, however, he is the one who must live with his conscience. His attempt to add mercy to his decision was a drastic reduction in the fines—to \$1,000 against the church, and \$1,000 against Rev. Bob Gelsthorpe.

Many people across this country have been praying for just this sort of a minimal fine, and have offered to pay it without Rev. Gelsthorpe's permission or knowledge. He has refused to do this and we will give his reasons as taken verbatim from his letter of rejection:

"Psalm 25:21—'Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait on thee.' We feel, in order to be upright and honest, we could not concede to a settlement, when our lawyers are going before a judge, representing us and saying on one hand we do not recognize a fine, but though we will not pay it, it is alright for someone else to pay it. This concession in our hearts would be dishonest.

We do not feel that at this time it is our privilege or responsibility to seek a negotiation with the County Attorney. Mr. Kandt was advised at the outset of this conflict, by myself, of the inevitability of the outcome of this conflict and possibility of confrontation. (My spirit has not changed, we only seek to honor the testimony of Christ.)

Although, the settlement would be a much easier route to take, it also would nullify the sacrifice, efforts, and enormous costs involved in the litigation thus far to pay the fine, even through a back door method. If it is right to pay the fine today, either by mental assent or by physical means, then it would have been right to pay the fine the first day it was imposed. We have never had peace in our hearts concerning the rightness of paying the fine and today we have no peace about putting forward this settlement . . . I do not seek confrontation. I do seek to maintain a clear testimony for Christ before the world,

the judge, and my brethren. We continue to experience God's sufficiency and hand of blessing upon the work of God in this place . . ."

The County Attorney Charles Kandt has already indicated his next step in the event that the settlement was not satisfactory. He has stated he will seek a lien against Rev. Gelsthorpe's home and his church, then withhold execution until an attempt is made to sell both pieces of property. We will continue to be supportive in the situation, and will keep you informed of events.

—CLDF Advance

HUMANISM IN THE NEWS

Do you realize that last fall, Congress passed a federal funding bill that contained a clause prohibiting the use of money for "any course of instruction (the local education authorities) determined to be secular humanism"?

Though the scope of the clause is limited to funds going to so-called "magnet" schools—schools whose specialized programs draw students from throughout a district—many opponents of secular humanism see it as a rallying point.

Across the nation, parents and conservative groups are confronting school boards with charges of secular humanism having invaded our schools.

According to one group of parents, secular humanism is the denial of God, the Bible, absolute moral values, and a belief in sexual permissiveness, abortion, suicide, evolution, and a worldwide socialist government. They say the schools are rife with it, and they want it stopped.

The trend of fighting such secular humanism is being countered by groups such as People for the American Way, a liberal anti-censorship organization formed by the television producer Norman Lear.

Most of those in the debate point to a 1961 Supreme Court decision as the first time the term "secular humanism" was used. In a footnote, Justice Hugo L. Black included it "among religions in this country which do not teach what would generally be considered a belief in the existence of God."

In the forefront in the fight against "secular humanism" is Michael Farris, general counsel for Concerned Women for America. It describes itself as "pro-family" and provides legal services to parents suing school systems for advocating secular humanism. Mr. Farris predicts that over the next year 2,000 to 3,000 school districts will be accused of incorporating secular humanism in their curriculum. Secular humanists, he says, "have purposely set out to take over the public schools so they can take over (children's) values. Whoever controls the values of the next generation controls the country."

Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, believes that the movement against secular humanism is rooted in legitimate concern for the teaching of values in the schools.

—Wall Street Journal, 8/6/85

"We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest."

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"There is no such thing as a morality that stands outside human society; that is a fraud. To us morality is subordinated to the interests of the proletariat's class struggle...In what sense do we reject ethics, reject morality? In the sense given to it by the bourgeoisie, who based ethics on God's commandments."

V. I. Lenin

Collected Works, Vol. 31, p. 291, 2

"We must combat religion—that is the ABC of all materialism, and consequently of Marxism."

V. I. Lenin

Collected Works, Vol. 15, p. 405

MORE ON AIDS

This development is unbelievable! Here is a lifestyle that is causing an epidemic in the country and contaminating our nation's blood supply (AIDS), and the city of New York uses taxpayers monies to establish a homosexual high school. Millions of Americans are ultimately going to die from AIDS; yet the liberal establishment (which is pro-homosexual) continues to place these sexual misfits on a pedestal. It is enough to make a grown man cry. . . and the innocent victims who catch AIDS because of the homosexual's promiscuous lifestyle (35-50 sexual partners yearly) will be crying too. The only ones smiling are the Sodomites, transvestites, and tough lesbians. We are insane to allow this to continue!

Americans, and especially Christian Americans, sometimes wonder how Sodom and Gomorrah could have ever happened. . . or for that matter the holocaust, etc. Sodom and Gomorrah are doing very well today, thank you, and the recent holocausts in Cambodia, Afghanistan—even our own present biological holocaust (abortion) are happening today! We should be able to figure out why! It has to do with the wickedness of the human heart!

"Assuming that between 3.4 and 4.7 million men are bi-to-homosexual, if we adopt the optimistic estimate by Dr. Curran of the Center of Disease Control that 10% of those infected with AIDS will come down with the disease and that homosexuals will continue to constitute 73% of those afflicted, then between 450,000 to 670,000 persons will come down with the terminal disease of AIDS in the next four years.

"If one full-time staff worker has to be hired for every ten additional patients, and \$100,000 is spent per case, we are looking at hundreds of thousands of additional personnel and billions of dollars of extra medical expense.

"If even 5% of the general population were to come down with the disease, we would be confronting about 12 million new victims, hundreds of thousands of new staff, and over a trillion dollars in new expenditures.

"You can forget about balancing the budget—or your social security check if hundreds of thousands come down with AIDS. Such an event would be an incredible burden on our society. A higher incidence would imperil life as we know it.

"The threat to your life and your family exists because influential citizens hesitate to condemn homosexuality. Homosexuality, the principal breeding agent of AIDS, is the most promiscuous sexual aberration in the world.

Nearly all who practice homosexual acts also have heterosexual exchanges with some frequency, often with partners ignorant of their homosexual habits.

"Homosexuality is a crime against humanity."

Dr. Paul Cameron, *quoted in Smmit Journal*

COMMUNISM

Thank God that you don't have to stand in line when shopping for food. Over the course of a year, the Russian population spends 37 billion hours standing in lines waiting to buy food.

The difference between the Soviet Union and the United States is that in America there are both rich and poor, but the last can become first and the first last. The difference is determined by the moral character, ability, determination, and actions of each individual expressed freely in a capitalist economy that provides its just rewards.

Chattanooga News Free Press, 8/3/85

"Marxist-Leninist policies and tactics have unleashed the four horses of the apocalypse—Famine, Pestilence, War, and Death. Throughout the Third World we see famine in Africa, pestilence through chemical and biological agents in Afghanistan and Indochina, war on three continents, and death everywhere.

—William Casey, *Director CIA*

Billy Graham's next big compromise with communism was revealed by his announcement of a planned visit to Red China next year. If such a visit takes place, all details of and arrangements for Graham's contacts will be under the close supervision of Bishop K. H. Ting who sold out to the communists when they took over mainland China. The Red leaders trust Ting, as do ecumenists and foolish evangelicals, but true believers behind the Bamboo Curtain recognize him as a traitor to the cause of Christ. Ting is working with Red leaders to keep all churches under tight government control. Graham's refusal to admit the real situation makes him a perfect sounding board by which they can spread their propaganda easier than ever before. Because of his world-wide respect and influence, The Russian and Chinese communist leaders will not hesitate to grant him certain "liberties," knowing they can trust him not to say or do anything that would expose their duplicity or seriously interfere with their plans for world domination.

—Foundation

"Of the 46 indicators [that a country is on its way to a communist grave], Nicaragua in five and one-half years has accomplished 33. They have established control of the media, taken over radio and TV, censored the broadcasts of Sunday sermons of the Archbishop of Managua, and subjected the only free newspaper, *La Prensa*, to a brutal daily censorship. They have taken control of the education system. Nicaraguan textbooks now teach Marxism. They attack the tenets of Western democracy. They attack traditional religious teachings and encourage children to maintain revolutionary vigilance by watching for signs of ideological impurities in their neighbors, friends, and relatives. The Sandinistas have taken control of the military. They have taken control of the internal secret police and have established a Directorate of State Security. That directorate, according to our reports, has 400 Cubans, 70 Soviets, 40-50 East Germans, and 20-25 Bulgarian advisors. There are Soviet advisors at every level of the secret police. In fact, it is safe to say that it is controlled by the Soviet Union and its surrogates. Block committees have been established to watch and control the people. The church has been persecuted."

—William Casey, *Director, CIA*